The Dean's Corner: New Possibilities

Though it’s been difficult to be away from one another these past few weeks we’ve begun to find new ways to connect and new ways to be the church. Though most of these are temporary solutions such as creatively livestreaming worship services as an alternative to gathering in person, some of these creative responses might have a long-term positive impact on the life of Trinity Cathedral.

For example, livestreaming the services has widened our reach. I’ve received word from folks locally and far beyond who don’t regularly worship at Trinity who have valued this new connection. We are also working on strengthening “neighborhood” connections to better care for one another in this time of physical distancing…this might help a far-flung cathedral congregation to feel closer to fellow members long after the COVID-19 crisis has passed. I believe that each of these creative responses not only helps us cope in the present moment, they can actually make the community of Trinity Cathedral stronger and more interconnected going forward.
Listen to Building Neighborhoods,
Dean Owens's video message for March 26, 2020

This Sunday, March 29

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Click here for this week's scripture
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist via livestream
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens will preach
The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. will celebrate

Visit Trinity's Facebook page or website to watch this livestreamed service. Those not on Facebook can view the stream from our homepage, but if you're able to connect via Facebook, we greatly appreciate any comments or messages that are sent in real time. To take part, visit either site from your computer or mobile device. Join us starting at 9:50 a.m. You'll also be able to watch the service on demand from our Facebook page or on our website after its conclusion.

Congregational Life
Livestreamed Holy Eucharist Services Continue

On Sunday, we moved our livestream 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist service to the chapel for a more intimate feel. We appreciate all the comments you are sending. We take all feedback into account and use it to improve our next livestream.

Check out our home page for some livestream troubleshooting tips you can use before and during the broadcast.

Share Your Worship Photos

Anyone can enjoy a Trinity livestream service including, apparently, Audrey Hudak's cat, Alberta, who watched the broadcast with Audrey last Sunday at home.

We'd love to see your photos or videos taken during worship or
devotional practice. Send them with a description to Scott Blanchard so we can share them with other members.

Trinity Campus Closed Until Further Notice...

...But Our Ministry Continues

At this time, Trinity Cathedral, Trinity Commons and the Diocese of Ohio are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff is working from home at this time. You can reach them by email:

- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens - bernard.owens@trinitycleveland.org
- The Rev. Adrienne Koch - akoch@trinitycleveland.org
- Todd Wilson - twilson@trinitycleveland.org
- Allie Heeter - aheeter@trinitycleveland.org
- Corinne Wallner - cwallner@trinitycleveland.org
- Ginger Bitikofer - gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org
- Doreen Hughes - dhughes@trinitycleveland.org
- Scott Blanchard - sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org

Care Corner: Give or Receive Help

Trinity congregation members can give help or get help, during the time the cathedral building is closed. Are you able to help a senior member get
groceries? Are you a person who needs help with errands? Contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or (216) 774-0407, and she'll work on getting people connected.

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**Keep Up With Your Pledge During Shutdown**

Despite the cathedral being closed, Trinity depends on its members keeping their pledges current during the coronavirus pandemic. You can check the current status of your pledge on Trinity Connect. Let Ginger Bitikofer know if you need help finding this content. You can mail checks to Rita Asbury at the cathedral address: 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115. You can also contact Rita at rasbury@trinitycleveland.org with questions. To make a pledge payment online with a credit card, visit trinitycleveland.org/support-trinity-cathedral.

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**An Important Message from the Vestry**

At a special meeting on March 24th, the vestry voted to make changes to the Annual Meeting. Based on the assumption that we will not be meeting in person for worship on May 3rd, the Annual Meeting will be live-streamed in some fashion. We aren't sure of the technology that we will use yet, but we hope to go from a live-streamed worship service to a presentation of the traditional reports that are shared with the congregation at the annual meeting. There will be reports from the dean, vestry, cathedral council and the treasurer. We will also provide a way for members of the congregation to post questions and comments. When the technology is worked out, we will give ample notice to the congregation about how to participate.

Trinity's By-Laws and the Canons of our Diocese do not provide any mechanism for voting other than in-person. Therefore, the vestry has voted to defer election of vestry, cathedral council and nominating committee members...
until a later date. Our hope right now is that elections will be held in September. Current lay leaders and nominating committee members will continue to serve until the election, as stipulated by the by-laws. We will give proper notice to the congregation for what we hope will be early fall elections.

Please keep Trinity's lay leaders in your prayers as they address the challenges of the pandemic. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your vestry wardens.

Patty Roberts, Senior Warden
pattyroberts@yahoo.com

Paul Herrgesell, Junior Warden
paul@pherrgesell.org

Adult Education

Trinity’s Adult Formation Committee rolled out its first Bible study class led by Dean Owens yesterday. We are working on other ways to deliver content during Trinity's shutdown.

One area of focus is the 2020 spring catechesis. We plan to roll out the remainder of the classes during the season of Easter. Look for upcoming announcements in cathedral communications for more details.

Stay in Touch With Trinity Friends

While we are separated by the coronavirus, stay in touch with and check in on fellow congregation members by using the directory in Trinity Connect and the Church Life app. Trinity Connect is the web-based link to our member directory and calendar. If you need a Trinity Connect orientation or a refresher, Ginger Bitikofer can send you information via email or offer help by phone. If you're a member, Ginger can also email you a church member directory in PDF format. Contact her at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or (216) 774-0407.
Neighborhood Connectors

To help keep our widely-spread congregation members connected with each other during this period of separation, we will be implementing the Neighborhood Connectors program, which will divide our membership into neighborhood/community groups, whose members can help support each other. More details to come. Questions? Contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, 216-774-0407.

APATT Continues During Building Closure

On Sunday, we served our first "lunches to go" to those visiting the cathedral for A Place at the Table hunger ministry. Ginger Bitikofer and building steward Chris Singleton welcomed our guests and provided them with lunch at the E. 22nd St. entrance. We plan to continue with this format to comply with the current coronavirus restrictions of carry-out food being served.

At this time, this ministry is more important than ever as hungry and homeless people face the pandemic in these uncertain times. We intend to continue this ministry on a carry-out basis for the foreseeable future.
Did you know that bulletins for Sunday services are available on our website? This includes the March 29 livestreamed service at 10:00 a.m.

Download the bulletins as they are posted. When we return to regular services at the cathedral, you can download the bulletin and view it on your mobile device as you participate.

Urban Farm Workdays

The farm’s spring season is well underway. Last Saturday, the volunteers were able to prepare over 30 raised beds for planting, including turning over beds with winter rye to add nutrients to the soil. They also planted radishes and turnips.

The farm is big enough to insure proper social distancing and qualifies for the exercise exception Gov. DeWine recently announced to the stay-at-home order. We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in these early season workdays. Please join us as you’re able to continue the work of growing food to feed our hungry and homeless neighbors. For more information contact Scott Blanchard
Youth Compline

The Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation for the Diocese of Ohio, will hold Sunday Night Student Compline on Sundays at 8:00 p.m. Students grades 6 and up (including college students!) are invited to zoom in at https://Zoom.us/j/2167742230.

Rev. Dr. Lauren Winner's Books Still Available

If you are interested in browsing or purchasing one of the Rev. Dr. Lauren Winner's books, many of them are still available at Trinity. As a bonus, the remaining books are signed by the author. Please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch if you are interested in any of the following titles:

- Wearing God - $15
- Mudhouse Sabbath - $15
- Girl Meets God - $20
- Still - $15

You can pay by check written out to Lauren Winner, PayPal (lauren.winner@duke.edu) or Venmo (@LFWinner).

The Wall of Love

Trinity’s Wall of Love is still active on weekends. We are transitioning into clothing and accessories for the spring season. Items we are seeking include:

- Socks
- T-shirts
- Sunglasses
- Baseball and other spring hats
- Chapstick
- Rain ponchos

Items are needed for all ages, in all sizes (children & adults). Items should be new or in like-new condition.

Items for the Wall of Love should be collected at home at this time. The contact person is Janet Morrison jlmorrison611@gmail.com.

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**Help Us Assist St. Luke's Hunger Programs**

Due to logistical reasons, St. Luke's needed to cancel the food pantry on Monday, March 23. The congregation and leadership is diligently working on addressing details for the next drive-through food pantry, scheduled for Monday, April 13 and further details will be forthcoming.

Please contact Debbie Likins-Fowler at dlikinsfowler@gmail.com or (440) 669-6684 if you have any questions.

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**Music & Art at Trinity**

**Featured Choral Evensong Concerts**

Beginning this week, during the our building closure, we will be featuring an archived choral evensong service podcast on our website. Music director Todd Wilson will offer commentary on each service.
This week, we'll highlight the service from April 3, 2019. Todd says, "This service was sung by the Trinity Chamber Singers during Lent, 2019. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are the expressive yet economical 'Short Service' by the great English composer, Thomas Tallis. Edgar Bainton’s anthem 'Christ in the Wilderness' sets an unusually vivid poem by Robert Graves written in 1918, the first year of the 1918-19 Spanish flu pandemic. Mr. Al Brazynetz is homilist."

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**In the Diocese**

**Lenten Meditations**

The Diocese of Ohio is providing daily meditations during Lent. They will be sent out via email and posted on the [Diocesan Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/diohio) daily. A PDF of the compiled meditations will also be available on the diocese’s website. Sign up to receive the meditations at [dohio.org/sign-up](http://dohio.org/sign-up).

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**In the Episcopal Church**

**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Shares 'Habits of Grace'**

In the adjustments to life that the coronavirus pandemic has brought about, a new vlog by Presiding Bishop Curry has been added to The Episcopal Church website. You can view it at [episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace](http://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace). As we learn how to do our part to slow the spread of the virus by practicing social distancing, a new meditation will be posted each Monday from now through May.
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 May Cathedral Connections newsletter is Fri., April 24. 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.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.

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