The Dean's Corner: Let's Move Our Feet

At last Sunday’s Absalom Jones service, our preacher, the Rev. Ronald Byrd, challenged us all to “get loud” and “move our feet” in order to speak out and mobilize against racism and systemic injustice. Rev. Byrd, the Episcopal Church Missioner for Black Ministries, called us to keep speaking and keep moving. He told a story of watching a high school basketball game where his son played the game of his life. He succeeded because he just kept “moving his feet” and playing a defense that couldn’t be beat.

For several years now, Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) has been leading people of faith in the city in “getting loud” and “moving our feet” on issues of great importance so that we can bear a more impactful witness in Cleveland. As many of you know, Trinity Cathedral is a founding member of GCC and has a strong core team that helps lead Trinity’s involvement in the community.

Read the dean’s entire message here

This Sunday, February 23
The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

Click here for this week's scripture
The Rev. Canon Percy Grant, the Diocese of Ohio's Canon for Ministry, will preach at all services.

- **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**

Trinity's nursery is open through all morning services and 10:10 a.m. educational offerings.

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**Sunday School & Youth Group**

Sunday School and Youth Group will not be held this Sunday to allow students and teachers time to attend the ministry fair. Classes will resume next Sunday, Mar. 1.

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**MINISTRY FAIR**

Visit the spring ministry fair on Sun., Feb. 23. Many of Trinity's ministries will be present. Congregants are encouraged to stop by and learn about all of the ministry opportunities available at Trinity. Learn about ministries like the urban
farm, Sacred Space, Greater Cleveland Congregations, Labyrinth ministry and Welcome to America (our refugee ministry). Stop by the tables any time between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to learn more. If you have questions, please contact Dale Murphy at dale.murphy@sbcglobal.net.

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**Congregational Life**

**Absalom Jones Service**

A spirited crowd attended last Sunday's Absalom Jones Celebration Service. The service celebrated the life of Absalom Jones, the first African-American priest to be ordained in the Episcopal Church (1802).

The Rev. Ronald Byrd, The Episcopal Church Missioner for Black Ministries, preached and was joined by clergy and lay people from across the diocese.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr. was celebrant and expressed “...my deep appreciation for everyone’s special efforts which contributed to a wonderful celebration of Absalom Jones this year - one of our best! There were lots of very positive comments from those attending.”

The bishop continued, “It was also good to see members of Trinity so prominent among those participating in the liturgy. These kinds of events say to everybody that Trinity Cathedral is indeed "our" cathedral."
Adult Catechesis Starts March 1

During the season of Lent and beyond, Trinity will be conducting a series of adult classes known as catechesis. These classes are for those seeking membership, baptism or confirmation, but they are really for everyone. We encourage each of you to attend, not just those seeking baptism, confirmation or membership.

Our first class, a labyrinth walk to kick off catechesis, is scheduled for Sun., Mar. 1 at 10:10 a.m. Make sure to pick up a catechesis booklet at the Adult Formation table at the ministry fair this Sun., Feb. 23. It has details of all the classes being held through May.

Catechesis is an opportunity for all Christians to deepen their faith, informing their outlook on life, values and identity. If you have questions, please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at akoch@trinitycleveland.org.

Help Us Assist St. Luke's Hunger Programs

The mobile food pantry at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Cleveland serves an
average of 170 families each week. They are seeking volunteers to help with bagging and distribution of fruit and vegetables from the Food Bank, which come in bulk. Distribution takes place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at 7810 Lake Ave., across the street from St. Luke's. They are actively seeking volunteers for two shifts, one from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., which pre-bags the items, and the other from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to hand out produce.

Can you help St. Luke's by volunteering for a 2-1/2 hour shift? St. Luke's is a small parish, and relies on help from several Episcopal parishes in the area. The next work date is Monday, Feb. 24. Please contact Debbie Likins-Fowler at dlikinsfowler@gmail.com or (440) 669-6684 to volunteer or for more details.

Update on Chancel Organ Project

Since announcing the 50% challenge grant appeal for Trinity’s chancel organ project on January 26, $13,480 has been received or pledged toward the appeal goal of $30,000. This is great progress! However, to secure the challenge grant dollars, the balance of $16,520 must be received or pledged before April 1, 2020. Please help meet this deadline with a gift payable to Trinity Cathedral with “Organ Project” in the memo line. You can also donate online at bit.ly/OrganProject. If you would like to make a larger 2-3 year pledge please send an email to Dean Owens or Todd Wilson indicating details. Add your name to the list of those participating in this important enhancement to the music ministry at Trinity. More information is available at the literature table in the Promenade.
Nominating Process to Begin

The nominating committee is ready to begin its 2020 work. The appointed vestry members are Marie Kittredge and Janet Lechleitner; the appointed cathedral council members are Dale Murphy and Michael Wells. At the 2019 annual meeting, Mark Bitikofer and Fran Csoma were elected by the congregation to serve on the committee which will be chaired by Dale Murphy.

This year there are 3 slots for vestry members. There are 4 slots for new council members. The congregation will also elect 2 representatives for the 2021 nominating committee.

If you feel you might be called to lay leadership, or if you know someone you might like to nominate for a position, now is the time to think seriously about nominations. Members may nominate themselves or someone they know. For vestry nominations, persons must be received or confirmed in the Episcopal Church, have a broad knowledge and demonstrated interest in the mission of the cathedral, an understanding of non-profit governance, and a commitment to fiduciary responsibility and stewardship. The committee is especially interested in candidates with finance backgrounds, and those with stewardship and development experience.

The congregation will also elect 2 representatives for the 2021 nominating committee. Cathedral council nominees must have a broad knowledge and demonstrated interest in congregational mission and ministry, as well as a commitment to responsible stewardship.

The nominating committee will meet on Feb. 23, nominations will open Feb. 24th and close March 13th. There will be weekly reminders about the nominating process. For more information, please contact Dale Murphy at dale.murphy@sbcglobal.net

Tues., Feb. 25
Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras
Celebration
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come join the pre-Lenten fun on Shrove Tuesday for a New Orleans-style supper of jambalaya, cornbread, salad, beverage and dessert (there will be a kids menu). Jazzy music will be provided by the Gateway Band and a dance floor will be available. We'll have beads for everyone and a Mardi Gras photo booth, too. Kids can make crafts, and after supper, we will symbolically bury our 'Alleluias' for the Lenten season. Suggested donation is $9 for adults, $4 for kids, to help defray costs of the meal and entertainment. If you'd like to attend, please sign up at the table in the piazza.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate, set up, serve and clean up. If you can help, contact Jan Kelemen at jantkelemen@gmail.com or Ginger Bitikofer at 216-774-0407.

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Ash Wednesday Services, Ashes to Go

The first day of Lent – Wed., Feb. 26th – will begin with three Ash Wednesday worship services. Ashes will be imposed on the heads of parishioners as a sign of mortality and penitence. Service times are 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. choral worship.

This year, Trinity will be offering the imposition of ashes for those "on the go." Our clergy will be outside and available to administer ashes at the corner of E. 22nd and Euclid. Times will be 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.; 1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Help us spread the word about this mobile way we're taking Ash Wednesday to the streets.
Friar Friday Fish Fries

In 2019, Trinity members began a new Lenten tradition to find the best fish fry in greater Cleveland. They visited many local churches for dinner, made friends and kept track of the best fish in the city.

This year, the Friar Fridays will begin on Fri., Feb. 28, the first Friday in Lent. Subsequent events will be held on Fridays including Mar. 6, Mar. 13, Mar. 20, Mar. 27 and Apr. 3.

If you're interested in attending one or more of these events, contact Bill DiTirro at bdt8320@sbcglobal.net to get on the mailing list. Each Sunday, you will receive an invitation to the next Friday's fish fry. The time and location for the following week's fish fry will be determined after dinner each Friday and emailed on Sunday.

Have You Experienced Lent Madness?

What is Lent Madness? It's a fun engaging way for everyone to learn about the men and women who are included in the church's calendar of saints. Starting Wed., Feb. 26, 32 saints are placed into a tournament single elimination bracket, like NCAA March Madness. You learn more as the tournament progresses all the way to the semifinal and final contenders and ultimately one saint earns the coveted golden halo.

All congregation members are invited to participate. It's easy to join and it's free. Find out more at www.lentmadness.org or on Facebook or Twitter. Lent Madness is sponsored by Forward Movement, the religious education resource that publishes Forward Day by Day. Stop by the Lent Madness table in the promenade to learn more. Talk with Lent Madness enthusiasts Sally Lambert,
Support Cuyahoga County Crisis Centers

As Dean Owens said in his Dean's Corner article, here's an opportunity to "get up" and "move your feet" to establish 2 crisis centers in Cuyahoga County. We are asking for volunteers to take part in our upcoming action Thurs., Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. We are advocating the creation of 2 or more pre-arrest crisis centers in Cuyahoga County. The gathering will take place at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church (8712 Quincy Ave., Cleveland.)

These crisis centers are places where the police could drop someone off who is in a mental or emotional crisis rather than arresting the person and putting them in jail. Subjects would be assessed and treated instead of arrested and jailed, helping to combat the overcrowding issues at the Cuyahoga County jail. Several of the key players including county prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, chief judge Brendan J. Sheehan and the majority of the Cuyahoga County council are supporting the creation of these mental health centers.

Trinity has exceeded the number of attendees that we committed to. But even more people can make even more of a statement. Can you help? If you have questions and/or you would like to attend this action, please contact Gary Benjamin at garyabenjamin@aol.com, benjaminlawohio@gmail.com or (313) 590-6136.

The EPF Commitment Pledge

"In loyalty to the teaching, and person of Jesus Christ, my conscience commits me to the way of redemptive love: to pray, study, and work for peace, and to renounce, as far
as possible, participation in war, militarism, and all other forms of violence.

In fellowship with others, I will work to discover and create alternatives to violence and to build a culture of peace. I urge the Episcopal Church in accordance with our baptismal vows “to renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God”, and to wage peace across all boundaries, calling upon people everywhere to repent, to forgive, and to love.”

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship is open to individuals and institutions seeking to grow their peace and justice ministries in concert with EPF. Individual membership can be at several levels, but a contribution of any amount is sufficient to be a member. The link takes you to the application form.

Any thoughts or questions, contact Bruce Freeman freeman.bruce@gmail.com or Debbie Hunter hunterd16@roadrunner.com

Tues., March 4 - 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Sacred Space Meeting

“Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.” These words by Abraham Joshua Heschel will be at the heart of the March Sacred Space meeting. We will share how being, blessing, living, and holiness are manifested in our lives. All are invited to come, listen, share and reflect. Please contact Charlotte Nichols at cdn216@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Treblefest Set for Sat., Feb.29

Trinity will host TrebleFest on Sat., Feb. 29. This is a day-long workshop for youth choirs from the diocese that will culminate in a Choral Evensong at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Hollingworth will be the officiant. For questions or further information, please contact Todd Wilson at twilson@trinitycleveland.org.
Warm Winter Items Still Needed for Wall of Love

The Wall of Love still needs donations of the warm winter items which are greatly appreciated. We are now focusing on donations of just the following items:

- Warm gloves
- Winter hats
- Warm Scarves
- Hand warmers
- Chapstick
- Sweatshirts
- One gallon and two gallon zipper bags

Help us to help those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Morrison at jlmorrison611@gmail.com.

Vestry Seeking Treasurer Candidates

Tim Espy is approaching the end of his term as Trinity treasurer 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. If you are interested, please contact Tim Espy (tgespy@gmail.com) or any member of Vestry by April 15, 2020.

Youth & Family Ministry

Sign Up for the Lenten Middle School Lock-In

Middle school students in grades 6 through 8 are invited to come together for community and fellowship as we dig deeper into the purpose of Lent. The event will take place Fri., Mar. 27 through Sun., Mar. 29.
During Lent, all Christians are asked to explore how we live into our faith. Let's come together to make friends and learn how we can be more true to ourselves – through art, adventure, and worship. Step out of your comfort zone and breathe in new opportunities!

Youth and parents can register by March 26 at dohio.org/lockin. For questions, please contact Allie Heeter at aheeter@trinitycleveland.org.

Nursery Open with Experienced, Quality Child Care

The Trinity nursery has reopened and will be providing quality child care for children 3 months old to 4 years old. Sunday nursery hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteer and professional personnel are on hand.

If you or someone you know is interested in being trained as a volunteer for the nursery, please contact Associate for Youth and Family Ministries Allie Heeter at aheeter@trinitycleveland.org.

Music & Art at Trinity

Choral Evensong

In place of evensong this Wednesday, March 26, we will be observing Ash Wednesday with music at the 6:00 p.m. service.
The cathedral choir will sing works by Allegri and Farrant.

A community supper of soup, salad and bread will be held after the service. This week's soup is white bean and cauliflower. For a complete listing of choral evensong services through May, please visit trinitycleveland.org/evensong.

BrownBag Concerts

There will be no BrownBag concert this week in observation of Ash Wednesday. The program will resume on March 4 with the beginning of our series "A Salute to the '60s." Concertgoers will be entertained by '60s theater music with soprano Kristine Caswelch.

The BrownBag concert schedule runs through late spring and can be viewed at www.MusicandArtatTrinity.org, then scroll down for details.

Save the Dates

Feb. 22 - SoulCollage® workshop
March 1 - EPF Meeting
March 1 - Solemn Sung Eucharist
March 1 - Tai chi
March 3 - Sacred Space
Mar. 4 - Lenten morning prayer services begin

In the Diocese
Bellwether Farm summer camp is an opportunity for campers to immerse themselves in fun, engaging outdoor activities. These programs will seek to teach healthy social, nutritional, and environmental practices, while providing a safe context in which to encounter God's beautiful creation. Campers will have an opportunity to learn about organic gardening, animal care, and creative cooking. They will also participate in traditional camp activities, including swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing, and field games. The Bellwether Farm staff is invested in the life of every camper, seeking to inspire future generations to become passionate leaders in the world around them.

Registration is open. Register by March 15 and enter promo code WORM to receive $25 off.

Bellwether is also looking for summer camp counselors. You can learn more about the positions at [https://bellwetherfarm.com/about/job-openings](https://bellwetherfarm.com/about/job-openings)

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### In the Community

#### The Rev. Adrienne Koch to Participate in Women of Faith Panel Discussion

Our own the Rev. Adrienne Koch will be speaking as part of a panel presentation Wed., Mar. 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Cuyahoga Community College, 2900 Community College Ave., Cleveland. The panel, "Women of Faith: A Panel Discussion on Diversity, Gender and Inclusion in the 21st Century," is being held on the occasion of Women's History Month in March. Other participants on the panel include Stacy Schlein, Rabbi and Director of Learning at the Temple Tibereth Israel, the Rev. Lillian Laboy, pastor of West Park Elim Church, the Rev. Andrea
Jacobs, director of spiritual care, OhioGuidestone and the Rev. Cathy Lawrence, chaplain and pastor of Parkvue Senior Living Community. Registration is required as seating is limited. Please register at www.tri-c.edu/womenoffaith.

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**YWCA Issues Racial Equity & Social Justice Challenge**

This is the second year of the challenge and in 2019, over 2,500 took up the challenge. It is designed to create dedicated time and space to build more effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with issues of race, power, privilege, and leadership.

Participants will be prompted daily with challenges such as reading an article, listening to a podcast, reflecting on personal experience and more. Participation in an activity like this helps us to discover how racial injustice and social injustice impact our community, to connect with one another, to identify ways to dismantle racism and other forms of discrimination. The challenge starts on March 2 and continues through March 30. For questions or to sign up, visit [https://www.ywcaofcleveland.org/21-day-race-equity-challenge-sign-up/](https://www.ywcaofcleveland.org/21-day-race-equity-challenge-sign-up/).

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**A Night of Hope: Community Choir Concert**

This concert, scheduled for March 6 at Trinity is a fundraiser for the Community of Hope organization. Their mission is to build lasting relationships, nurture hope, and restore dignity by creating family-like relationships for Cleveland's youth.

The concert will feature a 100-woman choir directed by Carlton Fellows. You can learn more and purchase tickets online at [https://www.hopecle.org/events](https://www.hopecle.org/events)
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 March Cathedral Connections newsletter is Fri., Feb. 21. You can read the current issue of *Cathedral Connections* online, or pick up a printed copy available throughout the Cathedral. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

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