

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

God is love. We hear this and say this and believe this time and again. But how is God love? And how do we share that love?

Last year, when on sabbatical and on a 30-day silent retreat, I had a profound experience of God's love. I was feeling particularly worried that I wasn't "doing" the retreat right, that I was messing up the outcome. As I went deep into this experience I felt a lot of shame.

In my journaling, I wrote my thoughts and feelings to Jesus with my dominant hand and I wrote down what I was hearing Jesus say with my non-dominant hand. It takes a long time to communicate this way but it's effective and really settled deep within me.

I wrote down all my worry and shame. The response (with my non-dominant hand) was life-changing. Jesus said, "I'm right here, Sue. Still by your side. I've always been by your side. I'll always be by your side. Do you believe me?" "Yes," I responded.

These words have stuck with me because I knew and know them to be true – to the deepest part of my being. Before, when I saw a sign or heard someone say "Jesus loves you," it seemed like a simple saying, but now, I am so much more aware of its deep meaning.

That time I spent journaling and focusing on

my relationship with God, the Trinity, provided space for me to be vulnerable with God and to allow Jesus to come to me in ways I never expected.

It's been one year and I am still living into the reality of Jesus being by my side. Healing has taken place in ways I never could have imagined.

Since I have been living into this reality more fully for a year, I find I am so much more at peace, knowing and experiencing Jesus with me and loving me that I am better able to share his love with others. And I know and believe, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that it is true.

The phenomenal thing about Jesus is that he's right here, with you, too. Still by your side. He's always been by your side and he'll always be by your side. There is such a gentleness to him and to his presence. He's not intrusive but his love for you is so strong that he can't bear to be apart from you, loving you beyond measure.

I invite you to take time alone with Jesus this summer to share your thoughts and feelings and to allow him to be present to you in all things. Loving you, you will find a peace that surpasses all understanding that will exude from you to be able to share that same love with others.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Sue



THANK YOU

Ann Moseley for sharing her experience with Compassion International.

Daniel, Mary K Freel, Matt Leibrand, Mickie Leibrand, Dorothy Marinan, Ann Moseley, Martin Nelson, and Brenda Weaver for planting the geraniums around the grounds.

Trinity Band members – Monica Borrello, Mary K Freel, Matt Kelly, Pat Maxim, Ann Moseley, and Bruce Sherbeck for their uplifting music each month throughout the year. They will be back in September.

Rayechel Berger, Patrick Winningham and our Senior Choir members – Kurt Carlstrom, Patrick Gray, Michael Huntress, Cathy LaBerge, Mickie Leibrand, Dorothy Marinan, and Tod Meisel for their beautiful music throughout the year. They will be back in September.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Grace Gray on being inducted into the National Honor Society.

Madden Brady on graduating from Albion College.

Izzy Salazar on graduating from Central High School.

Michelle Hunsberger on being elected as Clerk.



OUR SYMPATHIES TO

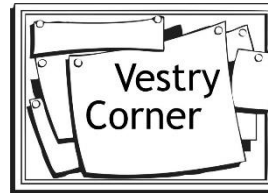
Brian Weber on the death of his mother, Mary Ellen Dean Fresoger, in September.

Archie Duncan on the death of his dear friend, Dan Vaughn, in April.

Michelle Hunsberger and Pam Klemish on the death of their aunt, Kathleen Rosebush, who died May 5, 2024.

The family of Judy Frantz who died on May 11, 2024.

The Hunsberger Family on the death of Tony’s mother, Sandra Haberstitch, who died on May 17, 2024.



VESTRY CORNER

For personal reasons both John Allen and Clerk Dan Keeler have had to resign from Vestry. Michelle Hunsberger was elected as our new Clerk. We are currently looking for individuals to serve – one term ends January 2026 and the other ends January 2027. The Vestry is responsible for the care and well-being of Trinity’s mission, goals, grounds, and finances. If you feel called to fill one of these positions, please speak with Rev. Sue or any of the Vestry members listed on the back page.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

Quinnlyn Lang
Jean Meisel
Craig Hool
Katy Iannacchione
Sarah Willard
Stacie Miller
Rita Meilstrup
Anne Trahan
Jennifer Jones
Dawn Brady

June Anniversaries

Allen & Judy Laskowski
Stacie & Chuck Miller
Donald & Denise Middleton
Michael & Diane Rapson Gabil

July Birthdays

John Allen
Mary Jane Elliot
Ed Pawlaczyk
Rita Laetz
Corbyn Lang
Nicole Causley
Susan Beckert
Bruce Sherbeck
Jeanette Luebs
Isabella Salazar

July Anniversaries

Steven & Patti Anderson
Jeff & Kristi Pennex
John & Debbie Walker
Archie & Ann Duncan

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SPECIAL JUNE DATES

Sunday, June 2 – Friends of Music is sponsoring our first Director's Recital at 4pm.
Sunday, June 9 – Pride Communion Service at 4pm.
Saturday, June 22 – PrideFest booth with other Episcopal churches
Sunday, June 30 – Church Potluck Cookout - immediately after church in place of Coffee Hour. Hamburgers & hotdogs supplied - bring a dish to pass.

SPECIAL JULY DATES

Thursday and Friday, July 4th and 5th – Church tours
Sunday, July 7 – Patriotic Concert at 4pm

SAVE THE DATE

Archie & Ann's Picnic



Bring a dish to Share!

3rd annual Picnic and Pool Party at Archie & Ann's - Sunday, August 4 - after church - hamburgers & hotdogs supplied



ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

St. Elizabeth's Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us at 11am at Trinity to write cards and/or at 12:30pm lunch: **June 11 at Castaways** and **July 9 at H2O Waterside Grill**. All are invited!

ALTER FLOWER SPONSOR NEEDED

July 7th
Contact Elizabeth Campbell

Garden Guild

Well, we did it! All of the Pentecost geraniums were planted Monday night, May 20th. No small task as there were 50 of them and a half a dozen accent plants for the concrete planters. Helping were Mary K Freel with her nifty cultivator, Ann Mosley, Brenda Weaver, Dorothy Marion, Matthew Leibrand, who came early with me and got the geraniums moved to right locations and unloaded my car. We even pulled several bags of weeds!

I know there were a couple of others that would have been there, but illness or work prevented them--Jett Whitehead who was under the weather with Covid and Cathie Leibrand who had a dental meeting. Both of these hard working people have helped with this project for years and I know they were thinking of us.

Now the watering begins! The calendar was sent out for the rest of May through the end of September and I will post it in the parish hall. If anyone else is interested in watering and/or weeding, give me a call – Mickie @ 989-225-1609. We could use a couple substitutes in case someone has to go out of town or isn't feeling well.

The Garden Guild has always tried to be self-funded, so if you use pledge books, you will find an envelope marked specifically for the Garden Guild to slip a check in and help support our efforts. If you don't have a pledge envelope, no problem, just use a regular envelope and mark it Trinity Garden Guild. Thank you in advance for any way you are able to support us.

Again, **thank you** to all who came out and helped complete this project. They will be beautiful with water and God's blessing.

With grateful thanks,
Mickie Leibrand, member of the Garden Guild

DIOCESAN JUNCTURE UPDATE

The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church is in Louisville, KY June 23-28. The juncture of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan to become the Episcopal Diocese of The Great Lakes will be voted on for ratification. Once this occurs, we will officially become the new diocese at our Diocesan Convention October 18-19, 2024 in Mt. Pleasant at Soaring Eagle.

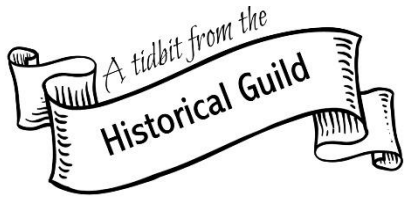


WORSHIP AT TRINITY

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Historical Guild has updated the bulletin board by the kitchen and their display case. Check them out!!



The Gospel of Luke is the only gospel to omit the detail of the sour wine mix that was offered to Jesus on a reed, while only Mark and John describe Joseph of Arimathea actually taking down the body of Jesus from the cross. Some details are only mentioned in one gospel. For instance, only Matthew mentions an earthquake and the resurrected saints who went to the city of Jerusalem, and that Roman soldiers were assigned to guard the tomb.

As we celebrate the centennial of the Reredos (altar screen with wood carvings) in their telling the story of Jesus, may we more deeply study our faith and ponder the mystery of Christ's love for us and for all the world.

Alois Lang's carvings have been giving a silent sermon for 100 years (1924-2024). Please take some time and check out the Historical Guild's new showcase highlighting the Reredos.



PRAYER LIST UPDATES

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



THE PATRIOTIC CONCERT RETURNS!

On Sunday, July 7th at 4pm, Trinity will host a concert performed by the chamber group Exultate Deo. This concert is a collage of both sacred and secular music celebrating our nation. The music is accented with an array of poetic verses and reflections from famous American authors as well as our nation's most well-known hymns to be sung by all. We hope you will join us for the return of this favorite summer event.



CONTRIBUTIONS

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

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

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.



MEMORIAL DAY AND FOUR TRINITY MEN

Monday, May 27th, was the official Memorial Day celebration. Most of you can remember that Memorial Day was originally May 30th—designated by the president of the Grand Army of The Republic because the flowers would be in bloom. Families in the South had their own Memorial Days following the end of the Civil War and later agreed to also hold Memorial Day on May 30th. In 1971 it was declared a federal holiday and placed on the 4th Monday in May although some states still celebrate on the 30th.

The United States celebrates 3 patriotic holidays—Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veteran’s Day. I found an explanation of the difference between each holiday from the Veterans of Foreign Wars—Veteran’s Day celebrates all those who have served our nation in our armed forces; the 4th of July of course celebrates the formation of our nation; and Memorial Day recognizes the sacrifice of those who lost their lives defending our nation. I’d like to tell you about the 4 men from Trinity who lost their lives in World War II.

Russ Howard Willard, son of Willam A. Luther Willard and Martha Elizabeth White, was born in Bay City in 1918. Russ graduated from Bay City Central. He organized a band in the fall of 1938 to play at local dances and gatherings. In December of 1939 Russ entered the flying

cadet program and reported for basic training in March 1940. He was good enough at piloting to be made an instructor and also served as a recruiter. Russ was killed during a training accident on July 14, 1942, over the Atlantic Ocean. His body was recovered, and services were held at Trinity and Webberville, MI, where he is buried. Twelve fliers from Selfridge Field provided a military escort.

Russ’ brother, Dean Douglas Willard, was born in Lansing in 1921. His parents returned to Bay City and Dean graduated from Bay City Central. Dean took over the Willard band after Russ left for the service. Dean enrolled at the



University of Michigan following high school and enlisted in September of 1942 in the flying cadets program. He was allowed to continue at the university until he reported for active duty in March of 1943. He served as an instructor in Virginia and Oscoda, MI, until he reported overseas in the spring of 1945. Dean married Nancy Defoe—he had been dating her at the university—in January of 1944. He was killed on his first combat flight to reconnoiter over Germany. His body was recovered and buried by German civilians. After the war ended his body was returned and a service was held at Trinity with a military honor guard and 3 pastors officiating. The University of Michigan granted him a posthumous degree in 1946. Dean is buried next to Russ and other family members at Webberville, MI

As a side note Rhoda Willard, sister to Russ and David, enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps in September of 1942. She served in the war zone and survived the war.

In 1946 the Women's Club of Bay City dedicated a tree in Wenona Park to the sons and husbands of members of the club who died during the war. I suspect that the tree has been lost to progress.

Jane Willard (a Trinity member who died in February of 2022) married the remaining Willard son—William A. Luther Willard Jr.—in 1949 and although she never met the military Willards, I'm sure she heard stories!!

Sydney Frederick James Bennett was born in England and came to America with his parents at 11 months. The Bennetts settled in Quanicasee and Sydney graduated from Bay City Central in 1941. He took a job at Jennison Hardware working alongside his father. Sydney enlisted in the Army in February 1943 and fought across Belgium, Holland and Germany. Sydney was a rifle team leader and was killed on the 7th of February 1945 in Germany. His body is buried in the Netherlands American Cemetery. The war in Europe ended May 8th, 1945.

Sydney's first cousin is Patricia Jackman—we know her as Pat Middleton.



Our last military casualty was Jacob Howard Koch. Jacob was born in 1918 in Bay City. He was the youngest of 4 children. His father and mother died in 1934 and Jacob lived with an aunt and grandmother until he entered the Navy in 1936. Before the war, he served in the northern Atlantic on convoy duty and eventually was posted to the battleship

USS New Mexico. He served in the South Pacific on board the New Mexico and took part in the attacks on several islands in the Pacific. Jacob was wounded during a kamikaze attack off the coast of Okinawa and died of his wounds on May 12, 1945. He is interred at Arlington Cemetery.

It's estimated that 16 million Americans served during World War II. There were over 400,000 casualties from that number. Michigan sent over 600,000 people to serve with over 10,300 casualties. Bay County had over 250 casualties who gave their all for us.



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

Overeaters Anonymous 7pm

Compline online 9pm

Fridays: Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm

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!

Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

The Crucifixion of Our Lord

The crucifixion of Our Lord is one of the central themes of the Christian faith. Christians believe that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. His suffering and death paid the cost for our sins.

Crucifixion was a method of capital punishment used among the ancient peoples surrounding the Mediterranean basin from about the 6th century B.C. to the 4th century A.D. The practice was finally banned by the emperor Constantine the Great in 337 A.D. out of respect for Jesus Christ.

The cross, occasionally even the crucifix, was used for private devotion during the first three centuries. The early Christians generally avoided representing the body of Christ on the cross. Until the 4th century, even the simple cross rarely appeared in public. However, when Constantine embraced Christianity a time of peace came to the Church. He claimed to have seen the cross in the heavens and even had it inscribed on the shields of his soldiers. Crucifixion was abolished as a death penalty and in time the cross appeared everywhere in public places.

The story of the crucifixion is told by all four gospel writers. According to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the Roman soldiers mocked Jesus for claiming to be the King of the Jews. They dressed Him in a red robe, placed a crown of thorns on His head and put a reed in His hand. Some of the men struck Him and later cast lots for His clothing.

The Gospel of John informs us that Jesus carried His own cross to the place of Crucifixion. According to the other Gospels the soldiers made a man named Simon the Cyrene also carry the cross. They nailed Jesus to the cross outside the city, on a hill called Golgotha (Calvary).



The Crucifixion of Our Lord with Mary the Virgin Mother, and St. John the Disciple standing alongside. At the foot of the cross the kneeling figure of Mary Magdalene. Central panel of the *Reredos* (altar screen) above the High Altar. Sculpted in oak in high relief, the wood carvings were executed by Bavarian-born artisan Alois Lang, 1924.

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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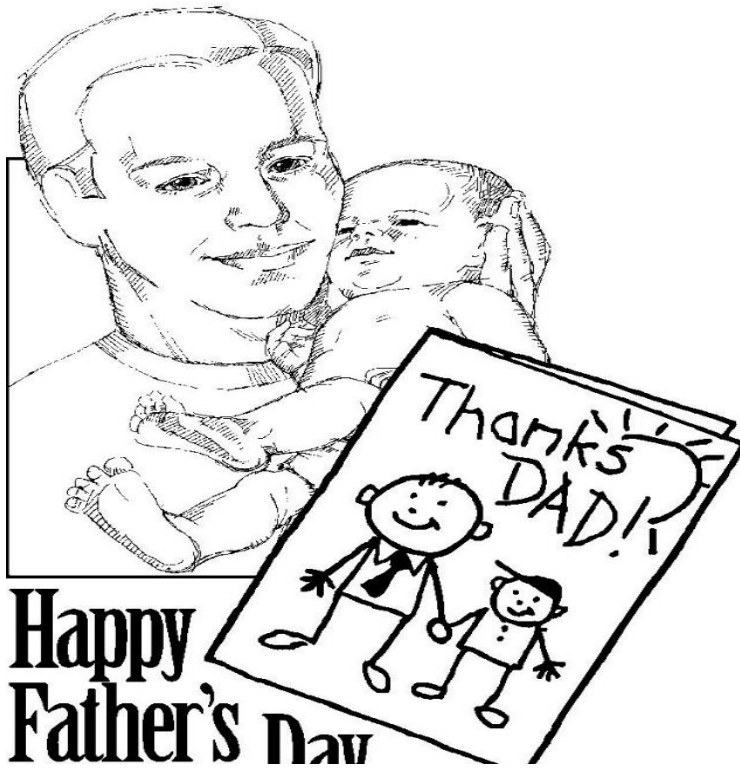
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Happy
Father's Day