The Dean's Corner: Staying as Safe and Healthy as Possible

At our vestry retreat this past Sunday, we spent some time discussing the things we miss by not being together in church. We miss seeing one another, we miss communion and we miss the beauty and music of the cathedral. We also acknowledged, with sadness, some of the more hidden losses: the small-change interactions that build community, the rhythm and discipline of gathering each week, and all the unspoken and multilayered interactions that, though simple, can be filled with the grace and presence of God.

Days later, at our October vestry meeting, we picked up the conversation with a more concrete question: now that the weather is turning colder, are we ready to reopen for public worship?

Read the dean's entire message here

What We Miss When We're Not Together

View Dean Owens's video reflections for Thursday, October 22. You can enjoy more videos from the Dean and others at youtube.com/trinitycleveland.
This Sunday, October 25

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Click here for this week’s scripture

10:00 a.m. Outdoor (and Livestream) Service of Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Adrienne Koch preaching
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens celebrating

We will gather for worship on the lawn across E. 22nd St. from Trinity at Cleveland State's CIMP building. We request that you reserve your spot to attend. If you cannot attend in person, you can watch the livestream at trinitycleveland.org or facebook.com/trinitycle. The service will feature music from the Gateway Band. Christian Negron will share his ministry moment with the congregation in support of our Rooted in Faith stewardship campaign.

9:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m. Sunday School, Cathedral Garden
11:15 a.m. Youth Group, Cathedral Garden
12:00 p.m. BrownBag Bible Study - The Day of the Lord (see registration link below)
1:30 p.m. Racial Equity Training Update (see link below)
Financial Update

With a few weeks left in our 2021 stewardship campaign, many of us are thinking about how we will support our church financially over the next year. To help with that decision, here are some things to consider:

Pledge income remains strong for 2020, and we are so very grateful to those who have been able to fulfill their pledges. We've also been fortunate to meet our goal for grant income. However, we are significantly below budget for plate contributions, resulting from limited in-person services and health considerations that prohibit us from passing the plate. Another shortfall is occurring in Trinity Commons revenue. Our parking lot income, combined with rent forgiveness for our small business tenants, is down about 75 percent.

We've done a good job keeping expenditures as low as we can, and there has been some savings by keeping building usage to a minimum. But we now find ourselves with unanticipated expenses: video and sound equipment and
editing and extra cleaning supplies, to name just two. We have also continued to pay most of our staff their salaries and benefits. We have made a commitment to continue to pay our musicians a portion of their usual fees for the remainder of 2020. All that said, we expect to finish 2020 close to budget, thanks to our strong pledge income and the benefactors who so generously created and sustain our endowment.

It may sound corny to say "your pledges are more important than ever," but the truth is our pledge income is vital to our spiritual community, particularly in today's challenging world. As you discern your 2021 pledge to Trinity, please know that your financial commitment is valued and appreciated.

Patty Roberts, Senior Warden

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For it is in Giving That We Receive

Our Rooted in Faith stewardship campaign has received dozens of pledges so far for which we are very grateful. For those of you who have not pledged, why not take a minute to go online and make your pledge today? It's quick, simple and an immediate way you can participate.

Make Your Pledge Today

Don't miss Sunday's service, either in person or via livestream, when Christian Negron will present his ministry moment in support of the campaign. We are thankful for all the compelling stories that have been delivered by members of the congregation this giving season.

Please remember all of the things Trinity has been able to do during COVID, from our weekly online worship services to the many adult education opportunities that have been presented. We've welcomed new Youth and Children's ministry leaders and livestreamed exceptional evening and Brownbag concerts. Scores of our ministries have continued their important work and we've recently opened the cathedral for personal prayer time.
None of this would be possible without your steadfast generosity and support. Please help us continue to be present in the lives of our congregation, community and beyond.

If you have any questions about this year’s stewardship campaign, please contact a member of the committee (Beth Billings, Ginger Bitikofer, Scott Blanchard, Melvin Jones, Janet Lechleitner, Linda Lee, Pam McKee, Cynthia Ries, Ron Ross).

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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) every Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m.–9:50 a.m. Drop in anytime. Bring your coffee or tea and visit with old and new friends prior to the 10:00 a.m. worship webcast or outdoor service. Associate for Congregational Life Ginger Bitikofer and others will host the scheduled coffee hours. 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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**Youth and Children's Ministry**

Last Sunday, Trinity's children had a great time with an indoor Halloween scavenger hunt via Zoom. The lesson focused on praying to God in scary times, and how He will help us with our fears.

This week, children in grades Pre-K through 5 will meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Cathedral Garden. They will enjoy an outdoor lesson and a Halloween activity involving candy! Kids are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes, although it is not required.

Youth Group and their leaders had an entertaining time playing...
This past Sunday, Footgolf at Shawnee Hills Golf Course in Bedford was enjoyed. This week, they will gather at 11:15 a.m. in the garden after the outdoor service to study Matthew 22:34-36. They’ll discuss how they can take steps to live out the commandments of Jesus in their own lives.

This will be followed by a game also involving Halloween candy!

We ask that youth save the spooky date of Saturday, Oct. 31 for a service project at the Urban Farm. Everyone will gather from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the farm, located at the corner of E. 35 St. and Cedar Rd. and while they work, they will enjoy hot chocolate and donuts. Parents are welcome to join in. Please RSVP to Shannon Smoot (ssmoot@trinitycleveland.org) or Delaney Ryan (dryan@trinitycleveland.org) if you plan on coming.

The weather is looking clear for this Sunday, but in the event that the outdoor service is canceled, there will not be a Zoom class this week for children or youth.

If you have not registered your child for Youth Group or Sunday school, please do so by following this link. Youth, parents of youth and youth leaders are requested to sign up for the latest updates on youth activities at remind.com/join/e96c4g.

The Day of the Lord – a BrownBag Bible Study

Join the Rev. Adrienne Koch in an examination of genres in scripture, including apocalyptic literature.

This Sunday, October 25 at 12:00 p.m., the class will be an exploration of the book of Revelation. You don’t have to have attended any of the previous
sessions, and no experience with Bible study is necessary. Join us by registering using this Zoom link.

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### An Overview and Look Ahead on Racial Equity Training

On Sunday October 25 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Rev. Adrienne Koch will lead a debrief session on Trinity’s Racial Equity Groundwater training held October 3. She’ll also give details on Trinity’s next offering of the Sacred Ground 10-session class, beginning in November. To join the conversation please follow this Zoom link at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The passcode is 306558. You can also read more about Trinity’s ongoing racial equity curriculum here.

If you missed the ThirdSpace Action Lab training, there will be an additional Racial Equity Institute Groundwater training tomorrow, Friday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You can register here. Scholarships are available for those age 18-30. Contact Adrienne for details.

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### Update: The Boar’s Head & Yule Log Festival

The Boar’s Head & Yule Log Festival committee at Trinity Cathedral regretfully announces that their live presentations of the Boar’s Head will “go dark” for 2020, and will not take place due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, the committee is planning a virtual celebration online, to take place on the same scheduled date, Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020. Please check This Week @ Trinity, Cathedral Connections and What's New in the Diocese of Ohio for more information in November. The committee intends to have live Boar’s Head & Yule Log Festival presentations at Trinity, in December of 2021, and looks forward to seeing you then.
Quarterly Pledge Statements

All third quarter pledge statements have been sent by email. If you need a hard copy or if you did not receive an email regarding your 2020 pledge, please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org.

Do You Need a Ride to the Polls?

Casting your ballot in a general – or any — election is an important civic duty for adults in this country. We’d like to help ensure that all of our members have the opportunity to get to their polling place, either on Election Day, for early voting or to drop off your absentee ballot. If you need help getting to your voting place, contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, (216) 774-0407, and she’ll help you get a ride. If you would like to offer to help people get to the polls, contact Ginger for that, too.

All Saints' Remembrances

On All Saints’ Sunday, November 1, we will lift up the names of the saints who have gone before us. If you would like to have a name read aloud on that day, please send your request by Monday, Oct. 26 to Doreen Hughes, dhughes@trinitycleveland.org or (216) 774-0415.

Going Deeper

The Adult Formation Committee invites you to "go deeper" in your racial equity
learning by using the resources in this section, which will offer videos, poems, prayers, scripture passages and other resources. Anti-racism is a spiritual practice that helps us to live out our baptismal vow to “respect the dignity of every human being.”

Poem: Autumn by Alice Cary

Scripture: Proverbs 18:10
The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run into it, and are safe.

Spiritual Practice: Homelessness
As the weather gets chilly, we spend more of our time indoors. What happens to those who have no safe place to move into? In Cuyahoga County, the vast majority of those people are Black. Look at these charts from the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless. https://www.neoch.org/2019-overview-of-the-numbers Reflect. Pray. Act.

Ansly Damus Featured in National Podcast

70 Million is a group member of The Democracy Group, a collective of podcasts exploring the meaning of democracy today. This latest episode of the national podcast features Ansly Damus, Melody Hart and Gary Benjamin, describing Ansly's recent asylum case. One very interesting and positive point is that because of the ACLU suit in which Ansly was lead plaintiff, 3,500 asylum-seekers were released by the courts.

You can listen to the podcast; Ansly's part of the story starts at 15 minutes 20 seconds into the recording.

Listen to the Podcast Here

Wednesday Bible Study

Join Trinity friends for “Community Gospel Reflections” Zoom Bible study on Wednesday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. The group uses a lectio
A divina approach to reflect upon the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org.

Mark: An Unfamiliar Gospel of an Unfamiliar Jesus

Would you like to participate in Bible study but are unavailable for the groups that meet on Sundays and Wednesdays? We have the solution for you. You can join in a four part study of the gospel of Mark on your own schedule. As the oldest of our gospels, Mark has often been obscured by the later gospels. In this four-video series, our own Bob Fowler, professor emeritus at Baldwin-Wallace University, biblical scholar and Trinity member will explore “Mark: An Unfamiliar Gospel of an Unfamiliar Jesus.”

This study has its own place on the Trinity website, linking to the video overview of the course and separate one-hour sessions including:

2. The Beginning: Mark 1: 1-15
3. The Middle: Mark Chapters 8-10
4. The ending: Mark 16: 1-8

A Zoom interactive class on this Mark study has just been scheduled. Register in advance for this four-session class which will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The dates run from Oct. 29 to Nov. 19. You can register for the class at bit.ly/MarkInteractiveStudy.

Grief Support Group at Trinity
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 to others who are going through a similar experience to help normalize grief.

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. Please contact Marty at (541) 217-1180 or mb81@aol.com or Adrienne at (216) 774-0470 or akoch@trinitycleveland.org for more information.

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**Personal Prayer Time in the Cathedral**

If you've been missing the inside beauty and sacred space of the cathedral for the last 7 months, we hope you will come downtown for Personal Prayer Time. The cathedral sanctuary will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays for individuals to pray, walk the labyrinth, light a candle and meditate. Capacity will be limited to 20 individuals. You are encouraged to let us know you’re coming, in advance, by emailing Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org. You may also come to the Prospect entrance of Trinity Commons without a reservation, but you may experience a short wait. All attendees will be asked to sign in, wear a mask during their visit, and socially distance themselves from others in the building. Trinity follows all Diocesan and CDC sanitation/cleaning protocols. Volunteers are needed to help as greeters. If you have questions, please contact Ginger, (216) 774-0407.

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**Inquirers' Class (Catechesis)**
Are you interested in finding out more about The Episcopal Church, with a goal of perhaps being confirmed, received or baptized into the church? The Rev. Adrienne Koch leads a class on Zoom the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. Discussion topics include spirituality, religion, Episcopal history and polity, scripture and theology. To find out more or to register, email akoch@trinitycleveland.org.

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**Belovedness is a Best Seller!**


Adrienne's chapter, *God Made the Rainbow*, is about belovedness for LGBTQ+ college students. You can order a copy at churchpublishing.org/belovedness.

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**In Case You Missed It**

**The Trinity Forum:**

The Rev. Lee Hull Moses

If you missed the Trinity Forum last Sunday, you can still watch Dean Owens's interview with the Rev. Lee Hull Moses, a leader in the Disciples of Christ Church, author of articles in numerous publications and several Christian books. The forum focused on her most recent book, *More Than Enough: Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess*.

The book is about faithful living in a world that pretends there's no such thing as "enough." The dean and the Rev. Moses explore what our faith teaches us about simplicity, sustainability and hope.
Like all Trinity Forums, this session is archived on our homepage, trinitycleveland.org and facebook.com/trinitycleve.

Music & Art at Trinity

**Todd's Picks – Archived Choral Evensong Services**

**October 30, 2019**

This week’s featured Evensong is from a year ago at this time. It was sung on Oct. 30, 2019 by the Trinity Chamber Singers as we observed the Vigil for All Saints. The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens was officiant. The Responses were sung to the setting by American organist, church musician and composer Gerre Hancock (1934-2012).

The canticles were sung to the “Edington Service” setting by English composer Grayston Ives (b. 1948). The extended anthem was the beautiful and deeply personal Requiem by Herbert Howells (1892-1983). Howells’ son, Michael, died of polio at age nine, and the Requiem was composed in his memory. This work meant so much to Howells that he kept it on a shelf at home until just a few years before his own death, when he allowed it to be published. The unique selection of texts and their atmospheric musical setting make this one of the truly special choral works of the 20th century. I hope you will find it meaningful as we remember the many saints, past and present, in our lives.

**Todd Wilson**
Director of Music

Listen to the Choral Evensong Service Here

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**Fall BrownBag Season is in Full Swing**

Yesterday marked the second concert in the fall BrownBag series as Michael Messina, director of music at Trinity Episcopal Church in Indianapolis...
performed a variety of organ music, including Bach, Handel, Calvin Hampton and more. If you missed the livestream of the concert, you can watch it on Trinity's YouTube channel.

The concerts are being livestreamed in a mostly empty cathedral this year and you can watch them all at trinitycleveland.org and facebook.com/trinitycleve. You can read more about the specific performances on Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral's website. The concerts will resume in two weeks on Wednesday, November 4 when our own Nicole Keller, associate organist, will present an eclectic program that tracks the changes in organ music over the centuries. The program is entitled The Arc of the Keyboard and will feature music by Buxtehude, Buchner and Sweelinck.

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**In the Diocese**

### Light, Pray, Vote

Bishop Hollingsworth sent out a letter this week that reads in part, "As American citizens and as Christians, voting is not just a privilege and a right, it is an obligation and a duty." He mentioned several areas where the Episcopal church provides information and resources on worship and voting. The diocese has also sent Trinity five yard signs, with the design seen here, to display on our property prior to the election. Hopefully it will inspire others as they take part in early voting and drop off absentee ballots merely three blocks from the cathedral at the Board of Elections on E. 30th St.

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**Buy 1 Give 1 Turkey Project**
Bellwether Farm is raising turkeys this season, caring for them and giving them access to all the things they love: sunshine, pasture, and all kinds of bugs. We expect to have a limited number available by Thanksgiving and will be selling them as part of our 2020 farm-to-parish COVID-19 response initiative, Feeding the Beloved Community. Since May, we have been able to donate produce and pork to five parochial hot meal programs, and are excited to have the opportunity of adding turkeys during the holiday season. Here's how it works: A contribution of $100 ($50 of which is tax-deductible) will cover two turkeys - one to enjoy with your friends and family and one to be enjoyed in the hot meal programs we are supporting. There will be 45 partnerships available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and you can sign up here, or by contacting Kyle Mitchell. Pick-up days will be Saturday, November 21; Monday, November 23; and Tuesday, November 24. Your turkey can either be fresh or freshly frozen.

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**In the Episcopal Church**

**Bishop Curry to Hold National Service for Healing and Wholeness**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead a livestream prayer service from Washington National Cathedral on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, starting at 4:00 p.m. In the midst of pandemic, racial reckoning, and a historic election, Americans will gather for prayer, song, lament, hope, and a call to love God and neighbor. You can learn more about the service here and attend on Nov. 1 at 4:00 p.m. here.

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**In the Community**

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) Endorses
At its October 14 meeting, GCC's Board of Directors unanimously voted to endorse and support Issue 68, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) levy.

CMSD is asking voters to approve Issue 68, which includes renewal of a 15-mill tax and a 5-mill increase.

- The issue is vital if CMSD is to continue the progress the District has made under The Cleveland Plan and shoulder costs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Defeat would eliminate a significant amount of existing revenue and require the district to make deep cuts.
- If approved, the increase would add less than $7 a month to the amount paid by the owner of a home with the median value of a home in Cleveland (under $45,000).

Since 2016, CMSD's graduation rate has gone from 52% to 82%; the state report card grade is "D." Most students in CMSD now have internet access and the Board of Education is focused on getting access for all. GCC has endorsed and supported the 2012, 2014 and 2016 levies.

Trinity Cathedral is a supporting member of GCC.

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Cleveland's Salvation Army Provides Support to Victims of Human Trafficking During COVID-19

In a recent article published in *The Land* newsletter, the Salvation Army's efforts to combat human trafficking have taken a hit during COVID-19 by not receiving funding from the annual Victims of Crime Act from the Ohio Attorney General's office. You can read more about what Salvation Army is doing to help victims and how you can assist.
GCC Helps Citizens with Mail-In Ballots

In partnership with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) is assisting voters whose mail-in ballots have been rejected. Volunteers will work with these voters so that their ballots can be accepted. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this effort, please contact Trinity's GCC leader, Gary Benjamin at garyabenjamin@aol.com.

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 November Cathedral Connections newsletter is Fri., October 23. 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.

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