Years ago, a wise church leader taught me to focus on what she called the “signature” pieces that makes a community unique. Whether an annual event or a core value or a consistently strong program or an outreach ministry, figuring out “who we are” – both in the moment and over the long term – is essential to growing in all the ways that matter.

In my first year as the dean of Trinity, I’ve asked a lot of questions to help understand “who we are.” Not just who we are on a given Sunday morning, or who we are on social media, or even in the wider community. Rather, what are the threads that run through our whole history, the gifts that brought people through the doors of the cathedral 100 years ago, 50 years ago, 10 years ago and even last Sunday? What are the deep-down charisms that will carry us through times of uncertainty and help us to cast a wider vision of God’s profound love in the years to come?

What are the stories that tie our ministries together? What threads weave through the many parts of our life, from Sunday worship to the urban farm, from SoulCollage® to advocacy in the community, from youth mission trips to ministries of inclusion and reconciliation?

A phrase surfaced for me, after many months of listening, during a midweek Evensong service. I looked at the congregation gathered and wondered, what brings people here, week in and week out? And what sends people out the door to be God’s hands in the world? There is something profoundly sacred about this place – how do we name Trinity’s gifts and connect them to the story of God’s work in the world?

As I listened to the homily and the music, as I took in the beauty of the space and the faces of the people who were there, I thought of a phrase that captures what I’ve learned so far:

Trinity Cathedral is a place of Holiness, Witness and Transformation, formed by the best and breadth of the Episcopal tradition with an eye towards the larger Christian story.

In the coming months, I’ll be writing a bit about how I see these three things – holiness, witness and transformation – flowing together in our lives and in our church. I also invite you to three “Holy Conversations” on the following Wednesdays – Feb. 19, March 18 and April 15 – to talk about what holiness, witness and transformation might mean for all of us.

My hope is that this will help to frame and focus our shared ministry in the near future. If you’d like to know more, I hope you’ll listen to the podcast of my Jan. 12 Dean’s Forum or view the PowerPoint presentation from that day on our website.

How do you experience Trinity as a place of holiness, how can our witness proclaim God’s love and justice in a broken world, and how can we experience the transformation that comes from an encounter with the living God? I hope you’ll share your thoughts on this with me, so that together we can listen for the movement of the Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Cathedral.

Blessings,
BJ+

- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
Trinity’s annual meeting in May might seem far away, but it’s not too early to begin the discernment process for submitting your name (or someone else’s) for this year’s elections. Every year, we elect new members of vestry and cathedral council (the number varies on how many members’ terms are up that year). Elected members serve three-year terms. We also elect two members of the cathedral to serve on our nominating committee.

As the vestry resource guide says, vestry members are not just elected, but called to a sacred ministry within our faith community. They work with the dean to “create a vision and plan of action that reflects God’s dream for the congregation.” That balances our “role in discerning God’s mission and vision with sound stewardship of its property and resources.” At Trinity we are also blessed to have a cathedral council that supports vestry. According to the bylaws, council’s main responsibilities are to “furnish advice and counsel to the vestry on matters concerning the mission, outreach and community ministry, and congregational life of the cathedral.” We also “act as a body of advice to new, existing, and contemplated organizations, activities, and ministries.”

Elected nominating committee members work with two vestry and two cathedral council members to nominate candidates for vestry and cathedral council. Keep an eye out for upcoming instructions on how to submit names for candidacy for these three offices.

Vestry minutes are available at bit.ly/TrinVestry. Our next meeting is February 18 at 5:30 p.m. As always, if you have any concerns, you may send them to the wardens at: yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org or contact any member of vestry above.

You can help return an organ to its home in the cathedral chancel. Thanks to the generosity of two lead donors and gifts from an additional 40 individuals as well as the Diocese of Ohio, Music and Art at Trinity and the Kulas Foundation, $855,000 or 95% of the $900,000 budget to restore and install Trinity’s Aeolian-Skinner organ has been secured. This remarkable level of support encouraged the vestry to approve moving forward with this ambitious project. A contract has been executed with Muller Pipe Organ Company and project completion is planned for late this year.

It is time to invite the cathedral congregation to join the donors who have so generously brought this project to fruition. Members and friends of Trinity are asked to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to the chancel organ project to help close the $45,000 gap between funds raised and projected cost. More wonderful news is that we have a generous challenge grant of $15,000 toward this amount, meaning that the goal of this appeal is $30,000. Every dollar given becomes $1.50. Checks may be made payable to Trinity Cathedral noting “Organ Project” in the memo line. Pledges which may be fulfilled over up to three years, also qualify for the 50% match.

There is an informational table in the promenade on Sundays with more details on this project. Questions can also be addressed to Bryan Sickbert (bwsickbert@gmail.com) or (216) 513-7953, chair of the vestry arts committee, or Todd Wilson (twilson@trinitycleveland.org/ (216) 774-0421), director of music.

That Trinity can make this significant investment is a marvelous sign of our vitality and faithfulness. Indeed, we will enter a new decade singing a new song.
Summer Camp at Bellwether Farm

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 ([https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/register](https://www.bellwetherfarm.com/register)) is now open. Register by March 15 and enter promo code WORM to receive $25 off.

Upcoming Safeguarding God’s Children Trainings

Safeguarding God’s Children is an in-depth educational and training program for prevention and responding to child sexual abuse in everyday life and in ministry.

Do you need safeguarding God’s children training? The updated policies for the protection of children and youth from abuse require Safeguarding God’s Children training for many parish leaders, including vestry members as well as any ministry involving children, such as Sunday school or youth group. (See more at dohio.org/safeguarding). Upcoming trainings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, February 6 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral (RSVP to Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org)
- Monday, February 10 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral (RSVP to Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org)
- Sunday, February 23 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral (RSVP to Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org)
- Sunday, March 29 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Bellwether Farm (RSVP to the Rev. Anna Sutterisch at asutterisch@dohio.org)

If you would like to schedule additional trainings, please contact Mary Ann Semple, Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator at resourcelibrary@dohio.org.

2020 Anti-Racism Training Dates

Anti-racism training is required for all individuals in elected and appointed diocesan positions, and it is also open to all members of the diocese. The Commission for Racial Understanding will offer this two day training on the following dates:

- March 26 and 27 at Trinity Commons (Thursday and Friday)
- May 8 and 9 at Bellwether Farm (Friday and Saturday)
- August 28 and 29 at Trinity Commons (Friday and Saturday)
- November 6 and 7 at Bellwether Farm (Friday and Saturday)

The training goes from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the first day and 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the second day. The cost of the training materials and food is covered by the Diocese of Ohio, but lodging is the responsibility of the participant. Lodging options for Bellwether Farm are shown on the registration form. Visit dohio.org/calendar/march-2020/anti-racism-training.
The high altar was part of the initial cathedral construction. Resting underneath the reredos, it is constructed of one block of Pavonazzo marble, which is a white marble originally from Docimium, or modern day İscehisar, Turkey. It is eleven feet six inches long, two feet six inches wide and three feet three inches high. It weighs eight and a half tons or 17,000 pounds. Symbols of the trinity are carved on each side. The top slab - twelve feet long, three feet wide and four and one-half inches thick is of Sierra marble, which is a reddish-mottled marble from Tuscany, Italy. Faces are carved into this portion in relief with grapevine, leaves, fruit and intertwined heads of wheat, divided by panels that read “Sanctus,” “Sanctus,” “Sanctus,” meaning “holy” or “hymn” in Latin.

Inset is a small block of Jerusalem stone which forms the altar of the Washington National Cathedral. This piece was sent to Bishop William Leonard, who commissioned the cathedral, by Bishop Henry Satterlee, the first bishop of Washington. In a note from Satterlee to Leonard, “It was cut from the stone in the quarry of Solomon, just north of the Damascus gate, which is the north gate of Jerusalem. Those who walk over the place from which this stone was sculptured could have heard the cries of ’Crucify Him,” and have seen the crucifixion and Resurrection; for the place is only a few hundred feet... from the spot that is generally considered as Calvary and is the same distance from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.”

The altar is a gift from Mr. William J. and Mrs. Florence (nee Sheffield) Boardman. Mr. Boardman was a lawyer active in Cleveland before moving to Washington D.C. in the late 1880’s. The altar is in memory of their son, Elijah George Boardman, who had passed away in 1900 at age 32.

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**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

On Fri., Feb. 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Trinity 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 learn more at aheeter@trinitycleveland.org.

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**History & Architecture**

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**Youth & Family Ministries**

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**Ministry Spotlight**

**Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC)**

The Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) Trinity core team expresses its faith through determined advocacy for social justice. For example, we have succeeded in getting the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion in Ohio; reforming the Cuyahoga County criminal justice system’s charging and sentencing practices; and participating in the educational reform of the Cleveland Municipal School District. We work with about 30 other congregations of many faiths to bring fairness to people who live in the greater Cleveland area. We develop relationships with other advocates across the region and attend events and meetings in many faith venues all over northeast Ohio as well as at Trinity. GCC is part of a national network known as the Industrial Areas Foundation. You can find more information at [www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org](http://www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org).

GCC participates in what are called actions. An action brings together a diverse group of people, utilizing the power of numbers, across the lines of race, socio-economics, religion or place of residence – to make people’s intention on a common issue of concern known to public officials who have the power to legislate definitive and sustainable change. Trinity has participated in a rough total of 20 actions since forming in July of 2011.

There’s an action commencing with an event Thurs., Feb. 27 at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, one of GCC’s members. The purpose of the action is to secure two or more off-site mental health and addiction diversion centers in Cuyahoga County, giving police an alternative to jail for persons suffering a mental health or addiction crisis. GCC has been pushing for the creation of diversion centers for the past two years, following research that clearly demonstrates their effectiveness. Diversion centers in Cleveland will save lives and public money while also reducing overcrowding in our county jail and helping to level the judicial field for people of color. Trinity has committed to 50 people for this action.

If you are interested in participating in this action or in learning more about Trinity’s Greater Cleveland Congregations group, please contact Gary Benjamin at [benjaminlawohio@gmail.com](mailto:benjaminlawohio@gmail.com) or (313) 590-6136.

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**Sacred Space**

The next Sacred Space meeting will be held Tues., Feb. 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the chapter room.

Reiki and massage practitioner, Christine Siarka, will lead an evening of activities designed to reduce stress and create a spirit of calm, including breathing exercises and a guided meditation. All are welcome, but please RSVP to Charlotte Nichols at [cdn216@gmail.com](mailto:cdn216@gmail.com), so that Christine can prepare.

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**The Return of the Nursery!**

After a short absence, Trinity’s nursery is back and will begin offering child care for children from 3 months to 4 years old on Sun., Feb. 2 from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Trained caretakers will be on hand, including some volunteers from Trinity.

We are very grateful to Jennifer Koch, who has agreed to assist 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 to be trained and volunteer for the Nursery, please contact Associate for Youth and Family Ministries Allie Heeter at [aheeter@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:aheeter@trinitycleveland.org).
The Knitting Pearls ministry began in September of 2007. Then Trinity curate Judith Alexis and Rosalind Hughes, now the rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Euclid, started a small group that met weekly for fellowship, prayer and knitting. As is true today, the early team made blankets for infant baptisms. The ministry has grown to encompass two separate small knitting groups – one led by Beth Billings that meets each Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Trinity’s 2nd floor boardroom. The other group is led by Toni Ponzo and meets at 6:00 p.m. Monday evenings at Café Ah-Roma.

In addition to the baptism blankets and blankets for those who are sick, the group has made hats and scarves for our guests at A Place at the Table. They have knitted warm winter items for the mitten tree. They have knitted Noah’s ark animals for children in the hospital and red hats for American Heart Month. They have knitted prayer shawls and prayer squares which are prayed over before they are given to parishioners that are suffering illness or grief. The group would like to join forces with Becoming Beloved Community and The Order of the Daughters of the King on their Wall of Love project, making hats, scarves, socks and mittens/gloves for those in need during the cold Cleveland winter.

You don’t necessarily have to knit when joining this group. New members have done crochet, needlepoint and even colored at meetings. But members claim the best part of being a Knitting Pearl is the fellowship with the small group. They come to know one another quite intimately and share in each other’s lives. By making items for those in the congregation and beyond that need celebration or condolence, they grow those bonds and knit others to themselves.

At meetings, members can bring any project to work on including their own, and receive assistance, advice and encouragement from each other, not always about knitting. They encourage members and guests to donate yarn for the group’s collective projects, preferably yarn that is machine washable. They accept any donations of partially knitted or crocheted projects, yarn, needles and hooks. All donations can be left at the reception desk at Trinity, labeled for the Knitting Pearls. The group is happy to help others with their knitting skills, but some working knowledge of knitting is preferred to join.

For more information, please contact Beth Billings (billings13@gmail.com) or Toni Ponzo (amp1of5@gmail.com).
**Member Moment**

**MARTIN HAUSERMAN**

Longtime Trinity member Martin Hauserman has recently wrapped up a 35-year career as the first (and only) chief city archivist for the Cleveland City Council. On Jan. 24, an article was published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer and cleveland.com, its web-based counterpart. Visit [bit.ly/Hauserman](https://bit.ly/Hauserman) to read the entire article and browse the pictures.

**Episcopal Peace Fellowship**

“The Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) is a national organization connecting all who seek a deliberate response to injustice and violence and want to pray, study and take action for justice and peace in our communities, our church and the world. We are called to do justice, dismantle violence, and strive to be peacemakers.” These are words that guide us from the EPF website.

As Episcopal peacemakers, we seek to learn more about conflict and war and the resulting effects in our community and the world in order to reorient our actions to peaceful outcomes.

Later this month, we will have our second book read – *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway. According to Khaled Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner*, “…[The Cellist of Sarajevo is a] gripping novel that transcends time and place. It is a universal story, and a testimony to the struggle to find meaning, grace and humanity, even amid the most unimaginable horrors.”

You’ll follow characters such as the cellist, Arrow, Kenan, and Dragan and others as they fight for truth and survival in Sarajevo. The cellist of Sarajevo plays in the ruins after a Serbian projectile kills twenty-two Bosnians in a community marketplace.

In an excerpt from the book, “… there’s movement in the window. A change, a slight shifting in the light. A shadow behind the plastic where before there was no shadow. Her [Arrow’s] finger covers the trigger. All she needs is for him to show himself for an instant.”

This book is readily available locally or online. You can view a study guide for the book at [bit.ly/CellistSarajevo](https://bit.ly/CellistSarajevo). Then come and join us for conversation in Trinity Cathedral’s board room on Sat., Feb. 29 at 12:00 p.m. Bring a lunch or purchase one from Café Ah-Roma or Subway if you wish.

Contact Bruce Freeman at freeman.bruc@gmail.com if you have questions.
Ash Wednesday Services

The first day of Lent begins with three worship services held at Trinity on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be imposed on the heads of parishioners as a sign of mortality and penitence.

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”
- Genesis 3:19

Service Times

Wednesday, Feb. 26th

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
“Holy Conversations” will take place once a month on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. The dates are Wed., Feb. 19; Wed. Mar. 18; and Wed. Apr. 22. These conversations are an invitation for you to practice holy curiosity and listening with one another through a prompt based on the topics put forth by Dean Owens’s vision for Trinity: Holiness, Witness, and Transformation.

In the midst of a conversation, listen with curiosity and 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.

What is Lent Madness? It’s a fun, engaging way for everyone to learn about the men and women highlighted in the church’s calendar of saints during the season of Lent, which begins this year on February 26. Here’s the format: 32 saints are placed into a single elimination tournament bracket. Biographical information about each saint is shared. People vote for their favorite saints on the Lent Madness website, or by using Facebook or Twitter. Things get more interesting in the later rounds - we find out a little more about the semifinal and final contenders - and ultimately, one saint earns the coveted golden halo.

Interested? Stop by the Lent Madness table in the Promenade on Sundays in late February and early March. Contact Sally Lambert at (216) 371-2168 or salambert25@gmail.com or Debbie Hunter at hunterd16@roadrunner.com. You can also check out the Lent Madness website at lentmadness.org.

Baptisms are being offered on the following dates. If you or a family member is interested in baptism, please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

- April 12 – Easter Sunday
- May 31 – Pentecost Sunday

Morning Prayer services will begin again on Wednesdays in Lent. Cathedral council chair Dale Murphy will lead the services. Meeting places and times are being finalized based on congregants schedules and building availability, but there will be two services each week. They will be held on the following dates:

- Wed., March 4
- Wed., March 11
- Wed., March 18
- Wed., March 25
- Wed., April 1

If you have questions or wish to have input on the service times, please contact Dale Murphy at dale.murphy@sbcglobal.net. Look for forthcoming announcements with more details.
By popular demand, Trinity will soon be conducting a series of Lenten classes known as catechesis. These classes are for those seeking membership, baptism or confirmation into the Episcopal Church and contain in-depth learning about our Episcopal faith tradition. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, not just those preparing for baptism, confirmation or membership.

We will be utilizing the New Church’s Teaching Series for a Changing World to guide adult formation and catechesis. Each class will be led by the cathedral’s pastoral staff, highlighting the work of visionary Episcopal thinkers and leaders who teach grounded and thoughtfully for church leaders and concise and accessibly enough for newcomers. The course includes interactive discussion that digs deep. Our journey through the Christian faith will begin on Mar. 1 with a labyrinth walk.

**Spring Adult Catechesis Schedule**

**Sun., Mar. 1**  Labyrinth walk and preparing for Lent  

**Sun., Mar. 8**  The Bible and poetry with Lauren Winner, renowned historian, author, lecturer and Episcopal priest  

**Sun., Mar. 15**  The Episcopal Way: Christian Spirituality  

**Sun. Mar. 22**  The Episcopal Story: Birth and Rebirth  

**Sun., Mar. 29**  Go Speak Session 1 – Theology of God & Humanity  A process to 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 congregations.

**Sun., Apr. 5**  Go Speak Session 2 – Theology of the Church  

**Sun., April 19**  Church Meets World – Power, oppression, race, gender, class, sexuality, war/peace  

**Sun., April 26**  Formed by Love – Loving like Jesus, ethics and prayer  

Two summary courses will take place in May, the details of which are forthcoming.

Please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch if you have questions at akoch@trinitycleveland.org or (216) 774-0470.

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**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.
Trinity’s Choral Evensong schedule begins on Feb. 5. The 6:00 p.m. evensong service is followed by a 7:00 p.m. community supper for a suggested donation of $6. For more information, visit trinitycleveland.org/evensong.

### 2020 Choral Evensong Schedule

**February 5**  
Roger Williams & Anne Hutchinson  
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens  
Trinity Cathedral Choir  
Service: Friedell in F

**February 12**  
Charles Freer Andrews  
The Rev. Adrienne Koch  
Trinity Chamber Singers  
Mathias: Jesus College Service

**February 19**  
Martin Luther  
The Rev. Peter Faass  
High Voices of the Cathedral Choir  
Service: Francis Jackson in C

**February 26**  
Ash Wednesday  
Services at 7:30 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.  
The Cathedral Choir sings music by Allegri and Farrant at the 6 p.m. service

**March 4**  
John & Charles Wesley  
The Rev. Gayle Catinella  
Illuminare Chamber Choir, Youngstown  
Service: Howells in B minor

**March 11**  
Gregory the Great  
The Rev. John Drymon  
Trinity Cathedral Choir  
Howells “Collegium Regale”

**March 18**  
Cyril  
The Very Rev. Melinda Hall  
Choir of St Paul’s Cathedral, Erie, PA  
Service: Dyson in F

**March 25**  
The Annunciation of Our Lord

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**April 1**  
The Rev. Dr. Paul Gaston  
Trinity Cathedral Choir  
Service: Walmsley in D minor

**April 8**  
Tenebrae Service  
Trinity Chamber Singers  
The Lamentations by Robert White  
(No supper after this service)

**April 15**  
Wednesday of Easter Week  
The Rev. Adrienne Koch  
Kristine Caswelch & Kira McGirr  
Service: Plainsong

**April 22**  
John Muir & Hudson Stuck  
The Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed  
Trinity Chamber Singers  
David Conte: “Trinity Service”

**April 29**  
Catherine of Siena  
The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams  
Trinity Cathedral Choir  
Service: Kelly in C

**May 6**  
Harriet Starr Cannon  
The Rev. David Radzik  
Trinity Chamber Singers  
Service: Stanford in A

**May 13**  
The Martyrs of the Sudan  
The Rev. Rosalina Rivera  
Choir of First Lutheran Church, Lorain  
Service: Brian Wentzel

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**Solemn Sung Eucharist**

The first Sunday of every month, Trinity celebrates the Solemn Sung Eucharist at 5 p.m. This formal service includes incense, bells, plainsong and the ceremonies of an Anglican high church service.

**Upcoming Solemn Sung Eucharist services:**
- **February 2** - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
The Rev. David Radzik, celebrating  
The Rev. Lisa O’Rear, preaching  
- **March 1** - Lent I, with the Great Litany in Procession  
The Rev. John Drymon, celebrating  
The Rev. George Baum, preaching  
Missa Brevis in D minor by Antonio Lotti and motets by Henry Purcell and Richard Farrant.

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**TrebleFest in Cleveland**

Trinity Cathedral 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. where Bishop Hollingsworth will be the officiant. For questions or further information, please contact Todd Wilson at twilson@trinitycleveland.org.
In the Diocese:

Organ Recital

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Cleveland Heights will host an organ recital by Todd Wilson, director of music at Trinity Cathedral, on Friday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The Windows of Trinity Cathedral

This month, we’re studying the three windows beneath the nativity window in the west transept. All three of these windows depict a scene in the life of the Virgin Mary. The size of each is 2 feet 8 inches wide by 7 feet 10 inches tall. All three were produced by the Wilbur H. Burnham studio in Boston, Mass. The studio continues its work to this day under the name of Burnham, LaRoche and Associates. The Smithsonian Institution selected Burnham Studio as one of the four finest stained glass window makers in the country.

In addition to these three, Burnham Studios windows are located beneath the east transect tracery (structural) window and along the side aisles of the nave. William H. Burnham, Sr., the company’s owner and glass designer, worked with Dean Chester B. Emerson on the window project. The surviving correspondence between the two begins in Dec. 1937 and continued during the next three and a half years. The letters are now located in the Smithsonian Institution’s Archives of American Art. One of the original letters outlined the cost of the windows, which was to be $600 per window!

Strategically placed beneath the nativity window, three scenes in the Virgin Mary’s life are depicted. All three are legendary scenes, as none of them are documented in the Bible. As you can see, blue was heavily used as it denotes the color of heaven and heavenly love. The standing and kneeling figures are all placed on the left side, facing the same direction. The first window (the one on the left side) depicts St. Anne, traditionally known as the mother of Mary, and the Virgin Mary herself. Anne holds a book and Mary a scroll. You may notice the use of complementary colors (opposites on the color wheel) which have the effect of intensifying the colors. Some have said that Anne is teaching Mary to read the Torah.

The middle window, known to Burnham and Emerson as the Madonna window, shows a young John the Baptist kneeling before Mary and the Christ child. John is pictured with a garment of animal skins while Mary sits in a throne. Above John is a white flag with a red cross, the banner of the resurrection.

The third window pictures the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth kneels before Mary as Mary gives her a blessing with an upraised right hand. This window is known as the visitation window. It’s imprinted on the window near the top. Both Elizabeth and Mary have halos, as Elizabeth is pregnant with John the Baptist and Mary with the Christ child. All three of these windows are memorials, but the visitation window commemoration is the most extensive. “In Memory of All the Faithful Women of the Cathedral League,” it reads. We find more information about the Cathedral League in the nearby baptistery, where a stone tablet declares, “The Cathedral League, a band of one hundred Christian women...,” originally initiated by the bishop.
Trinity’s Green Team was formed nearly 20 years ago when Trinity Commons was built as an environmentally friendly spiritual, cultural and community oasis for downtown Cleveland. This included one of the largest geothermal heating and cooling systems built in Cleveland at the time, among other sustainable improvements.

The team has experienced a resurgence in recent years. In 2017, the green team encouraged member participation as volunteers at Trinity’s urban farm. Members have participated in beach cleanups at Edgewater Park. They have participated in a green team bike ride on the Towpath Trail. They have attended mayor Frank Jackson's Sustainable Cleveland Summit. They have visited the Northeast Ohio Sewer District's annual open house since 2017. In 2018, the group took a tour of the Cleveland Metroparks' Watershed Stewardship Center in Parma, which includes many interactive exhibits that emphasize the importance of clean water in our region. It is the first facility in the Metroparks dedicated to scientific research and promoting sustainable action.

As an offshoot of this visit, the green team welcomed West Creek Conservancy’s executive director Derek Schafer to Trinity to speak about land and water protection in our community. He spoke about the conservancy’s efforts in the region to protect land and water resources, create recreational trail systems, and reclaim degraded lands. In November, green team members gathered to watch An Inconvenient Sequel, Al Gore’s latest effort to train an army of activists and influence international climate policy.

In the near future, the team will promote the Episcopal Creation Care initiative (episcopalchurch.org/creation-care), promising a loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God’s creation. They urge all Trinity congregants to take the creation care pledge, which is to do at least one thing per day for the environment (https://episcopalchurch.org/creation-care/pledge).

The team plans a forum on April 19, the Sunday before Earth Day and they have invited a local leader and sustainability supporter to speak. The group plans to work with Cathedral Kids and the Youth Group to participate in an intergenerational activity to honor God’s creation of our earth. They have also started making “Green Tweets,” a collection of tips, best practices and advice about “living green.” You’ll find a new tweet or post each week on Trinity’s social media platforms: Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

If you are interested in joining the green team, please contact ministry leader Gail Smith at gailmsmith@cox.net. All those with a love for God’s green earth and who seek to educate, inspire and empower members around sustainability are welcome.

Trinity priest associate, the Rev. Adrienne Koch, has written a chapter for a recently released book. The book is called Belovedness, and it is a thought-provoking book for college students. It deals with issues of faith, identity, sex, success, failure, and everything in between, through the concept of belovedness. The Rev. Koch wrote the chapter on LGBTQ+ belovedness in this book.

As the book states, “The same promise made to Noah with a rainbow is the same promise God makes to you: you are not a mistake to be erased. You are the beloved of God.”

The book is available for now at www.churchpublishing.org/belovedness or at Amazon, bit.ly/Belovedness.
On Sunday Feb. 2, 9 and 16, Trinity member Bob Fowler will lead a 3-part series on the book, *The Forgotten Creed: Christianity’s Original Struggle Against Bigotry, Slavery and Racism*. The classes will take place at the 10:10 a.m. education hour in Conference Room C/D.

In Paul’s letter to the Galatians, he declares that in Christ “there is no Jew or Greek, there is no slave or free, there is no male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28). Paul asserts that Christians must not discriminate based on race, class, or gender. Radical inclusion and solidarity must be the norm.

Sadly, within a generation or two of Paul’s martyrdom, the Jesus Movement lost that vision: ethnic rivalry triumphed, slavery was embraced, and Christian women were silenced and denied the positions of authority they once held. Ever since, Christians have wrestled—usually not very successfully—with the temptation to divide ‘Us versus Them’ on the basis of race, class, or gender.

This three-week class 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.

On February 9 and 16, Becky Fuller and Janet Lechleitner will be leading 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 Michael 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.
UPCOMING PROGRAM & EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2nd
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Group  
Forum: The Forgotten Creed with Bob Fowler  
Bible Study  
Tai Chi  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at the Table  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - Episcopal Peace Fellowship  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Solemn Sung Eucharist

Tuesday, February 4th
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Sacred Space

Wednesday, February 5th
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Choral Evensong  
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Community Supper

Thursday, February 6th
12:10 PM - 1:10 PM - Healing Service & Eucharist  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Safeguarding God’s Children Training

Sunday, February 9th
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Group  
Class: The Forgotten Creed with Bob Fowler  
The Way of Love Interactive Forum  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table  
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM - Stewardship Committee

Monday, February 10th
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Safeguarding God’s Children Training

Wednesday, February 12th
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Choral Evensong  
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Community Supper

Thursday, February 13th
12:10 PM - 1:10 PM - Healing Service & Eucharist

Sunday, February 16th
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Group  
Tai Chi  
Class: The Forgotten Creed with Bob Fowler  
The Way of Love Interactive Forum  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table  
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM - Daughters of the King  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Absalom Jones Service

Tuesday, February 18th
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - BrownBag Concert  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Choral Evensong  
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Community Supper

Thursday, February 20th
12:10 PM - 1:10 PM - Healing Service & Eucharist

Saturday, February 22nd
8:30 AM - 2:45 PM - Soul Collage® Workshop

Sunday, February 23rd
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM  
Spring Ministry Fair  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table  
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM - Becoming Beloved Community  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Safeguarding God’s Children Training

Tuesday, February 25th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Celebration

Wednesday, February 26th
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM - Ash Wednesday Service  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table  
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM - Becoming Beloved Community  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Safeguarding God’s Children Training  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service with the Cathedral Choir

Thursday, February 27th
12:10 PM - 1:10 PM - Healing Service & Eucharist

Saturday, February 29th
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Treblefest Evensong

Sunday, March 1st
10:10 AM - 11:00 AM  
Sunday School & Youth Group  
Labyrinth Walk  
Tai Chi  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - A Place at The Table  
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM - Episcopal Peace Fellowship  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Solemn Sung Eucharist
Shrove Tuesday
Mardi Gras Celebration
Tues., February 25
Cathedral Hall
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. 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.