

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

Happy October! As always, autumn is such a beautiful time in Michigan. Here in Bay City some of the trees are beginning to turn reminding us of the beauty of God's creation.

In the natural order of things, autumn is the time when the beauty of things that have been unrealized come to their fullest fruition. We enjoy the fullness of bright colors, and when they are gone, we get to enjoy the infinite shades of brown. Each tree has its beauty and chance to shine.

Each one of us has our own beauty, too! Since we are each created perfectly in God's image and likeness, we can look into one another's eyes and see the face of Christ. This reminds me of the following story.

"There was once an old stone monastery tucked away in the middle of a picturesque forest. For many years people would make the significant detour required to seek out this monastery. The peaceful spirit of the place was healing for the soul.

"In recent years however fewer and fewer people were making their way to the monastery. The monks had grown jealous and petty in their relationships with one another, and the animosity was felt by those who visited.

"The Abbot of the monastery was distressed by what was happening, and poured out his heart to his good friend Jeremiah. Jeremiah was a wise old Jewish rabbi. Having heard the

Abbot's tale of woe he asked if he could offer a suggestion. "Please do" responded the Abbot. "Anything you can offer."

"Jeremiah said that he had received a vision, an important vision, and the vision was this: the messiah was among the ranks of the monks. The Abbot was flabbergasted. One among his own was the Messiah! Who could it be? He knew it wasn't himself, but who? He raced back to the monastery and shared his exciting news with his fellow monks.

"The monks grew silent as they looked into each other's faces. Was this one the Messiah?

"From that day on the mood in the monastery changed. Joseph and Ivan started talking again, neither wanting to be guilty of slighting the Messiah. Pierre and Naibu left behind their frosty anger and sought out each other's forgiveness. The monks began serving each other, looking out for opportunities to assist, seeking healing and forgiveness where offence had been given.

"As one traveler, then another, found their way to the monastery word soon spread about the remarkable spirit of the place. People once again took the journey to the monastery and found themselves renewed and transformed. All because those monks knew the Messiah was among them."

At this time of bright colors, let us look into one another's eyes, see the face of Christ, and be changed.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

## THANK YOU

For those who helped make our combined worship with St. Alban's such a success: Monica Borrello, Mary K Freel, Pat Maxim and Bruce Sherbeck for providing music; Matt Leibrand for managing Facebook Live; and the good people of St. Alban's for hosting this event.



Pat Maxim for 15 years of faithful service as coordinator of Food of Faith.

Don Middleton and Archie Duncan for installing new cameras in the church, side chapel and parish hall and covering up the wires.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Don Middleton on taking on the position of Coordinator of Food of Faith.

## OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of Phyllis Capp on the occasion of her death on August 30, 2023.

Florence Reynolds whose sister-in-law, Gloria Nuenke, died on September 17, 2023.



World Youth Event

## EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT

Did you know? (EYE 2023)

This past summer, the 4th through the 8th of July at the University of Maryland, Episcopal youth came from all over the world for the Episcopal Youth Event. This is the first Episcopal Youth Event since the Covid

pandemic. Michigan was represented by over 20 youth and 7 adult chaperones from the Dioceses of Michigan, Eastern and Western Michigan. Youth gathered together to worship, attend workshops, play games and socialize, and even trade items from their respective Diocese. Did you know that Michigan won the Family Feud game? We traded stickers with other youth. We received a seashell lay from Hawaii, Crystals from Arkansas, Pin from Taiwan, Candy from Mexico, T-shirt from the ECCC (Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers) and many stickers from various Dioceses.

There were speakers, such as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and Julia Ayala Harris, President of the House of Deputies. Bishops from around the world came with youth from their Dioceses and spoke about their journey through faith. They related their stories to the book of Esther. Bishop Michael Curry quoted Esther 4:14, "telling us that you were born for a time such as this." Both were very moving in their speeches and had the ability to fire up the Episcopal youth. We met for two hours, twice a day to worship and sing together.

Did you know that Bishop Bonnie Perry from the Diocese of Michigan has some dance moves? Some of the workshops that were offered were preventing gun violence, with a survivor of the Oxford shooting, which I attended. I also attended "10 things to know before you turn 18" and a workshop on Government in the Episcopal Church and how it works. Also, encouraging youth to attend the General Convention in Louisville in 2024.

In closing, I am glad I was afforded the opportunity to be one of the many Michigan youth to go. I had the most amazing time at this event. I highly recommend, in three years, that if any youth are interested in going, Go! I was apprehensive about going so far away from home, but I am glad I went. I can't say thank you enough for allowing me to go.

Grace Gray



**TRINITY HARVEST SUPPER**

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM,  
Adults \$12 (Presale \$10 through Oct. 15th),  
Children 4-12 \$5, Info and Presale 892-5813,  
Roast Beef and all the fixins.



**HISTORICAL GUILD**

The Historical Guild at Trinity needs your input! For our December showcase (in the Historical Guild corner of the Parish Hall) our theme will be “Memories of Trinity”. We want to highlight holiday memories. That is where you can help!

We need your memories of Christmases, Advent, and Epiphany at Trinity. We welcome all memories but are focusing on those holidays. Please send your memories (with pictures if you have them) to Ann Shea ([sheabann@yahoo.com](mailto:sheabann@yahoo.com)) as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the current showcase will be up through the month of October. Check it out – it follows our Senior Wardens dating back to 1854, including a timeline (on the table in front of the showcase) which shows Senior Wardens and priests along with world events at the time.

Thank you in advance for your help.  
Ann Shea, Historical Guild member

**SUNDAY FUNDAY**

October 2 after church is Sunday Funday. We will have taco soup and play Left Right Center. Please come!



Have you fallen behind on your pledge payments over the summer? If so, please try to catch up before the end of the year. Thank you!

**CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, REAFFIRMATION CLASSES**

We will be having a class for those who would like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church or reaffirm their baptismal covenant. This will be a combined class with the good people of St. Alban’s and once completed we will wait until a closer location for this regional event is available. Please contact Rev. Sue.



**Birthdays**

- Levi Keeler
- David Maxim
- Randall Brown
- Rev. Sue Rich
- Andrew Denay
- Madden Brady
- David York
- Brennan Denay
- Jacob Suchodolski-Denham
- Linda Ryder
- Lauren Denay
- Terry Oliver

**Anniversaries**

- Steve and Susan Beckert
- Rodney and Faith Culler



## Building Bridges: Identifying Common Mission and Vision for our Dioceses

A series of reflections from recent  
bi-diocesan listening sessions

Earlier this year and over the last few years, the Building Bridges Team -- the group facilitating our discernment around our bi-diocesan relationship -- offered a series of listening sessions with lay and clergy leaders reflecting on their ministries, our ministry together as a diocesan community, and our call to seek and serve God in all people in this peninsula.

For the last several weeks, our Building Bridges Steering Committee have shared what we heard from you through listening sessions we've hosted over the last three years, and especially the sessions offered in early 2023. In response to the themes that emerged, our Mission and Vision team developed new mission and vision statements to guide us through our Season of Practice and beyond, whether operating together through juncture, separately, or something in between.

The emerging mission and vision statements are:

**Mission Statement:** Called by Christ to proclaim and embody God's boundless love for all creation, we grow:

- Collaborative communities of faith, walking the journey together;
- Innovative ministries, stretching beyond our walls;
- Courageous disciples, striving to transform systems of injustice.

We nurture relentless hope for a world longing for mercy, restoration, and peace.

**Vision Statement:** A world transformed, in which all God's children are unconditionally welcomed, cared for, and loved.

We look forward to sharing more about what we've learned, what we have yet to learn, and where we think the Spirit is calling us at our bi-diocesan convention in October!



### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Trinity's Christmas Bazaar will be November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. WE NEED VENDORS!! Maybe you have a craft or items you'd like to sell? Maybe you have a relative who has some craft or sells something like Paprazzi or Tupperware or-----you see where we're going with this. Contact Mary K Chief Elf at [sunbeam@att.net](mailto:sunbeam@att.net) or call the office.

### FRIENDS OF MUSIC CAN DRIVES

Please save your empty cans for Friends of Music and bring them in on the first Sunday of the month.

# Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)  
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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)  
 --- ( ) ---

Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)  
 --- ( ) ---

My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)  
 --- ( ) ---

I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)  
 --- ( ) ---

Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)  
 --- ( ) ---

I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)  
 --- ( ) ---

My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)  
 --- ( ) ---

PROPHETS ARE \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers

**REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL**

As a way to offer enduring support ministry here, please consider putting Trinity in your will.



**ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD**

We will meet on Tuesday, Oct 10 at 11 for cards and 12:30 for lunch at Castaways.



**DIOCESAN CONVENTION OCTOBER 27-28**

Please offer prayers for a safe, blessed and fruitful Diocesan Convention held jointly with the Diocese of Western Michigan at the Horizon Center in Saginaw.

**PUZZLE**

**Creator of the stars**

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

*Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.*

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)  
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The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)  
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What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)  
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God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)  
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God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)  
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The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)  
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The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)  
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The heave\_s declare the \_lory \_f \_od;  
 the ski\_s \_roc\_aim the wo\_k of his ha\_ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV



**FRIENDS OF MUSIC**

Our first food truck fundraiser is in the books. BIG big Thank You's to all of you who came out to support or donate! Whether you donated your time, supplies, money, helped with advertising or shared ideas, we couldn't have done it without you and we really appreciate you helping us make this first ever event a successful one!

The committee and I are pleased to report that the total funds raised this day was \$330. We saw lots of Trinity members but also several members from the community who stopped to either play games or purchase food from one of our food trucks. We have some ideas to make this event even more successful in future years but boy are we pleased with how well the day went.

That being said, we are still in need financially of a large amount to get us through the end of this season. Our deficit for this season is in the thousands and to continue to provide quality music and musicianship, we rely on your donations. So, if you are willing to help support our special music events, we would gladly receive your donations no matter how big or small. We truly appreciate being able to share our gifts with Trinity and are always excited to remind our community that fine music still lives in Bay City!

Thank you,  
Rayechel Berger and The Friends of Music Committee



Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution
- Go to [www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org](http://www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org), click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

Do you like to work behind the scenes to help make our worship service uplifting to all? Please contact Archie Duncan if you would like to learn be a part of a rotation of people to work the audio and/or visual technology during our worship. He’s offering training to all interested parties.



**SPECIAL OCTOBER DATES**

- Sunday, October 1  
Sunday Fun Day returns after church  
Friends of Music empty can drive
- Sunday, October 8, Social hour  
Celebration of Pat Maxim’s 15 years as coordinator of Food of Faith
- Saturday, October 14, 1pm  
Phyllis Capp Memorial service
- Tuesday, October 17, 5-7pm  
Harvest Dinner
- October 20-22, Faith Alive Weekend!

**SAVE THE DATE**

- November 4, 9am-3pm – Trinity Bazaar
- November 19, 4pm – Harvest Evensong

**COME ONE, COME ALL!!  
ALIVE WEEKEND OCTOBER 20-22**

Trinity is planning a Faith Encouragement Ministries (Faith Alive) weekend at our church on Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 22. This is a spiritual renewal program which takes place at the church and is for adults, teens, and children. We will enjoy meals together, welcome out-of-town visitors who share their faith journey with us, meet in groups, worship God as we sing, and get to know each other better. The teens’ and children’s programs are energetic, fun, and Christ-centered.

This weekend will be fun, spiritually fulfilling and take some planning. We have put a team together and plans for the weekend are coming together nicely. Our goal is to involve everyone at Trinity – there are several levels of participation. Please kindly accept a position when asked – or feel free to volunteer today! Mark your calendars for October 20-22 and contact Rev. Sue or Ann Shea (318-780-7332) for more information.



Many, many thanks, Pat, for 15 years coordinating Food of Faith!!  
Join us as we celebrate her retirement on October 8!

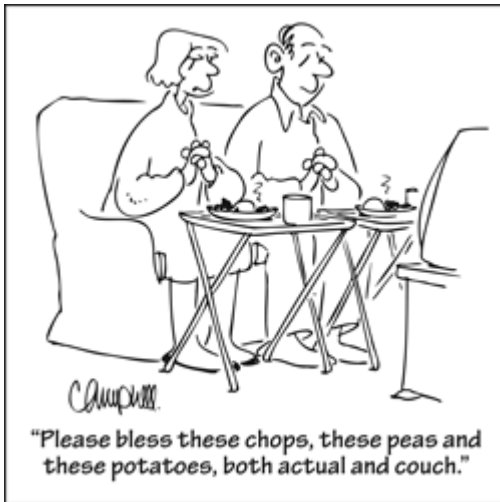
# CHIMES

## TOWER CHIMES PLAYERS NEEDED!

Every Sunday morning before Trinity's worship service, the historic Tower Chimes ring out with familiar hymns to prepare us for worship. This public instrument can be heard not only in our own worship space, but in the surrounding community as well.


Patrick Winningham is looking for anyone interested in learning how to play the Tower Chimes. There are only 10 notes that are played on a small keyboard. Anyone with at least basic keyboard (note reading and playing) skills can be successful playing simple hymns on the Tower Chimes. The Chimes get played from 9:40 AM to 9:50 AM before worship every Sunday.

If you are interested in learning how to play the chimes and to get some music to practice with - please contact Patrick Winningham. 317-376-2216 or [pwinningham@gmail.com](mailto:pwinningham@gmail.com)



## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to or remove from our prayer list, please email [trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com) or call the office at 989-892-5813.

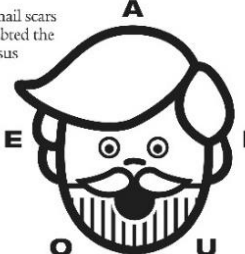


## PUZZLE

### SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?

**Directions:**  
Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete John 20:29, NIV.



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s \_ \_ n \_ nd y \_ t h \_ v \_ b \_ l \_ \_ v \_ d ."  
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**JOHN 20:29, NIV**

Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV.



## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays:

Worship @ 10am

FOF doors open 1:30, meal served 2:30

**Mondays:** Overeaters Anonymous 10am

**Tuesdays:** Compline online 9pm

### Wednesdays:

Morning Prayer online 11:30am

### Thursdays:

Fun & Games 1pm

Senior Choir rehearsal 7pm

Overeaters Anonymous 7pm

Compline online 9pm

**Fridays:** Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm

REJOICE  
ALWAYS,  
PRAY  
CONTINUALLY,  
GIVE THANKS  
IN ALL  
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV

### WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Please note: Our virtual services are live streamed or recorded/preserved to be available to others by way of our website, social media, or other on-line platforms. Even though there is no deliberate attempt to include the congregation in the broadcast or publication, you are hereby notified there is the possibility of your image being shown and your presence and participation constitutes your permission for that to occur.



### FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

Please make sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel, like our Facebook page and then share our events and posts on Facebook. We get lots of views when you share our posts and services!



### SECURITY DURING WORSHIP

We will be securing our building differently during worship.

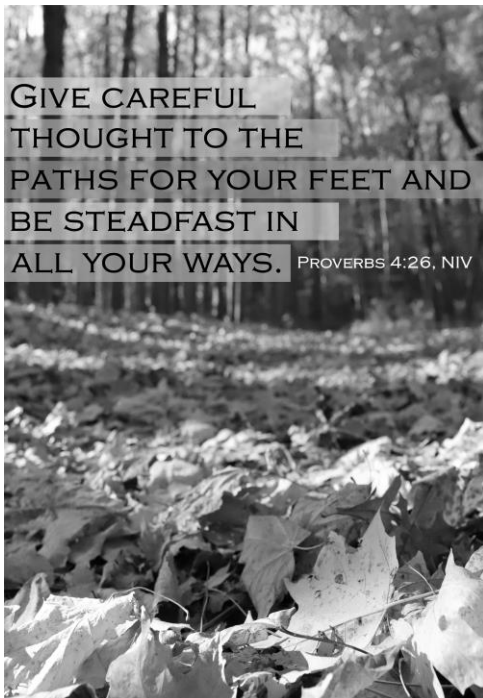
- The Center Ave. door and Grant St door by the church will remain open.
- The Grant St. office door will remain locked at all times.
- The sliding door will be open until 10 minutes **after** the worship service has begun, when an usher will lock it.
- Signs will be posted on the doors with this new procedure.



### WELCOMING VISITORS

Some visitors need assistance navigating through our worship services. Ushers will ask our visitors if they would like someone to sit with them. We are gathering a list of Trinity members who are willing to sit with newcomers as needed. If yes, the usher would ask one of our volunteers who are present to sit with and guide them through the service. Please contact Rev. Sue if you are available for this simple, yet important, ministry.





### EXPANDING THE COLUMBARIUM

We will be expanding our columbarium as all the niches in our current columbarium are in use or reserved. The expansion will be in the Memorial Chapel between the columbarium and the front door. All memorial plaques will be lovingly and respectfully honored. To date, we have received advance payment for two of the 55 new niches. If you would like to reserve a niche to assist in covering the cost to build this addition, please contact Rev. Sue at [revsuerich@gmail.com](mailto:revsuerich@gmail.com) or 989-326-0469. The fee is \$800. Payment plans are available.

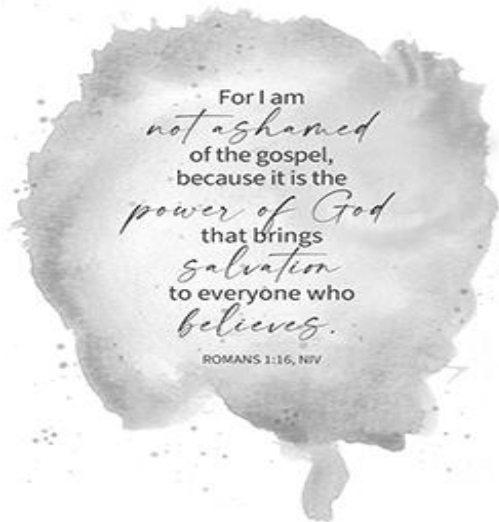


Just as a reminder - Fun & Games meets every Thursday from 1-3 pm in the Parish Hall.



### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your address, phone number or other information lately? If so, please make sure that information gets to us! Thank you.



Trinity Church  
Her People, Her Building  
Then and Now

### Gleanings on the Sacrament of Baptism

The following is taken from the 1882 Vol. VIII, No. 5 *Trinity Church Bell*, an early newsletter of Trinity Church.

#### Reasons for the Sufficiency of Baptism by Pouring

1<sup>st</sup> Because it cannot be proved in a single instance from Holy Scripture that baptism was ever administered by plunging the whole body under water.

2<sup>nd</sup> Because the word baptizo (baptize) which occurs seventy-six times in the New Testament cannot be proved in a single instance to mean “plunge under.”

3<sup>rd</sup> Because the word baptize is explained by the Holy Ghost himself to mean “pour out.” St. John the Baptist foretold of Christ “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost” (St. Matt iii. 11) and when on the day of Pentecost, this prophecy is first fulfilled to the Jews, St. Peter declares concerning the event that “this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh” (Acts ii. 16); so when the Gentiles first receive the baptism “with the Holy Ghost” it is again described as a pouring out – “on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts x. 45)

4<sup>th</sup> Because the sacraments are means or instruments and not mere figures. They depend therefore for their efficacy, not on exactness of likeness or on quantity, but on God’s power and promise in the use of the means appointed. A basin serves as well as a river; one crumb of bread, one drop of wine, is as efficacious as a hundred loaves or a whole vintage. “He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit” (St. John xiii. 10) – this is the saying of our Lord that is applicable to

all sacramental acts. Were this not the case, the Holy Communion ought to be made a meal for supplying the body, for in proportion as it did so it would be an exact figure of satisfying the soul.

5<sup>th</sup> Because it is only within the last three centuries [four at this writing] that a religious society has sprung up which has insisted on immersion as the only valid method of baptism, while the historic Church of Christ in every age has practiced and allowed both those methods prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer, namely immersion and pouring.  
From *The Churchman*



Trinity’s Baptismal Font is octagonal, that is it has eight sides, reminding us of the eight people spared in the Flood: Noah and his wife, and their three sons and three daughters-in-law. Eight is also a number of rebirth or regeneration. Sometimes Sunday is considered the eighth day. The font was used in the original church on Washington Avenue and dates from 1870. A gift from the Sunday School Scholars, funds were secured from their penny offerings.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

**WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE**

In-person and Online:

Sunday-10:00 AM – Holy Communion

Online only:

Wednesday-11:30 AM – Morning Prayer

Tues & Thurs-9:00 PM – Compline

**FOOD OF FAITH**

Sundays: 1:30 PM – Doors open

2:30PM – Meal served

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

To encourage growth through fellowship, follow the teachings of Jesus, and reach out to our community through prayer and service.

**VISION STATEMENT**

We strive to grow the body of Christ by being a welcoming, vibrant, service-based faith community that actively lives our values, especially the commandment to “love God and our neighbor.”

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