

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,  
November is a time we pause and give thanks for all that God has given us.

When I place my focus on Trinity and all of you my heart is full of the ways God is made manifest in each of you and through our shared ministry.

As I reflect on our worship, I am deeply grateful for Bob Sabourin and all the time, effort, care and passion he put into building Trinity's music program for over a decade. Trinity will, for years to come, benefit from his musical expertise through the strong Senior Choir and Chorister programs he developed and grew.

Seeing our children and youth active in Sunday school, music, serving in worship and when I have deeply thoughtful conversations about God with them my heart is full of hope and joy. When I look into each of your faces as I feed you the sacred meal – Christ's body – I see the face of Christ and am honored to be serving you.

Working alongside you in various ministries I am moved by your commitment to God in Christ at Trinity.

Gratitude wells up within me as I:  
\*look at the sunrise and see the

wildlife stirring and the wind blowing and experience the wonders of creation.

\*Think about family, parents, siblings and the gift of life.

\*Remember friends from many walks and seasons of life.

And through it all Jesus has been present, loving, supporting, leading, comforting, encouraging, protecting and challenging me and so much more. I can't imagine life without him.

The more one thinks on these types of things, the more grateful we become committed to following Jesus, giving him our all and sharing this great news with others.

I'm reminded of a time of commitment that was borne out of gratitude before I got a full-time job after college. I had an hourly job with no benefits and money was tight. It was during this period of time that I heard a teaching on tithing to God – the giving of the top ten percent of my income to the church. And my heart was convicted to tithe...immediately.

At the time, I had precious little in the bank but I knew this is what I was being led to do out of a place of thanksgiving to God for everything.

After the treasurer read the note I attached to the Annual Giving card, she asked me if I was really sure about this, to which I replied, "Yes." And I have never regretted it.

In fact, it made my heart glad and I continue to feel a great sense of freedom in tithing the first fruits of my labor to God, to the church.

Our Annual Giving campaign has begun and I am taking this opportunity to remember all of the ways in which God is generous and how I will go about honoring these gifts in my financial commitment to Trinity.

I have begun praying for guidance and conviction about increasing my percentage of giving to Trinity in 2020 and invite you do the same. And I also challenge you to notice those whom you encounter in your life and invite them to join us in fellowship and worship that they, too, may experience God's abundant love for them.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

## **Friends and Colleagues,**

**It is with great joy and excitement that we announce the election of the Rt. Rev. Wayne M. Houglund, Jr., as Bishop Provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan by the 25th Diocesan Convention.**



Bishop Wayne will serve the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan as we enter into a 3-5 year period of conversation around relationship and sharing of resources. This next step for the two dioceses is the result of nearly two and a half years of conversation, kicked off by the resignation of our former bishop, the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, to become Bishop for Pastoral Development of the Episcopal Church, a position on the Presiding Bishop's staff.

Following a series of regional and diocesan-wide meetings, we voted last Fall to invite **the Diocese of Western Michigan** to consent to the nomination of Bishop Wayne, to serve as our bishop provisional. In the Spring, after a series of meetings on the western side of the state, Western Michigan's Diocesan Council and Standing Committee **voted**

***unanimously to accept the invitation.***

We are excited to be building on our commitment to creative and innovative ministry by entering into this next phase of life for our two dioceses. We don't know where this relationship will lead, but by placing our trust in the Holy Spirit and committing to the work of discernment and risk-taking, we believe we can build a church responsive to the needs of her people and flexible to the demands of 21st century mission and ministry. Let's Dance!

Please join us in celebration and in prayer for our diocese, the Diocese of Western Michigan, and our bishop, Whayne:

*O God, by your grace you have called us in this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Whayne, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**The Standing Committee**

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan

**THANK YOUs**

**Faith Alive chairpersons** for all the good work to make our Faith Alive weekend such a blessing. Leo Borrello, Monica Borrello, Archie Duncan, Mickie Leibrand, Pat Maxim, Gail McPeak, Don Middleton, Dee Mulholland, Rev. Sue Rich, Rob Salazar, Ann Shea, Bruce Sherbeck, Debbie Walker.

**Garden Guild** for tending to our flowers all summer.

**Mickie Leibrand** for making possible the Blessing of the Animals. We came inside this year and had a wonderful time of blessing for all.

**Trinity's Altar Guild** who did an amazing job of providing everything needed for our 25<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention's Holy Communion service at the Double Tree on October 19.

**Thomas Anderson, Sam Keeler and Matt Smith** for representing Trinity at the above-mentioned convention. They participated in leading worship, attending business sessions and were active throughout the convention.

**UNDERGROUND GAME NIGHT & TACO BAR**

On Sunday, November 3, bring your favorite game and snack to share at St. John's Episcopal Church (405 N. Saginaw Road, Midland). They will provide a taco bar and beverages and a few of their favorite games. The youth are hosting, but all ages are encouraged to join in. This is a drop-in event, come and go anytime between 4-8pm.

**NOISY OFFERING**

Our children collect change (noisy money) along with paper money to go to the ministries they choose on the second Sunday of each month. November's offering will go toward the Food Bank at the Rescue Mission.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Worship Committee is busy putting your suggestions into action. Beginning this month, Faith Alive music will be sung before Sunday worship (see below). Special services are being planned for once a month starting in January. In October we provided the Blessing of the Animals and shared worship with St. Alban.

**FAITH ALIVE MUSIC**

Please join us on the second Sunday of each month in the church from 9:30-9:50am to sing some of the songs learned at our Faith Alive weekend with some songs from Camp Chickagami thrown in!

**MUSIC UPDATE**

The Personnel Committee has been busy creating job descriptions and finding additional organ/piano support. We are pleased to inform you that we have found another guest organist who will be assisting us in November and December (and possibly beyond). His name is Patrick Winningham.

**ORGAN RECITAL NOVEMBER 24**

Come one, come all to a Thanksgiving-themed organ recital put on by Nicholas Schmelter. It will be Sunday, November 24 at 4:00pm.

**Trinity Church**  
**Her People, Her Building**  
**Then and Now**

Trinity's Early Years – The Stone Chapel

After the first Trinity Church was built in 1860 and soon expanded three times by 1869, Church leaders knew they would need to set their sights on the future. The lumbering town was growing by leaps and bounds. Early in his ministry, Rev. Wright pointed out to his parishioners how obvious it was that a completely new church would be a necessity.

Along with the vision for a new and larger stone church, the growth of the Sunday School also made it imperative to find new quarters for the growing number of "Sunday School Scholars." After several years of urging, an extension of the Washington Avenue church for Sunday School activities was built on Grant Street on lots secured between Fifth Street and Center. Completed in 1883, the Stone Chapel accommodated 300 people. The Parish Rooms, as the building was first called, was built in the form of a Greek Cross (all the "arms" of the church being equidistant). The building was used for a few years for the express purpose for which it was built.

Then the Vestry had an opportunity to sell the property on which the first Trinity Church stood. On April 28th, 1884, the congregation moved to the Stone Chapel for its church services and the building of the new stone church was begun shortly after.



“The Stone Chapel” as it appeared after it was built in 1883. Note the entrance from Grant Street and the small rose window above. To the left we see the large new stone church which was built in 1885-1887. Later, when the Parish House was added in 1924, both the rose window and entrance were removed. The window that faced north was put in their place along with the wall being filled in. In 2013, the Lovas family stained glass restoration company from Wisconsin incorporated the “Child Samuel Window” from the west side of the Parish Hall to the east wall.



Most of the above information was gleaned from the 1954 Hundredth Anniversary Booklet.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

**A Message from the Trinity Garden Guild**

Just a note of thanks for all the support the Garden Guild received this past year. Your donations allowed us to purchase mulch to go around most of the flower beds on Grant Street, Center Avenue and Fifth Street as well as purchase some annuals. Additionally, you also provided the Pentecost geraniums through memorials. Thank you so very much and you are so appreciated! Even though Pentecost was a little late this year, we had a good group show up to plant the geraniums and we put some much-needed attention to the flowerbeds on Center Avenue. We cut the candytuft way back, weeded out the flowerbeds, applied fertilizer and pruned the roses and evergreens. They really needed to be trimmed and everything looked a lot better when we were finished. The mulch really topped it off, (pardon the pun) and it looked so nice for the tall ships celebration. A special thank you to all of you who came out with your wheelbarrows, wagons and baskets to move it into the flower beds. As in past years, we had it all spread in record time. Also of note, the spring bulbs and the white lilies are all memorials from past Easters. Thank you to Matthew Smith and Rob Salazar who helped me get this year’s Easter flowers in the ground. All the bulbs got a feeding of bulb food when we applied Preen early in the spring. We timed it to go down just before an early spring rain and many thanks to Cathie Leibrand and Matthew Smith for helping.

We also replaced three hoses and purchased a new sprinkler head for the end of one of the new hoses. Next year, we will add a sprinkler head to the hose near the parking lot so that all of our hoses have them.

Throughout the summer—at least three times a week—we had a great group of volunteers who helped with watering, weeding, and deadheading. The geraniums and annuals responded by flourishing and they still are quite lovely, even as I write this today.

Helping during the summer months (and we did have quite a dry spell from the end of June till the fall rains came in September) were: Dee and Marc Mulholland, Rob, Amy and the Salazar Family, Gail McPeak, Sarah Willard and the Keeler Family, Jett Whitehead, Matthew Smith, Cathie Leibrand, and Stacie Miller. Shelley Anderson and Dave Maxim were available as well to fill in as needed. And I can't forget a special thank you also to Ed Benisz who worked so hard to clear the strip on the west side of the parking lot. That bamboo is such a nightmare!

With the coming of the fall rains and cooler weather, the watering has stopped and Matthew and I have pulled in the hoses for the season. Frost will soon take out the rest of the flowers. In the next week or two, we will remove the geraniums from the cement pots and put out the little trees for Christmas.

I hope everyone enjoyed the geraniums and other flowers this season and a millions thanks to all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talents. I hope to see all of you in gardens again next spring and even a new face or two. And to those of you who helped us with a monetary donation or memorial, we really truly thank you and please know it is only through your support we are able to do anything at all.

Wishing you all God's blessings for a joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas and have a peaceful, rest filled winter.

God bless,  
Mickie Leibrand, member of the Trinity Garden Guild

## 5 STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

The Episcopal Church (website definition) sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. It's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.

1. **We are asked to Give Willingly** as moved by the Holy Spirit. We should give of ourselves, giving of our time, talents and resources freely. *"For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord..." - 2 Corinthians 8:3 ESV*
2. **Cheerfully share** what we receive. Our gifts should be used for the good of the community of God. We give to build the body of Christ. We need to use and share our gifts for the benefit of all. *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV*
3. **Giving proportionately** in relation to our abundance. We should be giving according to our "gifts and means," not according to incomes or budgets. *"For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have." - 2 Corinthians 8:12 ESV*
4. **Contribute regularly** by practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. Doing so

allows this to become your lifestyle. St. Paul instructs us: “... *On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper ...*” – **1 Corinthians 16:2 ESV**

- 5. **Accept a challenge** to recognize the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows so will our blessings, and our responsibilities. St. Paul writes: “*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*” – **2 Corinthians 9:6 ESV**

**Couples & Singles**

We are forming fellowship dinner groups at Trinity to get to know each other better. The groups will consist of a combination of couples and singles of 6 to 8 members. These groups will meet for dinner at one another’s homes three to four times a year. New groups will be formed each quarter. The first quarter will be January through March. Please sign up by calling Ann Shea (318-780-7332). Once we have everyone signed up, groups will be formed and we will begin in January. Please feel free to call with any questions or more info.



**BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Rodney Adams
- 01 Elisabeth Campbell
- 04 Barbara Keeler
- 06 Dale Maxim
- 07 Denis Hignite II

- 09 Rayechel Berger
- 13 Jett Whitehead
- 19 Tony Krzysik
- 23 Patrick Trahan
- 26 Michelle Hunsberger
- 26 Dale Smith
- 29 Helene DuFord
- 30 Margie Carland

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 16 Robert and Perrien Hayhurst
- 24 James and June Swanson

**St. Elizabeth’s Guild** will meet for lunch on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at Brann’s, across from the Bay City Mall. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.



**A feast of praise**

Throughout the Bible, God’s people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



*Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.*

“I thank my God every time I remember you.” Philippians 1:3	Hannah
“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Luke 1:46-47	David
“He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.” Exodus 15:2	Mary
“My heart rejoices in the LORD.” 1 Samuel 2:1	Paul
“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30	Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David

# November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8pm N.A.	2
<b>3</b> <b>Set Clocks Back!</b> <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 10 am Worship & Baptism 2:30 Food of Faith	<b>4</b> 10 am O.A. 7pm N. A.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am A Course in Miracles 11:30am Worship 6 pm Bell Choir	<b>7</b> 7pm O. A. 7pm Senior Choir	<b>8</b> 8pm N.A.	<b>9</b> 9am-3pm <i>Holiday Bazaar</i> 
<b>10</b> 9:30-9:45am Contemporary Worship Music 10 am Worship & Noisy Offering 11 am Blood Pressure Clinic 2:30 Food of Faith	<b>11</b> 10 am O.A. 7pm N. A.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10 am A Course in Miracles 11:30am Worship 6 pm Bell Choir	<b>14</b> 7pm O. A. 7pm Senior Choir	<b>15</b> 9am Private Event 8pm N.A.	<b>16</b> 7:30am-5pm PRIVATE EVENT Guild Room 5pm - Saginaw River Marine 6pm Perceptions
Rev. Sue on Vacation November 13-18						
<b>17</b> 10 am Worship Morning Prayer 2:30 Food of Faith	<b>18</b> 10 am O.A. 7pm N. A.	<b>19</b> 9:30am Historical Guild	<b>20</b> 10 am A Course in Miracles 11:30am Worship 6 pm Bell Choir 6pm Vestry	<b>21</b> 7pm O. A. 7pm Senior Choir	<b>22</b> 8pm N.A.	<b>23</b> 5pm N.A.
Rev. Sue on Vacation November 13-18						
<b>24</b> 10 am Worship 2:30 Food of Faith 4 pm "Festive Music of Thanksgiving Organ Recital by Nicholas Schmelter"	<b>25</b> 10 am O.A. 7pm N. A.	<b>26</b> 9:30am Historical Guild	<b>27</b> 10 am A Course in Miracles 11:30am Worship	<b>28</b> Office Closed 7pm O. A. 	<b>29</b> 8pm N.A.	<b>30</b>





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