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Dear Trinity Community,

We will be celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, June 4, that glorious and frightful day when God's Holy Spirit came down on the disciples two thousand years ago.

Tongues of flames, like fire, rested over the head of each person locked in the upper room. This is the room where the disciples shared their last meal with Jesus before his death. This is the locked room in which Jesus appeared to them after his resurrection. And it is in this room that they received the promise of the Holy Spirit who gave them the power and boldness to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News of Christ Jesus no matter the cost.

There is a definition of 'bold' that a friend shared with me that I absolutely love. "Bold means not hesitating in the face of actual or possible danger. The implication is your external behavior is so free from fear that it shocks others. Who would dare take such a risk? Bold is flaunting your truth in the face of opposition. There is no effort. There's only honesty and direct action. It all happens naturally since you're no longer afraid of negative outcomes. It is doing what needs to be done without concern for real or perceived harm." It's a powerful way of being in the world.

The disciples of Jesus went from a motley crew of insiders who didn't seem to understand much of what Jesus was

teaching them over their three years with him to a group who all of a sudden understood the scriptures. They went from great anxiety and trembling, locked in the upper room for fear of being persecuted and killed (as their leader had been) to a powerful and boldly fearless group of witnesses.

In that amazing experience of the Holy Spirit the lives of ordinary folk were changed forever. They were no longer ruled by actual or perceived danger but spoke the truth in love and proclaimed the power of Jesus everywhere they went. And all of time was changed as a result.

They were given gifts of tongues, prophecy and healing, to name a few. No longer did they fret about what may happen to themselves. They were bold to the point of no return because there was no way to go back to the place of fear and unknowing.

On June 4, we will celebrate the baptism of Richard Sayye and Mya Collins. Rich will be baptized first as he is an adult and will model for Mya what one does to acknowledge and respond to the love that God has for each of us. Then six-year-old Mya will be baptized. And each will be sealed with chrism (fragrant blessed oil) and marked as Christ's own forever.

We will join with them in renewing our baptismal vows and, as we do every Sunday,

invite the Holy Spirit to be present in our midst that we may no longer live for ourselves but for God who lives and moves and has being within each of us. This is another opportunity for us to live lives boldly; to speak the truth in love to those with whom we come in contact. In doing so we will be living out the Gospel message in gentleness and grace that all will come to know the love that Christ has for every one whom God has made.

Here are some ways to practice this and to take a step out of your comfort zone. If you are not accustomed to speaking about God to others pay attention to what's going on in someone else's life. When you listen and hear of a struggle tell that person that you will pray for them and for the situation they face...and then offer your prayers to God sometime that day. You don't need to know the outcome but by opening yourself up to another's need and offering God's grace to work out the situation you are providing hope to someone who may need it badly.

Another idea is to say, "God bless you", to your family, friends, co-workers or to those in the service industry. Or you can pray for and then call that person who's been on your mind - that's usually a nudge from the Holy Spirit. Simply listening to someone else and sharing your time, prayers and support speaks volumes to the amount of love God has for each of us. Jesus spoke up for the poor and disenfranchised. Maybe God is calling you to step out of your comfort zone to speak up for the poor and disenfranchised in our community.

When we are attentive to the nudgings of the Holy Spirit and step out in faith the world is changed. Every kind word matters. Every

smile and gentle response makes a difference. Every message of hope shines the light of God into the darkness.

Happy Pentecost! May you allow and challenge yourself to be bold in the ways of God.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Sue

Geraniums for Pentecost and Friends of Music

Donations to Trinity's Pentecost Geraniums and/or Music Fund provide the Geraniums we plant in our gardens, and guest musicians that we enjoy year around.

Donations for geranium should be \$8.00 for one or \$15.00 for two plants.

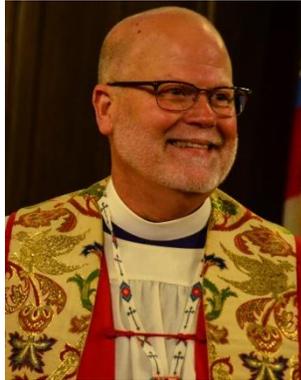
If you would like to have your contribution given in thanksgiving for an important person in your life, an anniversary or in loving memory of someone, please contact Melissa in the office.

The planting of the flowers will be on June 4th, Pentecost. A light lunch will be provided by the Garden Guild immediately after the service followed by the planting and other gardening. Wear your gardening clothes and bring your gardening tools.

We hope you will be able to come to this even as many hands make small work.

*Send-Off Celebration Eucharist
with Bishop Ousley
June 4 at 4:00PM | St. John's,
Midland*

What?
Join us at
4:00PM on
June 4th,
the Feast
of
Pentecost,
to
celebrate
almost
sixteen



years of ministry with the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Second Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

We will join together as a diocese to share in the Eucharist and send him off liturgically into his next phase of ministry on the Presiding Bishop's staff.

Our guest preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and Chair of the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development.

A simple reception will follow the Eucharist service including words from Bishop Ousley.

-Last month, Bishop Ousley announced that he has accepted a call to serve as the Bishop for Pastoral Development on the Presiding Bishop's Staff. He has served the Diocese of Eastern Michigan for almost sixteen years, on diocesan staff as Missioner for Congregational Development and as Bishop. Todd's last day as Bishop of Eastern Michigan is June 30th.

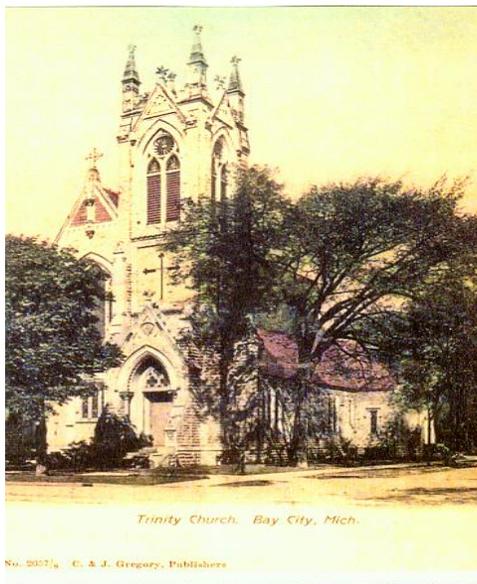
TRINITY CHURCH IN POSTCARDS

The world's oldest postcard was sent in 1840 in London, England, and the oldest U.S. postcard was postmarked in December 1848. Postcards of the 1870s showed printed advertising and in 1873, Post Master John Creswell introduced the first pre-stamped "Postal Cards," often called "penny postcards." Postcards were made because people were looking for an easier way to send quick notes. It was in the 1880s that cards showing images increased in numbers. Images of the newly built Eiffel Tower in 1889 and 1890 gave impetus to the postcard. The first postcard to be printed as a souvenir in the United States was created in 1893 to advertise the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Initially, the Post Office was the only establishment allowed to print postcards, and it held its monopoly until May 19, 1898, when Congress passed the Private Mailing Card Act, which allowed private publishers and printers to produce postcards. However, the U.S. government prohibited private companies from calling their cards "postcards," so they were known as "souvenir" cards. These cards had to be labeled "Private Mailing Cards." This prohibition was rescinded on December 24, 1901 and now private companies could use the word "postcard." Correspondents could only write in the space (usually very small) on the front of the postcard. This was known as the "undivided back" era of postcards. From March 1, 1907, the Post Office allowed private citizens to write on the address (back) side of a postcard. It was on this date that postcards were allowed to have a "divided back."

Government postal cards and privately printed souvenir cards became very popular as a result of the Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893 after postcards featuring buildings were distributed at the fair. The years 1907-1915 were the Golden Age of American postcards and in 1908 more than 677 million postcards were mailed.

Churches, government buildings and historic structures were popular places that were printed on postcards. People could send a quick note to friends or relatives and also let them see where they've been.



The picture you see is the front of an early 1900s postcard of Trinity Church. The back of the card states "This Side Is For Address Only." Because of the "undivided back" we know that the postcard was from the 1901-1907 (before March 1, 1907) era. The bottom front of the card reads: "No. 2057/08 C. & J. Gregory, Publishers" at the lower left, and "Trinity Church, Bay City, MICH." at the bottom center. The back of the original postcard reads: "S. Langsdorf and Co., New York – Germany." Good coloration on the front of the card indicates

it may have been made in Germany as Europe had better color reproduction in the late 19th and very early 20th centuries.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

THANK YOU

to members of the Senior Choir, Bell Choir and Choristers for their faithful work over the past year. We look forward to your return in the fall.

to Dee Mulholland, chair of Friends of Music for all her work for the receptions following our events.

to Bruce Eckhart for cutting the lawn while Terry was recovering from surgery.

to Bruce and Yvonne Eckhart for cleaning all of the kneelers in the nave.

to Pat Gray, The Historical Guild and the Middletons for hosting coffee hours in May.

to Ed Benisz for providing tours of Trinity on Memorial Sunday.

GUEST ORGANIST

Emilee and I will be on vacation the first two Sundays in June. Dr. Steven Egler will be the guest organist for those two weeks. Steve is just retired from over 30 years as Professor of Music at Central Michigan University. Please take the time to say thanks to him for his help.

Mike Huntress and Allison Dakos will provide leadership as well serving as cantors for these two important Feast Days.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The Saginaw Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, The Anne Frisby Fitzhugh-Saginaw Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Trinity Episcopal Church will present their annual patriotic concert "God Bless America" on Sunday, July 2, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Bay City.

Participants include organists, Nicholas Schmelter, Adrienne Wiley, Exultate Deo Chamber Choir, Robert Sabourin, director and tenor soloist, Scott Hyslop.

The repertoire for the concert will feature patriotic hymns, choral music and organ music all by American composers. Choral music will include "Sing Me to Heaven" by Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949), "How Can I Keep from Singing" by Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947), "Choose Something Like a Star" by Randall Thompson (1899-1984) and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. by Peter J. Wilhousky (1902-1978). Tenor, Scott Hyslop will sing the world premiere of "A River of Song: Three American Folk Songs set for Tenor, Violin and Piano" by Catherine McMichael (b. 1954) of Saginaw.

Hymns that will be sung by the choir and audience are "God of Our Fathers" (National Hymn) by Daniel Crane Roberts (1844-1907), "The Star Spangled Banner" (National Anthem) source unknown, "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (from Thesaurus Mauticus, 1745), Eternal Father Strong to Save" (Melita) by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876), and "America the Beautiful" (Materna) by Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

The program is open to the public free of charge. Friends of Music of Trinity will host a reception in the Guild Room following the concert.



Birthdays:

Quinnlyn Lang
Jean Meisel
Craig Hool
Katy Iannacchione
Evelyn Wallaker
Edna Brown
Stacie Miller
Sharon Jehnsen
Rita Meilstrup
Margot Fletcher
Anne Trahan
Gerald Jehnsen
Jennifer Jones
Dawn Brady
Timothy Shutt
Charles Miller

Anniversaries:

Allen and Judy Laskowski
Donald and Mary Katharine Freel
Charles and Stacie Miller
Donald and Denise Middleton
Michael and Diane Rapson-Gabel



A 'Thank You Ushers' dinner was organized by Emilee Sabourin our head usher and prepared by Chris and Victor Kolka. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all, topped off by the delectable carrot cake shown above. Yumm!

St Elizabeth's Guild will meet on June 13th at 12:30 at Coonan's Irish Pub on Johnson Street for lunch. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

There are three Sundays in need of **flowers** for the altar, June 11, 18 and 25th. If you are interested in donating flowers for any of these dates please call the office.

Newly Confirmed

On Saturday, May 13th, Kurt Carlstrom was received into the Episcopal Church and the following were confirmed: Madden Brady, Bruce Eckhart, Yvonne Eckhart, Alex Hunsberger and Martin Nelson (Linda Hipel).



Emily Gray and the Bay City Western's Middle School Spring Band Concert was last month where Emily had a flute solo. It was not only attended by her family but by the Whitehead's and Rev Sue. Good job Emily!

Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.

"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _t t_ m_,
 'Y_ _ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_
 G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _r.'"

 Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

WORSHIP

Sunday – 10:00 AM - With Music
Wednesday – 11:30 AM - Without Music

Food of Faith 2:30 PM

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00AM– 4:45 PM
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:30 – 1:15 PM
Friday - Closed

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