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Cathedral Connections

Setting the Table

The word liturgy summons imagery of vestment-clad clergy and soaring organ accompaniment, but it actually means something that involves us all. Liturgy means “the work of the people” who come before God as an assembly (congregation) to give thanks and praise and to seek a living experience of the holy.

At Trinity Cathedral we take that definition seriously. Our worship is an all-hands-on-deck experience, made up not of a few leaders and an “audience” but rather the prayers and petitions of every person gathered in that space and online.

Over the course of any given month, about two hundred people are involved in leading our Sunday morning worship. That large number is surprising even to me, though when I sat down recently to write out all the things that people do across three morning services, from choir to readers to acolytes to ushers to sacristans to those offering hospitality and teaching Sunday school, it adds up. It takes 200 people just to offer worship on Sunday mornings!

We might view that as a recruitment burden, but I prefer to see that as a great opportunity for growth and

involvement. Our worship would simply not be the same rich experience it is without so many faithful folk pitching in to make it happen. It gives the chance for long-term Trinitarians and brand new folks to serve alongside one another, growing the community as we worship God. It gives each of us a chance to serve and to grow, and even try new ways to participate and lead.

This January, we’re having a Setting the Table campaign, where we ask each of you to see how you can help Trinity offer an experience of transcendence and grace to anyone who joins us on Sunday Morning. We are introducing Cathedral Sunday Teams, where we invite you to serve once a month in some capacity to help us to grow and thrive.

I hope you’ll check out the Sunday Team template we made (and had some fun creating) to get a sense of the abundance of opportunity, and to think about where you can lend a hand. We would like to have as much of our teams complete by the end of January, so if you’d like to help or would like to know more, reach out to Ginger Bitikofer at any time.

These aren’t all the volunteer ministries, but they do capture the ones that can serve on a monthly schedule. Choir, for example, isn’t on this list.

We also include some new ideas, including Newcomer Hosts and Neighbor Hospitality, who can help us to welcome those seeking a church and those needing extra care, including those experiencing homelessness.

Liturgy is the work of the people. That is one of the greatest gifts of our worship life: our prayers are made complete by the presence of others, and by the Body we form when we come together to give thanks.

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 7

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

January 14

Dr. Michael Baston

January 21

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

January 28

The Rev. Adrienne Koch



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changes to Cathedral Connections & New Publication

Starting in February, *Cathedral Connections* is transitioning to a quarterly magazine rather than a monthly newsletter. This magazine will focus on telling the stories of Trinity's ministries and impact. A new monthly newsletter, *The Congregation Corner* will take its place and focus on congregational events and information.

Philadelphia Eleven Volunteers Needed

The planning team is need of some volunteers including greeters, servers, and childcare assistants during the January 30th film screening. Please contact [Ginger Bitikofer](#) or [Cheryl Williams](#) if you can lend a hand.

Tuition Assistance for Seminarians & Medical Students

The application period for the Wise, Warmeling, Way Fund is now open. The Wise, Warmeling, Way Fund assists deserving students who wish to devote their lives to ordained ministry or the practice of medicine. The fund covers a portion of a student's academic tuition. Seminarians, nursing students, and medical students are eligible to apply. The application deadline for the 2024-2025 academic year is February 29, 2024



Apply



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JAN. 14 | Trinity Forum with Dr. Michael Baston

JAN. 21 | Pancake Breakfast

JAN. 28 | Gratitude Sunday

JAN. 28 | Dean's Forum: Dean Owens' First Five Years

JAN. 30 | *The Philadelphia Eleven* Film Screening

FEB. 4 | Annual Meeting

FEB. 7 | Education for Ministry Reunion Gathering

FEB. 7 | Brownbag Concert: Liebeslieder Waltzes

FEB. 14 | Ash Wednesday

FEB. 18 | First Sunday of Lent

FEB. 21 | Brownbag Concert: Shaker Heights HS Chamber Orchestra

FEB. 23 | Songs of Freedom, Hope & Peace Concert

FEB. 25 | The Dean's Forum: The Journey of Grief



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Calendar





MUSIC & ART

Interim Music Director & Organists

We look forward to Shiloh Roby beginning as Trinity's Director of Music in March. During the interim months of January and February, Craig Gahnz-Kuhar will serve as the Interim Director of Music. Craig joined the Trinity choir this fall after moving to Cleveland from Palm Desert, CA. Craig has over thirty years experience teaching, conducting, and performing with choral and musical theatre groups, and served as the Associate Choirmaster and Assistant Conductor of St.

Margaret's Episcopal Church in Palm Desert, CA, for over 15 years. He has led choirs that have performed at Carnegie Hall, St. John the Divine Cathedral, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

Organist accompaniment will be shared among several musicians: Rees Taylor Roberts, a skilled organist, conductor, singer, and recent graduate of the Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, and our two current organ scholars Carolyn Hoff and JoEllen West.



Craig Gahnz-Kuhar



Rees Taylor Roberts



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday Jan. 21 | Conf. C/D
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a pancake breakfast courtesy of the Trinity Youth Group. Free-will donations will be accepted to benefit this year's youth summer missions. The menu includes regular and gluten-free pancakes, sausages, applesauce, regular and sugar-free syrup, milk and coffee.

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, Jan 21
8:30am-12:30pm
Conf Rm C/D

presented by the Youth Group
to support Mission Experiences



The Philadelphia Eleven

50TH ANNIVERSARY
DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING
JANUARY 30 | 4:30 - 7:45

Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, OH

In 1974, there was a dramatic breakthrough of the so-called "stained glass ceiling" that gave hope to women of faith everywhere. At a church in Philadelphia, a group of eleven women were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in violation of the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church - which at the time stated that only men were eligible for ordination. This story is told in a compelling new documentary The Philadelphia Eleven. 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the Philadelphia ordinations.

The feature documentary film will screen here in Cleveland on Tuesday, January 30th hosted by the Diocese of Ohio and Trinity Cathedral at Trinity Commons!

An informal reception will begin at 4:30 p.m., welcoming remarks from Bishop Jolly, Dean Owens, and a special guest - the Rev. Nancy H. Wittig - will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the screening will start at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and refreshments will be provided throughout the evening which will conclude by 7:45 p.m.

Reservations are required for those who would like to attend this screening of the film which is free to the public and you can **register online at trinitycleveland.org**. A suggested donation of \$10.00 is appreciated and opportunity will be provided at the event for those who would like to support the event in this way.



Register

Bible Study: Discovering the New Testament

Sundays | 10:10 a.m. | Jan. 7, 21, 28

Join Trinity clergy and lay facilitators in an exploration of the people, places and stories of the Bible and discover where The Story lives in your story! Through a process of reading, reflection, discussion and creative expression, both the first-time learner and the lifelong student are invited to an engaging, rewarding encounter with Scripture that will greatly deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Bible. This spring, we will cover the New Testament.

Contact: The Rev. Adrienne Koch | akoch@trinitycleveland.org



Trinity Forum: Dr. Michael Baston

Sunday Jan. 14 | 10:10 a.m.

The Trinity Forum is an opportunity to hear from local and national leaders in faith, ethics, art, science, education and civic engagement. These interviews with Dean Owens inform the connections between our worship and civic life and bring the voices of community leaders into the Trinity conversation. Audience participation is always a rich part of the conversation.

On Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday, we'll welcome Dr. Michael Baston, president of Tri-C for a conversation about the legacy of Dr. King both nationwide and here in Cleveland.

The Dean's Forum: 5 Years with Dean Owens

Sunday Jan. 28 | 10:10 a.m.

Join us for the Dean's Forum, where on select Sunday mornings Dean Owens will explore the many ways that we, as the cathedral, can become a sacred place for all people. Dean Owens began his time at Trinity Cathedral in December 2018... just over five years ago! On January 28th he'll look back at what the Trinity community has built in the past years, and the foundation we've set for the years to come.



Education for Ministry Reunion Gathering

Wednesday Feb. 7 | 6:00 p.m.

Have you participated in EfM? Join us at Trinity Cathedral on February 7 for a gathering to include evensong, dinner and conversation with fellow EfM alumni.

Visit <https://bit.ly/EFMTrinity> or scan the QR code to register for FREE today!

5:30 - REGISTRATION

6:00 - EVENSONG

7:00 - DINNER

8:00 - DISCUSSION



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**Roots of American Music in partnership
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Social Justice movements in American history**

Trinity Cathedral
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**Musical Performance by The Sam Hooper Group
featuring Angela Winborn**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
7-8:30 P.M.



Introducing Cathedral Sunday Teams

With the creation of Cathedral Sunday Teams, we would like to explore ways to deepen our hospitality to those folks who come through our doors on Sunday mornings. We will be creating Newcomer Hosts (with some strong overlap with the work of greeters) and those offering Neighborhood Hospitality to those who need extra assistance.

If you have a strong gift for greeting newcomers, please reach out to Ginger Bitikofer. We hope for a regular presence at all three services, but especially at the 9am Abundant Table and 11:15 service. As a downtown cathedral, Trinity

Cathedral is also a place with open doors to our neighborhood. Welcoming the homeless and those with greater need is part of our vocation, yet it takes a bit of training and practice to do this well. Do you feel called to offer this Christlike ministry on a monthly basis? We are exploring the best way to prepare and train for this, and would like to start by integrating this into our Sunday Team schedule.

If you are called to this ministry of radical hospitality, with doors open both to those seeking a church and those seeking a place of warmth and respite, please reach out to Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

Volunteer Positions & Team Template

Greeter/Newcomer Hosts: Greet folks coming in the Euclid and Commons entrances and follow up with the newcomers after the service when appropriate.

Neighborhood Hosts: Receive additional training to offer hospitality and assistance to neighbors, including those experiencing homelessness.

Vergers: Trained to serve as “master of ceremonies” for cathedral liturgies.

Acolytes: Assist the clergy during worship service by getting sacred things where they need to be.

Children’s Chapel: Join the Children’s Ministry Director in leading age-appropriate worship and formation during the homily

Coffee Support: Assist in preparing coffee and more for post-church gatherings.

On the following couple pages, you will find the Sunday Teams Template Schedule.



CARE CORNER

Trinity members have always helped each other-- generously offering their skills and time to fellow congregants when needed. The Congregational Life Mission Team is re-starting the Care Corner program to help people who need assistance get connected with those who want to help.

If you need help or are able to offer help, visit the link or scan the QR code below to fill out the form. We will do our best to connect people who can help with those who have needs.

<https://bit.ly/trinitycarecorner>



Online
Form

RED = Every Sunday

BLUE = Additional Sundays (Alternating or Otherwise Returning)

BLACK = 1 Sunday/month

8 a.m.	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Usher	Tom Petty	Whitney Houston	Woody Guthrie	Gladys Knight	Barry Manilow
Verger	Frank Sinatra	Frank Sinatra	Frank Sinatra	Frank Sinatra	Frank Sinatra
Greeter	Garth Brooks	Snoop Dogg	Trisha Yearwood	Gene Autrey	Queen Latifah
Sacristan	Mick Jagger	Nina Simone	Roy Orbison	Bessie Smith	Bo Diddley

9 a.m.	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Worship Assistant	Beyonce	Beyonce	Beyonce	Beyonce	Beyonce
Sacristan	Ani DiFranco	Bob Denver	Ani DiFranco	Bob Denver	David Bowie
Ushers	Miles Davis	Johnny Cash	Lucinda Williams	Bono	Bill Evans
	Bruce Springsteen	Missy Elliot	Fergie	Lauren Hill	Belinda Carlisle
Acolytes	Bootsy Collins	Kurt Cobain	Prince	Janice Joplin	Otis Redding
	Bing Crosby	Janelle Monae	Harry Styles	Adele	David Ruffin
	Billie Holiday	Sade	Post Malone	Kendrick Lamar	Dionne Warwick
Children's Chapel	Mick Fleetwood	Tori Amos	Joan Osborne	John Lennon	Jon Batiste
Greeter/ Newcomer Host	Justin Timberlake	Big Boi	Dolly Parton	Bjork	Jimmy Buffet
	Joni Mitchel	Will Smith	Norah Jones	Jay Z	Erika Badu
Neighbor Hospitality	Marvin Gaye	Jimmy Buffet	Andre 3000	Stevie Ray Vaughn	Dolly Parton
Livestream Host	Tracy Chapman	Bob Dylan	Eartha Kitt	Rhiannon Gibbons	Li'l Wayne
Coffee Support	George Michael	Elvis Presley	Richie Valens	Madonna	Annie Lennox

Sunday School	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Pre-K - 2nd	Billy Joel	Cat Stevens	Billy Joel	Cat Stevens	
	Billie Eilish	Miley Cyrus	Billy Eilish	Miley Cyrus	
3rd - 6th Grade	Rihanna	Robert Plant	Rihanna	Robert Plant	
	Huey Lewis	MC Hammer	Huey Lewis	MC Hammer	
7th - 12th Grade	Lady Gaga	Lady Gaga	Lady Gaga	Lady Gaga	
	Paul McCartney	Jewel	Paul McCartney	Jewel	

11:15 a.m.	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Verger	Ringo Starr	Liz Phair	Ringo Starr	Liz Phair	Eric Clapton
Sacristan	Bryan Wilson	Paul Stookey	Bryan Wilson	Paul Stookey	Jackson Browne
Ushers	Mariah Carey	Rosemary Clooney	Sufjan Stevens	Michael Jackson	Yo-Yo Ma
	Jonny Ramone	David Lee Roth	Leonard Cohen	Keith Urban	Eddie Van Halen
	Michael Buble	Willie Nelson	Allison Kraus	Edith Piaf	Eddie Vedder
	Patsy Cline	Axl Rose	Aretha Franklin	George Clinton	Ed Sheeran
Acolytes	Steve Earle	Paul Simon	Alice Cooper	Ry Cooder	Taylor Swift
	Neko Case	Carole King	Raffi	Helene Grimaud	Harry Belafonte
	Jeff Tweedy	Lindsey Buckingham	Ozzie Ozbourne	LL Cool J	Smokey Robinson
Children's Chapel	Stevie Nicks	John Mayer	Jason Mraz	Dave Groehl	Plink
Greeter/ Newcomer Host	Steve Wonder	Deborah Harry	Tina Turner	Alanis Morissette	Andre 3000
	Karen Carpenter	Elton John	Cher	John Hiatt	Gloria Gaynor
Neighbor Hospitality	Mahalia Jackson	Sting	Bob Marley	Roy Orbison	Bonnie Rait
Livestream Host	Joan Jett	Jack Black	Jon Bon Jovi	Jack White	Joan Osbourne
Coffee Support	George Harrison	Alicia Keys	Robbie Robertson	Thelonios Monk	Moby

February 4th
10:00 a.m.

Leadership Nominations

At Trinity's Annual Meeting on February 4, leadership will be elected to the Vestry and Nominating Committee. These are the nominees.

Vestry

3-Year Term | Elect 4



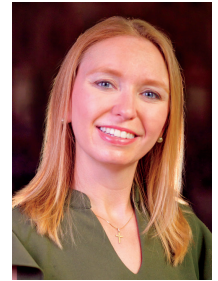
Mark Biddlestone



Martin Hermes



Diane Hexter



Audrey Hudak

Nominating Committee

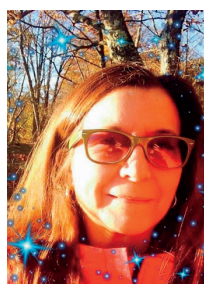
1-Year Term | Elect 2



Aretha McCreary



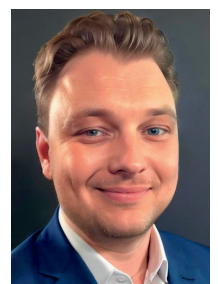
Daniel McGuire



Wendy Miano



Linda Lee



Luke Taylor

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

In addition to electing leadership at Trinity's Annual Meeting on February 4th, the congregation will vote on proposed (minor) bylaw changes. There are two changes proposed. Previously, our bylaws, assuming an annual meeting in the spring, mandated election of Diocesan Convention delegates and alternates at the April Vestry meeting; as our meeting is now held earlier in the year, this is no longer valid. Second, the vestry is proposing to permit the treasurer to be either a member of the vestry or a congregational member at-large. This would broaden our field of potential candidates. As is the current practice, the treasurer would still be elected annually by the vestry.

The Vestry of Trinity Cathedral submits the following proposed amendments to the Cathedral Bylaws for consideration and possible adoption by the congregation at its upcoming annual meeting, scheduled for February 4, 2024.



Qualifications and requirements for the position of Treasurer:

The vestry is proposing to permit the treasurer to be either a member of the vestry or a congregational member at-large. This would broaden our field of potential candidates.

As currently worded, Article IV, Section 3(a) states:

Sec. 3. The Vestry shall have the power and duty: a) To elect annually, at Vestry's first meeting following the Annual Meeting, from its own number two Wardens and a Treasurer, and to elect annually from members of the Cathedral who are Qualified Voters, a Clerk of the Vestry; and may elect from such members an Assistant Clerk and an Assistant Treasurer.

The Vestry proposes the following amendment:

Sec. 3. The Vestry shall have the power and duty: a) To elect annually, at Vestry's first meeting following the Annual Meeting:

- i) from its own number, two Wardens;
- ii) from its own number or from members of the Cathedral who are Qualified Voters, a Treasurer;
- iii) from members of the Cathedral who are Qualified Voters, a Clerk of the Vestry
- iv) at its discretion, from members of the Cathedral who are Qualified Voters, an Assistant Clerk and an Assistant Treasurer.

Note that, if adopted, this amendment would require alteration of the Treasurer's listed responsibilities and authority. Therefore, the Vestry also proposes the following amendments to Article VII, Section 1:

Existing provision:

Sec. 1. The Vestry shall create an Executive Committee, consisting of the Dean, the Wardens, and the Treasurer. It shall also create a Finance Committee and an Audit Committee, both chaired by the Treasurer, and may create such other standing or ad hoc committees of the Vestry, as it shall determine. If the Treasurer is not a member of the Vestry, they may participate in Vestry discussions but may not have a vote in Vestry matters. Vestry shall create a Stewardship Committee. Vestry committees shall consist of at least one Vestry member and such other members as the Vestry shall appoint. The Vestry may delegate to any such Vestry committee any authority of the Vestry, however, conferred, other than any authority or responsibility set forth in Article IX of these By-Laws.

Proposed Revision:

Sec. 1. The Vestry shall create an Executive Committee, consisting of the Dean, the Wardens, and the Treasurer. It shall also create a Finance Committee and an Audit Committee, both chaired by the Treasurer, and, in the event that the Treasurer is not a Vestry member, co-chaired by a Vestry member. The Vestry may create such other standing or ad hoc committees of the Vestry, as it shall determine. If the Treasurer is not a member of the Vestry, they may participate in Vestry discussions but may not have a vote in Vestry matters. Vestry shall create a Stewardship Committee. Vestry committees shall consist of at least one Vestry member and such other members as the Vestry shall appoint. The Vestry may delegate to any such Vestry committee any authority of the Vestry, however, conferred, other than any authority or responsibility set forth in Article IX of these By-Laws.

Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Previously, our bylaws, assuming an annual meeting in the spring, mandated election of Diocesan Convention delegates and alternates in April; as our meeting is now held earlier in the year, this is no longer valid.

Current wording of ARTICLE X, Section 1 on Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention states:

Sec. 1. The Delegation to Diocesan Convention shall include: three delegates and three alternates who are members in good standing of the congregation, elected by Vestry at their April meeting, with public notice given of the results.

Vestry proposes removal of the timing requirement of this election (the highlighted text above).

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