

THE CHIMES

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Greetings Trinity Community,

Oh, my, how I miss seeing each of you! I'm so grateful for our gathered community online and for those of you at home without computer access that we communicate with via phone and USPS.

It's hard to believe how much has occurred over the past month. So much is changing and we still remain home diligently washing our hands for 20 seconds, sanitizing surfaces, wearing masks and staying six feet apart.

The author of an article I recently read wrote about the need to live in the moment because this is the only time in which we have certainty. Right now. Here. This moment.

Nadia Bolz-Weber is a Lutheran pastor with a Facebook page and video blog. She's rather unconventional but has really great insight. On her May 10 video she says, "Worry isn't helping me. But neither is setting my hopes on the calendar." She begins by listing all the dates of things that are no longer going to happen and describes her worry – even knowing that *"Jesus himself said, who by worrying can add a single hour to the span of your life? So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."*

Nadia gleaned wisdom gained by former POW US Navy Admiral James Stockdale and wrongfully convicted Damien Echols. Both made it through their times of imprisonment. In brief, Adm. Stockdale said that the POWs who didn't make it through were those who kept counting on being out by a certain time and they died of a broken heart... The "Stockdale Paradox" is the ability to hold two

opposing but equally true things at once: *You must have faith that you will prevail in the end.

*And at the same time you must confront the brutal facts of your current reality.

A quote from Mr. Echols that resounded with her is, "The #1 thing that helped me stay sane was figuring out that I could not live for the future."

Nadia states, "When I stop and check in with myself I must say - I believe we will prevail... I have faith in the power of human love and creativity and resilience and kindness and humor. And I believe God to be the source of our love and creativity and resilience and kindness and humor, which means there is an eternal supply on which to draw when we just don't have what it takes.

"Also, I have faith that God is already present in the future we keep pinning our hopes and fears to so maybe it's safe to let them go."

Nadia closed by saying so aptly, To be sure, today has troubles of its own. Plenty of them.

"So it's a waste of energy to import our imagined troubles of tomorrow that aren't even true or real yet. It's maybe not the healthiest thing for my happiness to be contingent on the future having to look a certain way.

"So, here's the thing - we can turn resolutely to these brutal facts and even so, we will prevail. There is a global pandemic, and we will prevail. There will be death, and we will prevail. There are long hoped-for events in the future that will not happen and we will prevail. There will be lost things and people and income and dreams and still, we will prevail. And all we really have is this day. And it is enough. It ends up, maybe Jesus was right."

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

OUR SYMPATHIES

Ellie Hartley on the death of her brother-in-law Glen Hartley on May 13, 2020.

The family of Jerry Weber, Food of Faith board member, who died on May 20, 2020.

Rich Sayyae on the death of his cousin Bob Sayyae on May 21, 2020.

Michelle Bullis (our former secretary) on the death of her husband Brett Bullis on May 21, 2020.

Paulette Royer and the family of Mike Royer who died on May 22, 2020.

The family of Jean Ford who died on May 23, 2020.

THANK YOU

All members of our Vestry for their faithfulness to meet weekly and to keep in touch with members of Trinity. Leo Borrello, Dawn Brady, Archie Duncan, Tony Hunsberger, Dan Keeler, Mickie Leibrand, Don Middleton, Amy Salazar, Ann Shea.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Thomas Anderson – John Glenn High School

Madden Brady – Midland High School

Alex Hunsberger – Western High School

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ann Shea and Archie Duncan on their engagement!

WORSHIP ONLINE

Facebook **and YouTube** live stream: Trinity Episcopal Church Bay City

Sunday 10:00AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday 11:30AM Morning Prayer

Daily 9:00PM Compline

We have begun using a live streaming program that gives us the option to live stream on both Facebook and YouTube simultaneously as well as bring in different people to share in the service. We hope you find it helpful and that it will enhance our worship.

WAYS TO AID VICTIMS OF THE FLOODS IN MICHIGAN

The Diocese of Eastern Michigan has created a fund in which all monies collected will go directly to individuals we know about who will be affected in the long term by the floods in the Midland area. [Click here to donate to Midland Flooding Relief](#). Or make out your check to The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan and put "Midland Flooding Relief Fund" in the memo and mail it to Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan, 924 N. Niagara Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602.

Episcopal Relief & Development is an organization that gathers and sends money to places in crisis and need. You may designate where your donation is to go. Online go to www.episcopalrelief.org. Or make out your check to ERD and put Midland, MI Flooding Relief in the memo and mail to Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

AN EXCERPT FROM A LETTER FROM BISHOP WHAYNE HOUGLAND ON MAY 20, 2020.

As you may have seen, with the huge amounts of rainfall over the last two days, several dams in the mid-Michigan area have failed, causing devastating flooding, especially in the city of Midland.

We have been in contact with both of our congregations in Midland, Holy Family and St. John's, and both facilities remain dry. Several families within the churches have been evacuated from their homes, but all are safe... You may be aware that the diocesan office sits along the Saginaw River. At this time, we're aware of some wet carpets but no other serious damage.

Please continue to pray for our friends in Midland, for the communities and the people who serve them.

ON RE-OPENING EPISCOPAL CHURCH BUILDINGS

On May 1, 2020 An Updated Pastoral Directive from the Episcopal Bishops of Michigan was issued. Attached was the document “Plan for Re-Entry for Great Lakes Episcopalians” which described a three phase re-entry process. This directive was sent out to you via email or USPS as needed. If you did not receive it and would like a copy please contact Rev. Sue.

This Plan is a living document and will be updated as more information comes out – which is sometimes daily! Trinity’s Vestry spent two hours walking through the decisions about how to re-enter once we’re given the ok. When the time arrives we will communicate with you all our decisions and procedures that will be put into place. It is premature to do this now as details will inevitably change.

Bishop Wayne Houglund meets regularly, via Zoom, with clergy groups, senior wardens, diocesan staff and councils. The Episcopal bishops in Michigan are working together. Their decisions are based on indicators from healthcare experts. The first being a 14-day decrease in the numbers of people infected and dying from COVID19. These difficult decisions are based solely on their love for each of us to keep us all safe.

In a personal post from Bishop Wayne on May 22 he ended with this, “We know this to be true - we never actually stopped gathering and we never actually stopped worshiping. We are praying, studying, and serving together even while we must be physically apart. Our work is essential, yes, but in-person gatherings, right here and now, are not.”

VIDEO MEETING RESOURCE AVAILABLE

If you would like to set up a group meeting or fun get-together using our videoconferencing Zoom account contact Rev. Sue at revsuerich@gmail.com or trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or 989-326-0469.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your continued financial support of Trinity. We continue to receive your contributions and are grateful. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution
- Go to www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org, click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.
 - Click on:
givingtools.com/give/1281/2196
 - Scroll down and click on:
Trinity, Bay City
 - Click on amount: choose one-time gift and date
 - Select card and enter credit card information (If you prefer that the 3% fee not be charged to Trinity or the Diocese, click on: Cover Fees)
 - Select: Finish

RESOURCES FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

- Mental Health Hotline 10am-2pm daily. 888-733-7753
- Disaster Distress Hotline. 800-985-5990
- Free mindfulness meditation website. www.headspace.com/mi
- Free digital lessons focused on developing social, emotional and well-being skills, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. www.michiganvirtual.org/michigancares
- Michigan Sexual Assault Hotline (talk/text/chat). 855-VOICES4
- Domestic Violence Hotline. 800-799-SAFE

**Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now**

The Pelican in Her Piety

In Christian tradition, the pelican is a symbol of Christ the Redeemer. It is an allegorical depiction of both His sacrificial love and resurrection. Since the late Middle Ages, the pelican has also been a symbol of the Eucharist.

According to early Christian legend, either the female pelican or a serpent killed the newborn chicks. The female then mourned them for three days, after which she stabbed her own breast to resuscitate them with her blood. Thus, for Christians, the pelican represents Christ, who shed His blood for humankind and who after three days was raised from the dead.

Another belief, this one from the Middle Ages, is that a pelican was unable to find enough food to feed her young and that she would peck her own breast and feed the drops of blood to her young. It is because of this belief that the pelican has long been a symbol of selflessness and charity. With the feeding of drops of blood to her children, the 'Pelican in Her Piety' is also a symbol of the Eucharist, with Christ nourishing and sustaining us with His shed blood.

When we receive Holy Communion, may we remember the sacrifice of His very own life that Christ the Redeemer made for us, His children. Nourished by His very Body and Blood, may our lives in word and deed, proclaim Him crucified and risen.

May Birthday missed – our apologies!

Ann Shea



The Pelican in Her Piety
Detail from the Baptism of Our Lord Window
Willet Studios; Philadelphia, Pa. 1951.



June Anniversaries

Allen & Judy Laskowski
Donald & Mary K Freel
Stacie & Chuck Miller
Donald & Denise Middleton
Diane & Michael Rapson-Gabil

June Birthdays

Quinnlyn Lang
Craig Hool
Katy Iannacchione
Sarah Willard-Keeler
Stacie Miller
Rita Meilstrup
Anne Trahan
Jennifer Jones
Dawn Brady



July Anniversaries

Steven & Patti Anderson
Jeff & Kristi Pennex
Fred & Joyce Cook

July Birthdays

Ted Alvarez
Mary Jane Elliot
Rita Laetz
Corbyn Lang
Nicole Causley
Susan Beckert
Bruce Sherbeck
Jeanette Luebs
Isabella Salazar

PANTRY UPDATE

Dear Trinity Members,
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, changes have been put in place for providing food assistance for residents of Bay County. To protect food pantry volunteers and assist area residents with the Settle In Place orders from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Staff of 211 have been forwarding all requests for food assistance to the Dow Family YMCA. With a

grant to allow for the purchase of food products from local grocery stores and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, the staff of the Dow Family Y box and deliver groceries to the homes needing assistance. This food referral and delivery process will remain in effect until Michigan returns to normal business procedures, possibly July.

Safe Harbor Kitchen, Bangor Township, with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan continues to offer food giveaways twice a month for Bay County residents.

For the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network, this has meant a decrease in food assistance requests. Our member church buildings closed for services but with church staff reporting for work, these pantries remain open and are currently assisting families/individuals referred by caseworkers and families directly contacting churches for assistance. Trinity Episcopal's Food Pantry remains closed due to building restrictions. When 211 resumes the regular food referral process, our food pantry will resume operations using guidelines recommended by Bishop Wayne Hougland.

Thank you for your continued support of this valuable outreach program. We pray for healing and being reunited for worship services soon.

Blessings,
Katharine Freel
Jan Waldman

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR VESTRY! Continued from last month Enjoy!

Dan Keeler

Dan was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1978, into a military family. He moved several times throughout his childhood to places like San Antonio, TX, Norfolk, VA, Germany and Phoenix, AZ. After graduating from Tascosa High School in Amarillo, TX he followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps and joined the U.S. Army where he served as a translator.

While stationed in Monterey, CA, Dan met his wife, Sarah Willard and they were married in August, 1997. After their military service ended they settled in Sarah's hometown of Bay City. They have four wonderful, stubborn children, Sam, Gabriel, Cecilia and Levi.

Dan has worked in a number of different jobs (dishwasher, parking attendant, janitor, college recruiter and many more) but decided to make law enforcement his career. He currently works as a police sergeant for the Midland Police Department. He is a member of the department's Honor Guard and Midland County's Dive Rescue/Recovery team. In his free time, Dan enjoys spending time with his family, backpacking, spending time outside and most of all, traveling and seeing the world. He has had the pleasure of traveling to several different countries, most recently Turkey and Greece.

Mickie Leibrand

My name is Maureen Susan Leibrand, but most people know me as "Mickie". As a member of the Vestry, I was asked to tell you a little about myself.

I was born in England after World War II of an American GI and a British girl. My Dad enlisted at 17 and Mom was the same age when she met my Dad in Patchway located on the southwest side of England near Bristol in 1942. Dad's unit was stationed across the railroad tracks from the village of Patchway. Mom worked in an aircraft factory making parachutes and airplanes. She was also a volunteer firefighter during the war because all the able-bodied English men were serving in the war.

I was baptized in St. Chad's Anglican Church of England on Advent Sunday. St. Chad's was the church of my mom's family. It has survived the war in spite of all the bombing England endured and is still in use today.

After the war, my dad arranged with the help of the US army, for mom and me to come to America. We came over on a US troop

transport ship, the William A. Holbrook (long since scrapped) that had been refurbished slightly for the comfort of the women and children of American GI's. Mom said it was the worst trip she ever took taking almost 2 weeks and she was seasick most of the time. Eventually, we arrived in Richland Center, Wisconsin, and stayed at the home of my Grandma Lewis (dad's mom), until dad bought a farm of about 600 acres in southwestern rural Wisconsin. Starting extremely small, we were primarily a dairy farm with just about every critter imaginable. Dad had dairy cows, a small beef herd and raised quite a few pigs. Mom raised lots of chickens along with ducks, and occasionally, a goose and turkey. We also had horses, a mule, a couple of sheep and a goat named Billy along with usual cats and dogs. Mom also had three very large vegetable gardens as we were now a growing family with five kids. We picked berries growing wild at the edge of the woods that Mom turned into jam. Mom made a lot of our clothes and we raised cucumbers for pickles to buy shoes and things that she couldn't make and she bought at J. C. Penny's and Sears. We raised and grew about 80% of what we needed to live right on the farm.

I always preferred working out doors to helping in the house and because there was only one boy in the family, Mom was ok with that. My brother and I were expected to help with everything it took to run a farm—milking, feeding the animals, cleaning the barns and coops, putting up hay and crops, gardening and canning and anything else Mom and Dad felt we could do. I learned to hunt and Mom and Grandma both taught me needlecrafts—embroidery, crochet, and how to use the treadle sewing machine. I can still hear Grandma's machine as she worked the pedal and made one of her many quilts.

When the one-room school near the farm closed, I rode the bus to the village of Blue River (about 5 miles away) for school. On Sundays, I attended a little country Methodist church up in the valley, riding one of our

horses. My best friend in the village was Catholic and I spent a good deal of time with her in her church. I took Catechism from the nuns and I still remember the little cards we were given from both churches if we memorized our Bible verses and often wish I still had them.

My childhood was happy and I loved the farm. One of my jobs in the summer for a couple hours in the morning was to “herd” the cows as they grazed in a new pasture. I would read, sew, make daisy chains for cow’s horns and necks or lay back and just watch the clouds. Something was always going on at the farm—new life everywhere all the time and we played hard; making forts and houses in the woods and all the livestock were our pets. We took over half the wash house that Dad kept his tools in as a playhouse. My dad would not have approved of everything we got into, but then again, maybe he knew and just let us “do our thing”. My parents were loving, but firm and definitely taught us right from wrong.

After graduation, I was going to go to college at the University of Wisconsin and met my husband, Chuck, through mutual friends. He was studying electronics. We married young in my church in 1966 and by the time we were 23, we had two children, Chuck and Cathie and later, they gave us four grandchildren, Matthew, Lucas, Zachary, and Elizabeth. At first, I was a stay-at-home mom, but when the kids started pre-school, I started working part-time. Later, when the kids were in their teens and both working after school, I went to work full-time beginning a career in retail management. I retired in 2011 after working full time for 30 years. I guess I have always worked since I was fourteen. My first real paid job was working in my school’s cafeteria for an hour and a half each day. I earned 50 cents a day and got my lunch free. I remember the “lunch ladies” were awfully good to me and at the time I thought I was rich.

I have been back involved with Trinity since 2002. Chuck was a cradle Trinity Episcopalian (Trinity was his family’s church) and we were

both members in the late 1960’s when we lived in Bay City. I decided early on we shouldn’t have separate churches and I loved Trinity and especially, the Episcopal prayer book, and became an Episcopalian in 1967. Both of our children and later, our grandson, Matthew were baptized at Trinity. After that, we moved a lot because of Chuck’s work, so there were several Episcopal churches along the way. I can’t help but feel I have come full circle back to my roots.

As far as things I like to do are concerned; I enjoy the outdoors—I love to play around in the garden, enjoy making something grow and bird watching. Right now, I have a pair of cardinals nesting right off my front porch so I won’t be going out of the house that way for a couple of weeks! Two pairs of mourning doves, three pairs of sparrows, and several robins are also nesting in my yard. The orioles along with chickadees, wrens and other song birds visit daily and all are a constant source of delight, even the big Cooper’s hawk that shows up once or twice a week.

In the winter, the house plants and orchids keep me happy along with watching the birds. I also have a black cat (I adore black cats), Beauregard, three aquariums of fish, and two dogs that keep me company; Emma, my golden and Cathie and Matthew’s dog, Casey, a mixed golden rescue. They are my constant companions shadowing me everywhere I go. I enjoy any and all kinds of hand needlecrafts and enjoy working in miniature needlepoint especially. I make and collect dollhouses and miniature scenes. My oldest doll house dates back to about 1920 and I have a number of pre and post-World War II dollhouses complete with the furniture for them. I have been collecting almost fifty years and Chuck always indulged my hobbies and interests as I did his. I always knew where to find him in the house—reading, working on his computer with his photos or genealogy, or solving a problem for me. Nice part was we shared our work, hobbies, and interests with each other and that’s the way it should be.

FOOD OF FAITH FUNDRAISER

Pat Maxim has been making facemasks and will be selling them for \$5.00 as a Fundraiser for Food of Faith. If you are interested in this please call her at 989-892-5949.

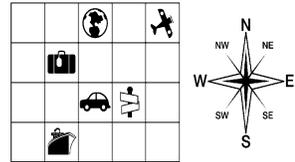
Our Gardens with the Eastern Red Buds in bloom



Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.
Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.
Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.
Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.
Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _

Start at the CAR.
Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.
Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV



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