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Dear Trinity Faith Community,

Since the last issue of The Chimes came out a terrible hate crime occurred in which a young man shot and killed 49 people in a gay nightclub in Florida. The hatred toward a group of people for who they are is horrendous and unacceptable. We've seen this kind of fear and hatred time and again in our country.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. He also tells us not to be afraid. The less we know about someone or something, the more separate we become from them and the more easily it is to become afraid. The more fearful we become often leads to hate. So it is important to get to know one another and to get to know those who are not like us. As a people who follow Jesus we are called to be like him and to pay attention to those who our society and culture does not honor. We are to be advocates for those who need it. We are to pay attention and respond to our local, state and federal legislation as bills come to the table regarding protection for or against our most vulnerable fellow humans. We are to love.

First John 4:7-21 is all about loving as God loves-abiding in God by abiding in God's love. First John 4:18a states: "There is no

First John 4:21 ends the chapter in this way: "The commandment we have from [Jesus] is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also." Since God - the Creator - created all things and people all of humanity and all of creation are our brothers and sisters. We are called to love.

Later in The Chimes you will find a letter to the Episcopal Church from the Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies entitled, 'Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves.' I commend this letter to your reading as well as some of the links provided. I found the 27 minute video with stories of several transgender men and women to be informative and enlightening.

If you would like an opportunity to support and love our Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender (LGBT) sisters and brothers we have two offerings at Trinity. Perceptions is a monthly gathering that supports transgender men and women on the first Thursday at 7:00pm in the large room downstairs. And we have a new 12-step AA/NA group that supports LGBT and meets each Wednesday at 7:30pm in the parish hall. Both meetings are open to receive support.

I thank God for each of you and for the way we are being transformed through perfect love into the image of God more and more each day. It is already happening and I am grateful to be a part of it.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Sue

Letter to Episcopal Church from Presiding Bishop, President of House of Deputies

'Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves'

June 28, 2016

Dear People of God in the Episcopal Church:

We all know that some things in holy Scripture can be confusing, hard to understand, or open to various ways of understanding. But some essential teachings are clear and incontrovertible. Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves, and he tells us over and over again not to be afraid (Matthew 10:31, Mark 5:36, Luke 8:50, John 14:27). There's no confusion about what Jesus is telling us, but it often requires courage to embody it in the real world. Again and again, we become afraid, and mired in that fear, we turn against Jesus and one another.

This age-old cycle of fear and hatred plays out again and again in our broken world, in sickening and shocking events like the massacre targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in Orlando, but also in the rules we make and the laws we pass. Most recently, we've seen fear at work in North Carolina, a state

dear to both of our hearts, where a law called the "Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act" has decimated the civil rights and God-given dignity of transgender people and, by extension, drastically curtailed protections against discrimination for women, people of color, and many others. We are thankful for the prayerful and pastoral public leadership of the North Carolina bishops on this law, which is known as House Bill 2.

North Carolina is not the only place where fear has gotten the better of us.

Lawmakers in other jurisdictions have also threatened to introduce legislation that would have us believe that protecting the rights of transgender people—even a right as basic as going to the bathroom—somehow puts the rest of us at risk.

This is not the first time that the segregation of bathrooms and public facilities has been used to discriminate unjustly against minority groups. And just as in our painful racial past, it is even being claimed that the "bathroom bills," as they are sometimes called, ensure the safety of women and children—the same reason so often given to justify Jim Crow racial segregation.

But we believe that, as the New Testament says, "perfect love casts out fear." On June 10, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church stood against fear and for God's love by passing a resolution that reaffirms the Episcopal Church's support of local, state and federal laws that prevent discrimination based on gender identity or gender expression and voices our opposition to all legislation that seeks to

deny the God-given dignity, the legal equality, and the civil rights of transgender people.

The need is urgent, because laws like the one in North Carolina prey on some of the most vulnerable people in our communities—some of the very same people who were targeted in the Orlando attack. In a 2011 survey, 78 percent of transgender people said that they had been bullied or harassed in childhood; 41 percent said they had attempted suicide; 35 percent had been assaulted, and 12 percent had suffered a sexual assault. Almost half of transgender people who responded to the survey said they had suffered job discrimination, and almost a fifth had lost housing or been denied health care due to their gender identity or expression.

In keeping with Executive Council's resolution, we are sending a letter to the governor and members of the North Carolina General Assembly calling on them to repeal the "Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act." When legislation that discriminates against transgender people arises in other places, we will also voice our opposition and ask Episcopalians to join us. We will also support legislation, like a bill recently passed in the Massachusetts state legislature, that prevents discrimination of all kinds based on gender identity or gender expression. As Christians, we bear a particular responsibility to speak out in these situations, because attempts to deny transgender people their dignity and humanity as children of God are too often being made in the name of God. This way

of fear is not the way of Jesus Christ, and at these times, we have the opportunity to demonstrate our belief that Christianity is not a way of judgment, but a way of following Jesus in casting out fear.

In the face of the violence and injustice we see all around us, what can we do? We can start by choosing to get to know one another. TransEpiscopal, an organization of transgender Episcopalians and their allies, has posted on their website a video called "Voices of Witness: Out of the Box" that can help you get to know some transgender Episcopalians and hear their stories. Integrity USA, which produced the video, and the Chicago Consultation are two other organizations working for the full inclusion of LGBT people in the church. Their websites also have online materials that you can use to learn more about the stories of transgender Christians and our church's long journey to understand that they are children of God and created in God's image.

When we are born anew through baptism, we promise to respect the dignity of every human being. Today, transgender people and, indeed, the entire LGBT community, need us to keep that promise. By doing so, we can bear witness to the world that Jesus has shown us another way—the way of love.

Faithfully,
The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings
Presiding Bishop and Primate
President, House of Deputies

Links from the above article:
Passing a
resolution:<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/files/2016/06/AN-014.pdf>
2011
survey:http://www.thetaskforce.org/static_html/downloads/reports/reports/ntds_full.pdf
A video called "Voices of Witness: Out of the Box":
<http://blog.transepiscopal.com/p/out-of-box.html>
Integrity
USA:<http://www.integrityusa.org/Chicago>
Consultation:<http://www.chicagoconsultation.org/>

Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

Temple Terms

Acolyte – One who attends or serves the priest in the sanctuary (14th c).

Altar – The holy table upon which the Holy Communion is celebrated (before 12th c).

Ambo – The location where both the readings with the psalm are read and the sermon is preached; especially used in reference to a raised speaking stand in early Christian churches (Medieval Latin from the Greek “raised edge”).

Aumbry – An enclosed niche or cupboard in the sanctuary wall, the ancient receptacle for the Reserved Sacrament.

Bread Box – A box, usually of silver, in which the bread or wafers for Holy Communion are kept.

Chalice – The cup used for the wine at Holy Communion (14th c).

Chancel – The east end of the church, raised above the floor of the nave, containing the choir (usually) and the sanctuary (14th c).

Choir – The choristers; also the part of the chancel between the nave and the sanctuary (14th c).

Crucifer – The cross-bearer in a procession (1574).

Epistle Side – The right side of the sanctuary as one faces the altar.

East end of a church – The end where the altar stands even if not actually the east (the “liturgical East”).

Gospel Side – The left side of the sanctuary as one faces the altar.

IHS – The Sacred Monogram. The first three letters of the name of Jesus in the Greek alphabet.

Nave – The main part of the interior of a church building where the congregation worships (1673, from the Latin word “navis” meaning ship).

Narthex – The portico or lobby of an early Christian church; an entrance hall leading to the nave of a church (ca. 1673).

Reredos – The panel of wood or stone behind the altar (14th c).

Rood – The cross or crucifix symbolizing the cross on which Jesus Christ died; specifically a large crucifix on a beam or screen at the entrance to the chancel of a

church (before 12th c). Trinity's sister congregation, St. Alban's, has a rood screen.

Sanctuary – The most sacred part of a religious building, as the part of the church in which the altar is placed (14th c). In Episcopal churches the part of the chancel between the Communion rail and the Altar.

Tabernacle – The closed compartment at the back of the altar used to house the Reserved Sacrament (13th c).

Transept – The part of a cruciform church that crosses at right angles to the greatest length between the nave and the choir; the “arms” of the cross in a cross-shaped church (ca. 1542).

The definitions of the above terms were compiled from a combination of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary; The American Heritage Dictionary; The Oxford English Dictionary; The Working Manual for Altar Guilds by Dorothy Diggs; and An Altar Guild Manual by Edith Weir Perry.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

Welcome Tall Ships

Trinity Church will for the sixth time welcome tourists and locals to see its historic sanctuary, stained glass, wood carvings and hear the stories that go with them. The free tours are on a come-and-go basis Friday through Sunday, between noon and 4 P.M, July 15-17. Check out the show case for more information!

The Historical Guild



Birthdays

Ted Alvarez
Hope Shimabukuro
Marshall Carter
Rita Laetz
Kerry Brown
Nicole Causley
William Schmidt
Susan Beckert
Bruce Sherbeck
Adam Wallaker
Robert Traxler
Robert Reif
Jeanette Luebs
Isabella Salazar

Anniversaries

Jeff and Kristi Pennex
Fred and Joyce Cook

Sympathy...

to **Bob Harley** in the death of his sister Betty Jane (Hartley) Ott.

to the friends and family of **Joan Blair**.

Welcome...

to **Katherine Freel** who has returned to Trinity from Colorado.

Thank You

to Matthew Smith for acolyting for the June Evensong.

Summer Schola Summer is a great time to take on something new. This is just a reminder that free music reading lessons and piano lessons are available for members of Trinity. Please contact Bob Sabourin for more information at sabourinrobert@sbcglobal.net.



Birthdays

Allison Iannacchione
Sharon O'Hare
Sean O'Hare
Wyatt York
Tony Hunsberger
Guy Moulthrop
James Swanson
Florence Reynolds
W Taylor Langstaff Jr
Leo Borrello
Mary Lou Greenleaf
Katie Hunsberger
Corrine Salazar
Barbara Mulholland
Shelley Whitehead

Anniversaries

Robert and Ellie Hartley
Terrence and Sharon O'Hare

On The Schedule

The American Guild of Organists, the Saginaw Valley Chapter and Trinity will host our annual **Patriotic Music** concert this Sunday, July 3rd at 4:00 in the afternoon.

We hope you will be able to come as this has proven to be one of the most well attended concerts of the year. Trinity's Choir will be joined by the Exultate Deo Chamber Choir. A reception will be held immediately after the concert in the Guild Room, hosted by Friends of Music.

This Wednesday, July 6th at 7:00pm we will be celebrating **our** new ministry with Reverend Sue. Bishop Todd will be here along with some of Rev. Sue's family and friends. A reception will follow immediately afterwards. Please make your best effort to attend!



The Sunday School will be hosting a **Vacation Bible School** lock-in on July 25th at 6:00pm through July 26th at 6:00pm.



On Saturday, August 13th,
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., **Vestry Retreat**.



Sunday, September 11 we will have worship and picnic at Carroll Park with St Albans! Worship will begin at the park at 10:00am with picnic food and games to follow. We will provide the drinks and hotdogs and we ask that you bring a dish to pass and your own dishes and silverware.




On Sunday, September 25th we will be hosting a diocesan event to celebrate Bishop Todd's 10 year anniversary. At 5:00pm will be Evensong with Exultate Deo followed by a grand reception.

Are you 70 ½ or older and have an IRA?

If you are 70 ½ or older and have an IRA, then you know that the tax laws require you to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year from your IRA or else pay a large penalty. In December 2015, Congress made permanent a provision in the tax code that allows persons who are 70 ½ or older to transfer money from their IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization and have that money count as part of their RMD. In addition, that money can be excluded from gross income on the person's tax return. This is a great way to pay your pledge to Trinity and not pay tax on the amount

contributed even if you do not itemize deductions on your tax return. Trinity's treasurer, Steve Beckert, will be available to discuss this provision with you, either in a group setting or individually if you desire. Just let Steve know if you would like further information or to meet with him.

SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

What you do:

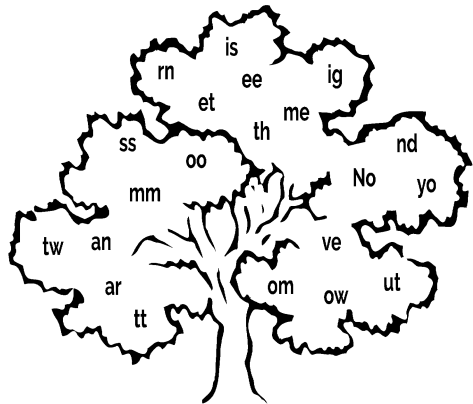
1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!



Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



“ ___ w lea ___ th ___ le ___ on
 fr ___ the f ___ tr ___: As s ___ n
 as its ___ igs g ___ te ___ er ___ d
 its lea ___ s co ___ o ___, ___ u
 kn ___ ___ at su ___ er is ne ___.”
 Ma ___ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.”
 Matthew 24:32, NIV

Recipe

~Hot Chicken Salad~

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 2 cups cooked chicken breast, cubed
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 2/3 cup crushed potato chips

Preparation

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 13 by 9 inch baking dish with vegetable oil cooking spray.

In a large mixing bowl combine the chicken, celery, almonds, salt, pepper, lemon juice, mayonnaise, and cheese. Place the mixture in the prepared baking dish. Spread the crushed potato chips on top. Bake for 20 minutes, or until bubbly.

WORSHIP

Sunday – 10:00 A.M. - With Music
 Wednesday – 11:30 A.M. - Without Music
 Food of Faith 2:30 P.M.

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Monday – Thursday 8:30AM – 3:00PM
 Friday – Closed

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