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Cathedral Connections

Many Threads of Reconciliation



"I reached out to Trinity because of what I saw on your website: that you were a sacred place for all people, that creation care and racial reconciliation were important to you. I reached out because

I was in search of a church that was welcoming and affirming, and that it was immediately clear from the stories and pictures that Trinity shared."

This was what Kimayo – a talented singer/songwriter/musician who'll perform her one-woman show *My Queer Faith* – said when I asked her what it was about Trinity that made her want to be here. She is based in New England and has begun a nationwide tour of a performance that tells, in story and song, of her journey of coming out and finding in herself the image of God.

Kimayo is very intentional about the places where she performs: she wants to be in sanctuaries, whether churches or synagogues or other holy places, to show clearly that churches can and must be places not of judgment and bigotry, but of welcome, affirmation, and celebration. Her story is a hard one, as many are, but also joyful and hopeful and beautifully told. I hope you will not only join us on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m., but that you'll tell your friends and invite them to Trinity for a powerful evening. I am thankful to the Worship, Art, and Music mission team for hosting the concert and to the Trinity LGBTQ+ fellowship for hosting the reception afterwards at 7:30 p.m.

This month we'll also hear from Gulnar Fereesta, senior director of programs at the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland. She'll join me for a Trinity Forum on Sunday, May 21, to talk about the work and mission of the LGBT Center, give a preview of the annual Pride in the CLE event in early June, and talk about how many LGBTQ+ youth and adults experience housing insecurity. Gulnar and I also had a rich conversation recently about *1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted a Culture*, the film festival entrant for which Trinity Cathedral served as a community partner. Gulnar is Muslim and will also share a bit of the LGBTQ+ experience within that faith tradition.

I am excited not only to welcome Kimayo and Gulnar to Trinity, but also to see Trinity through their eyes. When I described Trinity and hopes for Trinity Commons, Gulnar said that it sounds like exactly what she as a Muslim would like to see develop in her own tradition. And I was thrilled to hear Kimayo's description of Trinity, and that our values around ministries of reconciliation and justice would connect to her own story.

All these important things interweave, as we will see not only in forums and in performances, but in our witness as well. On Saturday, May 13, the Creation Care Team will join with the Rev. Rosalind Hughes to offer a *Guns to Gardens* program at the Trinity



PREACHING SCHEDULE

- May 7
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- May 14
The Rev. Adrienne Koch
- May 21
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- May 28
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

Urban Farm at 10 a.m. We'll see a demonstration of guns being cast into a forge to be molded from things that take lives into something that gives life: garden tools, jewelry and art.

This, too, is the work of reconciliation. Our life together flows through worship, song, study, and witness, and the deeper we go into the life of faith the more we see how it all weaves together. I look forward to seeing you, celebrating with you, and learning with you in the month to come.

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

Remember to Wear Your Name Tags!

Trinity is a big place, so it's also a place where newcomers can visit somewhat anonymously. Help them get to know the congregation by wearing your name tag every Sunday.

The Invite, Welcome, Connect team encourages everyone to wear their name tags, kept in a kiosk on the promenade. This will help members too, who might not know others that attend different services. Thanks in advance for helping us get to know one another.

Summer Schedule 2023

Are you already gearing up for summer? It's hard to believe, but summer is just around the corner. The cathedral will switch over to its summer schedule on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, the Sunday before Memorial Day. From May 28 through September 3 (the day before Labor Day), summer services will be held at 8 a.m. in the chapel and 10 a.m. in the nave. The latter service will feature a rotating schedule of guest musicians, soloists and ensembles from the Cathedral Choir and music led by Morgan Mecaskey.

Sunday Schmooze!

On Sunday, May 14, the Trinity piazza will once again play host to a Sunday Schmooze. There'll be special beverages and food for all and we'll set high-top tables in the piazza to encourage people to officially schmooze. Join in this new Trinity tradition and get to know some additional members of your Trinity family. Set for 10:10 a.m., we encourage participants of both the 9 a.m. and the 11:15 a.m. Eucharist services, as well as 8 o'clockers who stick around until after the 9 a.m. service. We especially encourage the faithful 11:15ers to arrive early.

Pentecost and Trinity Sunday

Two important days on the church calendar are coming up. First up is Pentecost, which takes place Sunday, May 28.

This feast day commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the



Apostles and other disciples following the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts, chapter 2). It marks the beginning of

the Christian church's mission to the world.

At Trinity, we **wear red** at both services on Pentecost (8 a.m. and 10 a.m.) In the church year, Pentecost is 50 days after Easter and ten days after the ascension. Our clergy **wear red** vestments to signify the work of the Spirit. We encourage you to do the same.

Sunday, June 4 is Trinity Sunday. Not only is it the feast day of our beloved Trinity Cathedral, it also celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Trinity Sunday is one of seven principal feast days in The Episcopal Church (United States). The others are Easter, Ascension Day, Pentecost, All Saints' Day, Christmas Day and the Epiphany.

Cathedral Tour June 4

On the first Sunday every other month, learn about the architecture, art and history of our sacred cathedral. This docent-led tour meets at the altar following the 10 a.m. Summer Eucharist. Visit places in the building you may never have seen before and get the answers to all of your questions. Discover the cathedral's hidden stories on this behind-the-scenes tour as you marvel at the building's artistry and engineering. If you have questions, please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

New Member Liturgy of Welcome



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

We will welcome our new members and newcomers who are on the path to membership at all three services on Sunday, May 21. This liturgy will be a welcome from Trinity, but also from the Diocese of Ohio and the national Episcopal Church. Contact Ginger Bitikofer gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, 216.774.0407 if you have questions.

Urban Farm Events in May



Trinity's Urban Farm is off to a good start and has several crops, including collards, kale, garlic and herbs that are growing nicely. We've welcomed student volunteers from Case Western Reserve University and

Padua Franciscan High School.

The farmers are looking forward to the *Guns to Gardens* event being held Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. The Rev. Rosalind Hughes will conduct a demonstration using a small forge to melt down disassembled gun parts and recreate them as garden tools, jewelry and art. Rev. Hughes is a Trinity alum, rector of Church of the Epiphany in Euclid as well as an anti-gun violence advocate and author.

Volunteers are always welcome any Saturday morning from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. You don't have to stay for the whole time, and you don't have to commit to future workdays to participate. Saturday, May 27 is the farm's big planting day. Join in to plant tomatoes, zucchini, squash and cucumbers that will eventually feed people in need in the farm's Central neighborhood.

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.



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CREATION CARE
MINISTRY PRESENTS



Guns to Gardens

View a demonstration as dismantled guns are transformed into garden tools

Led by the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, anti-gun violence advocate, author and rector of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Euclid.

Saturday, May 13
10–11:30 a.m.

Trinity Cathedral Urban Farm
3532 Cedar Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

trinitycleveland.org
Questions?
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Guns to Gardens is a national faith-based organization whose members feel called to reduce gun violence. Using a blacksmith's forge, they collect unwanted guns and melt them down, converting the molten material into garden tools, art and jewelry. These tools can be used to grow food, like Trinity's Urban Farm, which grows and gives food to neighborhood residents in need. Come see this cycle of renewed life in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, and help promote decreased gun violence and community sustainability.

SUMMER YOUTH FORMATION



Trinity will offer summer youth formation for all students in Pre-K through twelfth grade. It will be offered each Sunday from 9:20 a.m. to 9:50 a.m., in between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. It will be a fun time to dig deeper into faith.

No registration is required, just come. The chapter room will be open for parents to connect or just relax while their children are in class.

Additionally there will be adult formation opportunities during the same time, so bring the whole family!

God Calls Leaders

Join many members, facilitators and friends for *God Calls Leaders* Bible study. This popular class follows inspired leaders that make a difference in the unfolding biblical drama. Understanding how God worked through the lives of the



patriarchs, prophets, Jesus and the apostles will light the path for new leaders who will continue the journey.

Three Sunday classes remain in this series on May 7, 14 and 21. Meet in conference room C/D at the 10:10 a.m. formation hour. You can participate even if you haven't attended any previous classes – each class stands on its own. Jesus tells us that leaders realize that serving others is the only way to lead with a pure heart, free of pride and arrogance.

Self-Compassion Class

When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus responded: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself.” Too often we forget the crucial last part—loving ourselves. Through the course of the class you will examine your relationship with yourself, look at the barriers you have built against loving yourself, and engage with three-centered practices to move toward self-compassion. This self-compassion shines through us and provides a basis for unconditional kindness towards all—as God's Beloved.

Two classes remain in this *Second Breath* series, on Sundays May 7 and 14. The instructor is the Rev. Jo Nygard Owens, a certified *Second Breath* facilitator. The classes are open to all, even if you have missed previous sessions. If you have questions, please contact Jo at jonygardowens@gmail.com.

The Trinity Forum: Gulnar Fereesta

On Sunday, May 21 at 10:10 a.m., Dean Owens welcomes Gulnar Fereesta, senior director



of programming at the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland. Shortly before Pride month in June, they will talk about the work and mission of the LGBT Center, give a preview of the annual Pride in the CLE event in early June, and talk about how many LGBTQ+ youth and adults experience housing insecurity.

The center is the heart of the region's LGBTQ+ community and is a one-stop hub that provides a safe space, programs and services, advocacy and social events, supporting programs, educational opportunities and health services that advance the overall wellbeing of LGBTQ+ people of all ages. Founded in 1975, it is one of the nation's oldest LGBTQ+ community centers.

World Labyrinth Day

On May 6 at 1 p.m., Trinity will participate in World Labyrinth Day. Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience.

This year, the theme is *Walk as One at 1*. Everyone in the same time zone will spiritually walk together at 1 p.m., thus creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from

one time zone to the next around the globe. You can find other participating locations at worldlabyrinthday.org.



The gathering will begin at 12:45 p.m. in the gallery. Please register at bit.ly/LabyrinthDay.

If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Ries at cynthiaries@gmail.com.

The Puzzle of Paul

There's only one more class remaining in Professor Bob Fowler's Bible study class, *The Puzzle of Paul*. It's on Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. (after Evensong) and will wrap up this five-week course. You can attend even if you've missed the previous classes.

What's even better is the classes have been recorded for study at your own pace. Visit trinitycleveland.org/blog/bible-study-the-puzzle-of-paul for all the details including videos, handouts and more.

Singer-songwriter Kimayo Brings *My Queer Faith* to Trinity

Kimayo is a folk-pop artist, and native of New England. She has been playing and performing her authentic and personal songs since 2019.

Coming out as queer in spring of 2021, her new music explores self-discovery with an adult contemporary sound. Her mission on the *My Queer Faith* tour is to inspire hope, restoration, and unity between LGBTQIA+ folks and faith communities.



She'll perform *My Queer Faith* at Trinity on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. It is billed as a special evening of storytelling and live music. The concert will last approximately an hour and you'll have the chance to meet the artist at a special reception

being held in the piazza after the show, about 7:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong

Only one more Choral Evensong service remains for the 2023 season. Evensong will resume in the fall on October 4.

Wednesday, May 10

Commemorating Johann Arndt, German Lutheran theologian who wrote several influential books of devotional Christianity and Jacob Boehme, German philosopher, Christian mystic, and Lutheran Protestant theologian.

Homily: The Rev. Adrienne Koch

The Illuminare Chamber Choir, Youngstown

Service: Moeran in D

BrownBag Concert Series – Bachfest!

Trinity's spring BrownBag concerts are a part of Bachfest!, featuring the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. Director of music Todd Wilson is joined by unique violinists to pair Bach's sonatas and partitas for solo violin with his trio sonatas for organ. The lineup concludes with:

- **May 10**
Miho Hashizume, violin (A Minor Sonata), Todd Wilson, organ (C Minor Trio Sonata).



Hashizume was born and raised in Tokyo, and joined the Cleveland Orchestra in 1995. A member of the first violin section, she also is a

longtime member of Apollo's Fire/The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra.

- **May 17**
James Thompson, violin (C Major Sonata), Todd Wilson, organ (G Major Trio Sonata). Thompson enjoys a multifaceted career as a chamber musician, soloist, educator, and lecturer. He is currently on faculty at Music@Menlo and has been a member of the Chamber



Music Society of Lincoln Center's Bowers Program since 2021.

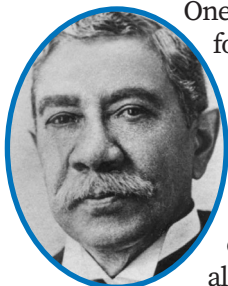
A New Hymn

As one of its first projects, Trinity's Worship, Art & Music Team has commissioned a new hymn tune, called *Ohio*, which was sung for the first time at the consecration service of Anne Jolly as our new bishop coadjutor on April 29. The new tune was written by Sarah MacDonald, director of music at Selwyn College in Cambridge (England) and director of the Ely Cathedral Girls Choir.

The text *Solemn Notes of Tribute Sounded* is by Ally Barrett, a priest, poet and creative artist in many forms. Consisting originally of three verses, Rev. Barrett wrote a new verse especially for this occasion. This new hymn is a gift from Trinity Cathedral in honor of our new bishop and to the diocese and the wider church. We hope it will be sung frequently around the diocese, across the country and beyond. The Worship, Art & Music Team plans to commission more music in subsequent years.

Black History in the Diocese of Ohio

In 1890, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 2171 E. 49th Street was founded. It is still active to this day. It was the first "Negro" church in the city. St. Andrew's catered to the Black elite, not the working class.



John P. Green

One of St. Andrew's founding members is John P. Green, the first Black to be elected to public office in Cleveland (justice of the peace). He also was a member of the bar, was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives and later, became

the first African American elected to the Ohio Senate and delegate to the Republican Conventions of 1884 and 1896. While in the senate, he introduced legislation to establish an Ohio Labor Day, and his model was adopted by the whole country. For that reason, he became known as the "Father of Labor Day."

Another member of St. Andrew's was Garrett Morgan. He was an entrepreneur, inventor and newspaper publisher.

As an inventor, he created the gas mask, which went on to be used by French and American troops in World War I. He also invented something most of us come into contact with every day: the three-color traffic light, eventually adopted by countries all over the globe.

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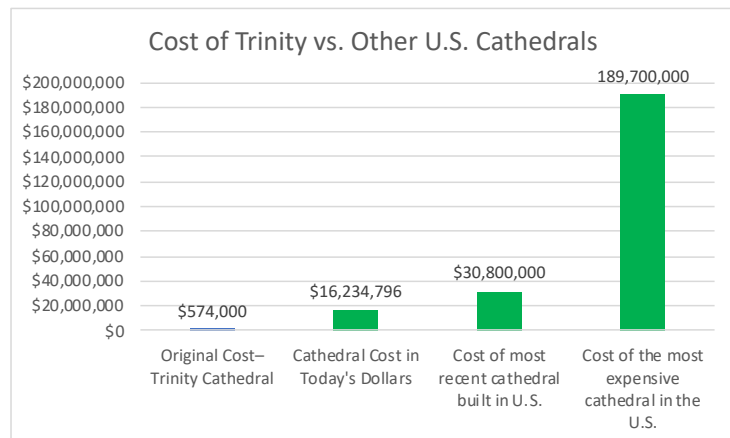


Garrett Morgan

How Much Does a Cathedral Cost to Build?

Have you heard that Trinity Cathedral was built in the 1900's for \$574,000? Most folks would say that's a bargain for one of the most sacred and treasured buildings in the entire city. If you adjusted for inflation, in 2023

dollars, the cost would be \$16,234,796. Still seem like a bargain? Consider the most recent cathedral built in the U.S. It is the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Catholic cathedral in Knoxville, Tenn., completed in 2018 for a cost of \$30.8 million. And that pales in comparison with the most expensive cathedral ever built in the U.S., the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, completed in

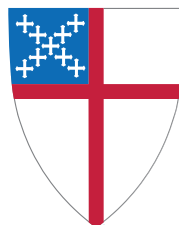


2002, for \$189,700,000.

Whatever the cost, Trinity has 116 years of being a sacred place for all people, and we know that will be the case for decades and decades to come.

What's in a Name?

Did you know that The Episcopal Church has two official names? "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America" (PECUSA) and "The Episcopal Church" (TEC) are both official names specified in the church's constitution. Until 1964, "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America" was the only official name in use.



In a 1964 General Convention compromise, priests and lay delegates suggested adding a preamble to the church's constitution, recognizing "The Episcopal Church" as a lawful alternate designation while still retaining the earlier name.

Church Life

Did you realize that *Church Life* magazine, the quarterly magazine of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, has been published since July 2, 1887? At that time, an anonymous editor said that the main aim of *Church Life* was to reach every parish in the diocese (and adjoining dioceses) with reports of special interest so that the readers of *Church Life* would know what is occurring in each parish church.

Church Life is still published today in March, June, September, and December. The publication highlights the collaborative work of its parishes, stories about individuals, mission projects, and youth events, in addition to more forward looking articles about how we can grow our parishes, deepen our love of God, and improve our evangelism skills.

If you don't receive *Church Life*, you can sign up at dohio.org/offices/communications/church-life-magazine.

A MESSAGE FROM VESTRY

Do you want to seek fame and fortune... for your church? If you want to get involved and meet new people, this is your chance! Contact BJ or Adrienne if you have questions or interest.

Trinity Cathedral Mission Teams

Vestry liaisons to the mission teams have been appointed and are shown in the chart below.

Did You Know...

Trinity Cathedral, Trinity Commons and Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral each have separate budgets? Cathedral income comes from direct giving (i.e., pledges, gifts) and the endowment while Trinity Commons income derives from leasing, event and parking revenue. The cathedral covers two-thirds of expenses and the Diocese covers one-third. Since the commons includes the diocesan offices and Cathedral Hall; costs incurred from the burst pipe above



Cathedral Hall will be shared by the cathedral and the diocese. The expanded columbarium, with 66 new niches, is now completed.

This year, Wise, Warmeling, Way Fund scholarships were awarded to two nursing students; Thomas Searle and Liberty Mosher, and to medical

doctorate student Emily Goodwin.

Outcomes from the Vestry Retreat

At their April 16 retreat at the cathedral, BJ and vestry members engaged in a whirlwind brainstorming session to envision our church's future. A broad brush of the goals include:

1. Increase intentionality in everything we do to foster effectiveness and financial integrity.
2. Offer caring support where needed and cultivate relationships with congregants.
3. Build the congregation by attracting new people and increasing our presence in the community.

Specific goals for these items will be shared in coming months.

Trinity Cathedral Mission Team (Staff Liaison)	Vestry Liaison
Adult Faith Formation (Adrienne Koch)	Cynthia Ries
Children & Youth Faith Formation (Eric Travis)	Martin Hermes
Congregational Life (Ginger Bitikofer)	Marilyn Valencia
Diocesan and National Ministries (BJ Owens)	Diane Hexter
Invite, Welcome, Connect (Ginger Bitikofer)	Audrey Hudak
Neighborhood Partnerships (Adrienne Koch)	Toni Ponzo
Peace, Justice & Mercy (BJ Owens)	Marie Curry
Worship, Art and Music (Todd Wilson)	Beth Billings

Celebration of Bishops and Staff

The Transition Committee invites you to save the date for a diocesan-wide celebration of Bishop Mark, our assisting bishops, and the Bishop's staff, on Saturday, June 17 from 2 - 6 p.m.



at Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights. Invitations and more information will be coming soon. Please contact the transitioncommittee@dohio.org with questions.

Ascension Day Choral Eucharist

Trinity will hold an Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. The Trinity Cathedral Choir will sing music by Hans Leo Hasler (*Missa Secunda*) and Gerald Finzi (*God is Gone Up*).

PRIDE IN THE CLE



Through May 14 – Order your 2023 Pride T-shirt, by signing up at the Pride table (Sundays, May 7 and 14). Be sure to get this year's T-shirt with the new Trinity logo! Contact Matthew

Jaroszewicz at matthew.j.jaroszewicz@gmail.com with your T-shirt size. T-shirts are \$17, sizes S-3X.

Saturday, June 3 – Pride in the CLE! – March with Trinity and nine other churches in the Diocese of Ohio during this year's Pride parade! Staging begins at 10 a.m. and the march begins at 11 a.m, starting at Public Square and ending at Malls B/C. Bishop Coadjutor Anne Jolly said she'll join us and has her "Bishop Pride" T-shirt all ready!

Youth Sunday

At the 9 a.m. *Abundant Table* service on May 7th, come celebrate our young people and those that work with them.



Our young people will be participating in the service and we will recognize our graduating seniors. We will also celebrate acolytes, Sunday school teachers and Youth Group chaperones.

It will be a festive day and we hope you will join us!

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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

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