Even before moving to Cleveland I knew something about the practice of “redlining,” in which the federal government, in the mid-20th century, declared certain neighborhoods ineligible for housing subsidies based on the presence of African-American residents. I knew of this because it happened across the country, from Ohio to California to North Carolina, forging a map throughout America that was even more sharply divided by race than it had been before. Indeed, these policies, supported by the housing industry and enacted by the federal government, hardened the divisions between communities and enforced them along lines of class and race. Though many of these policies were overturned decades later, their impact continues to be felt today as areas “redlined” decades ago continue to struggle with concentrated poverty and diminished opportunities.

But it turns out I only knew part of the story. Books such as Richard Rothstein’s The Color of Law and Matthew Desmond’s Evicted have taught me that housing discrimination has had an even deeper impact on the city maps we take for granted than I had known: from the creation of whites-only public housing to financing schemes that specifically targeted poorer African-Americans, the story of housing in the 20th century runs parallel to the story of racial discrimination in America. Redlining formed, in Cleveland and cities throughout the country, an invisible architecture of racism; without a clear understanding of this story, we risk remaining trapped in a cycle of inequality for generations to come.

This is a story that we must tell, and for that reason I am deeply grateful to Cleveland Neighborhood Progress for inviting Trinity Cathedral and the Diocese of Ohio to partner with them in offering Undesign the Redline, an interactive exhibit on federally-sponsored housing discrimination in Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. This exhibit will be on display in the Trinity Gallery from now until December 20. We’ll offer special programming to go alongside the exhibit, including speakers from ThirdSpace Action Lab on November 6 and panel discussions on November 10 and December 4.

This is a profound opportunity for Trinity and the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio to begin some of the hard work of reconciliation: as the Beloved Community we strive to undo the architecture of racism and sin, and we begin by looking at our past with courage and hope.

Last month we also welcomed the Rev. Adrienne Koch as Trinity’s Priest Associate. In addition to sharing the pastoral leadership of Trinity, Adrienne will help lead Mission & Outreach ministries and Adult Formation, and will seek to deepen Trinity’s ministries to area college students. I will host a Dean’s Forum on Nov. 17 where we will get to know Adrienne a bit better, so I hope you’ll plan to join us. I am so excited to have her here. Please keep her wife Jennifer and their son Elby (and their yellow lab, Nivea) in your prayers as they settle in, and join me in welcoming Adrienne to Trinity!

Blessings,

BJ+

- The Very Rev. Bernard Owens

PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 10
- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

November 17
The Rev. Adrienne Koch

November 24
- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

December 1
- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

It’s not too late to participate in our stewardship campaign! We are very grateful for the 144 households who 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 at https://trinitycleveland.org/support-trinity-cathedral/. We will be recognizing all those making a pledge in the bulletin on December 22. Thank you!

- The Very Rev. Bernard Owens
A MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

In September, Vestry held its annual retreat at the beautiful setting of St. Hubert’s Episcopal Church in Kirtland Hills, Ohio. We encourage you to visit if you have never been before. The retreat was a time for us to bond with each other, worship together, and plan for the future of Trinity Cathedral. We participated in various team building exercises both days. We got to enjoy hearing Dean Owens share some early thoughts on his long-term vision for Trinity Cathedral and ways it could grow. We concluded our retreat by discussing our vision for the endowment of Trinity Cathedral.

We believe that we best serve Trinity, today and tomorrow, by funding our ministries through generous congregational giving and an endowment draw that is sustainable over time. As we work toward this goal, we are committed to meeting spiritual needs, growing our ministries, and making critical capital repairs to the roof and masonry of the cathedral. Next year’s budget will grow to meet these priorities and will also include the restoring of a full pastoral team in anticipation of meeting the needs of a growing congregation. In broad terms, over the next few years we’d need to roughly double congregational giving to accomplish this. We can achieve this by inviting current members to grow in their giving and by inviting more people into the life of our congregation and Cathedral community.

Your vestry is committed to this work, and we invite you to join us in it. As we’ve seen the close of the season of stewardship, we ask that you take time to reflect and pray about what Trinity gives us today, and what it will leave as its legacy for future generations. Please also double check to make sure you have fulfilled your 2019 pledges.

We are excited about all the great possibilities we can all help Trinity realize!

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

Vestry minutes are available at http://bit.ly/TrinVestry. Our next meeting is November 19 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 listed above.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

HELP ALL MARION STERLING FAMILIES ENJOY THANKSGIVING DINNER

As is our tradition, we will provide baskets of Thanksgiving food to ALL (our goal is 150 baskets) students and families at Marion Sterling School, located in our neighborhood. We’re looking for your help to purchase the grocery items for one family for a complete Thanksgiving Day meal. Please bring your donations to Trinity’s front desk before November 24. If possible, please bring the food in a sturdy reusable shopping bag or two.

For those who would like to help but have no time for shopping, please make a check payable to Trinity Cathedral with “Thanksgiving Baskets” in the memo or put cash in an envelope marked “Thanksgiving Baskets.” These can also be turned in at Trinity’s front desk or dropped in the offering plate. You can also choose to make a monetary donation on our website: http://bit.ly/MarionSterlingThanks.

Please purchase the following items:

1 can of cranberry sauce
2 cans of corn
2 cans of green beans
2 small cans (or 1 large can) yams
2 small cans (or 1 large can) greens of any kind
1 large onion
1 box instant mashed potatoes
1 large box of macaroni and cheese
1 box stuffing
1 can gravy
2 small boxes (or 1 big box) of cornbread/muffin mix
1 box of cake or brownie mix
1 container of frosting

Trinity will provide each family with a Dave’s Supermarket gift card to purchase a turkey or other main dish.
If you haven’t seen Undesign the Redline, the thought provoking exhibit currently on view in Trinity’s Gallery, you will want to make sure to visit between now and December 20. Sponsored by Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, the exhibit seeks to foster community dialogue about structural racism, classism and inequitable housing policy in the United States.

Using historical documents and maps, the interactive display seeks to show how segregation and disinvestment from policies like “redlining” have led to institutional racism and classism in America today. Redlining is a policy rooted in the New Deal in the 1930s. It led to neighborhoods in Cleveland and elsewhere being categorized along racial and ethnic lines. The poorest, predominantly African American neighborhoods were redlined and categorized as areas not desirable for investment and social amenities.

The exhibit traces the enormous role that race played in determining where people were allowed to live and how government-sanctioned policies created segregation and disinvestment in communities that continue to persist today. Undesign the Redline inspires a new conversation about how we can undesign these systems and policies with intentionality and urgency, and influence the pathways that lead to better outcomes in communities.

In October, groups of attendees took trolley tours, visiting the redlined areas near Trinity, viewing first-hand how Central and Campus District Neighborhoods were affected by the construction of the innerbelt, and how difficult it is for people living in formerly redlined areas to have access to food and healthcare. The tour also outlined the steps that Campus District and other community organizations have taken in the last decade to attend to the lasting effects of redlining, such as mixed-housing efforts and future plans for a land bridge to reconnect access of vital resources downtown to the Clevelanders who need them most.

But the purpose of the exhibit is to give people a chance to learn about redlining for themselves. So set aside some time to walk through the exhibit during public hours.

Exhibit public hours with tour guides:
Sundays - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesdays - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m & 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursdays: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

You can also attend an upcoming forum to hear from Trinity’s own congregation members about how leading the tours for Undesign the Redline has connected with their faith and raised their own awareness of racism in Cleveland. This forum will be held Sunday, November 10 at the 10:10 Formation Hour.

Additionally, there will be a Speaker’s Panel Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m., featuring local non-profit professionals, organizers, and community leaders. They 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 University’s School of Urban Studies will comprise the panel.
PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

A Liturgy of Welcome

Sunday, November 10, All Services
We will offer a Liturgy of Welcome on November 10 for those who have recently become members at Trinity. You are most welcome to participate, no matter how long you have attended. It’s helpful, but not necessary, to let Ginger Bitikofer know in advance (gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org) that you’d like to take part or if you’d simply like to know more about becoming a member.

Intergenerational Event

Advent Wreath Making
Sunday, December 1, 10:10 a.m.
Make Advent wreaths with real greenery and candles during this fun, traditional event. Open to all ages, young children can help their parents or make paper advent wreaths. Those who have wreath forms at home from previous years are encouraged to bring them back to use again.

United Thank Offering Ingathering

A collection will be taken on Sunday, November 24 during worship for The Episcopal Church’s United Thank Offering (UTO) campaign. Bring your blue boxes or envelopes for this special offering. New blue boxes will be available for pickup for next year’s ingathering in the Promenade. Every dollar donated to UTO is used for the Episcopal Church’s missions, both here and abroad.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Trinity’s LGBT Outreach Team will host Northeast Ohio’s Transgender Day of Remembrance at Trinity Cathedral on Friday, November 22. The program begins with a candlelight vigil at 5:30 p.m. starting in the parking lot of the AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland, 2829 Euclid Ave. Participants will walk to Trinity Cathedral for the remainder of the program.

Transgender Day of Remembrance mourns those in the transgender community who have been killed by others or committed suicide, and recognizes individuals who have offered outstanding support, too. All are welcome. Read more about the NE Ohio Transgender Day of Remembrance on Facebook (here's the Facebook event link http://bit.ly/TransgenderDOR).
**Angel Tree Project**

This year marks Trinity’s seventh year of collaboration with the Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Ministries. The Angel Tree program connects parents in prison with their children through Christmas gifts, given and delivered on the parents’ behalf by community volunteers. 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.

Trinity’s Prison Fellowship Angel Tree with gift tags will be in the Promenade on Sunday, November 17. Choose a gift tag and return the gift to Trinity (wrapped or unwrapped) by Sunday, December 15.

There are several ways you can become involved:

1. Purchase Christmas gifts as requested by the prisoner and/or family member caring for the children. Most of these gifts are in the $20-25 range.

2. Make a monetary donation to be used for Christmas gifts for the identified children.

3. Shop for gifts for children, for those who may not be able to shop.


5. During the week of December 17-21, help deliver gifts to the homes of the children on behalf of their incarcerated parent.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about this ministry, please contact Kathy Raymond kayray419@roadrunner.com, or Ginger Bitikofer at 216-774-0407.

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**Children, Youth & Family Ministry**

**Fri. Nov. 22- Sat. Nov. 24**
10th Annual Homeless Awareness Event - St. Paul’s Medina
Learn about homelessness in Northeast Ohio and beyond. Youth and adult chaperones spend the nights outside as the homeless do and during the day, we learn more about the homeless’ plight in our communities and beyond.

**Sat. Dec. 7 - Sun. Dec. 8**
High School Advent 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 wrapping presents to help raise funds for our 2020 Mission Trip to Lotts Creek, Kentucky.

**July 10-14, 2020**
Episcopal Youth Event
Held only once every three years, the Episcopal Church convenes an international youth event so “that the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of the Body of Christ.” In 2017, EYE welcomed more than 1,300 international participants, workshop leaders, speakers and volunteers. Applications for high school students only are being accepted. Please contact Allie Heeter at aheeter@trinitycleveland.org and visit http://dohio.org/EYE for details.
**Music & Art**

**BROWN BAG CONCERTS**

The 42nd season of the Brown Bag Concerts continues on Wednesdays at 12 o’clock noon. More information and concert listings at MusicandArtatTrinity.org

**Nov. 13 – Gabriel’s Horns** Our favorite Big Band, directed by James May, returns to perform and celebrate “Jazz Praise”

**Nov. 20 – Jackie Warren** Back by popular demand, Cleveland’s own Queen of Jazz Piano bringing to life everyone’s keyboard favorites

**Dec. 4 – A Jazzy Christmas** Gateway Band with vocalist Jennifer Cochran bring a lively performance of Christmas carols to the Cathedral

**Dec. 11 – A Ceremony of Carols** Benjamin Britten’s masterpiece with the sopranos and altos of the Cathedral choir and harpist Jody Guinn

**Dec. 19 – Annual Messiah Sing (NOTE: This concert is on THURSDAY)** Trinity Chamber Orchestra, soloists, Todd Wilson, conductor, and YOU as the massed choir

**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 the Gospel of Luke during the Sunday 10:10 a.m. Education hour, beginning November 17.

**Gifts for the World: An Advent Retreat**

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 to be an incarnate presence to those around us? The world hungers for a taste of divinity. How do we grow in our capacity to see and share the multifaceted gifts that God has given to each of us?

We hope you will join Dean Owens for this Advent Retreat sponsored by the Adult Formation Committee here at Trinity Cathedral.

**When:** Saturday, December 7 from 9am- 3pm  
**Where:** Conference Room C/D  
**How:** Register at [https://tinyurl.com/TrinityAdventRetreat](https://tinyurl.com/TrinityAdventRetreat)  
**Fee:** $25, limited scholarships available for those in need  
**For More Info:** Contact Rev. Koch, [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org)
**UPCOMING PROGRAM & EVENTS CALENDAR**

**FORUMS**

**SUNDAYS at 10:10 a.m.**

November 10 - Undesign the Redline – Docent Panel
Discussion: Hear from Trinity’s own congregation members about how leading the tours for Undesign the Redline has connected with their faith and raised their own awareness of racism in Cleveland.

November 17 - Getting to Know the Rev. Adrienne Koch: Join us for a conversation with Dean Owens and Trinity’s new Priest Associate. We’ll learn a bit more about Adrienne’s journey from Cleveland to North Carolina and back again, and about the hopes and gifts that she brings to Trinity.

November 24 - Go Speak - A conversation centered around question-cards that help each of us give voice to the quiet, ordinary places we meet and feel God’s divine presence as well as create deeper levels of community within our congregation

December 1 - No Forum - Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making Event

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS**

These educational opportunities are offered at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) following Choral Evensong and a catered soup and salad supper after the service (suggested donation of $6 per person).

November 6 - Cleveland Leadership and Race Equality. (Time is at 7:30 pm). Speakers Evelyn Burnett and Mordecai Brown, racial equity experts and co-founders of ThirdSpace Action Lab.

November 13: Welcoming and Understanding the Transgender Community. Part 1 of 2. Jacob Nash, founder of Margie's Hope, dedicated to assisting transgender and non-binary people in need. Organizer of Cleveland’s Transgender Day of Remembrance, to be held at Trinity this year on Nov. 22.

November 20: Welcoming and Understanding the Transgender Community with Jacob Nash. Part 2 of 2.

December 4: Undesign the Redline: (Time is at 7:30 pm) Hear from local non-profit professionals, organizers, and community leaders who 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 University’s School of Urban Studies will comprise the panel.

**UPCOMING PROGRAM & EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, November 5th**

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Sacred Space - Faith in Anxious Times

**Wednesday, November 6th**

6:00 - 9:30 PM - Choral Evensong, Supper and Programming

**Friday, November 8th**

9:30 - 11:30 AM - Knitting Pearls

**Saturday, November 9th**

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Flower Guild
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Daughters of the King

**Sunday, November 10th**

Liturgy of Welcome - All three services
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
Children & Youth Sunday School
Bible Study - An Examination of Galatians
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table

**Wednesday, November 13th**

6:00 - 9:30 PM - Choral Evensong, Supper and Programming

**Saturday, November 16th**

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Flower Guild

**Sunday, November 17th**

10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
Tai Chi with George Anderson
Children & Youth Sunday School
The Way of Love: Advent Bible Study
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table

**Wednesday, November 20th**

6:00 - 9:30 PM - Choral Evensong, Supper and Programming

**Friday, November 22**

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Knitting Pearls
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Transgender Day of Remembrance
(Starts at 2829 Euclid, then walk to Trinity)

**Saturday, November 23rd**

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Flower Guild
8:30 AM - 2:35 PM - SoulCollage Card Making Workshop

**Sunday, November 24**

10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
Children & Youth Sunday School
The Way of Love: Advent Bible Study
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table
Last Day to donate food for Marion Sterling Thanksgiving baskets

**Tuesday, November 26th**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, December 1st**

10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
Intergenerational Event: Creating Advent Wreaths
Tai Chi with George Anderson
Labyrinth Walk
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table
12:45PM - Cathedral Tour
1:00 PM - 2:30 - Episcopal Peace Fellowship
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Solemn Sung Eucharist

**Saturday, December 7th & Sunday December 8th**

High School Lock-in - Decompress & “De-stress”
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Join us on Tuesday, November 26 at 12:00 noon for an interfaith service and thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life.

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Donations: trinitycleveland.org/support
Space Rentals: trinitycleveland.org/about/space-rental-inquiry
Cathedral Connections: Submit your news items by sending to news@trinitycleveland.org

Mandalas, Candles and Prayer & Praying with Mandalas
Did you know 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. These books are available for $10 each. Contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.com or (216) 774-0407.