The Dean's Corner
Things Will Get Better

Though there is good news on the horizon regarding COVID – including progress on an effective vaccine – the number of cases continues to grow markedly, both locally and nationally, as the disease spikes and indoor options are less available. For these reasons Trinity has not returned to indoor services, as you well know.

We are making decisions amid a moment where the situation is both worse and better at the same time: the risk of being together, whether as families or congregations, is as high as at any point since the pandemic began, and may well grow even more in the coming weeks.

Read the dean's entire message here

Dean Owens's Video Reflections
Death & Life: Can We Talk About Something More Pleasant?
This Sunday, November 15
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Click here for this week's scripture

10:00 a.m. Livestream Service of Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Adrienne Koch preaching

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens celebrating

Keep company with your Trinity friends and family at our livestream worship service this Sunday morning. Enjoy music by The Gateway Band and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Adrienne Koch.

Visit trinitycleveland.org or facebook.com/trinitycleve to participate in the service.

9:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m. Sunday School via Zoom
11:30 p.m. Trinity Forum - Dr. Jeff Spiess, author, Dying with Ease
4:00 p.m. Zoom Evensong
7:00 p.m. Youth Group via Zoom
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**Congregational Life**

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**Trinity *Rooted in Faith* Campaign Update**

So far, our pledges for the *Rooted in Faith 2021* stewardship campaign have been made by 136 Trinity households for a total of $320,784. We've received pledges from around two-thirds of the congregation.

If you haven't made your pledge, please take a minute to login to the pledging page on our website. It's quick, easy and the most convenient and direct way to pledge. Thanks to all of those who have pledged so far and we look forward to hearing from the balance of Trinity households soon.

[Make Your Pledge Today]
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.

Youth and Children's Ministry

Last week, Sunday school children made colorful lanterns that help show the light of God's love for all of us.

This Sunday, both youth group and Sunday school will meet via Zoom. For Sunday school children in grades pre-K through 5, class will meet at 11:15 a.m. The link is zoom.us/j/96324791405 and the passcode is 633884. Youth group will convene at 7:00 p.m. at zoom.us/j/94198206627.

Youth and children will soon begin working on no-sew fleece and hats, scarves and masks to give to our A Place at the Table guests. We are requesting donations of fleece for this project. Fleece needs to be in 1-yard lengths for hats and masks and 2-yard lengths for scarves. You can drop off your fleece donations when picking up your advent wreaths (see schedule below) or during Personal Prayer Time (times also below). Contact Shannon Smoot, ssmoot@trinitycleveland.org for details. Here are some links to some online sources.
Save the date of Sunday, December 6 from 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. when children and youth will receive their very own Bibles! Invitations will be sent out soon with more details.

If you have not registered your child for Youth Group or Sunday school, please do so by following this link.

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**Trinity Forum: Dr. Jeff Spiess, Author, *Dying with Ease***

Be with us as at 11:30 a.m. this Sunday, November 15 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](http://trinitycleveland.org) and [facebook.com/trinitycleve](http://facebook.com/trinitycleve).

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**This Sunday is America Recycles Day**

Trinity's Green Team is proud to promote that Sunday, November 15 is
America Recycles Day, a nationally-recognized day that celebrates and promotes recycling in the United States. On November 15, people are encouraged to spread the word about the benefits of recycling and to practice proper recycling habits.

You can learn more, including five ways to commemorate the day in the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's current e-newsletter.

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**Zoom Evensong This Sunday**

Trinity's choir will host a Zoom Evensong this Sunday, Nov. 15 at 4:00 p.m. This will be a “trial balloon,” our first venture along this line. A link for joining the Zoom call will be published on the Trinity website at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday for those of you who would like to “attend”. The format of the service will involve a number of choir members singing one at a time, so we ask that all singers and attendees keep your microphones on “mute” when not singing or speaking. We look forward to this opportunity to be together and to experience the beauty of Evensong in this virtual format!

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**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*.

According to the Episcopal Church's online material about this program:

“Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific
American histories as they intersect with European American histories.”

There will be two dialogue circles (or groups), both meeting on the first and third Monday of each month starting Monday, November 16. One class will run from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. The other class from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m has reached its maximum capacity and is unavailable.

You can learn more about Trinity's Racial Equity training by viewing this video.

More information is available at episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground. If you have any questions or you would like to sign up, contact Debbie Likins-Fowler (dlikinsfowler@gmail.com).

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**Going Deeper**

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

**Practice:** This week, as we remember and celebrate those who have served in the military, please remember that from the Revolutionary War on, people of color have served their country while facing discrimination during and after their times of service. Do you know any people of color who have served in the military? If so, see if they would be willing to talk with you about what impact they feel race had on their experience in the military or as a veteran.

Also, we invite you to support, if you are able, the fundraiser for CSU's "Viking Vets", 41% of whom are minorities. Visit this page to learn more.

**Scripture:** John 15:13 (New International Version)

Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends.
Poem: The Unsung Heroes by Paul Laurence Dunbar

Wednesday Bible Study

“Lectio Divina is an opportunity to slow down and experience God's Word deeply. An opportunity to savor the words of Scripture, to sit at God's table, to be nourished, fed and refreshed. An invitation to be fully present with our holy God.”
— Cindee Snider Re, author of Finding Purpose: Rediscovering Meaning in a Life with Chronic Illness

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.

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?

View the Grocery List Here

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. 12 and 19 (during Personal Prayer Time), from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the same door.

Monetary donations are also accepted, 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 "Marion-Sterling" 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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**Prayers for Peace Sabbath**

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry has endorsed the “Prayers for Peace Sabbath” organized by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF). You are invited to join this commemoration of their 81st year of social justice action and ministry. The kickoff of “Prayers for Peace Sabbath” is November 15, the Sunday immediately following November 11, formerly Armistice Day, now Veteran’s Day, which is the anniversary of EPF’s founding on November 11, 1939.

To learn more about this effort, please find additional information here.

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

The Day of the Lord, the Rev. Adrienne Koch's examination of genres in scripture, including apocalyptic literature, will be extended one week to Nov. 29 to make sure that all the content will be covered.

The class is on hiatus this Sunday, but will resume on Sunday, November 22. That session will cover the book of Revelation chapters 12-18 including several visions and the fall of Babylon. On Sunday November 29, the class will examine the last portion of Revelation, chapters 19-22.

Both sessions takes place at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome and you don't need to have participated in previous discussions to join. You can register for the class...
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 is currently in progress, but you are still welcome to join in. Register in advance for the last remaining class held this Thursday, November 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: bit.ly/MarkInteractiveStudy.

Personal Prayer Time in the Cathedral

The cathedral sanctuary is open on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for individuals to pray, walk the labyrinth, light a candle and/or meditate. Capacity is 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. Volunteers
are needed to help as greeters. If you have questions, please contact Ginger, (216) 774-0407.

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**Diocesan Convention this Friday and Saturday**

This Saturday, November 14, the Diocese of Ohio will hold its 204th annual convention. As with so many other events in 2020, this event will be held virtually. The convention is the legislative body that approves the diocesan program and budget, elects persons to various groups which serve the diocese, adopts resolutions on various issues and approves changes in the Constitution and Canons of the diocese. This year, Trinity will be represented by delegates Natalie Belle, Yvonne Harrold and Ute Vilfroy.

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**Knitting Pearls**

Both the Monday and Friday groups of the Knitting Pearls are meeting by Zoom. The Monday evening group meets every other Monday at 6:00 p.m. The dates through the end of the year are Nov. 23, Dec. 7 and Dec. 21. If you have any questions, contact Toni Ponzo at amp1to5@gmail.com. The Zoom link is zoom.us/j/99408283194 and the meeting ID is 994 0828 3194. The passcode is 121073.

The Friday morning group meets each Friday at 9:30 a.m. For the link, please contact Beth Billings at billings13@gmail.com.

So gather up a knitting or crochet project and a beverage and/or snack and join us. Hope to see you soon.
In 2020, Trinity will again participate in the Angel Tree Prison Ministry for Christmas, as we have done for over 5 years. This year, we will offer a “Virtual Angel Tree,” which has been developed by Prison Fellowship, as a no-contact method of serving children from our community who have an incarcerated parent. A special web page is being developed for Trinity Cathedral, which will have the names and ages of children that folks can choose. We will have 100 children assigned to us, as we had last year—our members can choose one or more children to sponsor. The cost of sponsoring one child is $22—each sponsored child will receive a $20 gift card to Wal-Mart, a holiday card from their incarcerated parent, and the opportunity to receive a children’s Bible. The sponsor will pay the $22 cost through the special website, via credit card or bank account. Trinity’s Virtual Angel Tree website will be released soon, and the web address will be shared via This Week @ Trinity, as soon as we get it from Prison Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Raymond, kayray419@roadrunner.com.

Make an Advent Wreath at Home

Celebrate the season of anticipation of Christ’s birth with a handmade Advent wreath, that you can make at home this year. Trinity’s Cathedral Life Committee will gather all the supplies for Advent wreath-making, and put them into kits, for our members to pick up, the weekend after Thanksgiving (the first Sunday in Advent is Nov. 29). Please reserve your kit by emailing Jan Kelemen, jantkelemen@gmail.com, no later than Sunday, Nov. 22. Let her know if you need a complete kit (wreath form, fresh greens, floral wire, & candles) or a partial kit (specify which items you need). Advent prayers and how-to instructions will be included. Donations will be accepted at pick-up time to help offset the cost of materials (suggested $10 for complete kit). Pick-up times (in Trinity parking lot) for the kits will be: Saturday, Nov. 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ask about limited delivery availability.

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 (the next one is Dec. 1) 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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**Faith Journey Book Club**

The next Faith Journey Book Group book discussion is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, starting at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. The book we will be discussing is *How To Be An Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi. The Zoom meeting link is: us02web.zoom.us/j/89748788173
Meeting ID: 897 4878 8173
Passcode: 011529

The group will take a break over the holidays, so this will be the last book discussion until January 2021. If you have questions, contact Janet Morrison at jlmorrison611@gmail.com.

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**United Thank Offering**

This year, the United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering will be held Sunday, November 29, although contributions are being accepted from now until that date. 100% of what is collected this year will be given away to support Episcopal/Anglican ministries directly responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. You can give by visiting unitedthankoffering.com/give. Or, if you have a blue UTO box at home, tally up the contents and send a check to Trinity in that amount, with the memo "UTO."

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the
mission of the whole church. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing. UTO distributes 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Advent Retreat

Save the date of Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. when the Rev. Dr. Lauren Winner will lead an Advent retreat via Zoom. The cost is $20, email akoch@trinitycathedral.org for scholarship opportunities.

What do you think of when you hear the word "saint?" Perfection? Sanctimonious? Martyr? What if we were to think of a saint as best understood not as someone who is perfect, but as someone who specializes in a particular, peculiar intimacy with God? During Advent, the church calendar is full of intriguing people we call saints. During our morning retreat, we'll keep company with some of them, exploring not only the stories of their lives, but also the spiritual postures they might invite us into this Advent.

Winner is an Episcopal priest, historian, author and lecturer. She is Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality at Duke Divinity School. Winner preached at Trinity in early March of this year and led a forum on contemporary poets and scripture. To register, follow this link.

Trinity EPF Book Club

The Trinity EPF Book Club is reading *Yemen Endures-Civil War, Saudi Adventurism, and the Future of Arabia*. We plan on meeting Saturday, December 19 at 1:00 p.m. If you belong to a library that does not have a copy...
of the book, you can get a copy through OhioLink, as long as your library is a member. Of course, Amazon carries the book, by Ginny Hill. All are invited!

More information, including a synopsis, is available on Amazon. To participate, visit us02web.zoom.us/j/82716118055. The meeting ID is 827 1611 8055 and the passcode is 923395. For questions and more information, contact Bruce Freeman at freeman.bruce@gmail.com.

Music & Art at Trinity

Todd’s Picks – Featured Choral Evensong Service

This week’s featured Evensong was recorded on October 27 with a small group of 4 and 5 “distanced” singers from the Cathedral Choir. This was our first experiment using more than 1 or 2 singers at a time, and our first Evensong of any sort in the Cathedral since March. Thinking of the significant events of last week, the hymns and anthem were planned with All Saints’ Day in mind, and the collects and prayers connect with All Saints and the life of our nation. I am grateful to Trinity member Timothy Robson for his time and talents in reading the lessons and prayers.

The responses are sung to the iconic setting by Richard Ayleward, and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are the concise yet expressive setting by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), one of the greatest of all English composers. The anthem “There is a land of pure delight” sets a poem by Isaac Watts to music by Grayston Ives (b. 1948). I hope you’ll find these words both appropriate and moving as we remember the many Saints, past and present, who have been and continue to be such important parts of our lives.

Todd Wilson
Director of Music
Welcome to episode 5 of Hymn Stories. This installment features two hymns for All Saints’ Day, that special time in the liturgical year when we remember the many saints, past and present, who constitute such important parts of our lives. The first hymn (#287 “For all the saints”) is one of the great hymns of the 20th century. Ralph Vaughan Williams composed the tune especially for this text. The second hymn (#232 “For all your saints still striving”) is sung to a Finnish melody of somewhat obscure origin. The text has an interesting “flexible” aspect, with a choice of middle verses appropriate for the many specific Saint's Days that occur once per year, often on a weekday, thus requiring a tune that is easily recalled. It was a special pleasure to have a small group of singers together for the first time since March to record these hymns. I hope you will enjoy singing along, either inwardly or aloud.

Todd Wilson

Next Fall BrownBag Concert

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

The concerts are being livestreamed from a mostly empty cathedral this year. You can watch them all live at trinitycleveland.org and bit.ly/TrinityConcerts.
Read more about each upcoming performance on Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral's website. Our next concert is Wednesday, November 18 as we welcome violinists Andrew Sords and Mari Sato and pianist Elizabeth DeMio. The program, entitled *Dueling Divas*, will include upbeat music from Moszkowski, Beethoven and Sarasate.

If you are able to make a donation to Music & Art to help keep these programs running, it would be gratefully appreciated.

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**In the Community**

**Can You Help Tutor Marion-Sterling Students?**

Cleveland Metropolitan School District is looking for volunteers to tutor students virtually at Marion-Sterling School. Classes 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 akoch@trinitycleveland.org.

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**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
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