This Week @ Trinity

May 14, 2020

The Dean's Corner:
Youth Lead Our Worship & What to Expect in the Coming Weeks

This week we celebrate the youth of Trinity Cathedral! Though we are not in the cathedral to mark the end of the program year with Youth Sunday, we will welcome teenagers to assist with readings, music and other elements of the service. We also welcome seven youth in the process of confirmation. I hope you'll join us on Sunday so that you can bring the confirmation of these seven wonderful youth into your prayers.

This would, of course, be the time when we move from our usual 3-service Sundays to our summer schedule of an 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. service.

Read the dean's entire message here

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Seeing the Long View:
May 14 Video Reflections from Dean Owens
View Dean Owens's latest video reflections for Thursday, May 14. You can find more video reflections from the dean and others at youtube.com/trinitycleveland.

This Sunday, May 17
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Click here for this week's scripture
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on YouTube and Trinity's homepage

The Rev. Anna Sutterisch,
Canon for Christian Formation
Diocese of Ohio
will preach

Joining in the service are members of Trinity's youth group, who'll be handling the readings, the psalms, the Prayers of the People, the music and more. Don't miss these talented youngsters as they embrace their roles as part of the church.

Download the service bulletin here

Visit Trinity's YouTube page or website to watch and participate in this service. This service is prerecorded. That means that you can view the service at 10:00 a.m., or at any time thereafter, and not miss a thing.

Congregational Life
Do You Need and/or Can You Sew Facemasks?

As the greater Cleveland area slowly reopens its doors for communal gathering, Trinity Cathedral wants to assure that the congregation feels safe and has appropriate protection against the transmission of COVID-19. Seven volunteers have been sewing to create enough facemasks to outfit Trinity members in need with the hopes of donating leftovers to Hospice of the Western Reserve.

If you are in need of a facemask, please visit trinitycleveland.org/face-mask-order-form. Once the first batch of masks has been created, Trinity hopes to offer a “blessing of the masks” day where Trinity members can drive through the parking lot to receive a blessed mask from clergy. For those unable to attend the drive-through day, masks will be mailed or hand-delivered.

If you would like to donate your time for mask delivery, please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at akoch@trinitycleveland.org. Also contact the Rev. Koch if you would like to sew or donate fabric, elastic, or thread to this project.

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Trinity Receives Paycheck Protection Program Loan

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated many changes at Trinity Cathedral. The cathedral and the Commons are closed, the staff works from home, and
we worship remotely. This new normal has had a tremendous impact on our finances. We no longer have parking lot revenue. We’ve had to cancel all revenue producing meetings and special events. We implemented a loan forgiveness program for our tenants. There are no Sunday or Brown Bag free will offerings. We hope that those who are able will continue to honor their pledges, but we have to be prepared for a 2020 income shortfall.

In April, Trinity Cathedral was approved for a Paycheck Protection Program loan. The PPP is a loan program that resulted from the CARES Act—the federal government’s legislation to provide financial support to companies, including non-profits, and individuals that are impacted by the economic downturn resulting from the pandemic. The PPP was designed specifically for organizations as a way to continue to pay staff. If a loan recipient meets the PPP’s stated requirements, all or much of the loan will be forgiven.

Trinity and 29 other churches in the Diocese have received PPP loans. As of this writing, our administrative and clerical staff continues to work remotely, and our emphasis is on providing worship services, formation opportunities, Bible study, pastoral care and timely communications through various electronic means. We consider the PPP loan to be a bridge to an uncertain future. It was noted by Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) that non-profits were not disqualified from the PPP if they had “rainy day” funds. We believe that the PPP is the best way for us to guarantee that our staff can continue to receive paychecks.

We are grateful that generous families who came before us had the foresight to establish our endowment. Each year we draw funds from it to pay for a significant portion of our operating expenses and capital repairs. Our endowment is a long term investment and we are mindful of finding the balance between serving our current needs and securing the cathedral’s financial future. We continue to re-evaluate our financial realities, and the staff has been asked to cut ten percent from the 2020 expense budget. As the year progresses, we will continue to monitor our operations and finances and will keep the Trinity community apprised.

Patricia Roberts, Senior Warden
Paul Hergesell, Junior Warden
Tim Espy, Treasurer
Trinity is proud to recognize our 2020 high school, college and seminary graduates. May God go with you, as you take your next steps.

**Suzie Horejs**, daughter of Edward and Jean Horejs, graduating from Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School

**Christopher Decatur**, son of Stephen and Kathleen Decatur, graduating from Virginia Theological Seminary

**Heather Cochran**, daughter of Jennifer and Tim Cochran, graduating from Kent State University, with a BA in Theater Production

**Zaccheus Gaines**, son of Christine Daniels, graduating from John Hay High School Early College

**Joseph Espy**, (not pictured) son of Tim and Debbie Espy, graduating from George Washington University

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**Sacred Space**

Join members for a Sacred Space Zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at 5:00 p.m. Participants will catch up from their last time together, as so much has
happened in the world and in the group's personal lives. Members and guests will check in with each other and also remember Sacred Space member Margaret McConnell, who passed away recently.

Please see the information below for the Zoom link. If you haven't used Zoom before, no worries, it's easy. You will need to download the free Zoom app at zoom.us. Click the button that says "Sign Up. It's Free."

To join the Zoom Meeting on the 19th:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82902017111pwd=NU9aTUVBVENYK01EUDdkQ2svUkwrdz09

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Virtual Coffee Hour

Are you missing the faces of your Trinity friends? Join other Trinity members for Virtual Coffee Hour (via Zoom) this Sunday morning, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Drop in anytime. Bring your coffee or tea (or your pet) and visit with old and new friends prior to the 10:00 a.m. worship webcast. Associate for Congregational Life Ginger Bitikofer and others will host the scheduled coffee hours. This week’s link is the same as last week’s. Get in touch with Ginger if you need the link or for any questions at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, (216) 774-0407.

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Coffee Hour Pets (and their owners)

Jane Freeman and Barry

Sally Lambert and Jake
Experience the Restorative Enneagram

Beginning this Sunday May 17, the Rev. Adrienne Koch will lead a multi-week in-depth exploration of the enneagram. This course will take place every other Sunday through September 6 at 11:15 a.m. Join by Zoom, us02web.zoom.us/j/82391360127. You can also join in by phone at (929) 205 6099. If you have questions or need more information, contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at akoch@trinitycleveland.org.

In the meantime, enjoy watching her forum presentation on the enneagram from January of this year.

Keep Your Pledge Current During Shutdown

Even though our building is closed, we still rely on our members’ timely pledge payments to continue to operate in these uncertain times. Send pledge checks to Rita Asbury at the cathedral (2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115). You can also make pledge payments online.

If you don’t have a pledge, and you wish to make an offering to the church, you can send checks to Rita Asbury at the above address, or use our online giving portal to make a donation or a recurring gift.
Thank you to all of our supporters!

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**Spiritual Formation**

The adult formation committee offers spiritual formation content for home use each week. The current theme is “The Fruits of the Spirit.” This week, the focus is on joy.

**Poem:** *Ode to 5:30 A.M.*

**Spiritual Practice:** Chanting Your Prayers

Chanting the psalms and other sacred texts has a powerful lineage in Christian tradition, and it is finding more popularity today. This ancient practice is of vital importance in spiritual disciplines, and can be enjoyed by anyone who prays. Episcopal priest and celebrated author Cynthia Bourgeault makes this practice easy to understand and her book “Chanting the Psalms” walks one through learning this process and has an instructional CD. She also has a video guide in two parts, “Introduction to Sacred Chanting” accessed via these links:

**Part One** [youtube.com/watch?v=_J80rH4-Wt4](https://youtube.com/watch?v=_J80rH4-Wt4)
**Part Two** [youtube.com/watch?v=hgx8GXmcYR8](https://youtube.com/watch?v=hgx8GXmcYR8)

**Zoom Bible Study:** Philippians

This four-part series reconvenes for part two next Sunday, May 24 at 11:15 a.m. Contact Janet Lechleitner at [janetlech@gmail.com](mailto:janetlech@gmail.com) for the access link and/or more information. You don't have to have attended the first Bible study session to participate.

**Join Dean Owens for Bible Study Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.**

Take part in the discussion as Dean Owens leads Bible study each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., using the Lectio Divina method. You don't have to have participated in previous weeks' discussions to join in. If you're interested,
Stay in Touch with Trinity Friends

While we are separated by the stay-at-home order, 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. You can also use Trinity Connect to securely view your giving history. 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 (for the whole congregation, or just your neighborhood) in PDF format. Contact her at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or (216) 774-0407.

A Place at the Table

Our Sunday lunch ministry, A Place at the Table, has continued without a break during Trinity's building closure. We have shifted to take-out meals per social distancing guidelines, and are supporting our tenants Café Ah-Roma and Subway to provide bag or box lunches for 55-75 guests each week. One staff member and one volunteer greet and serve our guests each Sunday. We are grateful that one of our community partners, Park Synagogue, through their mitzvah program, has provided a cloth face mask for each of our guests. We hope to provide each guest with a second mask, in the future.

There's still time left in the season of Easter to make an Easter offering that benefits Trinity's hunger and outreach ministries, such as A Place at the Table. Please help those most vulnerable in the face of the pandemic.
Seeking Children's and Youth Staff

Trinity is hiring two part-time coordinator positions working with our children and youth. These positions will support families with young children and families with youth grades 6-12.

You can view the job descriptions for the Children's Ministry Coordinator and Youth Program Coordinator. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

EPF May Action Items

Check out Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship recommended actions for peace for May 2020.

Urban Farm Blessing

Take part in the annual urban farm blessing next Saturday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m. Join volunteers and the Rev. Adrienne Koch in asking God for seasonable weather and a bountiful harvest to benefit our hungry neighbors.

Volunteers are always welcome Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The farmers hope to harvest and donate 3,500 pounds of food this year, so join them in pursuing this goal. You don't need to stay for the whole time, even a half hour helps. For questions or more information, contact Scott Blanchard at
Sunday School

The Rev. Jo Owens is leading Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for kids in preschool through 5th grade. Please contact her at jdnwens@gmail.com for more information and for the Zoom link to participate.

Trinity Youth Group & Compline

Join the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation for the Diocese, at 7:15 p.m. every Sunday night for youth group, which includes grades 6–12. It will include community, games and prizes, followed by Diocesan compline. You can join in at Zoom.us/j/2167742230.

Compline welcomes students grades 6 and up (including college students!) It takes place at 8:00 p.m. each Sunday at the same Zoom link.

Music & Art at Trinity

Todd's Picks – Choral Evensong – February 5, 2020

Each week, we'll be highlighting a different choral evensong service and/or
This week's Choral Evensong service is from Feb. 5, 2020 (could that be just three months ago?) and was sung by the Trinity Cathedral Choir. The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens is homilist, as we commemorated Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson, two prominent figures in the founding of the state of Rhode Island. Fittingly, most of the choral music is by American composers. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are sung to Harold Friedell's setting in F.

Friedell (1905-1958) was organist at St. Bartholomew’s Church, Park Avenue in New York City until his death from a heart attack at the age of only 52. The anthem is Leo Sowerby's Epiphany classic “Now there lightens upon us a holy daybreak.” Sowerby (1895-1968) was known as the dean of American church musicians, spending most of his life in Chicago, and then ending his career as the first director at the College of Church Musicians at Washington Cathedral.

In the Diocese

Ring Bells Daily During COVID-19 Crisis

Christ Church, Oberlin is ringing its bell every morning at 9:00 a.m. as a call to prayer for those suffering from the virus or because of the virus and to remind everyone that God is present with us at all times. Please join with them in this effort, ringing a bell at 9:00 a.m. or choosing a different time during the day.

In the Episcopal Church
The Episcopal Church Virtual Choir & Orchestra

Combining nearly 800 submissions from more than 600 participants all around the world, the National Cathedral celebrated Easter with this virtual choir and orchestra, with voices from across the globe joining in Easter praise.

If you haven't seen this yet, you are in for a real treat. There's even sheet music available for both the vocal and the instrumental parts so you can sing and play along.

The Way of Love

You may have attended some of "The Way of Love" sessions held at Trinity last summer and fall, but did you know about all the resources the national Episcopal Church has on the subject? Visit https://episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love for videos, online resources, print materials, partner ministries, a blog and more.

The Way of Love is a way of life, a Jesus-centered life. More than a program or curriculum, it is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It's a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.
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 June Cathedral Connections newsletter is Fri., May 22. 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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