The Dean's Corner
The Sacred Act of Voting

In a “word to the church” last month, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry spoke of the moral responsibility of voting, made sacred by those who have risked, and at times given, their lives for it.

“The vote is so sacred and important for all people, regardless of your religious tradition or your politics or your nationality. The vote, as an act of moral humanity, is so important that people have given their lives for it. If you don’t believe Michael Curry, ask the people of Belarus right now. Ask the American martyrs who sacrificed, gave their lives, gave that last full measure of devotion so that people might have the right to vote. Ask Michael Schwerner, ask James Chaney, ask Andrew Goodman in Mississippi, ask the martyrs of Selma, of Viola Liuzzo, Jimmie Lee Jackson, Jonathan Daniels. John Lewis in his last published writing before his death said, and I quote, ‘The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent that you have in a democratic society.’”

Read the dean’s entire message here

For All the Saints

View Dean Owens's video reflections for Thursday, October 29. You can enjoy more videos from the Dean and others at youtube.com/trinitycleveland.
This Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day
Click here for this week's scripture

Don't forget Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, so set your clocks back one hour Saturday night!

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

This week, join us for a special livestream service of Holy Eucharist for All Saints' Day. This feast day of the Christian church is celebrated in honor of all the saints, known and unknown. In Western Christianity, it is celebrated on November 1 by the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Methodist Church, the Church of the Nazarene, the Lutheran Church, the Reformed Church and other Protestant denominations.

You can attend the service by visiting trinitycleveland.org or facebook.com/trinitycle. We will be celebrating the lives of all the saints who have passed on before us, especially the faithfully departed as submitted by the congregation and their names will be sanctified during the service.

9:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour

11:15 a.m. Sunday School via Zoom (see link below)

12:00 p.m. BrownBag Bible Study - The Day of the Lord (see registration link below)
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**Congregational Life**

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**Being Rooted in Christ Keeps us Grounded and Settled**

Our *Rooted in Faith* stewardship campaign concludes this Sunday, November 1. If you have already submitted your pledge, thank you. If not, there is still an opportunity to make your pledge online. In order to finalize our budget for 2021, we appreciate you making your pledge prior to the formal end of the campaign, but pledges will also be gratefully accepted after the deadline.

[Make Your Pledge Today]
We tend to our faith just like we do our gardens, so that we develop roots that will endure and persevere while facing any challenge. In this tumultuous year, we know that our faith continues to grow roots to anchor and stabilize our lives. Each of us can endure tough times and face the future knowing that our own roots are connected to Trinity. We thank you for your past support that has enabled us to get through 2020 and with strong roots and a generous heart, we will continue to become the church that God wants us to be.

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 making chalk drawings and playing a Halloween themed game in the cathedral garden. This week, children in grades pre-K-5 will participate in the lesson via Zoom. Visit zoom.us/j/96324791405 at 11:15 a.m. The passcode is 633884.
The Youth Group will participate in a service project at the Trinity Cathedral Urban Farm this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The youth will help rake leaves, pick green tomatoes, pull up tomato plants, plant flower bulbs and maybe even plant some winter rye in the raised beds. Hot chocolate and donuts will be served!

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.

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**The Day of the Lord – a BrownBag Bible Study**

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

The class this Sunday will continue 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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**Flat Roof Replacement Project Begins**
On Thursday, October 22 workers began the cathedral flat roof replacement project. The tower roof is in progress and is the first of several flat roofs to be replaced. It made for quite a sight with an enormous crane lifting the roofing material to the top of the tower. Because of the enormity of the crane, part of E. 22nd St. was shut down as work began.

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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.
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.

Last Outdoor Service
November 8

Don’t miss the last opportunity of the year to attend an in-person outdoor worship service on the lawn at Cleveland State’s CIMP building. It’s right across E. 22nd St. from the cathedral. You can reserve your spot today by visiting bit.ly/Nov8Service.

Trinity's Racial Equity Curriculum: Holy Work

Trinity’s racial equity curriculum began on October 3 with the ThirdSpace Action Lab Groundwater Training from the Racial Equity Institute. Soon, we'll continue with a 10-session class known as Sacred Ground, which will take a deeper dive into the history of racism in America. There will be two classes, both held on the first and third Mondays of each month starting November 16 – one will run from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. and the other from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions or you would like to sign up, contact Debbie Likins-Fowler (dlikinsfowler@gmail.com).
Watch this informational video to learn more about Trinity’s Racial Equity Curriculum: Holy Work.

Going Deeper

The Adult Formation Committee invites you to "go deeper" in your racial equity learning by using the resources in this section.

**Prayer:** From the Rev. Meighan Pritchard, UCC Environmental Justice Curriculum Trainer

Holy One, We live in fearful times. Suicide bombers, terrorists, climate change, economic crises — these are overwhelming realities. Hold us in our fears. Sometimes candidates in elections may prey on these fears. They paint pictures of disaster—especially if we vote for their opponents. Help us to keep our heads in such moments. Help us to listen to each other, to hear past the hateful words to the underlying fear. Hold us in your love, and remind us that you never leave us. Ever. Help us to live into our best selves, even as others try to bring out our most fear-driven traits. Keep us listening respectfully, even to those with whom we disagree. There is room for all of us in your creation. Thank you for your love. May it sustain us always in working for your realm. Amen.

**Scripture:** Proverbs 11:14 from *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language*

Without good direction, people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances.

**Spiritual Practice:** During Election Season (and After)

Look on Youtube for independent black commentators and journalists. Listen to their commentaries and opinions on what this election and voting means. Be
aware that there are going to be differences of opinion and some of what you hear might make you uncomfortable. Think about who you might agree with or not and why. Ask yourself how the experience of being Black in America affects this critical aspect of our lives as citizens. Some ideas of people to listen to: Roland Martin, Karen Hunter, Dr. Greg Carr, Tim Black, Ben Dixon, Charlamange tha God.

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**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 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.

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**Help Us Provide Thanksgiving Dinner for Marion-Sterling Families**

We're providing Thanksgiving dinner to 150 families with children at Marion-Sterling School, located in Trinity's neighborhood. Can you provide dinner for one family?

Click the button above for the shopping list of items needed for each meal. To avoid having to unpack, sort and re-pack donated items, we are asking that each donation of groceries contain a complete shopping list. Please pack the groceries in 2 reusable grocery tote bags. The bags may be dropped off on Sunday, Nov. 22, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., at the Prospect Ave. entrance. Or, they may be dropped off on Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12 or 19 (during Personal Prayer Time), 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the same door.

We will also accept monetary donations, in any amount, so that we can give each family a Dave’s Market gift card for their main dish. Please make credit
card donations on our website, bit.ly/MarionSterlingThanks or send a check payable to Trinity Cathedral with "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the memo line.

Volunteers are needed to help drive the grocery donations to Marion-Sterling School, on Monday, Nov. 23, at 10:00 a.m.—please contact David Cratty if you can be a volunteer driver, dcratty1@sbcglobal.net, (216) 228-5721.

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Trinity Episcopal Peace Fellowship Celebrates Signing of Nuclear Weapons Treaty

With Honduras signing last Saturday, October 24, fifty nations have signed the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Treaty, reaching the required number of nations for the United Nations adoption of the treaty. UN Secretary-General Antonio Gutterres said, "...the treaty's entry into force on January 22, 2021 culminates a worldwide movement to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and is a tribute to the survivors of nuclear explosions and tests, many of whom advocated or this treaty."

Although the United States and other declared nuclear powers have not signed the treaty, activists hope that it will act as a deterrent to further nuclear proliferation. Celebrate and work for peace!

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Mark: An Unfamiliar Gospel of an Unfamiliar Jesus

Many Trinity members have viewed sessions in Bob Fowler's Gospel of Mark series. You can join in a four part study of the gospel of Mark on your own schedule.
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 began last Thursday, but you are still welcome to join in. Register in advance for the three remaining classes held Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: bit.ly/MarkInteractiveStudy.

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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. 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? 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
Trinity Forum Nov. 15 with Dr. Jeff Spiess

Be with us as Dean Owens interviews Trinity member, retired hospice physician and author Dr. Jeff Spiess on his recent book, *Dying with Ease*. Through this book, Jeff conveys that if we honestly face our mortality, we will make wiser decisions, die with less distress, and live the remainder of our lives, whether days or decades, more fully and with less anxiety. Jeff has found his profession to be rewarding, fulfilling, frustrating, humbling, and challenging, and knows its greatest rewards lie in the conversations with and the lessons learned from people facing the end of their lives, who are figuring out what is essential and real, and who have nothing to lose by being honest.

The forum will take place online at trinitycleveland.org and facebook.com/trinitycleve on Sunday, Nov. 15. The time will be announced soon.

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.
In Case You Missed It
The Trinity Forum:
The Rev. Lee Hull Moses

If you missed the Trinity Forum with the Rev. Lee Hull Moses, you can still watch Dean Owens interview Lee, 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.

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Music & Art at Trinity

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

**November 1, 2017**

This week's featured Evensong is another from our rich store of Evensongs for this special time of year, this one from All Saints’ Day, Nov. 1, 2017. The Cathedral Choir sang the service, and the homilist was the Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, former Senior Pastor of Plymouth Church in Shaker Heights (United Church of Christ) and current senior pastor at The People's Church in East Lansing, Michigan.

The Introit is the concluding “Requiem aeternam” from *A Short Requiem* by Sir Walford Davies. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are sung to the “Trinity Service” setting, written for us by American composer David Conte (b. 1955). David grew up in Lakewood, Ohio, and has spent most of his career teaching at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. The anthem is “O thou sweetest source,” a wonderful work by Irish composer Charles Wood (1866-
1926). I hope you will find meaning and tranquility in this service as we remember the many saints in our lives during this pivotal week in the life of our country.

Todd Wilson
Director of Music

Listen to the Choral Evensong Service Here

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**Fall BrownBag Concerts**

We hope you have been able to enjoy one or both of our livestream BrownBag concerts this fall. If not, both are available for streaming on our Trinity's YouTube channel.

The concerts are being livestreamed in a mostly empty cathedral this year. You can watch them all at trinitycleveland.org and facebook.com/trinitycleve. You can read more about each upcoming performance on Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral's website. The concerts will resume in two weeks on Wednesday, November 4 at 12:00 p.m. 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 recently 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 (and every church in the diocese) five yard signs, with the design seen here, to display on our property prior to the election. Four are on the Trinity campus and one is at the Trinity Urban Farm. Hopefully it will inspire others as they take part in early voting and drop off absentee ballots within blocks of the cathedral.

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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 a 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

Ohio’s Largest Ever Anti-Human Trafficking Operation

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost announced Monday, October 26 that a coalition of federal, state and local officials launched what he believes is the largest human trafficking operation in Ohio's history. Over 150 victims of human trafficking were rescued and nearly 180 men were arrested for soliciting sex and other crimes.

Known as Operation Autumn Hope, the action focused on several counties in Ohio including Cuyahoga.

“The success of Operation Autumn Hope is measured not only in the number of arrests but in the lives that were rescued from this evil,” Yost said. “Every agency on this team looks for the day when no person is bought and sold in Ohio. Don’t buy sex in Ohio!”

Read an article in cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer to learn more. Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship is a strong advocacy group working against human trafficking in Ohio and beyond.
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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**Can You Help Tutor Marion-Sterling Students?**

Cleveland Metropolitan School District is looking for volunteers to tutor students virtually at Marion-Sterling School. School will be held remotely through at least Mon., December 21, the planned start of the school's winter break. Depending on the nature of the tutoring, volunteers will be required to have a background check(s).

If you are interested please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at
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 December *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Mon., November 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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