Cathedral Connections

SEPTEMBER 2019

FROM THE DEAN

One of my favorite moments of the summer was the Trinity Retreat for Families with Children, held in early August at Bellwether Farms. Twenty-two of us gathered to rest, play, discover the farm, swim, eat (the food there is fantastic) and get to know one another.

Some of the “getting to know you” happened organically, but I am grateful that Allie Heeter had one very simple but meaningful group activity where we broke into small groups – adults and children together – and drew from decks of cards that had questions that took us a little bit deeper than simple icebreakers. We had an opportunity to share just a little bit more about our lives, a little about our faith and where we experience the presence of God. That was it . . . just a simple chance to share a bit of meaningful stuff with each other, to learn about one another, and to build community one conversation at a time.

As it happens, we’re planning a similar activity for the congregation of Trinity on September 29. Borrowing a program from the Diocese of North Carolina (who borrowed it from the Diocese of Texas) we will gather in small groups for an hour between and after the services with a special deck of cards called Go Speak: Sharing our Faith. Just like the activity on the Families with Children retreat, this will be a chance to explore faith while also building community, in a simple and informal way. Whether you are brand new to Trinity or have been around for decades, this will be a perfect Sunday to deepen our connection to one another.

It is entirely by coincidence (I promise!) that we will also begin our stewardship season on the same Sunday, Go Speak isn’t about money per se and it isn’t a stewardship exercise, but it gets to the same purpose: stewardship and giving are not ultimately about money and budgets, but about relationship and discipleship. This is my first annual stewardship campaign with you, and I’m really looking forward to it. You will learn that about me: I love this season of the church’s life. Not only is stewardship the perfect opportunity to lift up and celebrate the ministry of Trinity, but it is also brings an invitation to respond joyfully to the abundance of God’s life in us.

Few things speak of God’s abundance as the richness of community, and that’s what Go Speak: Sharing Our Faith is all about. I’m sure that on September 29 we’ll only begin to scratch the surface, and if it goes well we can have more Go Speak events soon.

Blessings,

BJ+

- The Very Rev. Bernard Owens

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Mostly Jazz Mass
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

WEDNESDAY (Oct. - May)
6:00 p.m. Choral Evensong

THURSDAY
12:10 p.m. Healing Eucharist

UPCOMING FORUMS
SUNDAYS at 10:10 a.m.

Sept. 8 - The Life and Work of Rachel Held Evans
Discussion led by Rev. Jo Nygard Owens

Sept. 15 - Episcopal Peace Fellowship Ministry Forum
International Day of Peace

Sept. 22 - Passion and Purpose: A Spirituality of Giving
Join Dean Owens as he explores how Christian and Jewish traditions of generosity and giving seek to connect our passions to God’s dream for the world.

Sept. 29 - Go Speak: Sharing our Faith
An interactive community building activity led by Dean Owens

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH
A MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

At our last meeting in June, we welcomed by election Kim DeNero-Ackroyd to fill the seat on Vestry vacated by Tony Wesley. She will complete the remainder of his term for this year, and the final year of his term will be filled by election at our Annual Meeting in May.

We are excited about the addition of Kim to the Vestry team! She brings great skills from her work as the Deputy Director of the renowned Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library. At Trinity, she has been involved in worship and youth ministries, as well as serving at A Place at the Table. We also want to thank Tony for his great service on Vestry including serving as Junior Warden, various committee work including Stewardship (“Gifts Multiply!”), serving on the Dean’s Search Committee, and most recently as Assistant Treasurer.

Vestry minutes are available online at https://trinitycleveland.org/about/governance/vestry-minutes/

Our next meeting is September 24, 2019, at 5:30 pm. As always, if you have any concerns, please send them to the Wardens at yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org or contact any member of vestry.

VESTRY MEMBERS

Patricia Roberts, Senior Warden
Paul Herrgesell, Junior Warden
Tim Espy, Treasurer
Gary Benjamin
Elizabeth Billings
Kim DeNero-Ackroyd
Jane Freeman
Marie Kittredge
Janet Lechleitner
Linda Lee
Bryan Sickbert

SOUL COLLAGE
Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SoulCollage is an intuitive collage process through which you bypass your mind and create a personalized deck of cards which will help you with life’s questions. No experience required.

Contact Charlotte Nichols at cdn216@gmail.com for more information.

CLIMATE ACTION
for Peace

Join us at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15 for an introduction to Trinity’s Episcopal Peace Fellowship ministry group whose Pray, Study, Act initiatives focus on the war in Yemen, human trafficking in Ohio, and ending the death penalty. The discussion will also include Climate Action for Peace (above).
The summer has flown by and we are now moving into this time of changing leaves and pumpkin-flavored everything. Even as the seasons change and the lush summer gives way to the orange, red and brown tones of fall, liturgically we remain in the same period of time. This longest period called simply the Season after Pentecost or “Ordinary Time.”

Sometimes “Ordinary” as a term gets a bad reputation alongside its synonyms of usual, typical, standard, normal, and routine. Yet there is nothing wrong with the day-to-day which all of these terms refer to. People dedicate their free-time to finding the sacred in the “ordinary” of their lives. Is it not a sacred ritual to have that first daily cup of coffee? Or to read another chapter of your favorite book, or your child’s, before going to sleep? We still have several months of “Ordinary” left. I wonder how many wonderful things we can find in them.

Blessings, Allie
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Music & Art

THE CHOIR OF TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE
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 7:30 p.m. Conducted by Stephen Layton, one of the most sought-after conductors of his generation, whose ground-breaking approach has had a profound influence on choral music over the last 30 years.

BROWN BAG CONCERTS
The 42nd season of the BrownBag Concerts will begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 12 o’clock noon. More information and concert listings at MusicandArtatTrinity.org

Oct. 2 – Amethyst String Quartet with Mary Beth Ions
The quartet returns to the cathedral to begin our 42nd season with a celebration of favorite “Dance Music”

Oct. 9 – Dancing Wheels ART | MOTION | DANCE

Oct. 16 – Decho Ensemble
The winning combination of vintage Buescher saxophones played by Jacob Swanson, Sarah Marchitelli, and Jared Yackiw

Oct. 23 – Kristine and Kira
Vocalists Kristine Caswelch and Kira McGirr sing duets spanning our favorite periods, genres and styles

Oct. 30 - Todd Wilson and Elizabeth DeMio
Experience the rare talent and delight of four-hand piano, played by our favorite BrownBag keyboard masters

Upcoming Events
Tai Chi
George Anderson will continue to offer Tai Chi this fall on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning on Sept. 15 at 10:10 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals - Bring your four-legged friends to the 9:00 a.m. mass on October 6 for a special blessing and then visit the St. Francis Day Fair where we are expecting special guest experts on beekeeping, backyard chickens, pet rescue and more!

October 6 - Cathedral Tour, Solemn Sung Eucharist

October 13 – Ministry Fair and “Trinity 101” introduction for newcomers or those who want to learn more about our community and liturgical practices

November 3 - All Saints Baptism Sunday
For information on participating in the sacrament of baptism, contact a clergy person or Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or 216-774-0407.

SIGN UP FOR A BRUNCH OR SUPPER GROUP
Would you like to meet some new people at Trinity, or get to know some of your fellow members better? Then consider signing up for a Brunch or Supper Group, and make some new friends over some meals.

Supper Groups have been around for a long time, but in the last few years we’ve added brunch options for people who want to join after church. In each case, groups meet once a month. Groups will begin meeting in October, and will continue through the end of the program year.

The 9:00 Brunch Group gets together after the education hour (about 11 AM) on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The 11:15 Brunch Group goes to lunch following that service (about 12:30 PM) on the 4th Sunday of the month. Brunch group members take turns choosing nearby restaurants for the meal.

Supper Groups meet for dinner. Each person (or couple) in the group takes turns hosting supper in their home and provides the main dish. Others bring the side dishes. Supper group members work out a monthly meeting schedule.

Contact Linda Lee at eriesprite2@yahoo.com or by 216-227-1481 if you’re interested in join one (or more) groups.
FALL PROGRAM & EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8th
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
Children & Youth Sunday School
Community Gospel Reflections
Forum: The Life & Work of Rachel Held Evans
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table

Monday, September 9th
6:00 - 8:00 PM - Knitting Pearls (Cafe Ah-Roma)

Friday, September 13th
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Knitting Pearls

Saturday, September 14th
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Flower Guild
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM - DOK/Daughters of the King

Sunday, September 15th
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
Children & Youth Sunday School
Forum: Episcopal Peace Fellowship/Day of Peace
Study of Galatians: What Were You Thinking!
Tai Chi in the Garden
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table

Monday, September 16th
6:00 - 8:00 PM - Knitting Pearls (Cafe Ah-Roma)

Friday, September 20th
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Knitting Pearls

Sunday, September 22nd
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
Children & Youth Sunday School
Forum: The Spirituality of Giving
Study of Galatians: The Heart of the Gospel
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table (1983)

Monday, September 23rd
6:00 - 8:00 PM - Knitting Pearls (Cafe Ah-Roma)

Friday, September 27th
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Knitting Pearls

Saturday, September 28th
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Flower Guild

Sunday, September 29th
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
Children & Youth Sunday School
Forum: Sharing Our Faith
Study of Galatians: In Favor of Grace
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table

Monday, September 30th
6:00 - 8:00 PM - Knitting Pearls (Cafe Ah-Roma)

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

These educational opportunities are offered at 7:00 p.m. following Choral Evensong, beginning in October. Volunteers are also needed for Wednesday evening suppers, a shared meal which takes place beforehand. Please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or 216-774-0407.

October 2: Julie Konrad
Balanced Living with Ayurveda.

October 16: Bishop Hollingworth
A conversation on liturgy.

November 6: Undesign the Redline

STUDY OF GALATIANS

Community Gospel Reflections is excited to be sponsoring a 7-week study led by Phyllis Mitchell and Linda Lee on the book of Galatians. Paul is writing to a split church in Galatia debating whether Gentiles should be able to receive salvation, or if they must follow Mosaic Law. Come learn how Paul answers the question of whether we receive God’s grace through faith and/or works.

The sessions will meet Sunday mornings during the 10:10 am Education Hour
Community Gospel Reflections will still meet other weeks:

- September 15 - What Were You Thinking!
- September 22 - The Heart of the Gospel
- September 29 - In Favor of Grace
- October 20 - What is the Law for?
- October 27 - An Appeal to Friendship
- November 3 - Living the Faith in the Faith Community
- November 10 - Living the Gospel

Books to enhance your study are available for $20 and will be on sale on Sunday mornings or by contacting Becky Fuller at sniderfuller@sbglobal.net. The books are optional, but will help deepen your study. All are welcome to attend one or all sessions.
Coming Soon . . . The Rev. Adrienne Koch will begin work in early October

A Cleveland native, Adrienne has been living in North Carolina for the past 11 years. She received her B.A. in Liberal Arts from Malone College in 2004, with concentrations in Theology, Psychology, and Communications, and her M.Div. from Duke University Divinity School in 2011 with a certificate of studies in Gender, Theology, and Ministry. She completed a two-year non-degree Anglican program for Theological Studies at Sewanee: The University of the South.

Most recently Adrienne was the Young Adult Missioner and Campus Minister for the Raleigh Area in the Episcopal Diocese of NC and Adjunct Faculty at Duke Divinity School, where she led a first-year spiritual formation group and previously led practicums in courses on preaching, women in ministry, and Christian spirituality.

Adrienne and her wife, Jennifer, will be moving to the Cleveland area this fall with their toddler, Elby, and their old yellow lab, Nevaeh.

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