



TRINITY CHIMES

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Pennings from your priest . . .

Recently, I read an article entitled, “Uncomfortable Generosity,”* which spoke to me. I hope it speaks to you, too.

The author, Molly James, is an Episcopal priest who serves a church in Connecticut. She alludes in her article to the story of the widow’s mite as told in Mark 12.38-44.

Here is a synopsis of those verses. Jesus is teaching in the temple railing against the scribes. They love to walk around in their long robes; they expect to be greeted with respect in the marketplace. And they will settle for nothing less than the best seats in the synagogues and at banquets. Worst of all they exploit the poor, especially widows.

Jesus sits down opposite the treasury and watches as people put their money into the boxes. Many rich people, Mark notes, put in large sums of money. A poor widow deposits two copper coins, worth about a penny.

The story culminates with Jesus calling together his disciples and telling them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Mother Molly tells of her daughter picking out a book for her to read. “December” is the story of a little boy and his mother, both of whom are homeless. Their shelter is nothing more than a cardboard box. It is Christmas Eve, and cold. They keep warm by huddling together under an old coat.

Their Christmas tree is the discarded top of someone else’s tree. And their Christmas meal consists of two cookies they purchased with money from turning in 32 soda cans. Mom and son are saving the cookies for Christmas day. The lone decoration on the “wall” of their makeshift shelter is a picture of an angel taken from the December page of a calendar. Thus, the title of the book.

The little boy is on the verge of sleep already dreaming about how delicious the cookie is going to taste in the morning when there is a knock on the “door,” which is actually a piece of wood covering the opening of their cardboard “house.” An elderly woman asks if she can come in out of the cold. The mother and her son invite the woman in and share what little they have with her.

The mother gives the old woman the coat so that she can get warm. And the boy, hesitating at first, holds out the plate of cookies. The old woman gratefully takes one.

The next morning the boy finds that the woman is gone and the coat is folded neatly on the floor. That Christmas Eve night marked what Mother Molly calls a transition in the lives the mother and her son. By the next Christmas the two of them have a nice warm apartment in which to celebrate.

Mother Molly, in her reflection on this story, notes that, “The boy and his mother are a lot like the widow Jesus points out. They are generous, not because they have so much to give, but because they know that generosity is not about how much we give, but about HOW we give it. Jesus calls us to give – not as a way of showing the world how much we have, as many rich people do, but as a way of showing our true colors – showing that we are the good and loving people God created us to be.”

Many of us give out of our abundance – whether it is time, talent or treasure. We often give what we no longer need. We give to charities or church, knowing that the money we give makes a difference – and because we believe in the cause.

This is easy. And, we must admit, that is often why we give. Mother Molly asks, “If we only give what we won’t miss, then how much does it matter?” She further notes that if giving out of abundance were the ultimate goal then there would be no story of the widow’s mite.

Jesus lauds the widow as an example of true generosity. She felt the impact of throwing her two coins in the treasury. The little boy in “December” felt the impact of giving the old woman a cookie because he no longer had a whole one for himself.

Mother Molly concludes her reflection with these words. “The fundamental lesson of ‘December’ is that Jesus calls us to live beyond our comfort zone.

Following him, living a faithful life, is not meant to be easy. It is meant to make us uncomfortable. In giving more of ourselves, more of our treasure, than feels easy or comfortable, we open up space in our lives for God to do a new thing. It is how we grow. It is how we learn, and it is how we make room for the abundance of God’s love to fill our lives.”

So may it be for us.

Blessings,

Rev. Ann

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*“Uncomfortable Generosity” by The Rev. Molly James. *The Anglican Digest*, Winter 2014.

THANK YOU

to Tod Meisel for the new two draw file cabinets for the music library

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to all of our cantors for their extra efforts for the Easter Vigil

to the Senior Choir for their dedication and beautiful music during Holy Week

to Mary K. Freel, Nancy Mayhew, the Sunday School, the Senior Choir and the Hoyle family for hosting Coffee hours in April

to Jane Moulthrop for the new floor in the sacristy

SYMPATHY

to the friends and family of Suzie Pederson

CONGRATULATIONS

to Eric Mulholland and Michelle Blake who were married at Trinity on April 18, 2015

CHOIR SEASON

The last choir rehearsal of the season is on May 21, 2015. The Senior Choir will sing for Pentecost and then be off until September. Thank you choir for your good work and faithful service.

Choral Music in May - 2015

- 2 If ye Love Me
Peter Aston

My Eyes for Beauty Pine
Herbert Howells
- 3 I am the True Vine
Peter Aston
- 10 If Ye Love Me
Thomas Tallis
- 17 Come, Holy Ghost
Thomas Attwood
- 24 O Lord, Give the Holy Spirit
Thomas Tallis

Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me
K. Lee Scott

Update! Update! Update!

Historical Guild Area in Parish Hall has been updated! The concept was to make this area more inviting for small group meetings; a place to read/reflect/pray, or just sit and chat! The area now holds four to six people comfortably. Our monthly Historical Guild meetings are now held in this area.

To make the area more welcoming: four of the old wooden chairs have been 'spruced up' and cushions added for each; an old Church pew with cushion added, plus two pillows that match the cushions on the chairs are on the ends of the pew; two plants have been added in windows; 'Old English' applied to the tables; and doilies added under the Bible. It's looking like a great place to meet!

We are still looking for lockable, short glass showcase, that will fit under showcase on the wall, to place items for sale. Let's us know if you have something that would work.

Showcase/table top was changed the end of March to the topic: 'What Is It? Where Is It? Who Is It?' The showcase topics change every 3 months, so while in the Historical Guild Area in the Parish Hall, please take time to learn more about Trinity - Then & Now!

Signed: Trinity's Historical Guild

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.



The Pelican in Her Piety;
Detail from the Baptism of Our Lord
Window; Willet Studios;
Philadelphia, Pa. 1950's

Faithfully submitted by Trinity's Historical Guild



BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Michelle Giffel
- 06 Barbara Meisel
- 10 Preston Krzysik
- 17 Mary Jo Burdick
- 17 Stephanie Moulthrop
- 19 Coulton Causley
- 23 Cathy LaBerge
- 24 Christopher Kolka
- 25 Roberta Hunter

ANNIVERSARIES

- 06 Rob and Amy Salazar
- 07 David and Jan Waldman
- 16 Dale and Carla Maxim
- 20 Kylene and David Gray
- 23 Dave and Pat Maxim
- 29 Tony and Tracey Krzysik



St. Elizabeth's Guild will meet for lunch at the Blossoms Asian Bistro restaurant at 4124 Wilder Rd. This will be Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 12:30pm. Hope to see you all there.

Eucharistic Visitors Schedule

May 17: William Schmidt

EV: Mickie Leibrand

May 24: Jane Willard

EV: Monica Borrello

May 31: Gay McGee

EV: Mickie Leibrand

On May 2nd, Saturday at 3:00 the Diocese of Eastern Michigan will have its confirmation ceremony here at Trinity. At present there are 11 candidates including our own Katie Hunsberger. Please come and support Katie and help provide a warm welcome to all the Episcopalians in our diocese.

Other dates coming up are the Rummage and Bake Sale on June 19th and 20th. We will need volunteers for sorting and selling and general help. We need items to sell so look around, people, and clean out those bedroom closets, basements and other nooks and crannies. The church picnic— unfortunately cancelled last year because of the monsoon—is scheduled for August 16th. Hopefully this year the weather will cooperate.

There is a Potluck on Sunday May 24th immediately after the service followed by the planting of the Pentecostal geraniums. Please bring a dish to pass, wear your gardening clothes, and join us in planting.

There are two open dates for altar flowers on May 17th and May 24th. Please call the office if you are interested in either of these dates.



May 10th, **Happy Mothers Day** to all of you mothers and grandmothers out there.

Trinity is serving **Food of Faith** the afternoon of May 10th. If you would like to volunteer and help us out, please call the office. THANK YOU !! in advance.



PUZZLE

Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.

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the _____

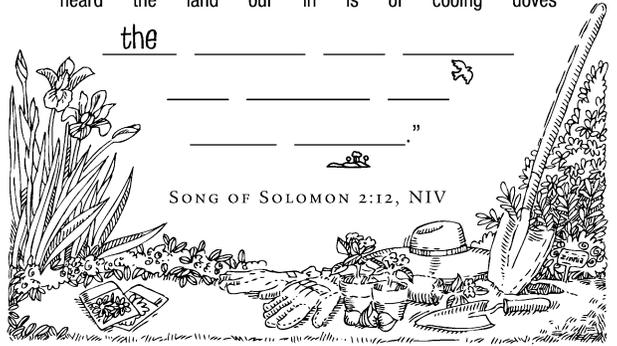
_____ ,

☺ heard the land our in is of cooing doves

the _____

_____”

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV



Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

TRINITY'S FOOD PANTRY

Needs a little help....

We are running low on a few things!

Tuna
Tuna Helper
Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Green Beans
Individual Packs of Powdered Milk
(comes in a box with several packs in it)

If you would like to donat any of these items please bring them to the office. ☺

SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.



What you need:

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- Paper plates
- Paper towels

What you do:

1. With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
2. Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
3. Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
4. Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.

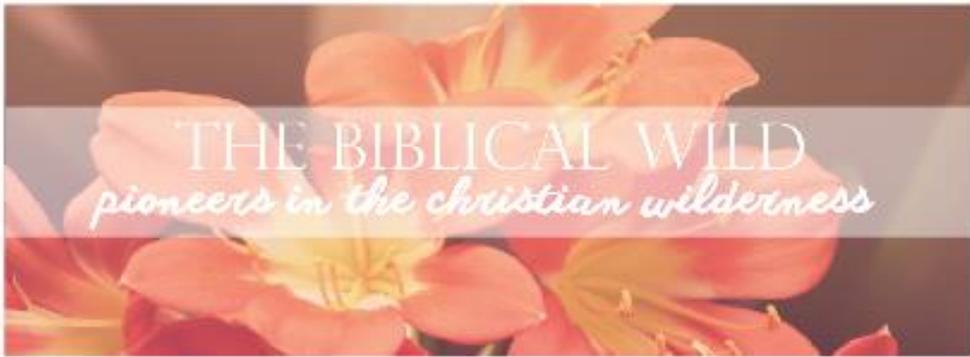


The cross stitch pictured above is Jeri Anker's latest labor of love. It was stitched in memory of her father, the late Ray Phillips. The verse consists of familiar words from the Gospel of John.

If you look closely at the door of the house you will notice a block "M." For anyone who does not know Ray was a University of Michigan alum and a huge fan of its sports teams.

The picture is hanging on the wall in the vesting area so take time to stop and look at it on your way into church.





A scriptural teaching series explores the wilderness of the Bible.

Led by the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan, The Biblical Wild will help you better understand the Bible, our Church, and the wilderness we are called to serve as the Body of Christ.

Daily readings are listed below. Engage online with weekly videos and written reflections as we delve into the Old Testament throughout 2015.

www.thebiblicawild.org

May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 I Kings 7-9 Psalm 100	2 I Kings 10-12 Psalm 101
3 Listen to the Bible read in Church	4 I Kings 13-15 Psalm 102	5 I Kings 16-18 Psalm 103	6 I Kings 19-21 Psalm 104	7 I Kings 22 Psalm 105 <i>New Video Devotional at www.thebiblicawild.org</i>	8 II Kings 1-3 Psalm 106	9 II Kings 4-6 Psalm 107
10 Listen to the Bible read in church	11 II Kings 7-9 Psalm 108	12 II Kings 10-12 Psalm 109	13 II Kings 13-15 Psalm 110	14 II Kings 16-18 Psalm 111 <i>New Video Devotional at www.thebiblicawild.org</i>	15 II Kings 19-21 Psalm 112	16 II Kings 22-24 Psalm 113
17 Listen to the Bible read in church	18 II Kings 25 Psalm 114	19 I Chronicles 1-3 Psalm 115	20 I Chronicles 4-6 Psalm 116	21 I Chronicles 7-9 Psalm 117 <i>New Video Devotional at www.thebiblicawild.org</i>	22 I Chronicles 10-12 Psalm 118	23 I Chronicles 13-15 Psalm 119: 1-32
24 Listen to the Bible read in church	25 I Chronicles 16-18 Psalm 119:33-72	26 I Chronicles 19-21 Psalm 119:73-112	27 I Chronicles 22-24 Psalm 119:113-144	28 I Chronicles 25-27 Psalm 119:145-176 <i>New Video Devotional at www.thebiblicawild.org</i>	29 I Chronicles 28-29 Psalm 120	30 II Chronicles 1-3 Psalm 121
31 Listen to the Bible read in church						

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June 2015

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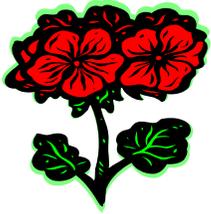
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7 Listen to the Bible read in church	8 II Chronicles 22-24 Psalm 128	9 II Chronicles 25-27 Psalm 129	10 II Chronicles 28-30 Psalm 130	11 II Chronicles 31-33 Psalm 131 <i>View Video Devotional at www.thebiblicalwild.org</i>	12 II Chronicles 34-36 Psalm 132	13 Ezra 1-3 Psalm 133
14 Listen to the Bible read in church	15 Ezra 4-6 Psalm 134	16 Ezra 7-9 Psalm 135	17 Ezra 10 Psalm 136	18 Nehemiah 1-3 Psalm 137 <i>View Video Devotional at www.thebiblicalwild.org</i>	19 Nehemiah 4-6 Psalm 138	20 Nehemiah 7-9 Psalm 139
21 Listen to the Bible read in church	22 Nehemiah 10-12 Psalm 140	23 Nehemiah 13 Psalm 141	24 Esther 1-3 Psalm 142	25 Esther 4-6 Psalm 143 <i>View Video Devotional at www.thebiblicalwild.org</i>	26 Esther 7-8 Psalm 144	27 Esther 9-10 Psalm 145
28 Listen to the Bible read in church	29 Job 1-3 Psalm 146	30 Job 4-6 Psalm 147				

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**POTLUCK
&
GARDEN PARTY**

It's time to dig out your favorite recipe
and then dig in the dirt!

Immediately following the worship
service on Sunday, May 24th, 2015 we
will have a potluck lunch!

(Who doesn't like food, right?)



After we eat we need a few good souls
to put their soles to the ground, plant
the Pentecost geraniums and spruce up
the flower beds.

If you have any questions please call the
office at 989-892-5813
or contact Mickie Leibrand

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST and	
FRIENDS OF MUSIC FUND	
<p>Donations to Trinity's Pentecost Geraniums & Music Fund provide the flower arrangements, decorations, and guest musicians that we enjoy during this Special season. For the Pentecost geraniums please give a minimum gift of \$8.00 for one or \$15.00 for two plants.</p>	
<p>I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Trinity Pentecost geraniums Fund.</p>	
<p>I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Friends of Music Fund.</p>	
<p>Please make checks to Trinity Episcopal Church. Indicate on the check "geraniums" or " Friends of Music Fund". Please seal your check and a copy of this form in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or return it to the parish office.</p>	
Contributor: _____	
This contribution is given: (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	In grateful thanksgiving for (e.g. blessings received, an important person in your life, an anniversary, or birthday)
<input type="checkbox"/>	In loving memory of:
Name: _____	
Name: _____	
Please indicate by the name if it is in Memory or Thanksgiving.	

Services

Sunday – 10:00 A.M. Sung Worship
Food of Faith 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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