This Week @ Trinity
August 20, 2020

The Dean's Corner:
Together in the Beauty of Holiness
(Outside)

Though we only gathered for outdoor worship several times this summer, it was a blessing to see those of you who could join us, even if I only got to see your smiling eyes above a mask. Though I think we all understand the need for caution and care and focusing primarily on the safety of those most vulnerable, I know that we are all feeling the loss of being together and seeing one another on a regular basis.

Read the dean's entire message here

Membership in the Body of Christ

View Dean Owens's latest video reflections for Thursday, August 20. You can find more video reflections from the dean and others at youtube.com/trinitycleveland.
This Sunday, August 23
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Click here for this week's scripture

10:00 a.m. Livestream Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Adrienne Koch preaching
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens celebrating

Visit our homepage or our Facebook page to watch the livestream. If you can't make it at 10:00 a.m., recordings of the service will be available indefinitely on the same websites.

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Congregational Life
Welcome Shannon and Delaney!

Dear friends,

I am pleased to announce the addition of two wonderful leaders to the Trinity Cathedral staff to support Youth and Children's ministry. After a thorough search process where a search team of parents, youth, teachers and staff met with a number of faithful and qualified candidates, I have called Shannon Smoot to serve as our Youth and Children's Program Coordinator and Delaney Ryan to be our Youth Program Assistant. Through these two part-time positions, and the continued support and leadership of volunteers and parents, Trinity's ministry to youth and children in our midst and in our community will continue to thrive.

Shannon Smoot comes to Trinity by way of Lakewood United Methodist Church, where she has served as the Director of Children and Youth Ministry for eight years. In that time, Shannon established a strong program for both children and youth, building a youth program around service, fun and formation and a children's ministry program that included a growing Sunday school community and a rapidly expanding Vacation Bible School. Shannon has a gift for engaging volunteers and giving them the tools they need to grow a thriving children's and youth program. Shannon says she couldn't be more excited to be joining the team at Trinity. She will oversee both youth and children's ministry at Trinity and begins her work at the Cathedral this week.

Delaney Ryan is a senior at Kent State University studying Public Health. She grew up in North Canton and attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and in high school discovered a passion for ministry through YoungLife, a faith-based organization for high school students. One of the biggest joys of her life happened last summer when she worked as a summer camp counselor at Bellwether Farms, our diocese's own camp and conference center. There, she was able to share her joy for God and for the earth "all while singing camp songs and laughing endlessly." The search team admired her radiant faith as well as her thoughtfulness and pastoral presence. Delaney will assist Shannon in both youth and children's ministry at Trinity with her primary responsibility being
leading youth group activities, be they online or in person.

I am grateful for our wonderful advisory team who worked together to clarify hopes and priorities, to meet candidates and to discern where God might be calling this ministry. On that team I was joined by the Rev. Adrienne Koch, Ginger Bitikofer, Emma Gittins, Abby Weaver, CJ Bromfield, Amy Ryder-Wentz and Jen McMahon.

I give thanks for the gift of ministry to Children and Youth, and celebrate the opportunity to welcome Shannon and Delaney in our work together.

Blessings,
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, Dean

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**Upcoming Trinity Elections**

Ballots have been mailed for the upcoming Trinity elections being held on Sunday, September 13. Multiple ballots will have been included in the election packet depending on the number of qualified voters in your household.

Ballots may be returned by U.S. Mail and must be mailed/postmarked no later than Tuesday, September 8, in order to reach Trinity in time to be counted. Ballot(s) may be dropped off in person at Trinity on Sunday, September 13, the day of the election, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Trinity will be holding an outdoor, in-person service that day, so if you come to worship (or even if you don't) a nominating committee member(s) will be outside in the Trinity parking lot to collect ballots.

If you have questions, please send them to yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org.

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**Next Outdoor, In-Person Service Scheduled for Aug. 30**

Trinity's next outdoor, in-person service will be held on Sunday, August 30 at the greenspace behind Cleveland State's Center for Innovation in Medical Professions (CIMP) building, right across E. 22nd street from the cathedral. A service of Morning Prayer will begin at 10:00 a.m.
We request that each person attending make a reservation through Eventbrite here.

- Do not attend if you don't feel well – take your temperature before leaving home.
- Everyone must wear a mask and stay 6 feet from non-household members.
- Hand sanitizer and extra masks will be available.
- Seating will begin at 9:10 a.m. and end at 9:40 p.m.
- Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.
- Attendees must check in at one of the two greeter stations at the greenspace.
- Individuals who do not have a reservation will need to provide some information, to assist with contact tracing.
- Restrooms will be available at Trinity, but no drinking water will be available (please bring your own water).
- Animals are not permitted unless they are registered service animals.
- The service will be livestreamed and recorded for those who cannot attend.
- In case of inclement weather, check Trinity's website and social media for information.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Cooper at beth@bethcooper.net.

We've also confirmed Sunday, September 13 as a future outdoor worship date at CSU's CIMP building. Watch for upcoming details.

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**Volunteer Opportunity: Ushers Needed**

We are planning to have additional outdoor worship services, while the weather is good—dates will be announced soon. Additional volunteers are needed to help serve as ushers for these services. Ushers serve a number of different hospitality roles: greeting worshippers, giving directions, checking in attendees, and seating guests. If you'd like more information or want to sign up, contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.
Garden Get-Togethers

Would you like to get together with Trinity friends that you haven’t seen for a while, in an outdoor setting, for some social time? Let’s get together in the Trinity Cathedral garden. Bring a lawn chair and your own beverage (masks, too). Café Ah-Roma and Subway are both open in Trinity Commons, if you want to stop by. Contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitkofer@trinitycleveland.org, 216-774-0407, to let her know of your interest. We’ll plan a few dates, based on respondents’ availability. Each gathering will last about one hour.

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Spiritual Formation:
Finding Peace in These Uncertain Times

We are living in a time of change and isolation which may leave us fearful, lonely and sad. Our normal supports of church, friends, family and other activities are not as available. Everything seems in flux and the future is uncertain. During this time we can learn to turn to our faith in new and different ways, deepening our roots to develop a sense of groundedness and a calmer mind and spirit.

Each week, the adult formation committee will share a poem, scripture and a spiritual practice for meditation and reflection.

Poem: *In Blackwater Woods* by Mary Oliver

Scripture: The Wisdom of Solomon 9:13-18

13 For who can learn the counsel of God?  
Or who can discern what the Lord wills?  
14 For the reasoning of mortals is worthless,  
and our designs are likely to fail;  
15 for a perishable body weighs down the soul,  
and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind.  
16 We can hardly guess at what is on earth,  
and what is at hand we find with labour;  
but who has traced out what is in the heavens?  
17 Who has learned your counsel,
unless you have given wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from on high?
18 And thus the paths of those on earth were set right,
and people were taught what pleases you,
and were saved by wisdom.’

**Spiritual Practice:** Wisdom During the Pandemic: Conversations in the Garden with John Philip Newell.

John Phillip Newell offers a 6 part series on Wisdom During the Pandemic. He speaks from his beautiful garden in Edinburgh, Scotland in 5-10 minute videos. He draws on the wisdom of teachers from the past and asks if they were with us today what might they say to us.

https://heartbeatjourney.org/videos-2/

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**Baptisms Offered**

Trinity Cathedral will offer the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, Sept. 27, at a 10:00 a.m. outdoor worship service. If you or a family member may be interested in baptism (or if you have questions), contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch, akoch@trinitycleveland.org, or Ginger Bitikofer, 216-774-0407.

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**Assist CMSD, Other Immigrant Students**

US Together, a refugee resettlement organization, has created a mentoring program to assist immigrant students and families in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.
District as well as other local districts during the pandemic. During this extraordinary time, extra assistance is needed for students trying to navigate not only a new language and a new culture, but doing it all via Zoom.

Read their announcement, including further details. As with other efforts, if you decide to participate, please let Jeff Spiess (j spiess@icloud.com) or Ginger Bitikofer (gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.com) know so that we have an idea who from Trinity is involved.

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**Wednesday Bible Study**

Join Debbie Likins-Fowler and other Trinity friends for Wednesday evening Zoom Bible study. The group will meet on Wednesday, August 26 and subsequent Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. We use the same Zoom link as was used for the Dean's Bible study over the past several months. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org.

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**The Spirituality of the Enneagram**

The Rev. Adrienne Koch's summer series on the spirituality of the enneagram for personality types 2-7 is available on Trinity's YouTube channel.

Due to speaker unavailability types 8, 9, and 1 cannot currently be scheduled.

If you are a Type 1—Perfectionist, Type 8—Challenger, or Type 9—Peacemaker, and would be willing to be interviewed for this series, please email akoch@trinitycleveland.org and express your interest.

Links to these final three interviews will be made available on YouTube once the interviews take place without a live audience. The Sunday morning Enneagram class is cancelled for this Sunday, August 23rd and Sunday, September 6.
Have You Tuned In to Trinity's YouTube Channel?

You may have watched a worship service earlier this year on YouTube and perhaps you've seen a concert from Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral, but do you know how much Trinity's YouTube channel has to offer? The videos linked from this newsletter have a home on YouTube.

This is Trinity's site for all of the video content released this year. There's a section to watch worship services, sermons, messages from Dean Owens, adult formation classes and concerts from Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral. We've even released last Sunday's Dean's Forum with the Rev. Adrienne Koch on our YouTube channel. Subscribe to our channel so you don't miss any of our latest videos.

Music & Art at Trinity

Todd's Picks – Archived Choral Evensong Services
February 13, 2019

Each week, we are highlighting a different choral evensong service from years past. Music Director Todd Wilson will provide commentary on all of his Todd's Picks selections.

Listen to the Evensong service

This week's featured Choral Evensong was sung by the Trinity Chamber Singers on February 13, 2019. On that evening we commemorated Absalom Jones (1746-1818), the first African-American to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in the United States. The homilist for the service was the Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, former Pastor of Plymouth Church in Shaker Heights. The Preces & Responses were sung to the setting by Desmond
Ratcliffe (1917-2001). The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are the setting written for Trinity Cathedral by Cleveland-born composer David Conte (b. 1955). The anthem is the African-American Spiritual “Deep River” in the deeply moving arrangement by the late American organist, composer and church musician, Gerre Hancock (1934-2012).

I hope you will enjoy this offering of music, prayer and preaching.

Todd Wilson
Director of Music

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**Hymn Stories**

This new installment of Hymn Stories features two of the many superb hymn tunes composed by David Hurd (b. 1950). A long-time resident of New York City, Dr. Hurd was for 29 years Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at General Theological Seminary. He now serves as Director of Music at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin (Episcopal) near Times Square.

David Hurd has created some of the most beautiful hymns of our time, spanning nearly 50 years. While it was difficult to choose just two from among these many gems, I settled on two of my favorites: #104 (A stable lamp is lighted) and #268 (Ye who claim the faith of Jesus). My thanks to John McElliott, Kristine Caswelch and Nicole Keller for singing these hymns with such depth of expression, and to Sam Hubish for his skillful recording and editing. Enjoy!

Todd Wilson

Watch and Listen to Hymn Stories Episode 3
In the Diocese

Diocesan Youth Days

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to gather for Diocesan Youth Days - three separate days in three separate locations. The days will be held on August 29, September 12, and September 26. Each one will be a little different, but each will give us a chance to unplug, relax, and enter a rhythm of prayer. Let's remind each other that with God, we can survive, thrive and vibe - even in the wilderness. All safeguarding and social distancing protocols will be strictly enforced, following Diocesan standards. Masks covering nose and mouth are required at all times (except when actively eating). We will not be singing. All activities will be outside, and we will only enter buildings for restrooms. Health checks will be conducted day-of, and we will practice contact tracing. Each event will be capped at 15 youth. You may register for more than one. Each day will run roughly from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., but more details will come after you register. More info and registration can be found at Dohio.org/DYE. Any questions can be directed to the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation at 216.774.0460, 513.582.8319, or asutterisch@dohio.org.

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 September Cathedral Connections newsletter is Mon., August 24. You can read the current issue of Cathedral Connections online, 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.