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Pennings from your priest . . .

In a September stewardship letter I wrote that we would like to receive a financial commitment from 100 percent of our members. "These commitments," I wrote, "will enable Trinity to grow in ministry, serving as the hands and feet of Christ in the world by expanding our local outreach in 2014."

We have already started this expansion by creating a Personal Needs Pantry next to the Food Pantry on the upper level of the church. We are including important personal care items such as toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, sanitary napkins. These are among the items that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Members of the parish have already begun donating personal care items. As we get the new pantry stocked with items and determine additional needs we will create a list for the bulletin and the website.

This should not prevent you from donating items on a regular basis as so many of you already do for the food pantry. Watch those "10 for \$10" or "buy one, get one free" promotions. Those of you who are couponers may have many of these items on your shelves that you can donate.

But we do not want to stop there. What other outreach projects might we support? I am sure many of you have ideas. So at coffee hour during the Sundays in January we will engage in intentional conversations about how we might be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Think of projects that not only involve contributing money but projects in which we can participate. As needed as money is the hands-on involvement is crucial – not only for the recipients of our acts but for us as well.

Nothing prevents us from supporting with either our treasure or our time projects that are more global in nature – be they at the diocesan, national or international level. After all, being the hands and feet of Christ in the world means the *whole* world not just our local community.

The more ideas we receive from members of the parish the more options we have available to us. We will use the results of those coffee hour conversations to engage in discussion during the annual meeting on January 26, 2014.

If any of you are interested in serving on the Missions Committee please let me know. That committee decides how the budgeted money for missions is disbursed. We are always looking for new people with new ideas.

I look forward to the discussion at the Annual Meeting on how we might enhance the outreach (missions) ministry of Trinity Church. All ideas will be welcome.

Rev. Ann

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MUSIC NOTES

In January there are two special worship opportunities. We will celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany on Monday, January 6, 2014, with a service of Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Ann will be the Officiant and the Choristers and Senior Choir will provide the music leadership.

Evensong on January 19, 2014, will recognize The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Guest singers from First Congregational Church in Saginaw will join our own choir for special music for the event. Nicholas Schmelter will be the organist for both Epiphany and Evensong.

Choral Repertoire - January 2014

- 5 Christmas 2 A, 12th Night
In Thee is Gladness
C. V. Stanford
In the Bleak Midwinter
Gustave Holst
- 6 The Feast of the Epiphany
6:30 p.m.
Three Kings
Michael Bedford
From the rising of the Sun
F. A. Goure Ouseley
- 12 The Baptism of the Lord
Come to the Water
Foley
- 19 Ordinary 2 A
Thy Perfect Gift
John Rutter
4:00 p.m. Evensong for
Week of Christian Unity
- Mag and Nunc
Ronald Arnatt
- He Watching Over Israel
Felix Mendelssohn

- 26 Ordinary 3 A
The Lord Is My Light
Mark Bender

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Friends of Music for special holiday music and support of our two section leaders.

Ted and Maureen Alvarez
Edna Brown
C. Marshall Carter
Jack and Barbara Esseltine
Edwin Gledhill
Susan Harris
Mike and Susan Iannacchione
Susan Janke
Barbara Keeler
W Taylor Langstaff Jr.
Rita Laetz
Chuck and Mickie Leibrand
Dale and Carla Maxim
Nancy Mayhew
Rita Meilstrup
Tod and Barbara Meisel
Charles and Stacie Miller
Guy and Jane Moulthrop
Marc and Dee Mulholland
Emilee and Bob Sabourin
Bruce and Cindy Sherbeck
Carole See
Jim and June Swanson
Evelyn Wells
Jett and Shelley Whitehead
Brad Wiecheleman

MEMBERSHIP

A Welcoming Church
This is a reminder that it is everyone's responsibility to welcome visitors and guests to worship and at coffee hour. Please take the time to introduce yourself to people you do not know and reach out to them at the passing of the Peace.

Confirmation Information
The Diocese of Eastern Michigan has scheduled a Diocese wide Confirmation Service for

Saturday, May 3, 2014, at St. Christopher's Church in Grand Blanc. You must be 16 years old to be confirmed in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

Confirmation is not required for membership in the Episcopal Church but it is a very meaningful liturgy for many people.

Confirmation is a post-baptismal rite of mature commitment to Christ through prayers, the renewal of baptismal vows, and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

It is usually preceded by a period of organized prayer, study, and instruction call a confirmation class or inquirers' class. In the Episcopal Church only a Bishop can confirm.

If you have never been confirmed by an Episcopal Bishop and would be interested in this opportunity please contact the church office at 892-5813.

THANK YOU

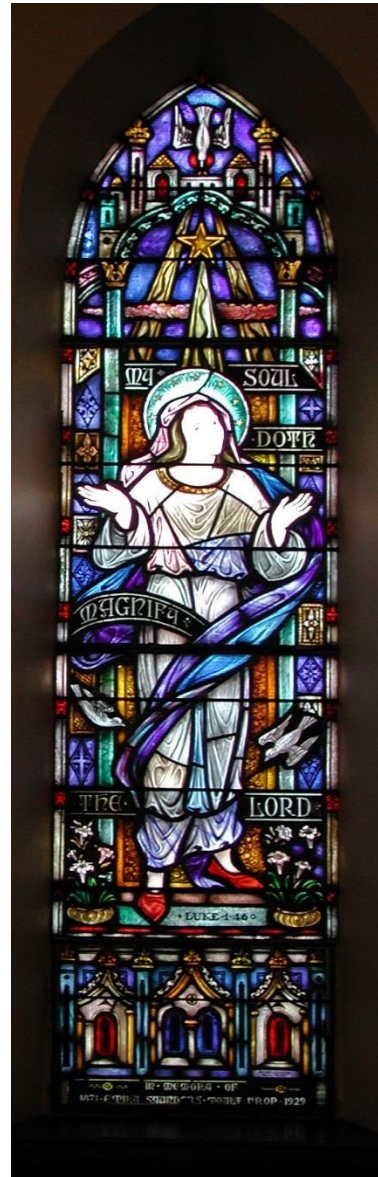
To all of our musicians for their extra efforts during Advent and Christmas. We appreciate the wonderful music and your dedication.

To Exultate Deo for the beautiful Lessons and Carols on December 22,2013.

To Jerry Maxson for the bulletin covers and for the creation of the mailing that went out to the area around the church.

To Sue Hoyle and Mary K Freel for the targeted mailing that went out about our special holiday services.

To Chuck and Mickie Leibrand for sending out invitations to former members inviting them to our special holiday services



The Magnificat Window

With hands outstretched and face filled with joy, Mary, the young maiden, proclaims what for centuries the Church has called the 'Canticle of Mary' or the Latin word 'Magnificat' - Mary's song of joy.

Looking closely at the top, the Holy Spirit symbolized as a dove radiates rays of light, showing us how God's Spirit has overshadowed Mary. Beneath, the five-pointed star and Mary's halo provide deeper meaning for this holy moment. The five-pointed star is the Star of Bethlehem showing us Christ's

ancestral lineage from the House of David; five is also a number of grace or unmerited favor. Seven stars in the Virgin's halo represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit from Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgement), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (awe and wonder). Seven is also a number of fullness or completeness. Lily flowers grace the bottom of the window indicating Mary's purity and virginity.

Mary's song of joy is found in Luke 1:46-55 and is also said in Morning and Evening Prayer or sung at Matins and Evensong. Found on the western nave wall, the Moulthrop memorial window is from Willet Studios of Philadelphia and was installed in the early 1950's. The symbols are among the 29,000 in their archives.

May the New Year find us willing, open, and ready, like Mary, to say yes to God. With a prayer that the gifts of God's Holy Spirit mentioned in Isaiah descend on us to serve Him and humankind in word and deed.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild



Birth Days

1	Diane Rapson-Gabil
4	Noel Hart
11	Nancy Mayhew
13	Nancy Hadden
14	Jack Esseltine
17	Gregory Marciniak
20	Gregory Scharich

21	Sharon Scharich
23	Peter Frantz
27	Susan Harris
30	Faith Culler

Anniversaries

5	George and Pat Middleton
7	Greg and Heidi Marciniak
15	Robert and Emilee Sabourin
21	Fred and Margot Fletcher

St Elizabeth's Guild

Will meet on January 14th, the second Tuesday of the month, at 12:30 for lunch at Lucky's Steakhouse at 2856 E Wilder Rd.

We look forward to seeing you all. St. Elizabeth's is open to all women of the church.

New acolytes to appear soon

On Sunday October 27, 2013 Rev. Ann and Don Middleton welcomed prospective acolytes Alex Hunsberger, Sydney Shannon and Matthew Smith and veteran acolytes Madden Brady, Adam Culler and Katie Hunsberger to an acolyte training and refresher course.

The participants took turns holding and walking with Trinity's processional crosses under the guidance of Don, himself a former (and very well trained!) acolyte. Rev. Ann talked with the participants about the role of the acolyte in general and some of her specific liturgical preferences. This is important especially for the veteran acolytes because each priest has his or her own way of doing things.

Look for Alex, Sydney and Matthew to start appearing on the altar soon. Do not worry. They will be shadowing with one of the veteran acolytes once or twice before doing it on their own.

Anyone nine years old or older – and that includes adults – may be an acolyte. If you think

you might be interested in this important ministry
please contact Rev. Ann.

	Sun	Sun	Sun	Sun
EM	5	12	19	26
Assignments	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM
Steve Beckert				
Monica Borrello				
Bob Hayhurst	1			
Tony Hunsberger		1		
Mickie Leibrand			1	
Nancy Mayhew				
Denise Middleton				2
Jett Whitehead				1
Leo Yacks				

Shaded cells indicate times when the EM will **NOT** be available.

Acolyte/Crucifer Schedule
Sunday 10:00 a.m. services

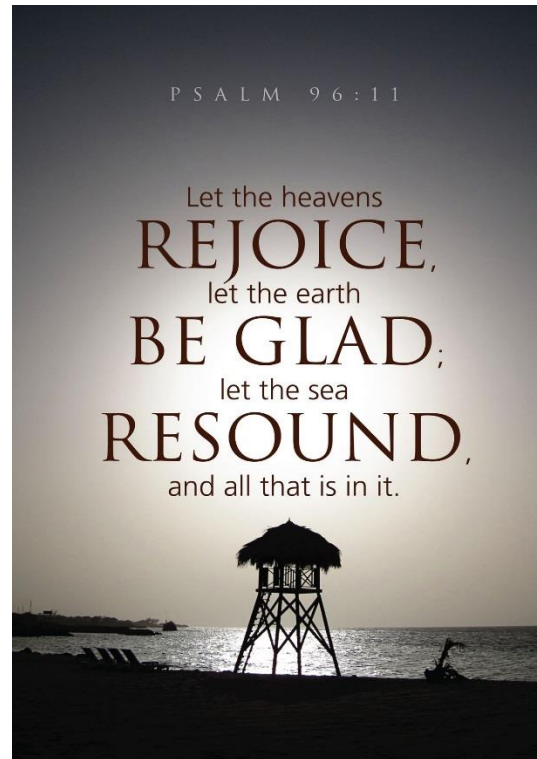
- January 5:** Adam Culler/Alex Hunsberger
- January 12:** Katie Hunsberger
- January 19:** Madden Brady
- January 26:** Don Middleton/Matthew Smith

Eucharistic Visitor Schedule

- January 19:** Barbara Keeler
- EV: Mickie Leibrand

Lector Schedule

- January 5:** Bob Hayhurst
- January 12:** Michelle Hunsberger
- January 19:** Mickie Leibrand
- January 26:** Jett Whitehead



The Beginning

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Answers on last page

Services

Sunday – 10:00AM Sung Worship
Food of Faith 2:30 – 4:00

Priest in charge

The Reverend Ann Grady

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Faith Culler	(989) 892-3119

Senior Warden:	Charles Leibrand
Junior Warden:	Leo Borello
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Assistant Treasurer:	Shelley Whitehead
Clerk:	Kyline Gray
Office Manager:	Michelle Giffel
Trinity Chimes Editor:	Dee Mulholland

Web Master:	Pat Maxim
Children’s Choir Director:	Cathy LaBerge
Sunday School Director:	Faith Culler
Organist/Choir Director:	Robert Sabourin
Hand Bell Choir Director:	Robert Reif
Sexton:	Terry Oliver
	Harold Giffel

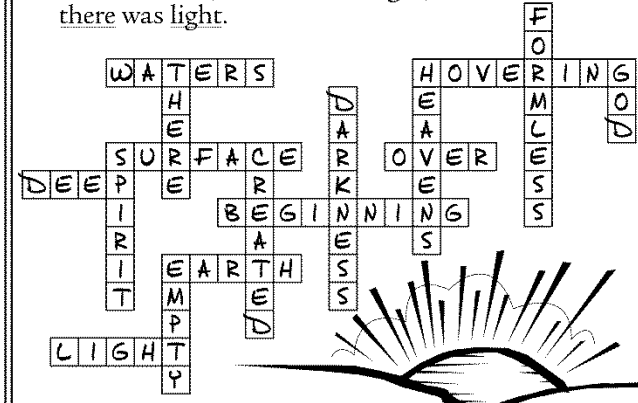



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Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am Goal Seekers Weight Loss	2 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm Choristers Choir Practice Over-Eaters Anonymous	3	4
5 10:00 am 10:00 am Epiphany Eve Noisy Offering Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	6 10:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm Epiphany N. A. Meeting Parish Hall Over-Eaters Anonymous Bell Choir Practice The Feast of the Epiphany	7 4:30 pm Choristers	8 9:00 am 5:30 pm Goal Seekers Weight Loss Finance Committee Meeting	9 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm Choristers Choir Practice Over-Eaters Anonymous	10	11
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