One of the great gifts of the Episcopal Church is that we understand ourselves not as members of one church in a particular location, but as an entire diocese in ministry together. Though we may be members of Trinity Cathedral, our understanding of "church" is broader than that: we are members of a church that includes more than 80 worshipping communities throughout the Diocese.

At Trinity, we are not a lone congregation in a particular setting, nor are churches in Mentor or Toledo or Youngstown congregations unto themselves. We are all expressions of the same church, and we celebrate opportunities to share in ministry with our sisters and brothers throughout northern Ohio.

Each year Bishop Hollingsworth invites all the people of the Diocese to share in the ministry of the Diocese through participation in the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Through the appeal, the people of the diocese support youth mission trips and youth leadership formation, clergy and lay leadership development and parish-based outreach ministries. The Appeal also supports parish ministry by helping underwrite the placement of newly ordained clergy in congregations.

As members of one of the largest congregations in the diocese, the people of Trinity can have a positive impact upon all these ministries through their generosity. I know well from my time in North Carolina the challenges that many parishes face simply making ends meet, and yet many such churches, with some strategic support, are able to offer remarkable, life-changing ministry in their cities and towns. Through the Bishop’s appeal, we nurture the creativity and vitality of churches throughout Ohio.

Trinity is often a recipient of funds from the Bishop’s Appeal, and last year was no exception. Funds from the appeal went to our Placemaking initiative in the youth space, helping to purchase furniture to make our space for 6-12th graders more welcoming. The Appeal also supported youth mission trips as well as hunger ministries such as A Place at the Table.

Later in the month of May, we will highlight the Bishop’s Appeal and will conclude our own invitation to participate on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. I invite you to view the appeal video on our Facebook page or visit dohio.org/bishops-annual-appeal to get a glimpse of the vibrant ministry that we support through The Appeal and to make a donation.

I give thanks for the ministry of the churches of the Diocese of Ohio and celebrate the opportunities Trinity has to share in that ministry!

Blessings,

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

Following this year’s Annual Meeting and elections, four wonderful members of the Vestry will be ending their tenures: David Cratty, Beau Daane, Melody Hart and Amy Wentz. They have all been invaluable in their roles.

Beau Daane has served on the Investment Committee in addition to being on Vestry. Melody Hart has lent her great finance knowledge to the Audit, Finance, and Investment Committees in addition to being on the Nominating Committee and serving as a Chair of the Welcoming Committee for the Dean. Speaking of the Dean, David Cratty has devoted countless hours the last couple of years as Chair of the Search Committee for our Dean. Thank you, David, for all your work to bring us the Very Rev. Bernard Owens!

As Senior Warden, Amy Wentz has served on the Trinity Cathedral and Trinity Commons Executive Committees as well as the Audit, Finance, Investment Committees and this year’s Nominating Committee. Amy has also had an incredibly busy two years during our Dean transition. During such a transition, the Senior Warden has added responsibilities that the Dean would normally handle, in addition to being on the Search Committee for the Dean. Thank you, Amy, for your great leadership, especially during the last two years. While we are sad to see David, Beau, Melody, and Amy’s current terms with Vestry ending — we are also excited to be welcoming our new members!

Vestry minutes are available at https://trinitycleveland.org/vestry-minutes. Our next meeting is May 28, 2019 at 5:30 pm. As always, if you have any concerns, you may send them to the Wardens at: yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org or contact any member of vestry below.

Amy Wentz, Senior Warden
Tony Wesley, Junior Warden
Tim Espy, Treasurer
David Cratty
Beau Daane
Jane Freeman
Melody Hart
Paul Herrgesell
Marie Kittredge
Janet Lechleitner
Bryan Sickbert

THE 2019 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Every day, people in our diocese help to change the world by putting into action our shared commitment to love God, to love our neighbors, and to change the world.

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports parishes’ response to people in need, clergy and lay formation opportunities, youth leadership development, outreach ministries, and many other important initiatives that further God’s Mission to heal the world.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio

Submit Your Content for Publication

Send us your program updates and events for publication in the May Cathedral Connections no later than Tuesday, May 14, to news@trinitycleveland.org.

The deadline to submit content for the weekly e-news, This Week @ Trinity, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date.

If you would like to receive a printed copy of Cathedral Connections at your home address, please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or call 216-774-0407.
Sunday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Participants make collaged cards that mirror various aspects of oneself and one's experiences. Card making materials and snacks are provided. There is no charge for the workshop, but there will be a free-will offering to cover the cost of the materials. Advance registration is required. For further information, please contact Charlotte Nichols at cdn216@gmail.com.

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
This session is for those who have made some SoulCollage® cards and want to share and work with them in a supportive environment. We will not be making cards in this session.

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**EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP**

**PRAY, STUDY, ACT**

Join our community at the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) group's next monthly meeting at Trinity on Sunday, May 5 at 1:00PM.

Our local effort is part of the national Episcopal Peace Fellowship, founded in 1939 as an organization opposed to wars: The Diocese of Ohio has been a partner in this effort. Melanie Merkle Atha is the new EPF Executive Director. Also, Trinity's former Canon Rev. Will Mebane is the Vice Chair of the EPF National Executive Council. We are reaching out to other parishes in the Diocese to become partners.

“The Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) is a national organization connecting all who seek a deliberate response to injustice and violence and want to pray, study and take action for justice and peace in our communities, our church, and the world. We are called to do justice, dismantle violence, and strive to be peacemakers.” (EPF National)

Our current 3 action efforts this year, in conjunction with other organizations, are focused on human trafficking in northeast Ohio, ending our government’s involvement in the devastating Civil War in Yemen and ending the Death Penalty in Ohio. In addition, we have brought to the table review/action on issues relating to immigration, Palestine humanitarian assistance, etc. We also celebrate the International Day of Peace on September 21, established by the United Nations in 1981.

Contact Bruce Freeman freeman.bruce@gmail.com or Debbie Hunter hunterd16@roadrunner.com for more info.

**CATHEDRAL CONNECTIONS**

**SACRED SPACE**

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Celebrating Spring will be the theme for this meeting.

How are you experiencing growth and new life this spring? If you wish, bring a poem, song, image, or object that symbolizes spring for you. Sacred Space is an ongoing group experience that offers an opportunity to explore a variety of spiritual practices and to reflect upon our efforts to live faithfully amidst the events of our lives and our society. All are welcome to join us at any time. Our next meeting will be June 4. For further information, please contact Charlotte Nichols at cdn216@gmail.com

**SOUL COLLAGE ®**

Saturday Morning, May 18, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Friday, May 17, 6 p.m. - Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m.

At this two-night annual cathedral event, youth (6th – 12th grade) will "see where God is in Cleveland" through a service project, photo scavenger hunt, special guest presenter, and more.

The weekend will conclude with Trinity's annual Youth Sunday worship service, where graduating seniors will be honored and celebrated. Register youth by Sunday, May 5th.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Sunday, June 23 - Sunday, June 30

This June, Trinity youth will join their friends throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio on a service trip to Franklin, PA. The annual mission trip is the highlight of Trinity Youth Ministries year after year. Throughout the week, youth and adult volunteers will contribute to an ongoing initiative that provides safe, dry housing for low-income individuals and families.

It's not too late for youth to sign up!

SAVE THE DATE: TRINITY FAMILIES RETREAT (Pre-K through Grade 5)

Mark your calendar for a weekend retreat this summer at Bellwether Farm, August 9 – 11. Parents, caregivers, and children (Pre-K through 5th grade) are invited to make meaningful memories with loved ones and find restoration in Christ ahead of the school and Trinity program year.

The retreat will include overnight accommodations, all farm-to-table meals, and Sunday morning Eucharist with Dean Owens in the worship barn. Programming will also include cooking, prayer walks, campfire compline, outdoor wonders, and creation care projects. Online registration will be launched after Memorial Day (May 27).

Please email Children, Youth & Family Minister, Kate McFadden with questions or for registration, program and scholarship information: kmcfadden@trinitycleveland.org
Choral Evensong (6 p.m. Wednesdays)
Rich with contrast between light and dark, Choral Evensong is performed by the Trinity Cathedral Choir, the Trinity Chamber Singers, or a local guest choir. Each evensong commemorates a saint from Holy Women, Holy Men, the Episcopal Church’s book of saints.

*Community supper follows this service, which includes soup, salad, and bread catered by Luna Bakery & Cafe. Suggested donation of $6.

May 1 — St. Philip and St. James, Apostles are commemorated. The Rev. Kelly Aughenbaugh will preach and the Trinity Chamber Singers perform Stanford in A, Vaughan Williams: Valiant for Truth.

May 8 — Dame Julian of Norwich will be commemorated. The Rev. Dr. Paul Gaston leads the service and the Trinity Cathedral Choir will perform Kelly in C and Vierne: Kyrie.

May 15 — Our final Choral Evensong of the spring season. Frances Perkins will be commemorated and The Rev. Gayle Catinella will lead the service. The Illuminare Chamber Choir from Youngstown will perform Sowerby in D and Holst: Turn back, O man.

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May 17, 2019
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An Evening at Notre Dame:
The Music of Louis Vierne

A Vierne “Organ Sonata” in 4 movements with excerpts from Symphonie I, II, V!, and Pieces de Fantaisie, Todd Wilson, arranger and organist; Sonata for Cello and Piano, Richard Narroway, cello, Nicole Keller, piano; Messe Solennelle, The Trinity Cathedral Choir, Todd Wilson, conductor, Nichole Keller, organ; Final from Symphonie I, Hannah Koby, organ; notes on the life and work of Louis Vierne, Michael Barone.

Co-sponsored by the Teare/Kern Fund, Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and Dr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Blackstone.

This event is free and open to the public, seating is limited to 200.

Reservations required, visit blackstoneorgan.org
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Beginning in the chilly days of early spring each year, a dozen or more volunteers gather in what was once a vacant lot in the nearby Cleveland Central neighborhood. Together, they clear out nature’s thick blanket of leaves and debris, uncovering fertile plant beds below. Founded in 2006, the Trinity Cathedral “Charlie Comella” Urban Farm began with a goal of raising healthy vegetables, fruits and herbs to be shared with our Cleveland neighbors. Since then, the group has harvested over 31,000+ pounds of food — all donated to hunger programs throughout the city.

**ALL ARE INVITED:** Saturday, May 18, for the annual Urban Farm Blessing (located at 35th and Cedar) with Dean Owens, at 10 a.m. Youth volunteers from Trinity and other churches in the Diocese will be joining in the effort and celebration.

Year after year, the number of seeds and volunteers at the Urban Farm have multiplied and the group has thoughtfully planned for the sustainability of the hunger ministry. Now in their 14th season, The Urban Farm has set an ambitious goal for their 2019 growing season, hoping to grow and give away 1½ tons of food which could make this their most fruitful year to date. This effort will be supported by a Master Gardener from Cleveland’s Summer Sprout program, administered by OSU Cuyahoga County Extension office which assists nearly 200 community gardens and urban farms in the city. Last year, participating gardens donated 21,157 pounds of produce to hunger programs, and Trinity’s Urban Farm donated 16% of that total.

Volunteers are always welcome during their “come as you are, whenever you can, no experience necessary” Saturday work days. They are also accepting donations to support the purchase of additional topsoil, leaf humus, seeds, plant starts, gasoline, oil, landscape fabric and their annual water permit. All of the farm items will be stored in a recently purchased (used) storage unit at the farm, solving a long-time challenge of transporting tools and supplies back and forth from the Cathedral each week.

Interested in volunteering or supporting this effort? Contact Scott Blanchard at scottwblanchard@roadrunner.com.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 12 — Blessing of the Bikes** — Ride (or bring) your bike to Trinity Cathedral to be blessed on Sunday, May 12. This annual tradition takes place during our 9 a.m. “Mostly Jazz Mass” and is open to the public. Cyclists of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate. All you need is a set of self-propelled wheels and your helmet, of course!

**May 26th — Congregation Picnic with A Place at the Table**
Celebrate the first weekend of spring at a picnic with our Cleveland neighbors. Following the first Summer Schedule 10:00 a.m. worship service, stop by for a hot dog or hamburger and fellowship before enjoying a day in downtown Cleveland.

**June 1 — Pride in the CLE** — The LGBT Ministry Outreach Team is coordinating Trinity’s participation in the march portion of Pride in the CLE 2019. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in the march and can sign up during church services starting May 12 at the LGBT Outreach table in the Promenade. Questions? Contact Todd Ruth at truthonthelake@gmail.com.
Hospitality Volunteers

We are seeking friendly folks to help provide hospitality on Sunday mornings at Trinity’s reception desk in the Piazza. Greet old friends and new ones, offer directions, and respond to questions. Serve before or after your favorite worship service—you won't have to miss it. Volunteers will choose one of two shifts: 7:45-10:15 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Training will be provided, and Sunday staff support is always available to assist.

Food for Families

Once a month (on the second Friday), Trinity and other volunteers distribute fresh produce and other food items at Marion-Sterling School (3033 Central Ave., Cleveland), from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Find more information about the program at tinyurl.com/trinity-food-pantry.

Two leadership volunteers are needed for this hunger outreach program: Ministry Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. Training is provided for each person.

Additional Opportunities

- **Altar Guild / Sacristans:** Volunteers are needed to serve as sacristans to assist in the preparation of the altar and worship areas for the 8 and 9 a.m. Sunday services. Training is provided.

- **Ushers:** Two ushers are needed to serve on the fourth Sunday of the month for the 9 a.m. Mostly Jazz Mass.

For more information, contact Ginger Bitikofer at 216-774-0407 or gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.
United Thank Offering — On Sunday, May 12, we will observe Mothers’ Day and also collect our spring United Thank Offering (UTO). If you’ve been collecting coins in your blue box at home, please bring it that day and place it in the offering plate—or write a check and put it in one of the blue UTO envelopes. Then stop by the UTO table in the Promenade to pick up a blue box for our next ingathering in November. The first United Thank Offering was collected by The Episcopal Church Women at General Convention in 1889. It is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God’s mission throughout the world.

We are encouraged to give thanks for the good things that happen every day — great and small.

Put the blue box in a central place in your home. When you feel thankful, drop in a few coins. Every coin and dollar transforms lives — your blessings become blessings for others. Your contributions are added to others and together these funds support projects in communities around the world. Contact Yvonne Harrold at yharrold@sbcglobal.net or Ginger Bitikofer at 216-774-0407 for more information.

Pastoral Emergencies: 216-644-8423
Prayer Requests: Doreen Hughes, Dean’s Assistant at 216-774-0415 or dhughes@trinitycleveland.org
Donations: trinitycleveland.org/support
Space Rentals: trinitycleveland.org/about/space-rental-inquiry
Cathedral Connections: Submit your news items by sending to news@trinitycleveland.org by May 14, 2019.