

THE CHIMES

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Pennings from your priest . . .

Dear Trinity Community,

I want to express my deep gratitude for the good and faithful work Rev. Ann has done over the past three years. When sharing life each party is changed and I am grateful to be receiving the leadership baton from her. My heart is full of thanks to Bishop Todd Ousley, Canon to the Ordinary Mike Spencer, and the members of Trinity's vestry for supporting me in this call. I am so looking forward to embarking on ministry with you! God's timing is perfect and I believe that God has been preparing us for one another.

We will spend time getting to know one another and I will be listening and learning about each of you as individuals but also about you, as a whole, the faith community named Trinity and you will be listening and learning about me, too. It will take some time for me to learn all that goes on here and how it all happens. You have done good work with Rev. Ann and I am eager and interested in learning what is important to you and where you see God leading Trinity.

Have you ever noticed when times of transition occur that they are often coupled with times of challenge and difficulty? There are special angels, called "threshold angels", who stand at the threshold of something we want dearly and make it difficult to cross over to the next thing. Threshold angels are

good because they raise the question, "How badly do you want this?" which forces us to determine how hard and willing we are to work for that which we want.

This is a good time to reflect upon those things desired for ourselves and for Trinity and to pay attention to the challenges and difficulties we have had (or now have) as well as the hard work it took (or is taking) to walk through the threshold of something new.

Thank you for allowing me to walk through this new threshold with you. I am honored and deeply grateful for embarking on this adventure with you.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Sue

THANK YOU

to the Leibrand and Hool families for hosting coffee hours in April

to Tod Meisel and Bruce Sherbeck for moving the piano donated by Pat Serresseque

to Patrick Gray for playing the bassoon for the choir anthem on April 17, 2016

CONGRATULATIONS

to Madden Brady who is starring in "Beauty and the Best" at Dow High School

to choristers Dakota Moreau and MacKenzie Moreau who received their white cottas on April 24, 2016, for their faithful attendance and hard work.

to Madden Brady was recently installed as state president of the Michigan Society Children of the American Revolution; Mt. Vernon was the venue for the installation ceremony. Madden will spend the next year travelling Michigan and the surrounding states to promote his project of commemorating the WWI centennial and celebrating the efforts of the American Doughboy. The Children of the American Revolution is the oldest patriotic youth organization in the United States. Membership is open to anyone who is under the age of 22 and who is a lineal descendant of a person who rendered aid to the cause of American independence.



MAY EVENSONG

Evensong this month will be sung by our own Senior Choir and guests at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday,

May 22, 2016, to celebrate Trinity Sunday. The canticles are the Mag and Nunc in B-flat by C. V. Stanford (1856-1924). They are from his service in B-flat which began the revival of church music in England. The anthem will be Stanford's monumental setting of "St. Patrick's Breastplate."

Other participants include, Madden Brady, acolyte; David King, cantor and Nicholas Schmelter, organist.

CHORAL MUSIC - MAY - 2016

- 1 Peace I Leave with You
Don Dicie
 - 8 O Ye That Love the Lord
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
 - 14 Peace I Leave with You
J. V. Robert
 - 22 Te Deum
Healey Willan
- 4:00 p.m. Evensong
St. Patrick's Breastplate
C. V. Stanford

TRINITY CHORISTERS

I understand that there were some questions about our new choristers. In the English boy choir tradition, new choir members learn all of the music but do not actually sing with the choir for an entire year. They are called probationers. There are a lot of things to learn besides just music reading and specific hymns and anthems.

We have started using a parent to help our newest members who will be with us in worship and participate as appropriate. Thanks to Katie Garcia for her important help.

Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

The Ascension

The Ascension is the final appearance of Christ to His disciples after His resurrection. Jesus gathered His followers on the Mount of Olives 40 days after His resurrection and assured them that He would not leave them orphans and that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit enabling them to be His witnesses unto the ends of the world.

St. Mark (16:19), St. Luke (24:51) and Acts (1:9) record this lifting of Christ back to heaven from which He came. Theologically, the event signifies the exultation of Christ as Lord of the universe and is thus closely associated with the resurrection. Since the 4th century, Ascension Day has been observed as a major feast of the church on the Thursday 40 days after Easter.

While Trinity Church is blessed with many depictions of the life of Our Lord, none portray the Ascension. However, this is a great time to remind us all, young and old, that our good friend, Chuck, from “Chuck Knows Church” wonderfully shares this event in an episode on www.chuckknowschurch.com. Simply go to the website and then type in the search term “Ascension.” If you haven't had the experience of seeing one of these informative and witty videos from our Methodist brothers and sisters in Christ, you're in for a real treat.

“See! He lifts His hands above: Alleluia!

See He shows His prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His church below. Alleluia!”

From “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: Llanfair, Robert Williams (1781-1821)
The Hymnal 1982; # 214; v. 3.

Faithfully submitted by Trinity's Historical Guild

P. S. While you're checking out the Ascension video, please help yourself and look at some of the other 3-5 minute videos (as varied as Pancake Day, Cross, Epiphany, and Pascal Candle). We guarantee you won't be bored and just tell 'em the church mouse sent you!



Birthdays

- 06 Barbara Meisel
- 10 Preston Krzysik
- 17 Mary Jo Burdic
- 17 Stephanie Mouthrop
- 19 Colton Causley
- 23 Cathy LaBerge
- 24 Christopher Kolka
- 25 Roberta Hunter

Anniversary

- 06 Rob and Amy Salazar
- 07 David and Jan Waldman
- 16 Dale and Carla Maxim
- 29 Tony and Tracey Krzysik

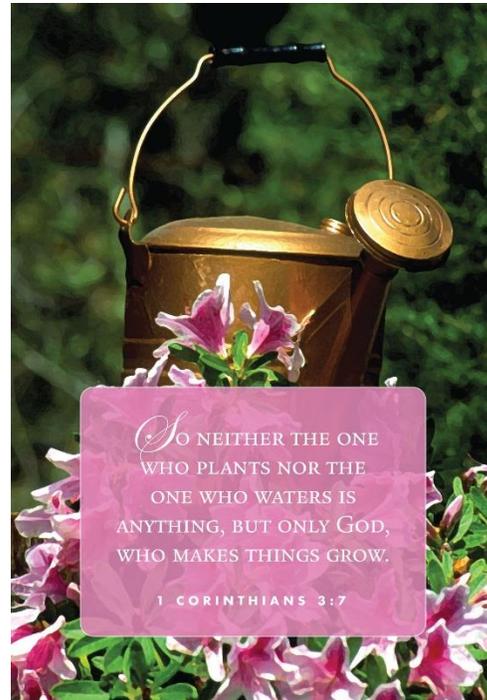
St Elizabeth's Guild will meet on May 10, Tuesday, for their luncheon at Dockside on Waters Street. (across from St Laurent's Nut house) at 12:30. We hope to see everyone there.

There is an open spot for **altar flowers** on May 29th. If you are interested in donating on that date, please call the office. Thank You!!

Welcome Dinner

Rev Sue will be conducting her first service on Sunday, May 1st. The Hospitality Committee is planning on doing the coffee hour and we hope you will all be able to attend. Put your name tags on to help her put a name with a face.

Two weeks later on May 18th, Wednesday, at 5:30pm we would like to host a dinner in the Parish Hall to welcome Rev Sue and have time to visit. Again, we would like to ask you to bring a dish to pass such as a salad, vegetable, starch or dessert. The Hospitality committee will provide the main course and beverages. Please call the office or sign on the sign up sheet which is in the parish hall. Let us know if you're able to attend and what you plan on bringing. Thanks.



Trinity's Garden Guild Needs your Support!

Over the next four weeks from April 24 through May 15 the Garden Guild is bringing back "the plant a posy" campaign that has been absent for a while, so you will have another opportunity to help support the efforts of the Garden Guild.

In return for your Garden Guild donation, you will receive a paper flower on which you may write a memorial or thanks, and then "plant" your posy in one of two terra cotta pots we will have in the parish hall. If you cannot be there, simply send in a check and state who or what you are remembering or thankful for and we will mark one for you and place it in the planter.

To meet our needs for Trinity's gardens and grounds for 2016 we must raise \$600 to \$700. It is only through your generous giving and the grace of God we will be able to do this.

We will use the funds we raise to purchase additional mulch (what we purchased a couple of years ago has broken down and returned to the earth). Mulch benefits us in several ways: it conserves moisture, so we use less water, it keeps the plants cooler so less stress in the hotter weather and protection in the winter. It cuts down on the number of weeds we have and finally, it is a safe environment for earthworms so necessary to aerate the soil and help keep it loose. Matthew and I have seen quite a number of them in Trinity's flower beds. We also need fertilizer for the yard and we will put out a few bedding plants such as marigolds.

The Pentecost memorial geraniums are still available also with proceeds going to the Garden Guild as well as a special offering envelope in your pledge book.

And speaking of Pentecost, don't forget to wear something red and come to church CASUAL as we will mulch and plant the geraniums after a light lunch in the parish hall. This has worked out so well in the past and we are done within 2 hours including our lunch! Should we have rain, our rain date will be Monday evening May 16, at 6:00pm.

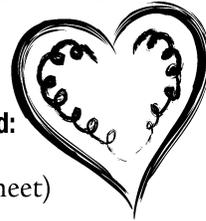
Everyone is welcome to join us in the gardens all summer long to help weed and water, where "you are nearer to God than anywhere else on earth".

Thank you for all of the support and contributions you have given Trinity and the Garden Guild over the years. We so appreciate it and help you enjoy our efforts.

Mickie Leibrand and the Garden Guild.

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

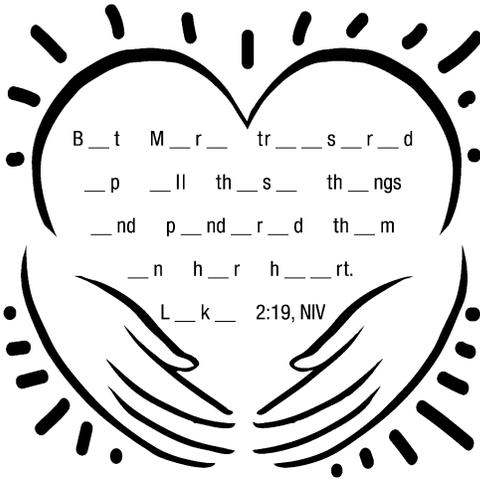


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y



Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

WORSHIP

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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