



TRINITY CHIMES

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Pennings from your priest. . .

As many of you know, I spent a week in July at Kenyon College in Ohio attending a writing workshop for clergy. I joined 83 people from four different countries for a rigorous week of writing, critiquing and being critiqued – both by faculty and fellow participants.

We were exposed to an eclectic mix of writing genres, and then set pens and laptops to work trying our hands at each of them. We read an essay and then learned together about its components.

Some of us studied the letter as a specific form and then were given the opportunity to write one. Others of us studied the ethical will, a document of Jewish origin, that sets forth what a person wants to leave to loved ones and friends.

The “what” is not all the material things gathered throughout a lifetime. Rather, it is a set of values and ethical principles a person wants to pass on to those left behind.

We learned about social media. Some of us were told to get over our fear for and disdain of it. We got hands-on experience in setting up a blog. (I have not done that yet.) We also got lessons on using Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

The Kenyon College campus is set among the rolling hills of central Ohio, and made for a beautiful environment in which to write and get inspiration. Each day began and ended with a

meditation conducted by the two chaplains for our week together and some of the faculty.

One of our chaplains was Mark Hollingsworth, the bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, and some of our meditations were held in the (Episcopal) Church of the Holy Spirit located in the heart of the Kenyon campus.

To give you an idea of some of what I experienced at this writing seminar I am going to share with you my op-ed piece. But some background is necessary.

My instructor for the op-ed piece was Kevin Eckstrom, the new director of communications at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Our assignment from Kevin was to write an op-ed piece either in favor of or against removing two windows from the Cathedral with images of the Confederate battle flag.

The dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev. Gary Hall, recently called for the windows to be removed and replaced. They would go on display in another part of the Cathedral. The Cathedral Chapter, not the Dean, will decide the fate of the windows.

What follows is my op-ed piece. Happy reading!

The Very Rev. Gary Hall, Dean of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., wants two windows depicting Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson that adorn the building removed and replaced because each window contains a depiction of the Confederate battle flag.

The windows make no mention of slavery, which both Lee and Jackson fought to maintain, or the heroic individuals who fought against it. Instead the windows laud two men as “saintly and exemplary Christians,” Hall says.

The Lee Jackson windows were given to the Cathedral by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and were installed in 1953. At the time of their installation the windows were seen as a symbol of reconciliation following the deep divisions of the Civil War.

Dean Hall’s call to remove and replace the windows comes in the wake of the murders of nine people at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17.

To African Americans the Confederate battle flag symbolizes white supremacy and racism. To white Southerners it is part of their heritage and identity.

Dave Daley, a child of the south, wrote in a recent blog post on Salon.com that the South views the Civil War differently from the North. Southerners were, in fact, raised on a different history of the War. And for many it never ended.

“Slowly,” Daley writes, “a cultural myth came to the fore: the South had fought the Civil War to secure Southern independence from the North and not for the right to maintain the institution of black slavery.”

The Civil War could not possibly have been about the preservation of slavery, Daley writes, even though it was. The South, therefore, had to find another reason for starting the War.

Is it any wonder, then, that whites in the South are mystified that the Confederate battle flag is so offensive to African-Americans? Is it any wonder, then, that the Lee Jackson windows portray the men with “a decidedly saintly spin,” to use the Dean’s words?

In a June 28 sermon Dean Hall said “we can live with some contradictions until we can’t.” He spoke

of the Cathedral dean who accepted the windows, Francis Sayre, calling him “one of the great civil rights activists of the 1950’s and 1960’s.”

Dean Hall said that Sayre evidently saw no contradiction between accepting windows that glorify two men who fought and died to preserve slavery, and support for Brown v. Board of Education in 1954, the Supreme Court decision declaring separate public schools for black and white children unconstitutional.

“[Dean Sayre] could live in that tension,” Hall said, “but I cannot The cathedral cannot.”

But here’s the thing. Aren’t we, as Christians, called to live in the tension between right and wrong, between good and evil, even when we think we cannot?

Only feet from the windows Dean Hall wants removed is the tomb of Woodrow Wilson who, when elected in 1912, was the first southerner elected President of the United States since 1848.

Within six months of taking office, Wilson re-segregated federal agencies, which had been integrated since the time of Reconstruction in the mid-1860’s.

Wilson believed blacks were inferior to whites and felt that blacks should regard segregation as a benefit. As President of Princeton University he denied admission to blacks because he felt higher education was unjustified.

While the tomb has no inscription extolling the virtues of Woodrow Wilson neither is there any acknowledgement of his legacy of racism. His views and policies on race go largely unremembered.

So, perhaps in the spirit of “liv[ing] with some contradictions until we can’t” the Wilson Tomb should be removed from the Cathedral since it could be argued that Woodrow Wilson, like the Lee Jackson windows, represents white supremacy and bigotry. Or maybe we leave the windows and the tomb where they are.

Leave the windows as a reminder that denial is alive and well in this country. That the shameful parts of our past will remain with us until we acknowledge and excise them.

Leave the tomb as a reminder that racial progress can be undone with the stroke of a pen. That the cause of equality is under constant threat.

Leave the windows and tomb as reminders that there is much work to be done and that it is ours to do.

Rev. Ann

TRINITY'S BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

The people of Trinity Church participated this year in the United Way of Bay County's Back to School clothing program. We were challenged with providing back to school attire for 20 children – and we did it!

In addition, Rev. Ann donated a check for \$195 from her Discretionary Fund for an additional three children.

A huge thanks to everyone who shopped for a child or who donated money that enabled others to shop.

Trinity members bought some really cute clothing for the kids. You can see just a couple of examples in the photos accompanying this article. Each child's bag of clothing consists of underwear, socks, a pair of jeans or pants, a long-sleeved top/shirt, a short-sleeved top/shirt, and a pair of shoes.

This year the United Way Back to School program provided clothing for 1250 children, an increase over last year.

We also participated in the Do-Care school supply project.

The United Way and Do-Care are working together to make sure that every kids back to school experience is a good one.



ST. PAUL'S FEEDING PROGRAM

The next feeding date for St. Paul's is Sunday, October 25, 2015. If you are interested in cooking or serving on this date please call Michelle in the office at (989) 892-5813.

CROP WALK INFORMATION

Once again, Jim and June Swanson are working on the **Crop Hunger Walk**. It is being held on Sept. 27, 2015 at Carroll Park. Neighbors and fellow church members are walking together to raise funds to end hunger in their community and around the world. If you are interested in walking with the Swanson's or contributing to the cause, please contact them at (989) 894-0720.

Thank you also for all of your past help!

TRINITY'S FOOD AND PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY'S NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in need of the following items:

Chicken Helper
Tuna Helper
Powdered Milk
Shampoo
Deodorant
Body Wash
Toothpaste
Feminine Hygiene Products

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

During the three month period ending in July, Trinity's Food Pantry served 62 people in 17 families 558 meals. All were referrals from the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network.

The eleven food pantries in the Bay County Network served 1017 people in 316 families 10,372 meals during the same three month period. The network has seen a dramatic increase in the number of people, households and meals served since 2011-2012.

The Food Pantry Network expects to give out over 20,000 meals between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016!

THANK YOU. . .

to Elisabeth Campbell, Phyllis Capp, Mary K Freel, Dee Mulholland, and Jan Waldman for covering the office while Michelle was on vacation.

to Dale Smith who has spent countless hours removing all the overgrowth between our parking lot and the bed and breakfast next door. Grass seed will be planted making ongoing maintenance of that area manageable.

to Michelle Bullis, Mary K and Don Freel, Emilee Sabourin and Jan Waldman for participating in the St. Paul's feeding in Saginaw on August 23rd.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

to Susan Janke for being given the Bernard E. Lorimer award by the Mid-Michigan Medical Center, where she is a social worker. The award is presented annually to an employee of the center who exhibits exemplary dedication and compassion to patients, family and other staff.

to Bob Reif on his 90th birthday. Bob and his family joined us at Trinity for a special coffee hour celebration on July 26 complete with cake and balloons.

to our Sexton, Terry on the birth of a 9.9 oz. grandson Collin Eugene on July 9th.

to our Office Manager, Michelle on the birth of 9.3 oz. granddaughter Ayden Marie on August 5th.

Dates to Remember...

August 30: Church Picnic 1:00 p.m.
September 1: Choristers 4:00 p.m.
September 3: Senior Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
September 7: Office closed for Labor Day
September 13: Sunday School starts
September 15: Historical Guild meeting 9:30 a.m.
September 15: Vestry meeting 5:30 p.m.
September 16: Handbell Choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
September 20: Choral Evensong 4:00 p.m.
September 26: Val Fargo's Ordination 11:00 a.m.
October 3: Blessing of the Animals 10:00 a.m.

2015-2016 FRIENDS OF MUSIC EVENTS

September

- 20** 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong
Exultate Deo Chamber Choir

October

- 18** 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong - Trinity Choir

November

- 22** 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong - Trinity Choir

December

- 20** 4:00 p.m. The Service of Nine Lessons and
Carols - Chamber Choir

January

- 24** 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong
St. Lorenz Middle School Choir,
Dr. Scott Hyslop, Director

February

- 14** 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for the Beginning
of Lent - Trinity Choir

March

- 20** 6:00 p.m. - The Music of Holy Week -
Chamber Choir

April

- 24** 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong - Trinity Choristers

May

- 22** 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday
Trinity Choir

SEPTEMBER EVENSONG

Exultate Deo Chamber Choir will sing Evensong to start our series this season on Sunday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m. This is one week earlier than usual because we are hosting the Ordination Service for Valerie Fargo on Saturday, September 26.

Evensong is Sung Evening Prayer. It consists of hymns, prayers, canticles (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis), scripture readings and an anthem. Our series this year will feature our own choir, choristers, Exultate Deo, and St. Lorenz Lutheran Middle School Choir.

Evensong is one of the treasures of the Anglican (Episcopal) church. It is sung in churches and cathedrals all over the world. St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit, Christ Church Grosse Pointe and St. John's Mt. Pleasant are the only other Episcopal

churches in Michigan that offer this beautiful worship service on a regular basis.

Friends of Music will host a reception in the Guild Room following each service. Come and enjoy this special service in our wonderful sacred space.

SUMMER SINGING

The hymn singing and mass setting singing has been very good all summer.

Thank you to everyone who has attended church during the summer. The spoken responses have also been noticeably improved.

Alice Parker explains what happens when we sing in worship in her book *Melodious Accord*. "When we sing together, we create a community, a communion in sound. The group becomes more than the sum of its parts: It is creating beauty"

Nothing is more exciting then attending a worship service where everyone is involved in the service. Keep up the good work!

SEPTEMBER CHOIR ANTHEMS

- 6** God Be In My Head
Walford Davies
- 13** A Prayer of St. Richard
David Burton
- 20** Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray
C. H. Kitson
- 26** Draw Me in the Spirit's Tether
Harold Friedell
- 27** Teach Me, O Lord
Thomas Attwood

FREE MUSIC LESSONS

A reminder that free music lessons are available to anyone who is participating in a music ensemble at Trinity. For more information please contact Bob Sabourin at sabourinrobert@sbcglobal.net.

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Frank Serresseque
- 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 Jr.
- 29 Monica Borrello
- 30 Allen Laskowski

ANNIVERSARIES

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

St. Elizabeth's Guild will be meeting for lunch on Tuesday, September 8th at 12:30 p.m. at Tavern 101 in the Mill End building, across from the Planetarium and Wenona Park. See you all there!

I'd like to thank you for your hospitality during my three months here at Trinity. I have learned many things and look forward to incorporating them in my ministry.

I will be returning to St. Matthew's in Saginaw where I hope to be ordained to the diaconate in December and priesthood in June. Please keep me in prayer and know that you will be in mine.

Mary Jo Hudson



Our Annual Church Picnic will be in Carroll Park on August 30th at 1:00. Please bring a dish to pass and your own serving pieces. We will have fruit punch, hot dogs and buns, cups and paper plates. Games will be organized for the kids and the band will be playing for entertainment.

MICHIGAN STATE SALES TAX

As a church, Trinity is exempt from paying Michigan State Sales Taxes. When requested, Trinity provides suppliers with proof of Trinity's sales tax exemption. Suppliers with whom Trinity has charge accounts know that Trinity is exempt, and they do not charge sales tax when Trinity purchases items. When purchases are made using Trinity's credit card, the supplier also knows that the purchase is indeed for Trinity and does not charge sales tax.

However, if a Trinity volunteer purchases an item for Trinity with her or his own money and then seeks reimbursement from Trinity, unless the volunteer informs the supplier that the purchase is for Trinity Episcopal Church, the volunteer pays applicable sales tax on the purchase. This additional 6% added to the cost of the purchase is money that Trinity could use more responsibly for outreach or for other needs of the church.

Trinity appreciates the work its volunteers do for the church. When a volunteer makes a purchase for Trinity at a supplier where Trinity does not have a charge account or where Trinity's credit card is not used, the volunteer is requested to please inform the supplier that the purchase is for Trinity Episcopal Church and that the purchase is not subject to Michigan State Sales Tax.

Thank you,

Steve Beckert, Treasurer



Team Trinity played in the Annual United Way Golf outing last June. The team is made up of Shelley Whitehead, Emillee Sabourin, Sue Hoyle, Pat Maxim and Dee Muholland. We got thinking that it might be fun to have more people join us and have a 'Trinity' outing every year. We could have a mix of all guys team, all girls team, a mix of girls and guys, or your significant other may just want to ride along for the fun of it and not play. St Paul's in Saginaw has offered us a challenge, their church team against our church team if that's of interest to anyone. Please contact any of us or call the office.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Blessing of the Animals will be on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. It will be held outside unless it rains, in which case, it will be moved to the Parish Hall. Bring your animals from fur babies to fishies and have them blessed! 😊 Please make sure your animals are leashed or kenneled.

TRINITY CHURCH HER PEOPLE, HER BUILDING THEN AND NOW

Philip C. Floeter, the architect of Trinity Church, was born in 1849 in Chatham, Ontario. His father, Robert, a contractor and builder, came to Bay City in 1865. His mother, Elvira, was the daughter of a farmer in Chatham. Afterwards, Robert, a Deacon in the Baptist Church, spent several years in Flint, but finally returned to Chatham. With a foundation of faith and work, it seems no wonder their son, Philip, was later described as a "genial and cultured gentleman."

The "Portrait and Biographical Record" published in 1892 gives us the best information on Floeter's life: "Young Floeter . . . after studying in [Chatham] schools worked at his trade as a builder, and when past fourteen years of age he traveled in different places and in 1863 came to the United States, and for eighteen years followed building in nearly all of the Western States. . . . In 1881 he came to Bay City and taking up architecture entered in partnership with E. W. Arnold & Co. This firm continued until 1885, when it dissolved, and the firm of P.C. Floeter and Co. was formed, Mr. Kaufman being the partner in this concern; but in 1889, our subject bought out that gentleman's interest, and has since been carrying on the business alone."

Floeter's travels and experience as a builder prepared him to be a well-known and accomplished architect and superintendent of buildings. In Bay City he designed Trinity Episcopal Church and the former Madison Avenue Methodist Church. In Saginaw, he was the architect of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the East Side (later leveled for the construction of I-675 and rebuilt in a modern style), and rebuilt St. John's Episcopal Church with its Guild House and rectory (the latter being torn down in the late 1970's). Flint's Court Street Methodist Church was his design and the imposing brick structure still stands serving its community. Port Huron's historic Grace Episcopal Church continues as a house of worship and service. Large railroad depots in Clare, Cincinnati, Saginaw, and Mackinaw as well as many public and private edifices in Michigan and adjoining states are also his architectural legacy.

Sir Winston Churchill once said: "We shape buildings thereafter buildings shape us." May the sacrifices of our forebears and the houses of worship that Philip Floeter designed inspire, move and shape us to be witnesses to our faith in Christ, in awe of the majesty of almighty God and in humble service to His creation.

Faithfully submitted by Trinity's Historical Guild

WORSHIP

Sunday – 10:00 A.M. - With Music
 Wednesday – 11:30 A.M. - Without Music
 Food of Faith 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM – 3:00PM
 Friday – Closed

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