The Dean's Corner: Exploring & Discovering

Blessings and peace to you in these final days of the Christmas season!

Now that we’ve lived here for year, we’re starting to get our home to a place where how it’s arranged – from artwork to furniture location – feels “right.” We don’t often figure out one piece’s location until we’ve moved another and then lived with it for a little while. Then a new idea surprises us, one that we couldn’t think of until we’d moved a reading chair next to a particular lamp and realized that we had the wrong carpet all along. Tinkering is a wonderful way to grow into a space, and indeed to innovate as well.

I find that the creation of liturgy is often a similar process, and that includes major elements of the space itself. The next time you return to Trinity, you will likely notice that the platform that has stood for many years at the crossing is no longer there. Having taken it down for a special event, we’re going to take this opportunity to experience our worship services in an arrangement that more closely resembles how the space was originally laid out.

Read the Dean's Entire Message Here

This Sunday, January 5

The Second Sunday After Christmas

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens will preach at all three
morning 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 Choral Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Solemn Sung Eucharist
Celebrating the Eve of Epiphany.
The Rev. Rosalind Hughes, celebrant
The Rev. Dr. Eric Funston, preacher
The Trinity Collegium will sing music by Todd Wilson, Peter Naylor and Kenneth Leighton.

10:10 a.m. - Sunday School & Youth Group
Godly Play for Cathedral Kids in grades pre K-grade 3
Weaving God's Promises for Cathedral Kids in grades 4-5
Youth Group for grades 6-12

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

10:10 a.m. - Forum: The Ancient Spirituality of the Enneagram
Join the Rev. Adrienne Koch and come learn about what Christian monasticism has to teach us about the formation of the Enneagram as a spiritual practice.

10:10 a.m. - Bible Study
On January 5, 19, & 26 Bible Study will be meeting to offer reflections on the Bible reading from that Sunday’s services. Using a variation of the African/Lambeth Bible Study Method (a form of Lectio Divina) we will carefully listen to each other as we engage with that week’s texts from several different Bible translations. No previous knowledge of scripture is necessary. The focus of our discussion is on how that Sunday’s readings are touching our lives. Bring your coffee and come join us!

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1 p.m. - Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Please attend as we need your help developing our upcoming 2020 agenda.

Did you know January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month? Become more familiar with how you can help prevent this epidemic in our own backyards by attending.

Also, stop by our EPF table in the Promenade from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sample an almond biscotto from the Old Brooklyn Abolition Bakery. The bakery donates a portion of their proceeds to human trafficking prevention initiatives locally and internationally. We also have a petition for you to sign regarding Ohio Senate Bill 13 on changes to Ohio’s child trafficking provisions. Protect Our Kids!

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Congregational Life

Thanks For Your Time and Talents at the Celebration of the Birth of our Lord
Thanks to all that helped get the Cathedral ready for Christmas. For those that helped at the greening of the Cathedral and for those who took part in services and the pageant on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the first Sunday after Christmas as ushers, lectors, acolytes, adult helpers, vergers, Eucharistic ministers and more. Thanks also goes out to all that prepared and participated in the 57th presentation of the Boar's Head and Yule Log festival. We await the arrival of the three magi to take their place in the nativity scene as we move into Epiphany.

View a photo gallery from Trinity webmaster and photographer extraordinaire Sam Hubish. To relive the highlights of the season at Trinity, please visit our website at http://bit.ly/TrinityChristmasGallery

Volunteer for the Audit Committee

Cathedral leadership is seeking 2 volunteers to sit on the audit committee. This would involve fixed meetings in January and April with the possibility of a few ad hoc meetings at other times. If interested, please contact Tim Espy at
Thurs., Jan. 9 - Sacred Space

Andy Goldsworthy writes: “Winter makes a bridge between one year and another.” At our January meeting, we will walk that bridge together by sharing the gifts of 2019 and our hopes and dreams for 2020. If you wish, bring a poem, reading, song, or image that represents this theme for you. In the event of unsafe driving conditions the meeting will be canceled. Contact Charlotte Nichols at cdn216@gmail.com if you’d like to be notified in the event of cancellation.

Vestry Seeking Treasurer Candidates

Tim Espy, our loyal treasurer since 2014, is approaching the end of his term and cannot be re-elected. Therefore, Vestry is in need of a treasurer. In order to be treasurer, the candidate must be a member of Vestry. The preferred candidates should have financial budgeting and planning experience. A CPA would be nice but is not required. If you are interested, please contact Tim Espy (tgespy@gmail.com) or any member of Vestry by April 15, 2020.

Have You Seen Trinity's Wall of Love?

Since its inception in early December, Trinity’s Wall of Love has given away a lot of warm winter clothing to those in need. Winter has just begun and the need for these items will only grow greater. Our wall provides comforts
free for the taking while encouraging recipients to pay it forward when they can. Can you help by purchasing and donating one or more of the following items?

- Hats/earmuffs
- Gloves/hand warmers
- Chapstick
- T-shirts/sweatshirts (adult & child sizes)
- Socks
- Emergency blankets/small 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 to Trinity or put in the offering plate.

Contact Janet Morrison jlmorrison611@gmail.com with any questions.

Dianne Smith Preaches on MLK Sunday

On Martin Luther King Sunday (Jan. 19), Dianne Smith will preach on her perspective as a black lay leader in the Episcopal Church. She participated in the civil rights pilgrimage to Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma in April 2019, sponsored by the Washington chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians. She has served in multiple roles in the national and local Episcopal church including trustee, chair of deputation to the 2018 General Convention, diocesan council and director of enrollment services for the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She currently serves on the vestry of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Cleveland.

Youth & Family Ministry
Sun. Jan. 19 - Pancake Breakfast
All hands on deck for our first pancake breakfast of the new year! For all youth and adult helpers, please arrive at 8:00 a.m. and report to the kitchen. Clean-up will begin at 11:00 a.m. and should be finished by about 11:30 a.m. Contact Allie Heeter for more details, aheeter@trinitycleveland.org.

Tues., Feb. 25 - Mardi Gras & 'Burying Alleluias'
Join the congregation for the traditional Shrove Tuesday supper of jambalaya. Throughout the season of Lent, one way we honor the penitent nature of the season is by not using the word 'Alleluia.' After supper, everyone will be given an Alleluia on a sheet of paper to symbolize the Mardi Gras celebration. You can add what you're giving up for Lent, what you hope to learn or simply decorate the sheet. We will gather these Alleluias to symbolically bury them in the church.

EYE application due by Jan. 24 - Every three years, Episcopal high school students gather for the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE). This year, the event will be held July 7-11 in Washington, D.C. All youth currently in 9th through 12th grades are encouraged to apply for this international event. Applications are due by Jan. 24 at dohio.org/EYE. If accepted, there are several Diocesan Youth events that require attendance prior to EYE.

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Music & Art at Trinity

BrownBag Concerts and Evensong Resume in Feb.

Choral Evensong services are currently on hiatus, but will begin again in February with a service on Wed., Feb. 5. Our popular BrownBag concerts, held Wednesdays at 12:00 noon will resume on Wednesday Feb. 19. The BrownBag concert schedule runs through late spring and can be viewed at http://bit.ly/BrownBag2020. This is the 42nd year that the BrownBag concerts have been held at Trinity.
Enjoy Good Listening with Trinity's Podcasts

Did you know that you can listen to up-to-date recordings of Trinity worship services and educational programs? Just go to the Podcasts link in the upper right hand corner of Trinity's home page, trinitycleveland.org.

The podcasts are in three categories: Choral Evensong, the Forum and Sermons. Each section is updated weekly. Catch up on some of the things you might have missed from a busy holiday season, including Bishop Hollingsworth's Christmas Eve sermon as well as Dean Owens' Christmas Day sermon.

Save the Dates

Jan. 12 - Forum: A Year with Dean Owens
Jan. 14 - Cathedral Council
Jan. 19 - Youth Group Pancake Fundraiser
Feb. 2 - Cathedral Tour
Feb. 7-8 - Diocese of Ohio Winter Convocation 2020, Sandusky
Feb. 17 - Absalom Jones Celebration service
Feb. 25 - Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras celebration

In the Episcopal Church

Join the Good Book Club
All Episcopalians are invited to join in reading the Gospel of John during Epiphany 2020. Participants will read a section every day through the Epiphany season. Forward Movement, the people behind the Forward Day-By-Day devotionals and more than a dozen partner organizations throughout the Episcopal Church are sponsors.

It starts on Ephiphany (Jan. 6) and ends on Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 25). The Good Book Club will provide resources to support you on the journey through the gospel, including podcasts, Bible study guides, books, blogs, videos and more.

Join Trinity's Daughters of the King chapter in journeying through John's gospel with help from the Good Book Club. To participate, go to www.goodbookclub.org and subscribe.

Submit Your News for Publication

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

Deadline for items to be included in the February Cathedral Connections newsletter is Mon., Jan. 27. You can read the current issue of Cathedral Connections online, or pick up a printed copy available throughout the Cathedral. Please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

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