

THE CHIMES

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Greetings Dear Ones,

I miss you! I miss seeing and worshipping with you in person and simply visiting with you face-to-face. Your Vestry and I enjoy speaking to you and are hearing that we are all missing being together at our beautiful sacred worship space.

As of the printing of this letter Michigan's Stay Home, Stay Safe order has been extended to May 15, which puts our return date to Trinity as unknown. We will remain in our homes until further instruction is given by both the governor and our bishop. The Vestry and I will, of course, keep you updated as soon as more information is made available.

At times it can be overwhelming to absorb all the news and updates on the corona virus. It may be helpful to set some limits for yourself in terms of how much time and during which part of the day to spend on it. We don't know how much longer this will last or what exactly will happen. I'm glad to be participating in the stay-at-home solution but it's still hard. I suspect it's hard for you, too.

I hope you had a chance to look over the Staying Well paper/file I sent out via mail/email. I have found the suggestions and reminders to be helpful. The State of Michigan is providing several resources to help during this time which I've included on a following page.

I've had an Easter hymn in my head for the last several days (Hymn 180). The first verse is: He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: he has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Interestingly, it's the second verse that's been in my head: Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passion that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.

I suspect the reason *this* verse is going on in my head is that many of us are feeling sad and fearful-hearted. This time in which we are living is unlike anything we've ever been through before. As our leaders keep saying, there is no rulebook for this thing. We are all doing the best we can with what we know at the time. And there is so much that is unknown.

While death's long shadows have departed and we live in the knowledge and reality of resurrection over death, we may be like the disciples were before the Holy Spirit came – not in full understanding of their new reality.

In the uncertainty of this world and current situation, in the words of Paul in Romans 8:35-39 (bold is mine), this is what I know for sure. "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**"

May God's love bless us all, *Rev. Sue*

OUR SYMPATHIES

to Mary Jane Elliot on the death of her daughter, Susan Wright on March 12, 2020.

to Kylene Sutter on the death of her aunt, Virginia Mader on March 27, 2020.

to the family of Bob Kemmer who died on April 2, 2020.

to Rich Steele on the death of his wife, Barbara, on April 3, 2020 and of his son, Rick, on April 4, 2020.

to George McPeak on the death of his cousin, Randy McPeak, who died on April 19, 2020.

THANK YOU

to Bruce Sherbeck for checking on our building twice a week.

WORSHIP ONLINE

Facebook live stream: Trinity Episcopal Church Bay City

Sunday 10:00AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday 11:30AM Morning Prayer

Daily 9:00PM Compline

YouTube: Trinity Episcopal Church Bay City

All worship services uploaded once concluded

VIDEO MEETING RESOURCE AVAILABLE

Trinity now has a Zoom account which is an online videoconferencing program. Three different groups have been utilizing this way of communicating via video. Once a meeting is set up each participant receives a link. At the appointed time click on the link, activate video and audio and your face and voice will be on screen along with others.

If you would like to set up a group meeting or fun get-together in this way contact Rev. Sue at revsuerich@gmail.com.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your continued financial support of Trinity. Many of you have been mailing in your contributions and we are grateful. Your Finance Committee and Vestry are working 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

*Michigan Sexual Assault Hotline (talk/text/chat). 855-VOICES4

*Domestic Violence Hotline. 800-799-SAFE

*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

The Phoenix Rising from Its Ashes

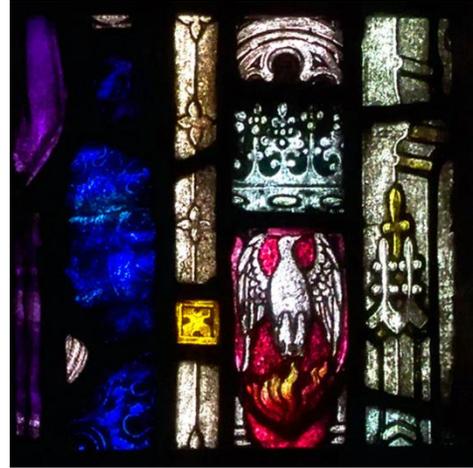
The phoenix is a mythical creature said to build a nest when old, and then set it on fire. It would then rise from the ashes in victory. According to most myths (Greek, Egyptian and Oriental), only one phoenix lived at a time and it renewed itself every 500 years.

In Jewish legend, the story of the phoenix begins in the Garden of Eden when Eve fell, tempted by the serpent to eat of the forbidden fruit. She then tried to give the fruit to all the creatures but the phoenix did not yield to her temptation and thus was spared from death. An Old Testament reference is from Job 29:18 "Then I thought, 'I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days like the Phoenix'" (most translations use the word 'home' for nest and 'grains of sand' instead of phoenix).

Because of the unique quality of the Phoenix rising out of the ashes, it has become a Christian symbol of the Resurrection and redemptive power of Jesus Christ. The first century Church Father St. Clement used the legend of the phoenix as an allegory of the Resurrection in Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. Popular in early Christian art and literature as a symbol of Christ, His Resurrection and immortality, the symbolism of the phoenix grew in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and has continued to this day.

While the phoenix rising from its ashes is a powerful symbol based on myth, our faith is a fact based on the most significant event in history: The bodily resurrection of the God-man, Jesus Christ. Because of Christ's victory over sin and death and His Resurrection, we rejoice that we too will rise from the ashes on the last day and enjoy the resurrection of the

body and eternal life in heaven. To God be praise and glory!



The Phoenix Rising from the Ashes
Detail from The Baptism of Our Lord Window
Willet Studios; Philadelphia, PA. 1950's

Faithfully submitted by Trinity's Historical Guild



Anniversaries

Salazar, Rob & Amy
Waldman, Janice & David
Maxim, Dale & Carla
Maxim, Dave and Pat
Krzysik, Tony & Tracey

Birthdays

Keeler, Dan
Keeler, Sam
Meisel, Barbara
Krzysik, Preston
Salazar, Bobby

Moulthrop, Stephanie
Causley, Colton
LaBerge, Cathy
Kolka, Christopher
Hunter, Roberta

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

Leo Borrello

Leo Borrello, grew up in Saginaw, Michigan, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Michigan University, where he earned an Elementary and Secondary certificate. While teaching, he attended graduate school during the summers, and received a Master of Arts degree.

He was married to Katherine (a lifelong member of Trinity) for 54 years, who passed away in April 2017. His only daughter, Monica, has volunteered at Trinity and other churches for many years. From time to time, she plays the guitar during Sunday services and also serves as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Worship Leader.

At a very young age, Leo worked in a family business (grocery store) in Saginaw. He learned many lessons in dealing with customers in a diverse neighborhood. After being in the classroom for 8 years, teaching various grades and subjects, Leo started his administrative career in the Bay City Public Schools. He served as an Assistant Principal, Director of Community Education and Driver Education, Assistant Director of Adult Education, and Elementary Principal for 24 years at 4 different schools.

During his retirement years, he spent 6 summers at Dow Diamond, working for the Great Lakes Loons Baseball Team. Presently, he is active with the Bay County Historical Society serving on the Board and its Treasurer. Going back to the late 1960s, this is the fourth time that Leo has had the privilege of serving on the Vestry.

Ann Shea

Ann was born and raised in Ellicott City, Maryland – a suburb between Baltimore and Washington. She earned a BS degree in Home Economics with a minor in Marketing. Upon graduation, she married a Navigator in the Air Force, and spent the next 20 years as an Air Force wife and stay at home Mom. She raised two boys, Eric and Mark, both of whom are now married with families. Eric lives in Essexville with his wife and four children and Mark is in Chicago with his wife and two children. Unfortunately, that marriage ended in divorce after 25 years.

Ann is a cradle Episcopalian, having been active in churches in Maryland, California, and Louisiana. It was through the church in Louisiana that she met and married her true love – Billy Shea. They were married for 14 years until he passed away suddenly at the age of 67. At that time, Ann made the decision to move to Michigan to be closer to kids and grandkids.

Ann was a director for Mary Kay Cosmetics for 25 years and is still a consultant. She also was active in BNI – a networking organization – in Louisiana. Now she is semi-retired and enjoying being involved in many activities at Trinity as well as spending time being a Nana!

Tony Hunsberger

Tony is currently serving his second year on Trinity's Vestry. Tony's wife Michelle is originally from Bay City and they were married in 1998. From then until 2004 they lived in Burton/Davison area. Tony, Michelle and their two children, Kaitlyn (1999) and Alexander (2001), have been at Trinity since moving to Bay City in 2004. Tony has been a member of the Bell Choir and the Senior Choir as well as serving in the capacity of Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Michelle is a Pharmacist, originally from Bay City (Handy High School), who got her Bachelor's at Ferris State before moving to

Indiana for her first professional gig where she met Tony in 1997. Katie is a graduate of Bay City Western HS and Alex is set to graduate from there next month. Katie attends Delta College and Alex intends to start there in the fall of 2020. Tony is a displaced Hoosier originally from Goshen Indiana, went to High School at Concord HS in Elkhart, IN, and attended Indiana University but did not finish there. In 1988 he enlisted in the US Air Force and completed his Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science while in uniform at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois in 1991.

Don Middleton

Age 61: This June, Denise and I will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. We have a small family: Don, Ryan, Jon, Dan, Katie, Amy, Hayley, Pam, Kaitlin, Mickayla and multiple great grandkids. we enjoy spending time with our kids and grandkids.

Growing up in Trinity I was involved in most activities that involve church: Baptized, Sunday school, confirmation, youth choir, acolyte, and then youth group. I met my wife Denise in youth group at the age of 15, the youth group raised the funds to purchase the bells for bell choir that we still currently have. Denise and I would later be the Youth group leaders for the church for many years in the 80s and 90s. I previously served 6 years on vestry when Rev. Caitlin was the Priest. Currently I still Usher, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and Junior Warden on the Vestry.

I have always lived in Bay City, Graduating from Bangor John Glenn HS, Eagle Scout from troop 121, and 2 degrees from Delta College. In 1978 I started working 2 jobs the first was Dow Chemical Day City Plants working for 20 years till they sold Ziploc and Handi-wrap to SC Johnson where I worked another 20 years retiring in 2018 as a skilled trades Maintenance Manager. I also started in 1978 working for Bangor Township Fire Department as a Firefighter EMT, now a Sergeant and State

Instructor enjoying the current challenges before me. In 2007 I joined the Bay County Sheriff Department currently a Sergeant there also working in the Marine division and a member of their Dive team.

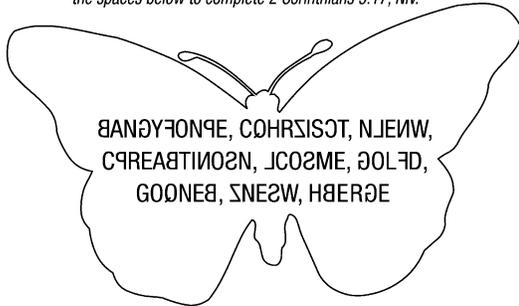
Past Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 121 (2 times), Bangor schools Youth and middle school Wrestling Coach 1986-2004, John Glenn Booster Club Board Member 1984 to present (Past President multiple years), Bay City Fireworks Festival Board member 2012 – present. Michigan and National Sheriffs association 2010-present, Michigan Instructor association.



TransformationPOWER

Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.

Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if _____ is in _____,
the _____ has _____:

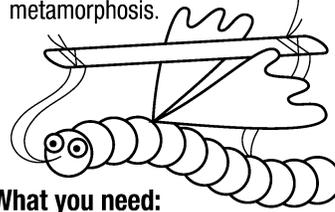
The _____ has _____,
the _____ is _____!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.



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