One of my favorite descriptions of praying the Daily Office speaks not of cloistered chapels or vested clergy, but of couches, cats, and iPads. In a Living Church blog post Derek Olsen writes:

“I do not know why my cats seem attracted by prayer, but they are. Perhaps it’s because my lap will remain in a fixed position for 20 minutes. Maybe it’s because they like my fuzzy robe. Maybe there really is an air, an attitude, a spirit of peace and serenity that gathers around those who pray: that feeling you have when you step inside an ancient sanctuary and instantly recognize an odor of holiness, a space sanctified by decades of prayer, the hopes and dreams and anguished breaths clinging to its walls like lingering incense
I do not know.

Read the Dean’s entire message

IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

...to participate in our stewardship campaign! We are very grateful for the 158 households that have completed their pledge forms, and would like to include all of you on the list of donors. If you need a pledge packet, please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org. You can also make a pledge or payment online using the button below. We will be recognizing all those making a pledge in the bulletin on December 22.

PLEDGE NOW

This Sunday, November 24

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens will preach at all three services

Click here for this week’s scripture

8 a.m. Early Eucharist

9 a.m. Mostly Jazz Mass

Children's Chapel - Children in grades Pre-K through 5 are invited to arrive a few minutes early to join the opening procession at the 9 a.m. worship service. We will then gather in the chapel following the opening prayer.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
10:10 a.m. Journeying the Way of Love: Advent Bible Study

This Advent, as we await the coming of Christ, Bible Study will lead participants through the first two chapters of Luke during the 10:10 a.m. education hour. No previous knowledge or experience of the Way of Love series is needed to participate. This week, Christian Negron will lead the study of "Mary & Elizabeth: Journeying with Family and Friends" in Conference A/B.
10:10 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group

Godly Play for children in grades pre K-grade 3
Quest for children in grades 4-5
Youth Group for children in grades 6-12

All classes take place in the
Youth and Family Center on the third floor except for the Pre-K and
Kindergarten class which meets on the first floor by the nursery.

United Thank Offering In-Gathering This Sunday
Nov. 24

This Sunday, Trinity will participate in The Episcopal Church's United Thank
Offering (UTO) campaign. Bring in the offerings from your blue box and place
them in the offering basket. Stop by the UTO table in the Promenade to pick up
a blue box for the next ingathering in May.

Angel Tree Gift Tags
Available in the Promenade

It's Trinity's seventh year of collaboration
with the Angel Tree Prison Fellowship
Ministries. You can help give gifts to
children on behalf of parents who are
currently incarcerated. Angel Tree
estimates that 1.7 million children in the
United States have a parent in prison.
Trinity has the names of 93 Cleveland-
area children who need Christmas gifts
this year.

Help this Sunday by picking up a gift tag
and returning the specified gift (wrapped
or unwrapped) by Dec. 15. Most of the gifts are in the $20-$25 range and are
requested by the prisoner and/or family member caring for the children. We're
also looking for people to sponsor $25 Walmart gift cards which the family can
use to celebrate the holiday in a way that works the best for them.

We are also looking for volunteers to help wrap gifts the week of Dec. 15 and
for drivers to help deliver gifts to the homes of the children from Tues., Dec. 17
through Sat., Dec. 21. For more details, please contact Kathy Raymond at
kayray419@roadrunner.com or Ginger Bitikofer at
Congregational Life

Trinity & Diocesan Offices
Closed for Thanksgiving

Please note that these offices will be closed Thurs., Nov. 28 through Sat. Nov. 30 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Music & Art at Trinity

In recognition of Thanksgiving week, there will be no BrownBag concert or Choral Evensong this Wednesday. Programming will resume on Wed., Dec. 4, when the BrownBag series will present the Gateway Band’s "A Jazzy Christmas." Choral Evensong will also recommence on Dec. 4 with the Rev. Rosalind Hughes as homilist and the Cathedral Choir performing a Trinity Hodie Service composed by our own Judith Eckelmeyer.

Youth and Family Ministry

For more information or to RSVP for the following events, please contact Allie Heeter at aheeter@trinitycleveland.org.

Sat. and Sun., December 7-8
High School Lock-in

Advent is a time of much stress, so the theme for the lock-in is to decompress and "de-
stress." High school students in 9th-12th grade are invited to leave their school and holiday worries behind and to relax and rejuvenate at this fun event.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Christmas Present Wrap-Up
Bring your Christmas presents! Youth in grades 6-12 will be gift wrapping to raise funds for the Mission Trip to Lotts Creek, Kentucky in the summer of 2020.

Transgender Day of Remembrance
Join the Trinity LGBTQ+ Ministry Team for the Transgender Day of Remembrance program which will be held on Friday Nov. 22. The event will begin at 5:30 pm at the AIDS Taskforce, 2829 Euclid Ave. There will be a candlelight vigil walk to Trinity Cathedral kicking off at 5:45 pm. The Transgender Day of Remembrance program will begin at 6 pm at Trinity Cathedral.

SoulCollage® Workshop
This Saturday, Nov. 23, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
SoulCollage is a fun, easy and creative way to express your inner world. Using intuition, imagination and your willingness to explore, you will learn to create a deck of personal wisdom cards. These collaged cards represent the varied and unique aspects of who you are.
This workshop is appropriate for beginners and for those experienced with 
SoulCollage. Card-making materials will be provided. Beverages, snacks, and 
lunch can be purchased from Cafe Ah-roma or Subway. There is no charge for 
the workshop, although there will be a freewill offering to cover the cost of 
materials.

Advance registration is required. To register, please contact Charlotte Nichols at cdn216@gmail.com

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**LAST CHANCE!**
Sunday is Deadline 
for Marion Sterling Thanksgiving Baskets

The deadline is approaching, but you can still help. Can you 
buy a thanksgiving dinner for one Marion Sterling student's family? Click the button below for a list of items you can purchase. If you'd prefer to make a donation, you can do it on our website at

http://bit.ly/MarionSterlingThanks. You can also donate by check payable to Trinity Cathedral with "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the memo. Donate cash by placing it in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Baskets." Checks or cash can be dropped off at Trinity's front desk or placed in the offering plate. Donations or groceries must be dropped off on or before November 24.

We'll need volunteers to pack the baskets following the 11:15 a.m. service on November 24. Drivers are needed on November 25 to take the meals to Marion Sterling School, less than a mile from the Cathedral 3033 Central Ave. If you can help as a driver, please contact David Cratty at dcratty1@sbcglobal.net.

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Find the Grocery List Here

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Walls of Love

Come to Trinity
You may have seen Walls of Love projects around the Cleveland area. Organized by founder Holly Jackson, these “walls” are stocked with necessities and cold-weather items for people to take when they are in need.

Soon, Trinity will have its own Wall of Love, on the Prospect Ave fence in front of Mather Hall. The sponsors of our Wall of Love are members of the Becoming Beloved Community group and Trinity’s Daughters of the King—they will install and maintain the wall, with the help of Holly Jackson. This winter, they will concentrate on providing items that people may need in cold weather. Donations are requested: specific winter items (see list below), and monetary contributions, to purchase additional items. Clothing items can be new or gently worn (clean). Donated items can be left at the front desk, labeled for Wall of Love.

- Hats/earmuffs
- Gloves/hand warmers
- Chapstick
- T-shirts/sweatshirts (adult & child sizes)
- Socks
- Emergency blankets/tarps
- Scarves
- Cleansing wipes
- Undershirts/thermal underwear
- Sunglasses (eye protection)

Monetary donations should be payable to Trinity Cathedral, with “Wall of Love” in the memo line—these can be mailed, paid online or put in the offering plate.

Contact Janet Morrison jlmorrison611@gmail.com with any questions.
This Tuesday, Nov. 26, 12:00 p.m.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Join Dean Owens, Bishop Hollingsworth and religious leaders from throughout the greater Cleveland faith community for a special Thanksgiving service with a reception to follow. It's a great way to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday and worship with neighbors from Jewish, Muslim and Christian faith traditions. We all have a lot to be thankful for!

Christmas Flower Remembrances

Remember a loved one at Christmastime with flowers on the altar. All remembrances received by Wed. Dec. 18 will be listed in an insert in the holiday services' bulletins. You can put your check in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Please include the name of the person you’re honoring in the check memo. Contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org for more information.

#GivingTuesdayCLE

This year, Trinity is a sponsor of the #GivingTuesdayCLE campaign, Cleveland's local response to the global Giving Tuesday movement.
Trinity member Pam Turos is the co-chair of the event. This second-annual celebration began Tues., Nov. 19 and runs through Giving Tuesday, Dec. 3 with the sale of limited-edition DO GOOD hats. By purchasing your hat through Trinity, part of the proceeds will go to Trinity and the rest to a group of 16 nonprofits throughout the city. Hats are made by the Cosmic Bobbins' Cleveland Sews program which gives work opportunities to people with barriers to employment, such as immigrants. Please visit https://dogoodcle.org/nonprofits/trinity-cathedral/ to donate or purchase your hat for $25. If you wish to purchase a hat off-line, please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.

Sacred Space Meeting
Tue., Dec. 3 - 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Spirituality and music will be the theme of the December Sacred Space meeting. Please join us to share how music in all of its wonderful variety supports, sustains and inspires you on your spiritual journey.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Nichols at cdn216@gmail.com.

Morning Prayer Services Begin During Advent

The penitential season of Advent invites us to “take on” a spiritually enriching practice. Beginning Wednesday December 4th, Trinity will “take on” Morning Prayer, part of the Daily Office found in the Book of Common Prayer. This service is designed to be led by a lay person and includes a lectionary psalm, a reading from either the Old or New Testament and a Gospel reading. Advent Morning Prayer will be held Dec. 4, 11, and 18 with two services, one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 9:00 a.m. The length of the service will be 30 minutes. Please join us in the chapel for this wonderful opportunity for Advent devotions. For more information, contact Dale Murphy at...
Next Sunday
Dec. 1
All Ages Make Advent Wreaths

Make Advent wreaths with real greenery and candles at the 10:10 a.m. education hour. This popular annual Trinity event is open to all ages.

Young children can help their parents or grandparents or they can choose to make paper advent wreaths. Those who have wreath forms at home from previous years are encouraged to bring them back to use again.

Pray Throughout Advent with Mandalas Books

Did you know that coloring can be a form of prayer? The spiritual practices of coloring mandalas (circular designs) will help you focus on God, hope, love, joy and peace. Just in time for advent, two books, Mandalas, Candles and Prayer and Praying with Mandalas are available for $10 each. If you're interested contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.
Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation. But it is also one of new beginnings. How might we regard Advent as a season of discernment? How can we explore our own spiritual gifts to help us be an incarnate presence to those around us? The world hungers for a taste of divinity. Together let us grow in our capacity to see and share the multifaceted gifts that God has given to each of us.

We hope you join Dean Owens for this Advent retreat sponsored by the Adult Formation Committee. For more information, contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch.

Register Today

Undesign the Redline
Speaker's Panel
Wed., Dec. 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Local non-profit professionals, organizers and community leaders will share their experiences and perspectives on efforts to undesign the redline in greater Cleveland. Representatives from the Housing Research and Advocacy Center, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood and Cleveland State's School of Urban Studies will comprise the panel.

Boar's Head Festival
Set for Dec. 28

Have you ever thought about participating in the Boar's Head
Festival? This one-of-a-kind Elizabethan-inspired Christmas pageant is seeking costumed participants ages 4 and up to fill one of the 120 performer positions. Behind the scenes personnel such as make-up artists, decorators, ushers and kitchen help are also needed.

There will be two performances of the Boar's Head on Sat., Dec. 28 at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. One rehearsal is held Fri., Dec. 27. Please contact Nancy Baxter at nanlyn@prodigy.net to participate. You can also visit www.boarsheadcleveland.org for more details.

Trinity Member Needs Weatherization Assistance

A Trinity member, who lives on the east side of Cleveland, needs assistance in weatherizing apartment windows. This would involve measuring the windows, helping to obtain the plastic sheeting and installing the plastic on the inside of the windows. A ladder is required.

If you might be able to assist with one or more of the tasks involved with this request, please contact Ginger Bitikofer gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, or 216-774-0407.

Save the Dates

Dec. 1 - Solemn Sung Eucharist
Dec. 1 - Episcopal Peace Fellowship meeting
Dec. 1 - Labyrinth Walk
Dec. 19 - Messiah Sing
Dec. 19 - Anna Sutterisch Ordination
In the Community

Join Trinity's Becoming Beloved Community ministry and attend and celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church's 128th anniversary with Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's is the oldest historically black Episcopal church in Ohio. The service will feature the unique Afro-American tradition with the St. Andrew's choir, soloists and special musical guests. St. Andrew's is at 2171 E. 49th St in Cleveland. Contact Kelly Henderson at strongangel@hotmail.com if you are interested in carpooling.

Submit Your News for Publication

The deadline to submit program updates or events for the weekly e-news, This Week @ Trinity, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to news@trinitycleveland.org

You can read the current issue of Cathedral Connections online, or pick up your printed copy throughout the Cathedral during all church services. Please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

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