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Dear Trinity Community,

Greetings during this warm summer weather! Things continue to go well here at Trinity.

Although it has been almost two months since my installation and our Celebration of New Ministry service, I want to thank those who participated in the preparation, implementation and/or clean up. It was a beautiful event and I am blessed and honored to be a part of this wonderful community of faith. I was touched by Bishop Todd's words of support and also his regret for the way in which he spoke a couple of years ago - from this same pulpit. It was courageous for him to say he views things differently today and that he wishes he would have said things differently. It is a rare thing for leaders to acknowledge that something they did or said wasn't done well. I heard and felt full support for Trinity from Bishop Todd and I hope you did too.

During July we also hosted our first 24-hour lock-in Vacation Bible School. It went *very* well. There are some very gifted individuals who lead our children in learning about God. The 24-hours included games, eating, learning about the things in the church, praying and singing, eating, watching a movie, sleeping, doing two service projects in the church (flipping the cushions in the church and washing the round tables in the parish hall - even folding them to get the

center clean!), eating, playing games, doing crafts, going to Rachel Sovereign to sing and give gifts, play more games, eat and pray.

On Saturday, August 13 I led a vestry retreat in the Guild Room. It was an all-day event and went very well. I want to highlight a few things. First, each person took a 128-statement survey to identify their spiritual gifts. We are in the process of looking to see what gifts are missing and where there may be a lot of overlap in order to bring on new members with those gifts that are not present. Second, we are in the midst of reading The Vestry Handbook which helps teach vestries how to be most successful in their roles and is quite enlightening. Third, we began to look at all the Standing Committees in terms of who is on them, what gifts are required, and if any changes need to be made.

One of the issues that arose was about the lack of group knowledge regarding all the ministries within Trinity. We will have a vestry member as the liaison for each ministry in the church. Once this is set up the leaders of each ministry will be contacted by their new vestry liaison. This will be the contact person for any information that you want the vestry to know about or address and who will carry messages from the vestry to you. The vestry determined that it would be advantageous to all of us to have a notebook in the office with information

about each ministry. Know that as we get these liaisons in place each ministry will be asked to put several things in writing: Purpose of the group, What you do, How you do it, When you meet, Who's on the committee. This way we will have all information in one place where it can be easily accessed and updated by the leader of your ministry.

It continues to be a privilege to work alongside this vestry who cares deeply about doing their best for God through serving Trinity.

For those of you who have been up north know that you are missed and we look forward to seeing soon!

In Christ's love,

Rev. Sue

THANK YOU TO...

Mickie Leibrand for all of her garden work this summer and her helpers who have tackled the big project off of the parking lot. They include: Adam Culler, Bob Hartley, Linda Hipel, Taylor Langstaff, Cathie Leibrand, Gail McPeak, George McPeak, Dee Mulholland, Bruce Sherbeck, Dale Smith, and Matthew Smith.

the Culler, Leibrand, Middleton and Sabourin families for hosting coffee hours in July and August.

Bruce Sherbeck for all of his work on the basement bathroom.

Chuck Leibrand for making new visitor packets.

Ed Benisz for the tours he conducted during the Tall Ships weekend.

WELCOME TO

summer visitors Archie and Phyllis Duncan, Harold and Janet Searfoss, Karen Hopkins and Debbie and John Walker and their two sons.

new member Katherine Freel who has returned to Trinity from Colorado.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT TRINITY

Our music groups are always looking for new members. Please consider getting involved in making music at Trinity with one of our ensembles.

The Senior Choir - Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

Trinity Choristers - TBD at our first meeting.

Trinity Bell Choir - Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bell Choir Room.

For more information contact Bob Sabourin at sabourinrobert@sbcglobal.net.

SEPTEMBER CHORAL MUSIC

- 4 Teach Me, O Lord
Thomas Attwood
- 11 church picnic
- 18 Kum Ba Ya
John Rutter
- 25 Treasures In Heaven
Joseph Clokey
- 25 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis
C. V. Stanford
Beati Quorum Via
C. V. Stanford
- I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
Leo Sowerby

SEPTEMBER EVENSONG

Evensong this month will be at a special time, 5:00 p.m. on September 25th, Sunday because we are celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Bishop Todd's Ordination. Rev. Susan Rich is the Officiant, Exultate Deo Chamber Choir will sing the service and Dr. Steven Egler will be the organist. Hymns will be "O Praise Ye the Lord" (Laudate Dominum) by C. Hubert Parry (1848-1918), "O Trinity of Blessed Light" (Bromley) by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) and "The Day Thou Gavest" (St. Clement) by John Ellerton (1826-1893).

Choral music will be "Beati Quorum Via" and "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C" by C. V. Stanford (1852-1924) and "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" by Leo Sowerby (1895-1968).

There will be a reception after the service in the parish hall sponsored by the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

Trinity Church Her People, Her Building Then and Now

Trinity Trivia from the Tall Ships Tours

Trinity Church welcomed at least 88 people for tours of its historic structure during the Tall Ships Celebration. Additionally, about a dozen or so more people came to take a quick look and snap some pictures and then head for their next adventure. Of all the times the church has been on tour during the six Tall Ships events, this was by far the best attended. At one time there were at least 15 people in the choir stalls. Aged from a newborn brought by his parents to octogenarians; they came, looked, learned, enjoyed and left refreshed.

Here are some of the questions asked. You may research them for yourself and then see the answers listed in another area of the Chimes. Here we go!

Q 1. What were the windows like before the current nave windows were installed?

Q 2. Who sits in those three stalls to the right of the altar?

Q 3. Are there any people inurned behind the wall plaques in the nave?

Q 4. When was the pipe organ installed and what kind (make) is it?

Q 5. How do you know the woman figure in blue (near the door/prayer station) is the woman figure 'Charity'?

Q 6. Is there anything else written in Latin besides the top 'Shield of the Holy Trinity' in the peak of the Children's Window above the High Altar? (The words there read 'Deus est Pater, Deus est Filius, Deus est Spiritus' and also have a phrase around the perimeter reading 'Pater non est Filius, Filius non est Spiritus, Spiritus non est Pater'. Translated the words mean: 'God is Father, God is Son, God is Spirit' and the border words mean 'The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Spirit, the Spirit is not the Father'.)

These were but some of the questions that came up during the recent tours. Some of them have come up at other times the church was open. Over the years the church has welcomed groups from one to 85, with groups as diverse as a Mennonite Adult Bible Study which came to see three churches in Bay City, a student doing a report on

churches in the same building for 100 or more years, the DAR, a university sorority, and people who were simply moved by the beauty of the church. So, if you have a person or group in mind, please let the office know and a tour can be arranged.

The tours are always free and to the glory of God, and if people are able, a donation or items to the food pantry may be given.

-Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

Bell Choir Alert !!

We hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! September is soon approaching and the Bell choir practice will be starting on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM. If you are interested or just curious, please join us! Everyone is welcome.

We had the opportunity to play on several joyous occasions last season. We also played on one occasion to honor the passing life of Bob Reif, past Bell choir director for over 30 years.

His presence has been greatly missed, and we will continue to honor him by playing the beautiful music he so enjoyed.

Please join our fun-loving music team on Wednesdays. Feel free to contact Tracey Krzysik with any questions at (989) 928-3758.

St Elizabeth's Guild will meet for lunch on September 13th, 2016 at UNO's on Wilder at 12:30. Hope to see everyone there.

Altar Guild will have a meeting on September 27th at 6:30pm at the church.

The Crop Walk will take place on September 25 at 1:00PM. If any member of Trinity

would like to organize a team, Jan Waldman have the information and donor envelopes. If a Trinity member would like to make a donation to the Crop Walk, these can be given to Michelle in the office and Jan will fill out the paperwork and submit these. All donations are tax deductible and 25% of the monies raised directly benefit the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry. Remaining funds support Church World Services and designated local, state and international agencies.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03	Alex MacGregor
05	Pat Middleton
12	Alex Hunsberger
12	Tod Meisel
18	Sue Suchodolski
21	George Middleton
22	Gary Krzysik
24	May Falvey
25	Catherine Leibrand
28	Charles Leibrand
28	Eric Mulholland
29	Monica Borrello
30	Allen Laskowski



- 03 Gregory & Sharon Scharich
- 04 Patrick & Anne Trahan
- 08 Adam and Jill Boudreau-Wallaker
- 08 Jett & Shelly Whitehead
- 17 David & April York
- 19 Tony & Michelle Hunsberger
- 22 Alex & Joyce MacGregor

Answers to Trinity Tour Trivia

- 1) The nave windows were all simple diamond-shaped patterns like those in the vestry room.
- 2) Originally reserved for the priest, deacon and subdeacon, the three 'stalls' /seats are now usually occupied by acolyte, crucifer and any altar party from the procession.
- 3) No, only the wall is behind the nave plaques. In the columbarium, the first part is memorial Plaques and then the actual columbarium niches with cremains in urns.

- 4) Great reason to speak to the organist /choirmaster!
- 5) Within the last decade or so, Elizabeth 'Gay' McGee, retired feature writer for the Bay City Times, was doing some research at the public library and ran across an article: "Historic Window Dedicated All Saints' Day, Trinity Church." The year was 1908 and the long article chronicled information on Mrs. Fitzhugh when her many friends had commissioned a window from Lamb Studios (then in NYC) and the woman figure depicted was the woman figure 'Charity', one of the three theological virtues (Faith and Hope are the others).
- 6) The best place to find this answer is to ponder the Tabernacle when you go to receive Holy Communion!



Worship in the park and picnic with St. Alban's

We will be sharing Holy Eucharist with St. Alban's on September 11. Worship will begin at Carroll Park at 10:00am and will be followed by food, games and fellowship. Mother Sharon and Rev. Sue will share the

leading of worship and we will have members from each congregation read and serve communion. Sharon and Sue are even going to do a tag-team sermon! Please plan to come for, what will surely be, a memorable and fun day!

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. You are asked to bring a dish to pass and your own plate and silverware. The park is always fun for the kids but we will provide games also.

Harvest Dinner

Our Annual Harvest Dinner will be a month earlier than it has always been scheduled so it will not conflict with the Christmas Bazaar. It will be on October 12th, Wednesday, and we will have the traditional Pot Roast that most of you have stated you prefer. More information to come but put it on your calendar.

In Memoriam Edmond Lee Browning (24th Presiding Bishop) This is a portion of an article by Bishop C. Christopher Epting, VIII Bishop of Iowa (retired)

July 13, 2016 Episcopal News Service

Yesterday, I wrote these words on my Facebook status and received nearly 60 “likes” almost immediately: “Ed Browning, who died today, inspired a generation of us as a missionary priest, an international bishop, and Presiding Bishop. When he presided at my Consecration, my only prayer was to follow in his footsteps. His contribution to this church, and to the cause of Christ in incalculable. May his rest this day be in the Paradise of God.”

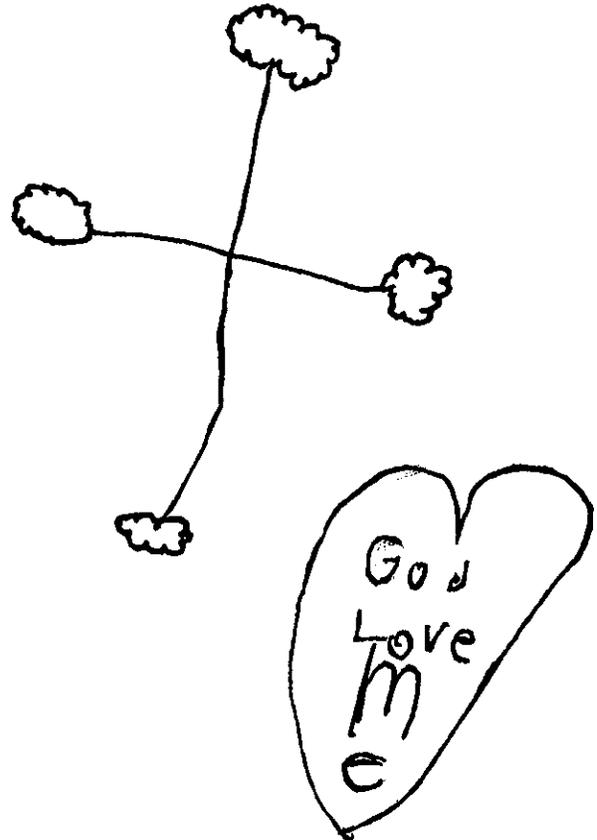
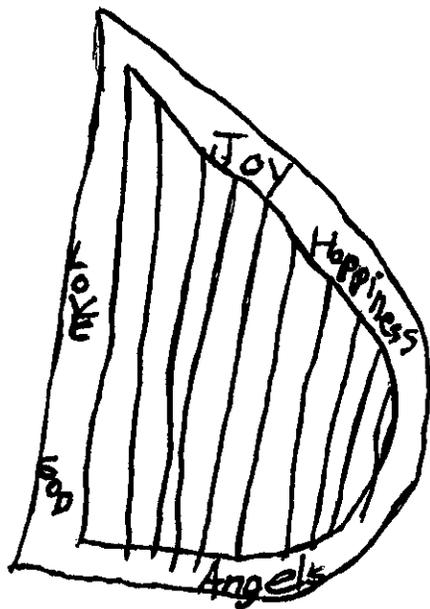
I shall never forget watching him, by video, in the pulpit of Washington’s National Cathedral on the day of his installation as our 24th Presiding Bishop. It was on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ and he preached a magnificent sermon on Compassion, based on the Proper lessons and theme of the day. It was out of his profound understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism that Ed reiterated his famous declaration on that day, “In this church, there will be no outcasts.”

This was not a “politically correct” or “bleeding heart liberal” statement. This was a conviction borne out of his theological commitment and deep spirituality to the fact that we are all created in the image of God, that we are to respect the dignity of every human being, and that baptism is the great equalizer, the celebration of that radical equality preached and demonstrated by Jesus and lived out, when we are at our best, by the church. ...

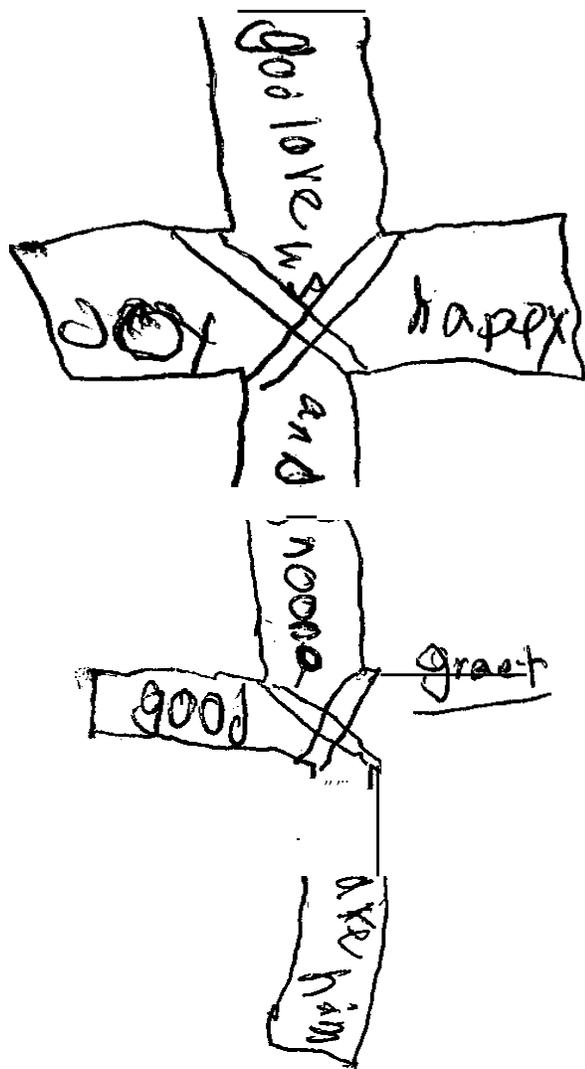
“Into paradise may the angels lead you. As your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you to the holy city Jerusalem.” My dear brother...

Presiding Bishop Edmond Lee Browning's Obituary can be found at:
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/topics/edmond-lee-browning>

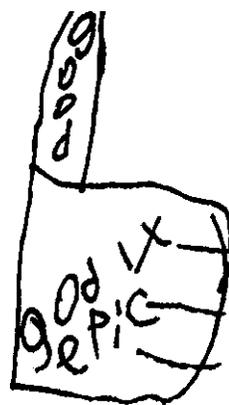
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Here are some of the V.B.S picture prayers



Lollipop
 Over flowing
 Vacation
 Everything



Gods love never stops
 nothing can seperate us
 god always forgives

WORSHIP

Sunday – 10:00 AM - With Music
Wednesday – 11:30 AM - Without Music
Food of Faith 2:30 P.M.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Mon -Thurs 9:00AM –12:30PM
1:15 PM – 4:45 PM
Closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:15
Friday - Closed

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THE LORD WILL PROTECT

God always watches over us, during good times and bad.

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Directions: Connect the dots, according to the instructions below. Then use the resulting word to complete the Bible verse.

Start at 19. Draw from 19-18, 18-17, 47-62, 62-77, 22-21, 21-20, 50-51, 82-81, 81-80, 80-65, 65-50, 50-35, 35-20, 24-38, 38-53, 24-40, 40-55, 17-32, 47-48, 32-47, 26-41, 41-56, 56-71, 71-86, 56-57, 57-58, 55-54, 54-53, 53-68, 68-83, 55-70, 70-85, 58-43, 57-73, 73-88, 43-28, 28-27, 27-26.

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>> "So do not F E A R for I am with you; do not <<

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