Many of us shared the sadness of watching the Cathedral of Notre Dame as it was engulfed in flames last month.

As caretakers of a cathedral church, we at Trinity watched with a special appreciation of what was happening. We, too, have in our care a sacred building that has stood for over a century and we hope will stand for many more. Not for its own sake, of course, but as a place that speaks through its very walls of the mystery and glory of God, as a place of holiness and transformation that will, God willing, welcome countless more people in the years to come into this community of discipleship and witness.

It just so happened that, just as the world was reeling from the fire at Notre Dame, we at Trinity were drawing to a conclusion the work of the Life Safety Project that made our facilities safer and more welcoming. Of course, nothing like this “just happens” through the foresight of the Property Committee, the people of Trinity gave generously to make the cathedral as safe and accessible as possible.

In this process, we raised more than $1.6 million in pledges, mostly from members of the congregation but also with assistance from the diocese and outside funders, to complete this passage. This is a remarkable thing to accomplish at any time, but even more so in a period of interim leadership.

This kind of successful campaign does more than simply fund new sprinklers and handrails: through it, we lay a new foundation. This is what it looks like when the people of Trinity step forward to create a space that will be vibrant and viable for generations to come. This is how we bring our own passion and generosity into partnership with legacy gifts of the past, to create space for a bright future.

A cathedral is more than just the building. It is the community that supports it, who commits to something that spans a wider bridge of time than we are accustomed to in our daily lives. The loss of Notre Dame struck us for the amount of time the building has stood; at Trinity, we are reminded that we, too, are caretakers of a community and a cathedral that we hope will speak of God’s presence in this city for many generations to come.

Blessings,

BJ+

- The Very Rev. Bernard Owens

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**
The Rev. Sarah Shofstall
8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Education Hour
Way of Love Series (Rule of Life)
Tai Chi with George Anderson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Education Hour
Way of Love Series (Turn)
Tai Chi with George Anderson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Music by The Gateway Band

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**
The Very Rev. Dean Owens
8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Education Hour
Way of Love Series (Learn)
Tai Chi with George Anderson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**
The Rev. Sarah Shofstall
8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Education Hour
Way of Love Series (Pray)
Tai Chi with George Anderson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30**
8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Education Hour
Community Gospel Reflections
Tai Chi with George Anderson
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
THE 2019 BISHOP’S APPEAL

During Pentecost, please consider making a contribution to the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. A small gift now or an ongoing monthly contribution will connect your gift and our community with meaningful work throughout the Diocese of Ohio.

What is the Bishop’s Annual Appeal—what’s it about? “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.

Visit dohio.org/bishops-annual-appeal to learn more and contribute to the Bishop’s Appeal.

THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

This summer, on most Sundays at 9 a.m., Community Gospel Reflections is excited to sponsor a nine week series on The Way of Love, an initiative of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and The Episcopal Church. The Way of Love is a set of practices to, “return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries.” The Presiding Bishop gives a great introduction to The Way of Love in a video at episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love. These practices will each have their own week during our series and include:

TURN - Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus
LEARN - Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus’ life and teachings
PRAY - Dwell intentionally with God each day
WORSHIP - Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and draw near God
BLESS - Share faith and unselfishly give and serve
GO - Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus
REST - Receive the gift of God’s grace, peace, and restoration

The introduction to The Way of Love, available in several languages on the Way of Love website, defines a Rule of Life as, “an intentional commitment to a set of practices that provide guidance, rhythm and inspiration for living a beautiful, meaningful and holy life. As we place these practices at the heart of our daily lives and join with companions who share the commitment, we grow more and more in the unselfish, hope-filled Way of Love that Jesus embodied in the world.”

Since we know it is the summer and you might not be able to come every week, we will post weekly summaries. This will allow those who go out of town to still follow along and rejoin seamlessly when back at Trinity.

Community Gospel Reflections will continue to meet any weeks that The Way of Love does not take place. Additional information is also available at trinitycleveland.org.

The Way of Love
Summer Series Schedule

June 2 - Rule of Life - Dean Owens
June 9 - Turn - Miriam Torres-Souffront
June 16 - Learn - Allison Hauserman
June 23 - Pray - Char Nichols
July 14 - Worship - Linda Lee
July 21 - Bless - Scott Blanchard
August 4 - Go - Kelly Henderson
August 18 - Rest - Tony Wesley
August 25 - Living the Rule of Life with Dean Owens
**Cathedral Connections**

**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

This month, June 23 - 30, 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 together, volunteers will contribute to an ongoing initiative that provides safe, dry housing for low-income individuals and families.

The youth and adult volunteers graciously ask for your prayers for a safe, meaningful week of service.

**TRINITY FAMILY RETREAT AT BELLWETHER FARM**

Join Dean Owens and Trinity families 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 is available at trinitycleveland.org/familyretreat

**THANK YOU KATE**

**MUSIC & ART**

Music and Art at Trinity has completed the 41st BrownBag Concert season and our musicians and arts are taking a well-deserved summer break.

The 42nd season of the BrownBag Concerts will begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 12noon. More information and concert listings at www.MusicandArtatTrinity.org

**Save the Date:** Music and Art at Trinity will proudly host the legendary Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, England in a free concert on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:30pm.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tai Chi, 9 a.m.** – June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 14, 21 and August 11, 18, 25

**Summer “Volunteer Choir”** – July 7 and August 4, Rehearsal at 9:10 a.m. for 10 a.m. Worship Service

**June 8 – Inquirers’ Class** – Learn more about the Episcopal Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 8, when The Rev. Sarah Shofstall will lead a class for newcomers and new members. The class will prepare those who seek to be received or confirmed by the Bishop. Long-time members who want a refresher are also welcome. Lunch is included; no cost to attend. Contact Rev. Sarah at sshofstall@trinitycleveland.org, 216-774-0470.

**June 29 – Congregation Picnic at Bellwether Farm** from 12 - 4 p.m. We will have a picnic, go canoeing and swimming, and spend time with the animals. Contact Jan Kelemen at jantkelemen@gmail.com or visit bellwetherfarm.org for more info.

**July 13 – It’s Tribe Time! – SIGN UP NOW** – A block of seats is reserved for the 7:10 p.m. game, $30/ticket. Contact David Lawrence at dallenlawrence@gmail.com or register online at http://tinyurl.com/ClevelandIndiansOuting2019

**August 4 – Baptism Sunday** – To participate in the sacrament of baptism, please call Ginger Bitikofer at 216-774-0407.

**SACRED SPACE – June 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. – This month’s session is on the theme of “belonging”**

Seekers and newcomers are welcome in this monthly spirituality group. From shared poetry and centering prayer to labyrinths, music and mandalas – there are many ways to uncover the light inside each of us and our personal connection to God is strengthened by the shared experiences of a supportive community. This will be our final meeting (until September) but you can contact Charlotte Nichols to be added to the email list for future meetings and events cdn216@gmail.com.
Hospitality Volunteers Looking for an easy way to get involved and deepen your relationship with our community? Volunteers are needed to greet visitors before or after worship services. Summer volunteers will choose one of two shifts: 9:00-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Training will be provided, and Sunday staff support is always available to assist.

Food for Families - Monthly Food Pantry
Dale Murrphy has offered to continue a “behind the scenes” role coordinating all the details for this longtime, interfaith collaborative program. Our new volunteer leaders will be asked to support the program, which takes place once a month (on the second Friday) by being on site to coordinate food delivery and volunteers. Find more information about the program at tinyurl.com/trinity-food-pantry.

For more information about volunteering, contact Ginger Bitikofer at 216-774-0407 gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP
The Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) will be meeting next on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at a new time of 11:30AM after the 10:00AM service. Come and join us as we discuss our efforts to combat Human Trafficking in our backyard, end the suffering of millions of innocents in Yemen, eliminate the Death Penalty in Ohio and more.

Future plans include the celebration of International Day of Peace on September 21, EPF’s 80th birthday on Nov. 19 and celebration of pacifist Bishop Paul Jones Episcopal Saint’s Feast Day on the anniversary of his death on September 4, 1941. Bishop Paul Jones (above) was a cofounder of EPF.

Trinity’s Urban Farm
Volunteer gardeners are invited each week throughout the growing season to visit the Urban Farm on Saturdays between 9 a.m - 12 p.m. This is a great family-friendly way to give back to the community. All produce is donated to local food distribution centers for our neighbors in need.

June 8th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
20/30’s Urban Farm Work Day!
All members and friends are welcome, including children, supervised by parents. We will gather for lunch in nearby Tremont at noon. RSVP by contacting Audrey Hudak: Audrey.hudak.11@gmail.com
Learn more about the Urban Farm here: trinitycleveland.org/serve/trinity-urban-farm

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