The Dean's Corner:  
Church, State  
and Growing in Freedom

Perhaps it's fitting that in the same week we officially start the 2020 presidential election campaign – the Iowa Caucuses – we also commemorate a priest and civic leader who helped shape a vision of the proper relationship between church and state.

Born in 1603, Roger Williams was an ordained priest in the Church of England who opposed the autocratic high church policies of Archbishop William Laud. Yet when he came to Boston in search of greater religious freedom, he found that civic and religious power were dangerously intermingled, and that local officials were even empowered to punish religious offenses. So, he set out once again, this time founding a settlement called Providence Plantations and eventually gaining a charter for the new colony of Rhode Island, whose constitution would grant wide latitude for religious practice.

Read the dean's entire message here

This Sunday, February 9
The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
Click here for this week's scripture

Allie Heeter, Associate for Youth & Family Ministries 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 Choral Eucharist
Child care for children up to age 4 is available during this forum in the nursery.

10:10 a.m. - Sunday School & Youth Group

• Godly Play curriculum for Cathedral Kids in grades pre K - through 3
• Weaving God's Promises curriculum 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 Forgotten Creed

Join Trinity member Bob Fowler for the second class in a three week study of the book The Forgotten Creed: Christianity's Original Struggle Against Bigotry, Slavery and Racism by Stephen J. Patterson.

We will examine how the Bible itself has been used to promote racism, classism, and sexism, even as it also provides shining examples of the vision of the oneness of all of God’s children. You need not have attended the previous class to participate.

Child care for children up to age 4 is available during this forum in the nursery.
Join Becky Fuller and Janet Lechleitner as they hold the first of two interactive forums on The Way of Love. This is a great opportunity to reinforce and build on our previous work, or serve as an introduction to those who missed our previous studies on the Way of Love.

The Way of Love is an initiative of Presiding Bishop Micael Curry and the Episcopal Church, and is a set of practices to, "return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries." See [www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love) for more information.

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**Congregational Life**

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**Update on "The Year of the Organ" Challenge Grant Appeal**

Since announcing the 50% challenge grant appeal for Trinity's chancel organ project on Jan. 26, $9,500 has been received or pledged toward the appeal goal of $30,000. This is great progress! Please consider participation in this exciting project and help put us over the top. More information is available on Sundays at the literature table in the promenade. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Cathedral with organ project in the memo line. You can also give online at [bit.ly/OrganProject](http://bit.ly/OrganProject).

Questions can be addressed to Bryan Sickbert (bwsickbert@gmail.com or (216) 513-7953), chair of the vestry arts committee, or Todd Wilson
You can listen to the podcast of the recent forum given on the new organ at trinitycleaveland.org/the-deans-forum-podcasts.

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 and set up, and 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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Episcopal Peace Fellowship: Our Role in Yemen's Civil War

At Trinity, our Episcopal Peace Fellowship group is focused on three main areas now and in the near future:

• Abolition of the death penalty, focus on Ohio
Diminishing human trafficking, focus on northeast Ohio

Ending the civil war in Yemen, focus on an end to U.S. involvement

No small tasks, no doubt!

A beautiful, stark and arid land with a fascinating biblical history, the poor middle eastern muslim country of Yemen has been embroiled for over 5 years in a grim civil war with a major impact on its civilian population. ISIS and Al-Qaeda are also active in the country. 17 million face famine and deadly diseases like cholera. Over 100,000 have been killed; more than 12,000 civilians have been killed by both sides. Over 85,000 children have died from starvation. The United States has joined forces with a Saudi Arabian coalition to contribute resources to battle the Shia Houthis rebels in this complex war (see map below).

Trinity’s Episcopal Peace Fellowship chapter has taken action to influence national legislation to end U.S. involvement in this war, and to providing humanitarian relief to the millions devastated. In 2018, an Episcopal general convention resolution acknowledged the bleak situation in Yemen.

Good news arrived this week when a United Nations plane carrying seven seriously ill Yemenis took off from the rebel-held capital, ending a 3-year air blockade, in what aid officials hope is the start of an ongoing humanitarian airlift to save the country’s most desperate citizens. Also, worth reading is a brief article by Martin Griffiths, the UN special envoy to Yemen. He lists 7 steps to end the Yemen civil war. Read his thoughtful proposal.
Greater Cleveland Congregations

We are asking for volunteers to take part in our latest 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 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 standing with us on this issue.

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.
Brunch & Supper Groups Seeking New Coordinator

Trinity's brunch and supper group coordinator Linda Lee is planning to retire from her leadership position at the end of the program year. She has served in the role for over 10 years. Would you be interested in helping this ministry continue to thrive? Please contact Linda at eriesprite2@yahoo.com.

Holy Conversations

This new Wednesday evening offering will take place once each month following Evensong. The dates are Feb. 19, Mar. 18 and Apr. 22. These conversations are an invitation for you to practice holy curiosity and listening to others through a prompt based on the topics put forth by Dean Owens's vision for Trinity: Holiness, Witness and Transformation.

Starting over supper, each conversation will take place from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. In the midst of a conversation, pay attention to the other person's story, experience, values, beliefs, struggles, passion, pain and joy so that when it is time for you to share your own story, you will be better prepared to truly connect with your conversation partner.

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.
Nursery Reopens with Experienced, Quality Child Care

Last Sunday, Feb. 2, the Trinity nursery reopened and will be providing quality child care for those from 3 months old to 4 years old. Sunday nursery hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We are very grateful to Jennifer Koch, who is assisting Trinity with the re-launch of the nursery. Jennifer brings 14 years of experience working with children under age 5. She holds a Master’s degree in Education and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). She currently works as a clinical supervisor at Blue Sprig Pediatrics which specializes in early intervention service for children diagnosed with autism.

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.

Family Game Night

On Fri., Feb. 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., families with children will gather for a family game night. We’ll play board games, eat pizza and enjoy fellowship with Trinity families. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share along with your favorite board games to play. Pizza will be $5 per person with a $20 max per family. Contact Allie Heeter to RSVP or to learn more: aheeter@trinitycleveland.org.

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. To register or for questions, please contact Allie Heeter at aheeter@trinitycleveland.org.

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**Music & Art at Trinity**

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**Choral Evensong**

Since the first book of Common Prayer in 1549, Choral Evensong has been an evening offering sung in cathedrals and churches of the Anglican communion.

On Wed. Feb. 12, we will commemorate saint Charles Freer Andrews. The Rev. Adrienne Koch will give the homily and the Trinity Chamber Singers will sing Mathias: *Jesus College Service*.

The service will be followed by a soup and salad supper (catered by Luna Bakery/Café) at 7:00 p.m. This week's soup is butternut bisque. Suggested donation is $6 per person.

We are seeking a volunteer who can help with table-setting for the meal following Evensong on some Wednesdays; interested volunteers can contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

For a complete listing of Choral Evensong services through May, please visit trinitycleveland.org/evensong.

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**BrownBag Concerts**

Our popular BrownBag concerts, held Wednesdays at 12:00 noon, will resume on Wed. Feb. 19 with a performance by the guitar students of the Cleveland
Welcome Trinity's Organ Scholar

Daniel Colaner is our very talented 15-year-old organ scholar, who is helping out with organ playing, as well as singing and gaining valuable experience in the cathedral choir.

Daniel recently recorded a live performance and interview for the NPR radio program *From the Top*. His performance of “Jupiter” from Gustav Holst’s *The Planets* will be featured in *From the Top* (show #377) on WCLV 104.9 on Sat., Feb. 8 at 12 noon, and will be rebroadcast on Sun., Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. The podcast of Daniel’s performance will be available any time after Feb. 3 on the *From the Top* website at [https://www.fromthetop.org/musician/daniel-colaner/](https://www.fromthetop.org/musician/daniel-colaner/)

Save the Dates

Feb. 23 - Spring Ministry Fair
Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday services at 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 26 - Lent Madness begins
Feb. 28 - Friar Fridays fish fry outings begin
Feb. 29 - TrebleFest
Mar. 1 - Labyrinth walk begins spring adult catechesis schedule
Mar. 4 - Lenten morning prayer services begin
In the Diocese

Absalom Jones Celebration Service

Sunday afternoon February 16 at 4 p.m., the Wilma Ruth Combs Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians and the Diocese of Ohio will host this year’s Absalom Jones service at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland Ohio. Absalom Jones was the first African American to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church of the United States. Bishop Arthur Williams Jr. will be the celebrant and the Rev. Ronald C. Byrd, Sr., The Episcopal Church Missioner for Black Ministries, will preach.

Diocese of Ohio, Trinity Host Super Bowl Party

The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio hosted a Super Bowl party at Trinity Cathedral for 100 men from Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry’s men’s shelter at 2100 Lakeside on Sun., Feb. 2.

The guests and volunteers enjoyed the game and a delicious catered Super Bowl menu of chicken wings, nachos, hot dogs, and chili. While watching the action projected on a 16’ screen, the men participated in a free raffle drawing which included gift cards and a Cleveland Browns jersey autographed by Jarvis Landry and donated by the Browns Foundation. Every guest received an orange stocking cap with “Cleveland” embroidered in brown to pay homage to our hometown team.
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 Rabbi 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.

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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