



TRINITY CHIMES

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Pennings from your priest...

On Saturday, October 17, 2015 I was one of ten people who gathered at the diocesan office in Saginaw to talk about establishing a diocesan-wide anti-poverty network. Those in attendance not only had a wide array of experience and expertise in the anti-poverty and social justice arenas, we also share a passion for finding ways to eradicate poverty.

Several in attendance do direct work with the poor. Craig Leavitt is the Executive Director of Crossover Downtown Outreach Ministries. Crossover, located in downtown Flint, is a faith-based, non-denominational, nonprofit agency that helps families, children and the homeless with emergency needs.

Crossover was founded by three Flint churches – First Presbyterian, St. Paul’s Episcopal and Court Street United Methodist. Those three churches, along with Riverside Tabernacle since 2001, are among the many funding sources for Crossover.

Also in attendance was Danielle Brown, director of Christ Enrichment Center (CEC). Formerly Christ Episcopal Church in Flint, CEC has always had literacy as its focus. The agency serves families – even toddlers and women expecting children.

The staff at CEC, paid and volunteer, is committed to putting resources into children because they are the future. They are the ones, Danielle noted, who could put an end to generational poverty.

Joe Jenney, the priest at St. Andrew’s in Harrisville, spoke about a program he has put in place in his church and area. First, however, because Joe is a numbers guy he provided us with some shocking statistics.

Since 1980, the United States has put an additional 14 million people into poverty. Since 2007, the US economy has added 2.7 million jobs to the work force, of which only 230,000 are full-time.

Joe introduced his program with a question – one that he put to himself and was putting to each of us. “What can I do to lift people out of poverty or keep them out of poverty?” His is a program, Joe said, that addresses poverty one-on-one, which is the way he believes it needs to be addressed.

Joe’s program, Day 1, works with mothers of children between infancy and three years of age who are at risk of abuse or neglect. With the help of professionals, women are identified who have a desire to get out of poverty. Each one is assigned a mentor.

They are given information on nutrition by a registered nurse, and budgeting help by a David Ramsey-certified budgeter. The people who help the women are called Samaritans, and Church Insurance has agreed to cover them for liability.

Bobbie Walton, who is a member of St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc, spoke about the importance of advocacy. She related some of her experience building coalitions and testifying, both in Lansing and before her local board of commissioners.

Those of us who were present agreed that poverty is systemic, and that rules and barriers abound which keep people stuck in poverty. Our politicians and the media portray the poor as the enemy, when in reality the enemy is those who profit from "the institution of poverty."

We who gathered on October 17 will be meeting again on Sunday, November 22nd from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the diocesan office to continue our discussion on how we might function most effectively as the diocesan Anti-poverty Network. We are looking for more people to join us around the table. If you are interested please let me know.

There is much work to be done. We need you. So, please think about becoming a part of the diocesan anti-poverty network.

Blessings,

Rev. Ann

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FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKET FOOD COLLECTION UNDERWAY!

Food collection is well underway for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket distribution. Jan Waldman, our food pantry coordinator, will be given 18 to 20 names at the next Food Pantry network meeting in early November. Those 18 to 20 families will be served at both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In addition to the food basket items each family will receive a \$10 voucher from Jack's to purchase meat.

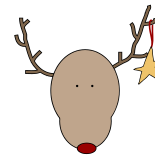
Jan asks that, if at all possible, you purchase all the items that would go into a basket. That way, she can avoid shopping for a can of corn here or a box of muffin mix there. Of course, we will take any of the items you bring us, and will do so thankfully.

Here is the list of items for the Holiday Baskets: boxed stuffing (such as Stove Top), instant potatoes, canned yams, cranberry sauce, canned green beans, canned corn, brownie mix, and muffin mix. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation checks can be made out to the Trinity Food Pantry, and Jan will do the shopping.

Tuesday, November 10 is the last day we can accept items for the **Thanksgiving Baskets**. They will be distributed to the families on Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24. Items for the **Christmas Baskets** need to be at the church by **Tuesday, December 15**. Those baskets will be distributed to families on Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22.

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing generosity toward the most vulnerable of God's children.

NOISY OFFERING for October collected a total of \$74.12 for Heifer International. The offering for November 1st will be forwarded to UNICEF.



THE GIVING TREE

Trinity will again be participating along with The Salvation Army to provide Christmas presents to families within Bay County that are in need. Look for more information to come in the next few weeks. This was a huge success last year with seven families and 35 people being served. We hope to be as successful again this year. When we all come together, great things happen!

MUSIC NOTES

November is a busy month for musicians at Trinity. We end the church year and begin a new year (Year C in the three year lectionary) plus we celebrate Thanksgiving with Evensong.

Our Senior Choir and Choristers will sing Evensong this month. The service will feature traditional Thanksgiving hymns. We sing the same anthem and canticles every year for this Evensong and it is always fun to revisit classics in the repertoire. Please plan on attending and bring a friend to enjoy this special worship opportunity.

CHOIR MUSIC IN NOVEMBER

- 1** All Saints' Day
And I Saw a New Heaven
Malcolm Archer
Hymns 287, 293, 286, 618
- 8** Pentecost 24
O Taste and See
John Goss
Hymns 410, 429, 656 593, 705
- 15** Pentecost 25
Never Weather-Beaten Sail
Charles Wood
- 22** Christ the King
King of Glory King of Peace
F.T. Candlyn
Hymns 494, 454, 328, 382, 544
- 22** Evensong
Sing to the Lord of Harvest
Healey Willan
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis
Ralph Vaughn William
Hymns 290, 424, 397
- 29** Advent 1 C
To You O Lord I Lift my Soul
Sam Batt Owens
Hymns 57, 61, 63, 671

THANK YOU...

in advance for your contribution to Friends of Music. This is one of the seasons when contributions are requested to fund our section leaders for the entire year. Our two singers provide leadership and help our choir members sing up to their potential. This allows us to sing repertoire that would be impossible without them.

to the following who donated to Friends of Music in September:

Peter Franz
Bob and Emilee Sabourin
Carole See
Bruce Sherbeck
Bob and Jeannie Traxler

to Bruce Sherbeck for all of his work around the building. Some of his work was recent including painting windows, painting the Fifth Street door and changing the light bulbs in the EXIT signs.



You should have received your pledge card in the mail this week. We invite you to prayerfully consider all that God has given you, and see how the Holy Spirit is calling you to share God's abundance through giving. Our In Gathering of pledge cards will be Sunday, November 8th. Please bring your pledge card to church that day. If you will be unable to worship with us please mail your pledge card to us by November 8th.

**TRINITY CHURCH
HER PEOPLE, HER BUILDING
THEN AND NOW**

The Pomegranate



Native to the Middle East and cultivated since ancient times in the Mediterranean area, the pomegranate is a fruit rich in symbolism and meaning in many cultures. Its jewel-like fruit was used as both food and medicine. With many seeds it was an emblem of fertility, and by association, love and marriage.

In pagan times it was a symbol of rebirth and the awakening of nature. The ancient Egyptians regarded it as a symbol of prosperity and ambition.

Pomegranates were also sacred to the ancient Israelites. They are among the fruit mentioned in the Promised Land. They were also embroidered in the hem of the garment of the High Priest, and decorated the tops of the pillars of Solomon's Temple. The fruit is said to contain 613 seeds, the number of laws in the Torah.

In Christian art, the pomegranate's red seeds depict the blood of Jesus. The seeds bursting forth are also likened to Christ bursting forth from the tomb.

Thus, the pomegranate is a symbol of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The seeds are also said to represent the people of the church, royalty and eternal life.

In November, as we remember the saints who have gone before us at All Saints' Day, and at harvest time as we are thankful for God's bounty, may we ponder the message of the pomegranate remembering Christ's promise of eternal life, and pray that we "wholesome grain and pure may be."

Faithfully submitted by Trinity's Historical Guild



BIRTHDAYS

- 01** Rodney Adams
- 01** Elisabeth Campbell
- 04** Barbara Keeler
- 04** Edwin Shimabukuro
- 06** Dale Maxim
- 07** Denis Hignite II
- 13** Jett Whitehead
- 14** Jill Boudreau-Wallaker
- 20** Ardath Timm
- 23** Patrick Trahan
- 26** Michelle Hunsberger
- 26** Dale Smith
- 29** Helene DuFord
- 30** Margie Carland

ANNIVERSARIES

- 08** Eric and Barbara Mulholland
- 16** Robert and Perrien Hayhurst
- 24** James and June Swanson

St Elizabeth's Guild will meet for lunch on November 10th at 12:30 p.m. at Harvey's on Wilder Rd. at State St. Hope to see you all there!

There is an opening for **Altar Flowers** on November 15th. Please call the office at (989) 892-5813 if you are interested in donating flowers.

Trinity's Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

will be held on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the bazaar, donate baked goods and vendors! If you would like to help with any of the above please call Michelle in the office at (989)892-5813.

Our annual **Harvest Dinner** will be November 11th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available in the office, after Sunday service and at the door. Adults are \$8.00, children from 4 to 12 are \$5.00 and younger are free! This year we are serving Turkey, potato, stuffing squash, peas, cranberry sauce and dessert. Please plan on attending and bring friends and family. You also may be called to donate a dessert and thank you in advance, this is most appreciated.

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Ed Gledhill would like to sincerely thank all those at Trinity Episcopal Church who helped us to manage and navigate through our sorrow and sudden and unexpected loss. To Rev. Ann who officiated and gave such strong support and a truly wonderful sermon during the service; to Michelle who provided so much help with the luncheon and with the preparation of the service pamphlets; to Bob Sabourin and the choir who provided beautiful music for the service; and to all the others who helped in so many ways and offered sympathy and loving thoughts to make things easier for all of us. Ed was such a huge part of our lives, and while we all felt he went much too soon, we know that the Lord has a much better plan for him. Thanks again to everyone for everything.

Evelyn Wells



I don't know if Uncle Sam needs you but Trinity does!

Chuck Leibrand, Cathie Leibrand and Kylene Gray compose the nominating committee for the next class of vestry members.

One of them may be contacting you to ask you to serve a three-year term on the vestry beginning in January 2016. Please consider saying yes.

The vestry meets monthly to conduct the business of the parish. Meetings generally last less than two hours. If you would like more information on the workings of the vestry, feel free to contact any member of the nominating committee or Rev. Ann.

We are in great need of people to serve on the committees of the parish such as Finance, Stewardship, Personnel, Buildings and Grounds, to name a few. All committees include members of the vestry and members of the congregation.

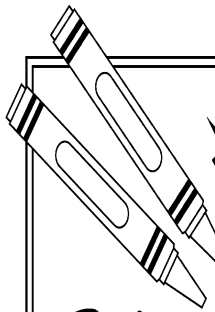
We also need additional lay participants for Sunday morning. We need lectors (readers of the lessons), intercessors (leaders of the Prayers of the People), Eucharistic Ministers (those who administer the chalice at Holy Communion) and Eucharistic Visitors (those who take Holy Communion to shut-ins).

Anyone who wishes to can be an Intercessor or lector. The only "training" is reading for Rev. Ann to determine pace and volume when reading.

Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor are licensed ministries of the Church and require a bit more training. Once the training is complete a license is issued by the bishop. Speak to Rev. Ann if you have an interest in doing this.

Please prayerfully consider how you might become involved in and enrich the life of Trinity.

We really do need YOU!



PUZZLE

With all my heart

This Thanksgiving – and every day – let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.



Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

I a W I d L d L G e
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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

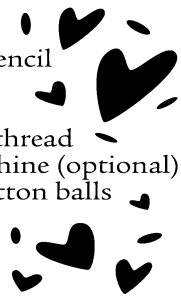


Thankful Hearts

Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help

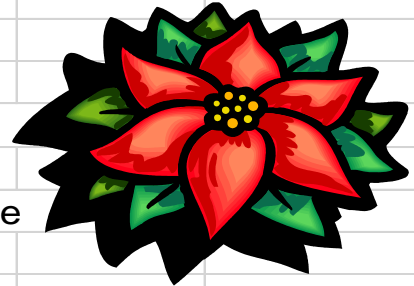


What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.

CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS and
FRIENDS OF MUSIC FUND

Donations to Trinity's Christmas Flower & Music Fund provide the flower arrangements, decorations, and guest musicians that we enjoy during the Christmas season. For the Christmas flowers please give a minimum gift of \$15.00.



I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the
Trinity Christmas Flower Fund.

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the
Friends of Music Fund.

Please make checks to **Trinity Episcopal Church**. Indicate on the check "Christmas Flowers" 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.

Name: _____

This contribution is given: (check one)

_____ In grateful thanksgiving for (e.g. blessings received,
an important person in your life, an anniversary,
or birthday)

_____ In loving memory of:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please indicate by the name if it is in Memory or Thanksgiving.

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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