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A Sacred Place for All People

“If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.”
~African Proverb



When we say euphemistically that a church is “blessed with resources” we usually mean that it has financial

means, or perhaps even a strong base of members. Though Trinity Cathedral has gone through several life cycles over the past century, we have always been a well-resourced house of prayer: we were built and established when our street was the wealthiest in the nation, supported by a large congregation made up of the industrial and political leaders of Cleveland. Even when the congregation changed mid-century, our resources (endowment) allowed us to survive, and those same resources allowed us to grow again. And when the pandemic disrupted our world and put many churches and institutions in crisis, our resources allowed us to continue our work of foundation-building and active ministry.

Yet a cathedral, and Trinity in particular, has an even deeper well of resources that can shape and amplify its ministry and witness in the world, beyond financial reserves and beyond parochial identity: we exist amid a constellation of partnerships and relationships that catalyze

our ministry and awaken in our wider community a sense of sacred interconnectedness.

We are not a church unto ourselves; indeed, faithful collaboration is a uniquely “cathedral” charism. With whom are we in partnership? Far more than I have room to write: Greater Cleveland Congregations; PFLAG; Marion-Sterling School; the Campus District CDC; the Friendly Inn; the Neighborhood Leadership Development Program; the Episcopal Parish Network, and cathedrals across the country; the 80+ churches of the Diocese of Ohio; and of course, the Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio.

The cathedral is an expression of the bishop’s ministry, the physical center of our pastoral leader’s outward and apostolic presence. Indeed, the cathedral’s own ministry is magnified and strengthened by a relationship with our bishop that is collaborative, mutual, and joyful.

Early next month on September 9, we begin our new chapter of life together with Bishop Anne with the Seating of the Bishop, a festive liturgy that begins with the new bishop knocking on the doors of the cathedral with her crozier, entering then into a service of joyful welcome. It’s a service for the whole diocese, but the very best gift we as a congregation can give is our faithful and joyful presence at the service at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 9.

AUGUST 2023

Cathedral Connections



PREACHING SCHEDULE

- August 6
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- August 13
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- August 20
The Rev. Adrienne Koch
- August 27
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

I hope you’ll make plans now to be with us! The service will be best experienced in-person though we will also livestream so that people across the diocese can participate. We give thanks for the new ministry of our bishop!

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens



Sunday Schmoozes

Be sure to attend the next Sunday Schmooze events at the cathedral. On Sunday, August 6, schmooze with *The Abundant Table* musicians on a Sunday when they will be playing at the 10 a.m. Eucharist. Meet bandleader Morgan Mecaskey (piano, guitar, vocals), Spencer Paul (bass), Mikel Mahoney (percussion) and Ashlee Foreman (vocals). You can also meet new members, visitors and folks in the congregation you may never have met. This schmooze will be at the special time of 11:15 a.m.

On Sunday, September 3, join us for a Sundaes Schmooze, as we'll be holding our annual ice cream social from 9–10 a.m. as well as after the 10 a.m. service. Because, after all, what says "schmooze" more than eating ice cream sundaes on a Sunday morning.



Ute Vilfroy Receives Distinguished Bishop's Medal

At June's bishop and staff celebration event, our own Ute Vilfroy was awarded the prestigious Bishop's Medal. She was one of only two recipients from throughout the diocese. Bishop Hollingsworth honored her for her longstanding collaboration with the diocese, including serving two terms on Diocesan Council and on the Constitution and Canons



Committee for the diocese, among others. She also currently serves as the chair of the Diocesan & National Church Ministry mission team at Trinity. We congratulate Ute on her leadership bringing Trinity ever closer to the Diocese of Ohio.

Attend Mission Team Retreat September 17

It has been nearly a year since Trinity's mission team structure was announced and many of the teams have been meeting for that entire time. This was, of course, only the first year, which means that in future seasons we'll welcome more folks to our mission teams. In the meantime, our many ministries will need committed, thoughtful leaders in the year to come.

So we await the start of the second year of our mission teams to see what we've accomplished and to chart a course for the future. All mission team members are invited to the second annual mission team retreat on Sunday, September 17 from 12:30–3:30 p.m. Lunch will be included for all participants.

Congregational Picnic

The annual congregational picnic will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 3 p.m. at Trinity. This will mark the unofficial start of Trinity's 2024 stewardship campaign. Come enjoy the sunshine (we hope!), good company and a meal to be shared by all. Look for more details in *The Trinity Weekly* and the September *Cathedral Connections*.

Sermon Podcasts and Videos

Did you miss church last Sunday, but don't have time to watch the whole service? We have the solution for you!

You can view or listen to just the sermon portion of the service on our website. From Trinity's homepage, click on "Watch and Listen" beneath the main image, then "Search Media". Click on "Sermons" listed below podcasts. Then you can



choose the date of the sermon you'd like to listen to and you'll see options for both podcasts and videos. You can also find sermon videos on our YouTube channel at bit.ly/TrinityClevelandSermons.

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Can You Help with Marion-Sterling School Supply Drive?

Students will soon be returning to Marion-Sterling School – can you help them by giving them the school supplies they need? You can find the list of supplies needed at the end of this article.

The campaign will run through Sunday, August 20. Donations may be dropped off at the table in the promenade before, during and after Sunday services. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

You can donate online at bit.ly/MSSSupplies or send a check payable to Trinity Cathedral with “Marion-Sterling School Supplies” in the memo line. Checks may be submitted through Sunday’s offering,

left at the front desk or mailed. If you have questions, please contact Linda Lee at eriesprite2@yahoo.com.

Also note that from Friday, August 4 through Sunday, August 6, school supplies will be exempt from state sales tax to help your dollar go even farther.



Marion Sterling School Supply List 2023-2024

Note: this list includes supplies for upper and lower grades so there may be duplicates of an item but in different sizes, types or counts.

- Glue sticks, some large and small*
- White glue
- #2 pencils, pack of 12 (if possible Ticonderoga thick pencils)*
- Crayola crayons, 16 count*
- 5” blunt scissors*
- Construction paper
- Crayola Thick Classic washable markers, 8 count*
- Colored pencils (pre-sharpened), count 12
- Ink pens, red and blue
- Large erasers and a box of pencil cap erasers, count 4*
- Zippered pouch for school supplies
- Box of tissues*
- Yellow highlighters
- Folders with 2 pockets*
- Pack 3x5 white index cards
- Spiral notebooks*
- Spiral notebooks-with single sections solid colors only
- Composition notebooks (black & white)
- 3 ring binder, 1”, 1-½”* or 2”
- Supply box, any color
- Bottle of liquid hand sanitizer*
- Hand sanitizing wipes
- Backpacks (to fit a folder, inexpensive ones from Five Below or dollar stores are fine)*

* The items marked with the asterisks are requested for most grades.

If you wish to include donations for the “Kickboard Store” (which gives kids rewards and incentives for good behavior, outstanding performance in the classroom, etc.) the social worker suggests items such as snacks (chips, juice boxes, granola bars, fruit snacks), lip gloss, chapstick, nail polish, or small toys (yo-yos, slime or card games).



The difference is you!

Feeding the hungry... ...naturally!

- Over 22 tons of food donated since 2006
- Less than a mile from the cathedral
- Help feed the people of Cleveland’s Central neighborhood
- Beautify an inner city block with flowers and attractive landscaping

You can be a part of ministering to the neighborhood by volunteering at the urban farm. Tasks include weeding, planting, mowing, trimming, building, prepping, harvesting, weighing, transporting and more. Visit trinitycleveland.org/urban-farm for more details or contact Scott Blanchard at blanchard.scott.w@gmail.com

Psalms Bible Study Continues

The adult faith formation mission team continues its focus on the psalms this summer. Continuing *Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise and Praise* from the Kerygma Program, new Trinity facilitators each week lead the discussion. Sessions will take place Sundays in conference room A/B at 9 a.m. The remaining schedule includes:

Date	Facilitator	Topic
Aug. 6	Char Nichols	Psalms of Trust
Aug. 13	BJ Owens	Psalms of Lament
Aug. 20	Luke Taylor	Psalms of Praise

A special session beyond the standard curriculum will take place August 27 with medievalist Dr. Emily Butler (also a member of the Cathedral Choir, Trinity Chamber Singers and administrative assistant for Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral). Learn how the psalms were studied in the Middle Ages. The psalms have been part of communal worship in Jewish and Christian traditions for millennia, but they were also foundational texts for medieval education and scholarly explanation. Emily will examine a few manuscripts and the notes that medieval scribes made around the psalms. Join her in conference room A/B at 9 a.m.



The Trinity Forum: Dr. Laura Bloomberg CSU President



Dean Owens will welcome Dr. Laura Bloomberg, who was appointed the eighth president of Cleveland State University (CSU) in the spring of 2022, to The Trinity Forum. She has previously served at CSU as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs since the fall of 2021.

As Trinity's closest "neighbor," learn what Dr. Bloomberg envisions for the relationship between CSU and Trinity. Join the discussion on Sunday, September 10 at the 10:10 a.m. formation hour in conference room A/B.

Adult Inquirer's Class Starts Soon

Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Would you like to be baptized, confirmed or transfer from another Episcopal church? This class will take place Wednesday evenings after Evensong at 7 p.m. in conference room A/B. The dates are October 4 and 18, November 1, 15 and 29 and December 13. You're also welcome if you are interested in gathering with other newcomers and exploring what Episcopalians believe through the baptismal covenant. For more information or to sign up, contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at akoch@trinitycleveland.org.

Worship, Art & Music

Fall BrownBag Schedule

Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral recently announced the upcoming Fall 2023 BrownBag concert schedule including seven concerts between October and December. All of these concerts are free of charge with a freewill offering taken. The concerts will be livestreamed on facebook.com/musicandartattrinitycathedral.

October 4 – Todd Wilson And Friends

Music for organ with cello, English horn and percussion

October 18 – Nathan Carterette, piano

Acclaimed pianist will play the music of Scriabin and Rachmaninoff

November 1 – James Kibbie, organ

Distinguished professor emeritus at the University of Michigan plays selections on both of Trinity's pipe organs

November 15 – The Somerset Trio

Chamber music with the unique combination of English horn, French horn and piano

November 29 – A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

The sopranos and altos of the Cathedral Choir join harpist Jody Guinn

December 6 – Holiday Organ Spectacular

Todd Wilson and students from the Cleveland Institute of Music

December 13 – Messiah Sing

The Trinity Chamber Orchestra, soloists and conductor Todd Wilson present selections from Handel's beloved oratorio with the audience as the chorus

Guidance for Parents and Adults as Children Return to School

by Eric Travis, Director, Children's and Youth Ministries

As the summer season draws to a close, a new chapter begins for young people as they embark on their journey back to school. For children and teenagers, this period can be filled with excitement, apprehension, and uncertainty. As adults and parents, it is our sacred duty to offer our support and encouragement, helping them navigate this transition with faith and love. By instilling important values and fostering a nurturing environment, we can help young people grow emotionally, spiritually, and academically. Here are some faith-based insights and practical guidance on how adults and parents can positively impact the lives of the students preparing to return to school.

Cultivate an Attitude of Gratitude

Begin by teaching the value of gratitude, encouraging young people to count their blessings and find joy in the journey ahead. Expressing thankfulness for education, teachers, friends, and the opportunities they bring will help them develop a positive outlook on school. By adopting this

attitude of gratitude, students can grow spiritually, learning to find God's presence even in challenging moments.

Emphasize the Power of Prayer

Encourage young people to pray daily for guidance, wisdom, and strength in their academic pursuits. Remind them that God is their ultimate helper, and through prayer, they can find solace during times of stress or uncertainty.

Encourage Kindness and Compassion

As they embark on this academic journey, remind students that acts of kindness and compassion can have a significant impact on those around them. Encourage them to befriend the lonely, help those in need, and offer support to struggling classmates. By practicing empathy and understanding, students can create a loving and supportive school environment.

Foster a Love for Learning

Instill a love for learning by exploring God's creation and the knowledge it holds. Encourage students to approach their studies

with enthusiasm and diligence, understanding that their education can be an opportunity to grow in wisdom and understanding. Through curiosity and a passion for learning, young people can honor God's gift of intellect.

Lead by Example

As adults, our actions speak louder than words. Demonstrate to young people the importance of faith, prayer, and a strong work ethic through your own life. Show them how faith impacts your decision-making, how prayer sustains you, and how hard work leads to success.

As the new school year commences, let us stand alongside young people as they step into this new phase of life. By instilling faith, love, and gratitude, we can help them navigate challenges with resilience and grace. Through the power of prayer and compassion, we can guide them to be lights in their school communities, spreading God's love wherever they go. Together, let us embrace this back-to-school season as an opportunity to strengthen our faith and positively impact the lives of the next generation.

Youth Confirmation Classes

Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." (Book of Common Prayer, p. 860).

Incoming seventh through ninth graders can join confirmation



classes this fall. Classes will commence Sunday, September 17 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Youth & Children's

Center on Trinity's third floor. Classes will continue the third Sunday of each month through March. If you have questions, please contact Eric Travis, etravis@trinitycleveland.org.

Sunday School Begins: Rally Sunday

Make sure to make it to church on Sunday, September 10 which will be

"Rally Sunday," designating the new program year and the return to three services at 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday school will resume for children and youth in grades pre-K through 12.

Rally Sunday!



The Recognition and Investiture of Bishop Anne B. Jolly, the 12th Bishop of Ohio

Saturday, September 9 at 11 a.m.
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland



You'll have the opportunity to witness and participate in one of the most unique services in the Episcopal Church: the Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop. Found in the Book of Occasional Services, it is designed for the recognition, investiture, and seating of a bishop who has already been ordained and consecrated. During the service, the bishop is seated in the cathedra (the chair of the bishop) from which our cathedral takes its name. Don't miss this memorable day in the life of the cathedral and the diocese. A reception will follow the service. If you wish to volunteer to participate in the service, contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org

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Prayer Requests: Doreen Hughes, 216.774.0415, dhughes@trinitycleveland.org

Donations: bit.ly/PeriodicOnlinePayments

Space Rentals: trinitycleveland.org/facilities-use-requests

Cathedral Connections: Submit your news items by sending to pam@goodcausecreative.org

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