The Dean's Corner: Supporting the Diocese

One of the most important ways that Trinity Cathedral can support and partner with the people of the Diocese of Ohio is to serve on committees that support the people and clergy of our churches. Trinity is blessed with an abundance of folks for whom faithful leadership is both a gift and a passion, and it is vital that we see the wider ministry of the diocese as a part of who we are.

Episcopalians Invented the Census! (Sort of)

View Dean Owens's latest video reflections for Thursday, September 10. You can find more video reflections from the dean and others at youtube.com/trinitycleveland.
This Sunday, September 13
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Click here for this week's scripture

10:00 a.m. Live (and Livestream) Service of Holy Eucharist
In case of inclement weather, visit our website or our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts.

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens preaching
The Rev. Adrienne Koch celebrating

Join us to celebrate Holy Eucharist for the first time in person since March! We will worship on the lawn behind Cleveland State’s Center for Innovation in Medical Professions, right across E. 22nd St. from Trinity. To make a reservation, click here.

If you can't make it in person, we will also be livestreaming the service. Visit our homepage or our Facebook page to watch the livestream.

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Trinity will celebrate Holy Eucharist for the first time since the pandemic hit on Sun., September 13 at CSU’s Center for Innovation in Medical Professions (CIMP) building across E.22nd St. from Trinity. You can use the link below to reserve a spot for September 27. The other reservation links will be published at least two weeks before each service. In case of inclement weather, visit our website or our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts.

- Sunday, Sept. 27 (baptism)
- Sunday, Oct. 11
- Sunday, Oct. 25
- Sunday, Nov. 8

Trinity’s Election Day is this Sunday, September 13\textsuperscript{th}, in which we will be electing members for Vestry, Cathedral Council and for next year’s Nominating Committee. Earlier this year, Vestry approved the moving of the elections from the Annual Meeting in May to a date in September due to the COVID-19
pandemic. The candidate slate was announced August 1st and ballots were mailed August 17\textsuperscript{th}. If you have not returned your ballot by mail as of today, ballots will need to be dropped off in person at Trinity on Sunday. The mail cut-off date was Tuesday, September 8, so that we could receive them in time to be counted. The hours for ballot drop-off on Sunday are from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A member of the Nominating Committee will be outside at the guardhouse on Prospect Ave. to collect ballots as you enter the parking lot.

At this time, the Nominating Committee would like to thank everyone involved in the election process and their commitment to Trinity. Best wishes to the candidates!

**Volunteer Opportunity: Ushers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help serve as ushers at our upcoming outdoor 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.

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**EPF Celebrates International Day of Peace**

Monday, Sept. 21 is the International Day of Peace as recognized by the United Nations. Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) will hold a service, as they have done almost every year since 2007. This year it will be on Zoom and Dean Owens will be offering a reflection. The service starts at 6:00 p.m. This year’s theme is *Shaping Peace Together.*
EPF is asking for volunteers to help develop parts of the service. You can view last year's bulletin here. Please contact Debbie Hunter, hunterd16@att.net, for more information.

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Garden Gatherings

During the summer, some of our small groups and neighborhood groups have been getting together for fellowship and social time. Would you like to meet with some other Trinity members, in the Cathedral garden? If so, please contact Ginger Bitikofer (gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org) to give her your name and availability — she will schedule a mutually agreeable day and time to meet. Café Ah-Roma and Subway are open, if you wish to pick up a beverage or snack.

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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: The Good Samaritan by John Newton

Scripture: Job 12: 7-9 But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?
Spiritual Practice: "Who is our neighbor: the Samaritan? The outcast? The enemy? Yes, yes, of course. But it is also the whale, the dolphin, and the rain forest. Our neighbor is the entire community of life, the entire universe. We must love it all as ourselves."

— Brian Patrick in Earthspirit: A Handbook for Nurturing an Ecological Unity by Michael Dowd

To Practice This Thought:
Have you expanded the circle of your love over the past year? Where and how could you do this?

Livestream Benefit Concert Scheduled in Eight Days

Please join us for a Chamber Music Concert featuring:

Nadia Boulanger’s Three Improvisations for Organ
Johannes Brahms’s Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano
Benjamin Britten’s Abraham and Isaac

Elizabeth DeMio, piano    JR Fralick, tenor    Nicole Keller, organ
John McElliott, countertenor    Andrew Sords, violin    Todd Wilson, piano

The artists will play before an empty cathedral in keeping with the latest social distancing guidelines. All proceeds raised will be split equally between Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral and Arts Cleveland’s COVID relief efforts on behalf of local artists. You can watch the service at trinitycleveland.org and bit.ly/TrinityConcerts
Blessing of the Backpacks, Youth and Children Registration

Join in the outdoor service this Sunday, which will feature a "Blessing of the Backpacks." Bring your backpack, computer, planner or whatever is important to making school successful for you. Look for a youth group led by Shannon Smoot and Delaney Ryan under the trees at CSU's Center for Innovation in Medical Professions so everyone can sit together. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade will remain with their parents during the blessing.

Youth and children should register for our program year which begins on Sept. 27. You can also register using the QR code. Please register prior to Sept. 27. On that day, youth will tie dye masks and enjoy a treat in the Cathedral Garden at 11:00 a.m., after the outdoor worship service. Kids in grades pre-K through 5 can stick around CSU's green space for some post-service fun.

Blessing of the Animals

Trinity will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the cathedral garden behind cathedral hall. Bring your cats, dogs, birds, hamsters, guinea pigs, lizards, snakes or even a stuffed animal. We request that you reserve your spot by visiting bit.ly/BlessingPets or send Rev. Adrienne your pet’s photo via email (akoch@trinitycleveland.org) for a special online pet blessing!! Please note that any photos submitted may be published on Trinity’s social media pages.
Wednesday Bible Study

Join Trinity friends for “Community Gospel Reflections” Bible study on Zoom on Wednesday afternoons at 5 p.m. The group uses a *lectio divina* approach to reflect upon the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. The Zoom link is the same as what was formerly used for the Dean's weekly Bible study on Wednesdays; if you need that link, please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org.

Mark: An Unfamiliar Gospel of an Unfamiliar Jesus

As the oldest of our gospels, Mark has often been obscured by the later gospels. In this four-video series, Bob Fowler will explore “Mark: An Unfamiliar Gospel of an Unfamiliar Jesus.” The first of the four videos will offer an overview of what we know, and don’t know, about the first gospel written.

An intro to the class will be available on Trinity's website and YouTube channel at 11:30 a.m. this Sunday, September 13th. If you are interested in a Zoom interactive class on this Mark study, Bob is open to organizing a group with a time that works for everyone. Please email akoch@trinitycleveland.org to register.

The Day of the Lord – a BrownBag Bible Study

**Coming soon:** The Day of the Lord—is it a day of gloom or a day of hope and justice? Did you know that the belief in the second coming of Jesus is connected to a genre in scripture known as apocalyptic literature? Join the Rev. Adrienne Koch in an exploration of genres in scripture, including apocalyptic literature and the book of Revelation. The class will run from
September 27—November 20 on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us using this Zoom link. We'll take a break one Sunday each month for the Trinity Forum.

Trinity Forum with Polly Bloom

Next Sunday, Sept. 20 at 11:30 a.m., Dean Owens will interview Polly Bloom, a historical architecture strategist who recently attained a Master of Arts degree from Ursuline College in historic preservation. She chose Trinity as the subject for her thesis, "Cleveland's Trinity Cathedral: A Conditions Survey and History of Interior Architectural Decoration." This includes all fixed memorials listed in the 1912 and 1939 revision of the Trinity Cathedral Historical and Architecture Guide. She will present insights on her work and some advice on preserving our historical gem.

The Spirituality of the Enneagram

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

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.

Ministries Unite for Book Study

On Saturday, September 26 at 11:30 a.m., The Daughters of the King,
Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the Faith Journey Book Group will gather by Zoom to discuss the book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin Diangelo. You can also check out a reading guide beforehand, although it’s not required. If you have any questions, contact Janet Morrison at jlmorrison611@gmail.com.

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**Wall of Love Donations Benefit Those in Need**

Our Wall of Love team has an on-going demand for items to help our neighbors in need. Why not bring some items to donate on Sunday, September 13 before or after the outdoor worship service? The team requests the following items to keep our wall well stocked:

- New and gently worn T-shirts
- Full-sized bars of soap
- Lightweight summer socks
- Hats for sun protection
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste

- Sunglasses
- Ponchos
- Hand sanitizer
- Razors
- Deodorant

Please contact Janet Morrison at jlmorrison611@gmail.com if you'd like to arrange a donation. A bin will be on the Prospect St. porch inside Trinity's parking lot on Sunday, September 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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**Grief Support Group at Trinity**

Grief is a strong, sometimes overwhelming emotion and is the natural reaction to loss. We all experience it after the death of a loved one or the ending of an important relationship, a job loss, or the loss of anything valuable to us. A grief support group is not a therapy group. Those present do not assume there is something to fix about the way you grieve. A support group introduces people
Trinity’s Grief Group is being organized by the Rev. Adrienne Koch, Marty Burkett, and Judy Eckelmeyer. The group will intentionally remain small and will meet once or twice a month depending on the schedules of those interested. If you are interested, please contact Marty at (541) 217-1180 or mb81@aol.com or Adrienne at (216) 774-0470 or akoch@trinitycleveland.org for more information.

Music & Art at Trinity

*Todd's Picks – Archived Choral Evensong Services*
*March 21, 2018*

This week’s featured Choral Evensong took place on March 21, 2018. That evening we commemorated Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop and Martyr, who died on March 21 in 1556. The Rev. Dr. Paul Gaston, former Acting Dean of Trinity Cathedral, was the homilist.

The Trinity Chamber Singers sang music by American and English composers. The Preces and Responses were sung to the expressive setting by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012). Dr. Hancock was for 31 years organist & master of choristers at St. Thomas (Episcopal) Church Fifth Avenue in New York City. The canticles and anthem are by Henry Purcell (1659-1695). Purcell is one of the greatest of all English composers. No native-born composer was as highly regarded until Elgar, Vaughan-Williams and Britten in the 20th century. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are Purcell’s setting in B-flat, and the anthem is his magnificent “Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei.” This remarkable work is one of only two sacred Latin motets by Purcell, probably dating from about 1680. The music combines what were at the time progressive and conservative styles in a work that is both gripping and deeply moving.

The final hymn (#347 “Go Forth for God”) is one of the great hymns of the 20th century. Erik Routley called the tune *Litton* in tribute to American church musician James Litton. March 21 is also Bach’s birthday (born 1685), and
you’ll hear a movement from Bach’s *Art of Fugue* as the closing voluntary.

**Todd Wilson**
**Director of Music**

Listen to the Choral Evensong Service Here

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**BrownBag Concerts Return This Fall**

For an unprecedented 42nd year, Music & Art at Trinity will offer a seven-concert series beginning October 7. Also unprecedented is the fact that this year's concerts will be livestreamed. Save the dates on your calendar. You can watch all of these Music & Art concerts at bit.ly/TrinityConcerts and trinitycleveland.org.

Oct. 7 - Jake and Sarah, saxophone duo
Oct. 21 - Michael Messina, organ
Nov. 4 - Arc of the Keyboard, Nicole Keller, organ
Nov. 18 - Beethoven Birthday Bash, various performers
Dec. 2 - A Jazzy Christmas, Jennifer Cochran & The Gateway Band
Dec. 9 - A Ceremony of Carols - Treble voices of the Cathedral Choir
Dec. 16 - Messiah Sing

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**In the Diocese**

**Do You Receive *Church Life*?**
Church Life is the Diocese of Ohio's quarterly magazine that keeps you up-to-date on all the happenings throughout the diocese. If you don't currently receive *Church Life*, please contact the diocesan communications office with your name, address and name of your church. You can reach them by phone, (216) 774-0445 or by email at churchlife@dohio.org

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**Homesteading Retreat Down on the Farm**

On Saturday, September 26, Bellwether Farm is holding a homesteading retreat. Participants can choose four workshop offerings including regenerative gardening, farm-to-table cooking, pickling, sewing and mending and more. Lunch and dinner will be provided and participants are welcome to stay for an evening compline service. All workshops and meals will be observing strict social distancing guidelines including mandatory mask-wearing. The program is intended for participants age 16 and up. Only 20 spots will be available that day. You can [register here](#) or contact Amy Melena, camp and program director with questions.

**Harvest Hands**

We could use a hand! Bellwether Farm is busier than ever and we would love volunteer farm help! Every Friday in September, we are looking for volunteers interested in harvesting, weeding, seeding, and sorting our fall season crops. [These events](#) are being catered to participants of all ages. Please sign-up through the appropriate Eventbrite and reach out to Amy Melena if you have any questions.

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**In the Community**
Pride in the CLE 2020

In the face of the ongoing pandemic, the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland has scheduled two events that will take the place of Pride in the CLE this year. The first opportunity to participate, a pride ride, will be held Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10:00 a.m. Drivers are encouraged to festively decorate their cars and trucks while homes and businesses along the Gordon Square route are encouraged to decorate their porches.

The second event is Virtual Pride in the CLE, to be held Friday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 p.m. The evening, which will occur online, will include local artists, musicians, local leaders, and more virtually to enjoy and interact with from the comfort of your home. For more information, visit lgbtcleveland.org/pride-in-the-cle.

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 October Cathedral Connections newsletter is Thurs., September 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.