

CATHEDRAL CONNECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022



SPREAD THE WORD!



In about a week we will finally unveil Trinity Cathedral's new website and logo! As mission teams begin their work and we get started with Trinity's fall programming, we'll

also be sharing this "new look" that will help express what it means to be *a sacred place for all people*.

The new website will launch on September 18th. Not only will it be easier to use and navigate, this important project also presented an opportunity to update our vision and logo to better express Trinity's outlook for today and the seasons to come.

Trinity's mission, of course, does not change. For years, the mission of the cathedral has been to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation. That's who we are, and those values are a deep part of our spiritual DNA. This mission statement will continue to inspire and challenge us.

Rebuilding a website and creating a new brand, though exciting, posed some interesting challenges: how do we create a website that supports our congregation while also creating a vivid impression with our community partners? How do we celebrate where we've been while also trying new things? How do we explore new

opportunities amid the disruptions and changes of the pandemic? Can a website help show what faith-in-action looks like for Trinity?

We worked with the respected local nonprofit design firm FORM to create a logo that can speak to a variety of different communities, from longtime Episcopalians to those wondering if a church could welcome them, from civic leaders to young people seeking



a community of inclusion and engagement. FORM visited Trinity and created several logo options, and from those we selected a logo we felt was lively, welcoming, and bold. We chose colors that align with the wider Episcopal Church while emphasizing openness and the lively Spirit that moves in our midst.

With the unveiling of the logo and website later this month, now it becomes your job to share the story and ministry of Trinity Cathedral! That, after all, is what this is about: creating compelling and simple ways to share Trinity with the world. We'll have fun things

PREACHING SCHEDULE

September 11

- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

September 18

- The Rev. Adrienne Koch

September 25

- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

October 2

- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

to give away that will help us celebrate Trinity, as well as T-shirts and other items available for purchase that will help spread word of the cathedral far and wide.

Whether we're talking about websites or branding or simple word-of-mouth invitations (which are still the most effective), the reason for evangelism is simple yet profound: there are so many in our midst who hunger for the kind of inclusive, transcendent ministry that Trinity offers, yet they won't know about Trinity unless we tell them. So, let's tell them. We've created a logo and a website that will help you to do that. Let's share the welcome and beauty of Trinity Cathedral with the world!

- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

A MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

Vestry did not meet in July so the meeting on August 16 covered many important areas.



Stewardship: This year's theme is *Sacred Space, Living Faith*. The campaign will run from September 25 to October 30 with a fun, family event scheduled on Saturday, October 29 as a "time of thanksgiving" with the gathered congregation members who attend. Details to be announced in the near future.

Finance: Current cathedral income is above budget but this is typical for this time of year and will level out by the end of the calendar year. Pledge income has continued to be consistent and the draw from the endowment has been less than budgeted. Expenses have continued to be lower than budgeted. Trinity Commons income is below budget but again, expenses remain below budget. Parking income has been less than anticipated but with Cleveland State students returning, this may improve. The down turn in the economy has had a negative impact on our endowment although there has been a slight rebound in the last month. The investment committee continues to closely monitor the market in consultation with our Key

Bank financial consultants but at this time no changes will be made.

Vestry discussed the current status of the Wise, Warmeling, Way fund. This is a special fund established by the estate of a donor in the 1970s and overseen by a committee made up of Dean Owens, Dan Hout-Reilly, Ron Ross, Susan Crampton, Christian Negron, Eric Funston and Ute Vilfroy. This fund awards stipends to seminarians and those pursuing medical studies not in excess of \$5,000. Currently the committee has established a new application process and is assisted in administering the funds by Dan Hout-Reilly.

Property & Sustainability: Mark Biddlestone advised that the courtyard entry way retaining wall and steps have been repaired. The leak in Mather Hall's roof has been repaired and necessary tuck pointing has started. Stained glass window repair estimates from two vendors have been updated. The hearing loop installation in conference room A/B is moving ahead. The loop in the cathedral is working well.

Cathedral Ministries: The Rev. Adrienne Koch advised that all mission teams have met at least once and have begun to address the tasks of each of their ministries. Team members participated in a retreat held at the cathedral on Sunday, August 21.

Website: The new website and logo will be

VESTRY MEMBERS

Gary Benjamin
Mark Biddlestone
Elizabeth Billings
Martin Hermes
Paul Herrgesell, Treasurer
Diane Hexter
Audrey Hudak
Linda Lee
Dale Murphy
Cynthia Ries
Patricia Roberts, Senior Warden
Jeff Spiess, Junior Warden

completed and launched on Sunday, September 18.

Vestry minutes are available at trinitycleveland.org/vestry-minutes. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m. in-person in conference room A/B. As always, if you have any concerns, you may send them to the wardens at yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org or contact any member of vestry above.

EPF WEEKLY COMPLINE

Trinity members will join the Diocese of Ohio chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) and other EPF chapters and members from across the country in praying compline together every Tuesday at 8:30 P.M. The Zoom link is bit.ly/EPFCompline, the passcode is 863435 and the meeting ID is 817 7614 5441.

Solemn Eucharists Return

Trinity's Solemn Eucharists will start the fall season on Sunday, October 2. They will be held on the first Sunday of each month, with the exception of December and January, through May. Preachers and celebrants from around the diocese will participate. Here's the lineup for fall 2022.

Oct. 2 The Rev. David Radzik, St. Thomas Berea, celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Eric Funston, (retired) St. Paul's Medina, preacher

Nov. 6 All Saints' Day

The Rev. George Baum, St. Timothy, Massillon, celebrant

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, Trinity Cathedral, preacher

INQUIRER'S CLASS BEGINNING SOON

An adult inquirer's class for those seeking confirmation, baptism or reception into The Episcopal Church is now scheduled on Zoom. The dates (all Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m.) are October 4, November 1, November 29, December 13,



Graduates of the spring 2022 Inquirer's class gather with Bishop Hollingsworth after the Easter Vigil confirmations, baptisms and receptions.

January 10 and January 24. The class will walk through the baptismal covenant using the lens of Anglican theology and participants will share their spiritual journeys. If you are interested, please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch, akoch@trinitycleveland.org.

New Name Tags

On Sunday, Sept. 18, our congregational name tags will be replaced with fresh, new ones featuring our new logo.

The new name tags will still have your city of residence. Each member also has the option of listing personal pronouns (example: he/his, she/hers, they/theirs).

If you would like to have your personal pronouns listed, please sign up on the list at the name tag kiosk in the piazza by Sunday, September 11. Or, you may contact Doreen Hughes to let her know, 216.774.0415 or dhughes@trinitycleveland.org. If you don't list your pronouns now, you can choose to list them later. We can reprint your tag at any time.

DON'T MISS THE 2022 TRINITY BARBEQUE

The Trinity Barbeque will be held on September 24 from 3–6 p.m. Old Carolina Barbecue Company will prepare and serve the meal for us, so you'll have time to check out the Trinity swag, music, games and activities for all ages in the garden behind Cathedral Hall.

Choose a barbeque meal, vegetarian meal or kids' meal. This is an advance registration event– we will not have extra meals available for walk-ins.

Place and pay for your order by Sept. 18 at bit.ly/2022TrinityBBQ. Please register/place an order for every member of your party. A few volunteers are needed to help with setting and clearing the tables – please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, 216.774.0407.



Choral Evensong

Trinity's services of choral evensong will begin again in October. Evensong is a church service that's traditionally held as the sun goes down, marking the passing of another day in faith. Evensong features choral music, readings and prayers. Most of the service is sung by the choir on behalf of everyone present, and the congregation is invited to join in with prayers and communal hymns.



Trinity's Evensong services take place each Wednesday at 6 p.m. and feature the Trinity Cathedral Choir, the Trinity Chamber Singers and guest choirs from around the diocese on a rotating basis. The schedule for the opening Evensong services of the fall are as follows.

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| Oct. 5 | Trinity Cathedral Choir |
| Oct. 12 | Trinity Chamber Singers |
| Oct. 19 | The Choristers of Christ Church Episcopal, Hudson |
| Oct. 25 | Trinity Chamber Singers |

ORGAN RECITAL: THOMAS OSPITAL

On Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m., Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral will host an organ recital by Thomas Ospital of



Paris, France. Thomas is quickly gaining a reputation as one of the world's finest organists. He is organist at the Church of St. Eustache in Paris, where he presides over the largest pipe organ in France.

He was recently appointed harmony tutor at the Paris Conservatoire, and is resident organist at the Maison de la Radio (Radio France) where he plays a highly innovative new organ.

His recital at Trinity is co-sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Thomas will play both the chancel Muller/Aeolian-Skinner organ and the gallery Flentrop.

THE ABUNDANT TABLE SERVICE DEBUTS

The Abundant Table is an expansive intergenerational service of Holy Eucharist offered at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Building on a 20-year tradition of contemporary worship on Sunday mornings, *The Abundant Table*



service joyfully expands the tradition while remaining rooted in it, seeking creative ways to connect ancient faith to contemporary experience. It welcomes children, teenagers and adults of all ages. It teaches the love that Jesus brings people at all stages of their journey of faith. We break bread at the altar of God's banquet and the service moves with a strong rhythm, a full sound and robust congregational singing.

Children are welcome at all of Trinity's services, and *The Abundant Table* is especially welcoming to younger people. It features an age-

appropriate Children's Chapel and offers interactive "soft space" for the youngest children. For more information about children's participation, please contact Eric Travis, our director of children's and youth ministry.

Music at *The Abundant Table* will be led by artist-in-residence Morgan Mecaskey, musician, singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. Morgan has previewed her music at several summer services and has welcomed special guest musicians.

We're also excited to announce that this new service will be livestreamed each week on trinitycleveland.org and facebook.com/trinitycleve. Make sure to tell your friends to check out this new, vibrant service.

KITCHEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Trinity Cathedral is seeking a [Sunday kitchen services coordinator](#) to be responsible for Sunday coffee hours and our weekly *A Place at the Table* meal. The coordinator will prepare and serve refreshments for coffee hours (after each morning worship service) and will also oversee the 12 p.m. Sunday lunch program for our neighbors. The position hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We're also seeking a [Wednesday kitchen services coordinator](#) who will serve a light meal after Choral Evensong, beginning in October. The position hours are 5:30–8:30 p.m.

MINISTRY TABLES

Now that we've begun our fall programming, you will find ministry tables in the promenade on many Sundays. Here are some upcoming dates and the ministries that will be represented. You'll have the opportunities to learn more and ask questions of current volunteers.

Sept. 18 - Episcopal Peace Fellowship

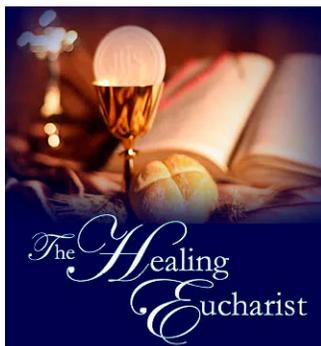
Sept. 25 - Stewardship kickoff

Oct. 16 - Altar Guild/Sacristans

Oct. 23 - Ushers

THURSDAY HEALING EUCHARIST

Trinity will return to a weekly gathering on Thursdays at 12:10 p.m. The third Thursday of each month, Trinity will offer a service of healing with Holy Eucharist in the nave. The service includes Communion and an opportunity for a laying-on of hands and anointing for healing for self or others. All other weeks, the gathering will be held in the Chapel,



offering a time of group discussion and Eucharist from the reserve sacrament.

Most Thursdays, worship is led by the Rev. Adrienne Koch. The third Thursday of every month, this service will be livestreamed on trinitycleveland.org and facebook.com/trinitycleve.

MEET OUR ORGAN SCHOLARS/MUSIC LIBRARIANS

With the arrival of the fall program season and the return of the Cathedral Choir, we'd like to introduce you (or re-introduce you) to our two organ scholars and music librarians.



JoEllen West

JoEllen West, from Dallas, TX, is an undergraduate student at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where she studies organ with Todd Wilson. She has sung in church choirs and played piano since she was six and began organ studies at age ten. In Dallas, she studied organ with Bradley Welch, resident organist of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. She graduated in 2021 from Interlochen Arts Academy, where she studied organ with Tom Bara and piano with TJ Lymenstull.

This past summer, JoEllen was the organ teaching assistant and part-time dance accompanist at Interlochen Arts Camp and performed a solo recital at the Dendrinos Chapel Organ Recital Series. When not at the bench, she enjoys



Carolyn Hoff

Todd Wilson as a first year undergraduate at Cleveland Institute of Music. Growing up in Washington, D.C., she sang in the choirs of St. Columba's and St. Paul's K St., where she found a love for Anglican music.

She began playing organ at 14, having studied piano for 7 years. Her previous organ teachers and mentors include Diane Heath, Anne Timpane, Karl Robson, and Jeffrey Smith. Carolyn is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, where she studied organ with Tom Bara and piano with Michael Coonrod. In her free time, Carolyn enjoys exploring, cooking, and impromptu dance parties. Carolyn is extremely excited to join the Trinity community as organ scholar and music librarian.

dancing, learning French, and traveling. JoEllen is excited to return to Trinity for her second year in this role.

Carolyn Hoff also studies organ with

JOIN THE "BE" CAMPAIGN

The Episcopal Church, through Presiding Bishop Curry, is collaborating with Pastor Adam Hamilton of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas (the largest United Methodist Church in the country), inviting faith communities across the country to approach this election cycle with an intentional focus on Micah 6:8. "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Called *The Be Campaign*, it encourages us to be just, kind, and humble as we exercise the responsibilities of our precious democracy.



Trinity will be using the alternative readings in October worship services that are recommended by *The Be Campaign*.

To learn more, visit becampaign.org.

TRINITY CAMPING TRIP

Trinity's first ever camping trip will take place Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18 at Findley State Park. We're reserving the group camping area of the park; cost is \$15 per tent per night. Breakfast and dinner on Saturday night are provided, all other meals are up to the individual campers. Some group activities will include hiking, swimming, boating/kayaking, prayer and reflection. For more information, please contact Bill DiTirro at bdt8320@sbcglobal.net.

GREEN TEAM RECOMMENDS CLEAN WATER FEST

Trinity's Green Team invites you to join them at the Clean Water Fest, a must-see fall festival in Cleveland.

On Saturday, September 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSDD) is holding this annual festival

– a celebration of water, with games,

exhibits, tours, activities and food too! It's all free, and open to all ages. Want

to have some fun, learn about the role you can play in promoting clean water and enjoy one of the best fall festivals in Cleveland? You can learn more at cleanwaterfest.com.



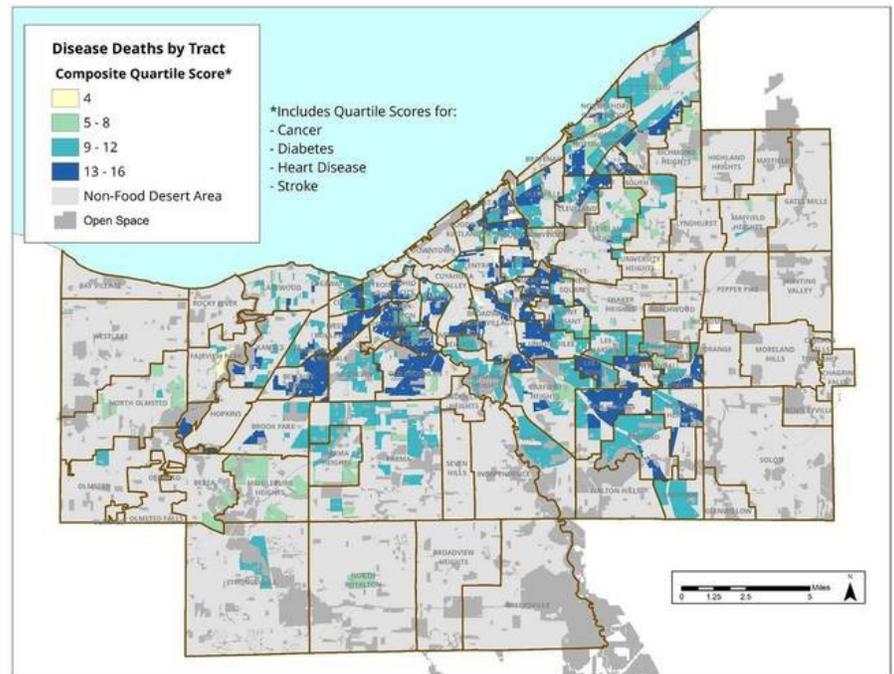
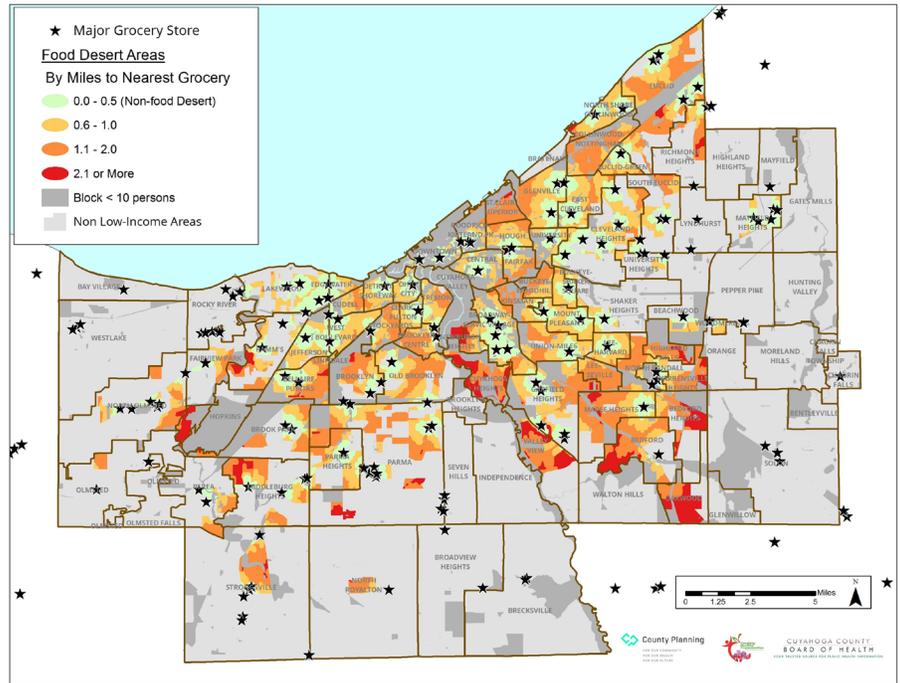
TRINITY URBAN FARM AND THE FRIENDLY INN SETTLEMENT

BY SANDY LUTHER

A couple of years ago, Trinity's Urban Farm began to donate its produce to the Friendly Inn Settlement, located in Cleveland's Central neighborhood. The Friendly Inn has a well-established history. It was founded in 1874 by the Women's Temperance Union League, which included Mrs. Flora Stone Mather, wife of Trinity member and benefactor Samuel L. Mather. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for every individual living in public housing that surrounds the Inn. Everyone is treated with dignity and respect and clients receive assistance in achieving self-sufficiency. Trinity's fresh produce matches their mission and goals.

Economic changes over many years have led to a lack of good health, food insecurity, food deserts (urban areas in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food) and food swamps (areas with four or more corner stores within a quarter mile of home where the ratio of unhealthy to healthy food establishments exceeds 3.89, or almost 4 to 1). 83% of people living in food deserts also live in areas with higher rates of death from chronic diseases. Over 230,700 Cleveland residents (59% of the total city population) live in a food desert.

Transportation can also be an issue. 19% of Cuyahoga County residents (241,400 individuals) are food insecure or are without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. Food swamps can manifest in neighborhoods with a lot of gas stations, liquor stores, corner stores, and fast-food restaurants but few or no grocery stores where people can access affordable, nutritious food.



The Friendly Inn serves at least 6,600 people each year. It's safe to say that every one of them has at least had the opportunity to bring the urban farm's produce home. Since 2021, we have donated over 4,800 pounds (nearly 2 ½ tons) of food including zucchini, collards,

tomatoes, cucumbers, yellow squash, green beans and radishes. This year, based on a request from Friendly Inn, the farm is also growing lima beans and black-eyed peas. A big thank you goes out to this very important Trinity ministry.

INITIAL BISHOP SLATE ANNOUNCED

The diocesan search committee has announced the following candidates for the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Ohio. You can read more about each candidate by clicking their name.

[The Rev. Anne B. Jolly](#)
Rector of St. Gregory's
Episcopal Church,
Deerfield, IL, Diocese
of Chicago



[The
Rev. Diana L. Wilcox](#)
Rector of Christ
Episcopal Church in
Bloomfield and Glen
Ridge, NJ, Diocese of
Newark

[The Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis
Thomas](#)
Rector of All Saints
Episcopal Parish,
Hoboken, NJ, Diocese of
Newark



The petition process, which closed on August 30, may result in additional candidates. Once the final slate of nominees is confirmed, the diocese will hold a series of in-person visits with the candidates (Meet & Greets).

The final public Meet & Greet session will take place at Trinity on October 27 from 6–8 p.m. in the nave. This session will also be livestreamed on trinitycleveland.org and facebook.com/trinitycleve.

For more information on all the Meet & Greets throughout the diocese, [click here](#).

INVITE, WELCOME, CONNECT

The new Invite, Welcome, Connect mission team is an essential part of Trinity's mission of hospitality and inclusion. This team will help guide our practices of inviting, welcoming and connecting newcomers to Trinity: Andrea Elliott, Steve Roberts, Ron Ross (chair), Audrey Hudak (vestry) and Ginger Bitikofer (staff). At the mission team retreat on August 21, the IWC team discussed their mission, some goals and first steps.

The first goal is to welcome the many newcomers that attend Trinity each year. The team determined the first step is to "remind Trinity members that they are ALL part of the welcoming committee."

We always have weekly visitors who may be looking for a church home. Each of us can make a difference in what those visitors experience at Trinity Cathedral—will they receive a warm welcome or something less than that? Can you take a minute to help someone who is unfamiliar with the worship service, show a visitor where education programs are located or

chat with them at coffee hour? The first experience a visitor has will determine if they come back another time.

Name tags are welcoming. When you see your new name tag on September 18, please wear it. It helps newcomers get to know us, and allows them to ask for a member's assistance when they need it.

Members are also encouraged to invite friends to church—to worship services, education, music and fun events. People are looking for church and for community—they are just waiting to be invited.

It's everyone's job to help newcomers get connected. Ask a newcomer to join you for lunch or coffee—listen to their story and tell them yours. Let them know about all the great things they can get involved with at Trinity—they are needed and wanted.

Help grow our very special community, "*a sacred place for all people*," called Trinity Cathedral. And thank you for being part of the IWC team!

GET INVOLVED IN WORSHIP MINISTRIES

If you like working with people (and maybe would like to meet more people), join us as a greeter or usher. Greeters are needed at 9 and 11:15 a.m. services—greet members and visitors as they arrive before the service.

Ushers are needed for the 9 a.m. service—pass out bulletins, take up the offering and guide worshippers to communion.

Acolytes carry the cross and serve at the altar—we need them for 9 and 11:15 a.m.

If you prefer behind-the-scenes work, you are welcome to be part of the Altar Guild (sacristan). You could help with the 8, 9 or 11:15 a.m. service, preparing the altar for worship and putting altar items away.

If you have a creative side, our Flower Guild would love to meet you. This group meets on Saturday mornings to create beautiful arrangements for our worship services. No experience necessary.

Some of these positions could be just right for children and youth, so ask if you're interested.

Greeters/Ushers: Contact Ginger Bitikofer gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, 216.774.0407

Acolytes: Contact Ted Andrews edwinandrews@sbcglobal.net and Eric Travis, etravis@trinitycleveland.org

Altar Guild: Contact Fran Csoma snoopy10511@gmail.com

Flower Guild: Contact Jon Logan jonslogandpm@aol.com or Diane Hexter dianehexter@howardhanna.com

CATHEDRAL CONNECTIONS



FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8 a.m. Early Eucharist (chapel)
- 9 a.m. *The Abundant Table* Eucharist (nave)
- 10:10 a.m. Education for All
- 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist (nave)
- 5 p.m. Solemn Eucharist (1st Sunday of each month)



India Birdsong

THE TRINITY FORUM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Dean Owens interviews India Birdsong, general manager and CEO of the Greater Cleveland RTA. They will talk about transit, accessibility and caring for people in public spaces. The forum will take place at 10:10 a.m. in the nave.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

The dean welcomes the Rev. Kristine Eggert, executive director and David Eggert, president of *God Before Guns*, a multi-faith coalition of individuals and faith communities working to reduce gun injuries and deaths. The forum will take place at 10:10 a.m. in the nave.

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

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Don't miss church on Sunday, September 18 for the launch of our new logo, website and new brand gifts for those in attendance.



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