



**TRINITY
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A Sacred Place for All People

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Cathedral Connections

Welcome Sunday: September 10



Imagine a Hollywood writer's room, or a corporate marketing meeting, where the folks around the table toss out idea after idea to describe something

we all know about, in search of a refreshing new handle to amplify it.

That was a little what it was like this summer as the Trinity Cathedral staff discerned what to call our first fall Sunday, when we return to our three-service morning schedule and the beginning of fall programs.

Should we call it "Kickoff" Sunday, as so many churches in America do? There's an inertia to this phrase, as fall brings to mind the beginning of football season that accompanies crisp weather, children returning to school, and a general return to work and routines.

Yet not everyone is wild about football, and more to the point we shouldn't overuse American cultural symbols and language to describe our liturgical and pastoral life. (Though if you tell me after a church that a sermon was a "touchdown" I won't have my feelings hurt).

We then considered a few other terms: what about "Homecoming" Sunday, or "Rally" Sunday, or even

"Gathering" Sunday? We even tested out the "Rally" Sunday idea for a few months. Each said a little about what we hoped for: a day when Trinity members could celebrate the return from summer and begin an exciting season together.

Yet each didn't fit for some reason. "Homecoming" is a little too close to homegoing, which is a different thing entirely. "Rally" implies a party with festival bounce houses . . . maybe someday, but we're not quite there yet. And "Gathering" Sunday is lovely but a little bit bland.

Then, someone suggested **Welcome Sunday** to describe the day we return to three services and begin our fall formation programming. We were intrigued. What better way to return and gather than with a word of intentional welcome and embrace?

But isn't every Sunday a welcoming Sunday at Trinity? Well, yes, it is, and that's the point.

Welcome Sunday is both an event and a symbol, a day to begin again but also a reminder that every Sunday is a day to offer welcome, to greet the stranger, and to celebrate the image of God in one another.

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens



PREACHING SCHEDULE

- **SEPTEMBER 3**
The Rev. Adrienne Koch
- **SEPTEMBER 10**
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- **SEPTEMBER 17**
The Rev. Adrienne Koch
- **SEPTEMBER 24**
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THE SEATING OF THE BISHOP SEPTEMBER 9 at 11:00 A.M.

Join us for the recognition and investiture of Bishop Ann B. Jolly, the 12th Bishop of Ohio, at Trinity Cathedral. R.S.V.P to attend at bit.ly/bishop-seating by Sept. 6.

WELCOME SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist

9:00 a.m. The Abundant Table Service

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

BEGINNING OCT. 4

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evensong

6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwiches

7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation Programming

UBE Sunday September 17



Trinity will celebrate UBE Sunday on September 17, honoring the feast day of Alexander Crummel (pictured above) whose work laid the foundation for United Black Episcopalians.

Organized in 1968 as the Union of Black Clergy and Laity, the Union is the proud inheritor of the work of these people and earlier organizations, the Convocation of Colored Clergy, the Conference of Church Workers Among Colored People, all dedicated to the ministry of Blacks in the Episcopal Church. The name was changed to the Union of Black Episcopalians in 1971.

The Union of Black Episcopalians is a confederation of more than 55 chapters and interest groups in United States and the Caribbean. The Union also has members in Canada, Africa and Latin America.

THE ABUNDANT TABLE SERVICE



RETURNS
SUNDAY
SEPT. 24
9 A.M.

Trinity Cookout Saturday, Sept. 23 at 12 p.m. in the Garden

Join us at Trinity Cathedral in the garden for our annual congregational picnic. We will provide bratwurst, sausages, veggie/vegan dogs and hot dogs, plus all the fixings. Attendees are invited to bring their best potluck side dishes (last names A-M) and desserts (last names N-Z) to round out our meal.

There is no cost to attend, but please register at bit.ly/trinity-cookout and donations are always welcome to help defray the cost.

Music and games for all ages. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up. Sign-up to volunteer when you register or contact Ginger Bitikofer, 216-774-0407 or gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.



Joyful Giving, God's Abundance

by Becky Snider Fuller, Co-chair, Stewardship Campaign

FALL STEWARDSHIP
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24

During this time of year, we are called to focus on stewardship at Trinity. It is a time when the church asks each of us to give to support the cathedral ministries in the new year.

It is an important process for the Cathedral, but it can also be a meaningful spiritual journey for each of us. It is a time we can think about how we use our time, talent, and financial resources. It is also a time we are asked to meditate on our relationships with God, the world around us and with our possessions.

Our stewardship theme this year is — Joyful Giving, God's Abundance.

At Trinity we have been blessed with so much. We have a beautiful building, a talented staff, a faithful congregation, and vibrant ministries that reach beyond our doors.



In addition, we have individually been given so much by God. When we recognize all our life as a gift, how much grace has been extended to us, and how loved we are by God, we can open our hearts more

fully to God and the world around us. When we see the gift of God's abundance, we are more aware that there is enough in life for everyone. Abundance gives us an open heart to the world, and we want to share freely, joyfully.

Recognizing that everything is a gift from God is freeing. There is a peace that comes with trusting God for everything. In Ephesians 3:20 Paul writes, "Our God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask and think."

Please join us on this journey of faith. Because of God's Abundance, we Joyfully Give.

UPDATES FROM THE VESTRY

MISSION TEAMS

There will be a retreat for Mission Teams on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Teams will have the opportunity to reflect on goal accomplishment and on the new structure.

THE CAPITAL PLANT

Reparation and restoration is underway for five stained glass windows, four in the Cathedral and one in the music room. Parish House masonry continues, is going

well, and will be completed in early September. Cathedral Hall floor refinishing was completed in August as the last item to be addressed from the second-floor bathroom leak in December 2022. Our new sound system installation begins Sept. 12.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Did you know that you can break up your week by attending activities on Wednesday evenings? This summer the Inquirer's Class has been offered, as well as Bible study, and Trinity Forums, which were well-attended.

Bible study classes on Sundays at 9 a.m. were a great success, as well; one delightful feature was the large diversity of skilled presenters from the congregation!

HAPPY NOTES ON FINANCES

Pledge payments are ahead of commitments! In addition, there has been an increase in the value of the endowment thus enabling the

percentage draw on the endowment to be reduced. Further, expenses for the year are within budget.

BY-LAW CHANGES

The Vestry is considering revising the by-laws so that it will no longer be required that the parish Treasurer is a vestry member. This change, which requires a congregational vote, does not indicate any concern regarding the competency of our sitting Treasurer, rather, it is a back-up plan in the event that there is no person on the vestry who is willing and able to fulfill the role.

JOB OPENINGS AT TRINITY

Please consider referring friends who may have interest in our three full-time position openings: Director of Music, Communications Manager, Director of Development and Community Planning.

More information is available at trinitycleveland.org/job-postings

Mission Team Reflections

by The Rev. Adrienne Koch, Priest Associate

The word liturgy comes to English from the Greek concept of public service. Liturgy connects us to God and to others in the same way religious communities have found connection for centuries, through prayer and work.

Our bodies move, hands lifted in “orans” (Latin for “pleading”) position during the Lord’s Prayer; kneeling for Eucharist at the 8 a.m. service, or making pilgrimage to the high altar on a feast day. Our bodies pray and work in some way every time we gather as people of faith.

And this summer, those who explored the Psalms during the Adult Formation hour bible study, examined one of our earliest liturgical prayer books – the songs and poems set to music by the ancients who worshipped the same God we worship.

The Psalms remain an integral part of Episcopal prayer, and in many ways capture the essence of the emotional work all human beings must do in this life. The Psalms capture the soul’s praise and lamentations, remembrances and hopes.

The Adult Faith Formation Mission Team has been working with Kerygma (the word in Greek means “proclamation”) bible studies, such as the Psalms study. The Kerygma Program has been offering accessible curriculums for 40 years, and the Mission Team is utilizing its works for the 2023-2024 program year at Trinity.

Just as we explored the living liturgical history of the Psalms, we will also explore the living history of the Old and New Testaments this fall and upcoming spring. Come and learn with our team of excellent

lay and clergy facilitators who offer insightful instruction and dialogical reflections each week.

The Adult Faith Formation Mission Team has seen some changes since the new Mission Team structure took shape last year. We are focusing our bible studies on long-term accessible curriculums on Sunday mornings, and professional studies with academics and guest speakers on Wednesday nights after Evensong.

We’re also shifting the traditional Lent and Advent retreats Trinity has offered to other dates and times of the year based on the themes and speakers we want to learn from.

Weekend Retreats and Sunday Trinity Forums (in which the dean interviews inspiring speakers of our day) allow us to hear how God is at work in the world around us and inspire our community to engage our faith in both prayer and public service.

This fall we look forward to learning alongside the Rev. Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms, religious professor and author Timothy Beal, and President of CSU Laura Bloomberg. We hope you’ll join us for these and other events during this year’s Adult Faith Formation Mission Team programming.

Please contact any one of our team’s members with questions:

Luke Taylor

Pam Meyers

David Crampton

Cynthia Ries

The Rev. Adrienne Koch.

UPCOMING TRINITY FORUMS



**Dr. Laura Bloomberg, President
Cleveland State University**
Sept. 10 at 10:10 a.m



**The Rev. Becca Stevens,
Founder of Thistle Farms**
Oct. 11 Community Forum, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 Dean’s Forum at 10:10 a.m.



**Scripture & The Environment
Dr. Timothy Beal, CWRU
Professor of Religious Studies**
November 8 at 7 p.m.

Some New and Not-so-New Beginnings

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

With summer giving way to autumn's chill, the Cathedral is ready to begin the next chapter in its offerings for children and youth. With hearts full of excitement, we welcome you to the start of the 2023-24 program year for our Children's & Youth Ministry.

In this season of change and growth, we are delighted to embark on a journey of faith, learning, and exploration alongside our beloved

children and youth. Guided by the wisdom of Scripture and inspired by the joy of discovery, we continue to sow the seeds of faith in the hearts of the next generation.

On Sept. 10th, we will resume our programs of Sunday School, Chapel, and Youth Group, as well as inviting young people to experience worship as Acolytes, Lectors, and in the use of our Soft Space.

We will also be starting a Confirmation Class in September and will explore ways for young people to connect with faith and spirituality in their complicated lives.

Please join us in welcoming and supporting our students as we continue to build upon our foundations of faith and reach for new and innovative ways to invite and connect with young people.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES SEPTEMBER 17



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).

Trinity's incoming eighth through tenth graders are invited to 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, continuing the third Sunday of each month through March.

If you have questions, please contact Eric Travis, etravis@trinitycleveland.org.

MUSIC & ART

BrownBag Concerts Return Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 12 p.m.

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. 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

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R.S.V.P. at www.bit.ly/bishop-seating

Join us for one of the most unique and joyful traditions in the Episcopal church, the seating of a new bishop. 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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Space Rentals: trinitycleveland.org/facilities-use-requests

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