

# The Trinity Weekly

## July 20, 2023

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### The Dean's Corner: Seasons of Life

The hardest year in my previous parish was also one of the most joyful. It was particularly difficult because it was one of those years where we just had a lot of funerals, including a number of pillars of the church. The sense of grief was palpable. Yet it was also joyful because, after years of faithful work, we were beginning to see areas of our life growing for the first time in decades. Remarkably, we didn't really compartmentalize either the joy or the sadness: we tended to experience it all on a regular basis, like the tide going in and out all the time.



[Read the dean's entire message here](#)

## This Sunday, July 23

### **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

[Click here for this week's Scripture.](#)

### **8 a.m. Early Eucharist**

### **The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching and celebrating**

Sunday begins with Early Eucharist in the chapel. This intimate service features basic music and follows the Book of Common Prayer in its order of

worship.

### **9 a.m. *Discovering the Psalms* Bible Study**

A psalms study from the Kerygma program continues – *Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise & Praise* – in conference room A/B. This week, facilitator Nancyanne Sinclair will lead the fourth session in this study – *Prayer Book for God's People*. Each week in this eight-week course is led by a different Trinity facilitator. Classes run weekly through Sunday, August 20.

### **9:20 a.m. Youth and Children's Formation**

Youth and children will have formation time in conference room C/D this week. Activities will include storytelling, learning about Jesus, crafts, games and more. Children may come and go as they are available between 9:20 and 9:45 a.m. Please contact Eric Travis ([etravis@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:etravis@trinitycleveland.org)) with questions.

Also, be sure to visit the Children and Youth Faith Formation table in the promenade throughout July to learn more about this mission team and ways you can get involved.

### **10 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

#### **The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching and celebrating**

This week, the summer choir will lead the congregation in song. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space located in the east transept. The service will be livestreamed on [trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream](http://trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream).

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## **Trinitarians Attend *It's All About Love* Conference**

Five Trinity members: Fran Csoma, Jan Keleman, Debbie Likins-Fowler, Toni Ponzo and Cynthia Ries attended the "It's All About Love" conference, a church-wide festival focused on worship, learning, community, and action. It took place from Sunday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 12 in Baltimore, Maryland. Toni Ponzo will write a *Dean's Corner* guest column in the coming weeks and will report on the conference. In the meantime, you can read all about it in the [Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs press release digest](#).





Trinity members join with others from the Diocese of Ohio (and former Trinity curate Judith Alexis, far left) at the *It's All About Love* conference in Baltimore, Maryland, July 9-12.

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## Stay in Touch: Member Directories

Trinity members, stay in touch with your church friends this summer. Do you need an updated Trinity directory? If so, send a note to Ginger Bitikofer, [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org) to request a copy.

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## School Supplies for Marion-Sterling Children

Students will soon be returning to Marion-Sterling School – can you help them by giving them the school supplies they need? You can [download the list of supplies](#) to purchase here.

The campaign will run from July 30 – 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](#) 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](mailto:eriesprite2@yahoo.com).

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## Two Acolyte Trainings

**Sunday, August 20 at 11:15 a.m. for 11:15 a.m. acolytes**  
**Sunday, August 27 at 11:15 a.m. for 9 a.m. acolytes**

Youth and adults at Trinity are invited to serve as acolytes during worship. Acolytes assist the ministers, but they also help to set a tone that invites everyone present into a closer experience of God. Trinity youth – those in grades 6-12 – and adults are encouraged to participate.

On Sunday, August 20, current 11:15 a.m. service acolytes and all other interested parties are encouraged to join an orientation and practice session. This will take place after the 10 a.m. service and meets at the altar. On Sunday, August 27th, training for current *Abundant Table* (9 a.m.) acolytes will meet after the 10 a.m. service at the altar. If you (or your teenager) would like to participate but cannot attend these sessions, simply contact Eric Travis, [etravis@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:etravis@trinitycleveland.org), or the Rev. Adrienne Koch, [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org).



### Columbarium Expansion: New Niches Now Available

Trinity has recently added 66 new niches to our columbarium, the undercroft room for the reverential storage of funerary urns holding cremains of the dead. These niches are now available for

purchase. There are three sizes: small (\$2,000), medium (\$2,600) and large (\$3,200). If you might be interested in purchasing a niche, please contact Ginger Bitikofer, [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org). She can send you dimensions/measurements, columbarium guidelines, and more information to help guide your decision. The columbarium is open on Sunday mornings and other days by appointment – take a walk downstairs and see the new sections.

## July 30 is UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

The Diocese of Ohio chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (of which Trinity Cathedral is a Parish Peace Partner) urges everyone to create awareness of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on Sunday, June 30. This year's theme is *Reach Every Victim of Trafficking, Leave No One Behind*. [Learn more in this document](#) that also includes a prayer of solidarity.



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## Marion-Sterling Pen Pal Program Resumes

Marion-Sterling School will be back in session starting Monday, August 21. Students have written letters to their Trinity pen pals and we're ready to respond to help kick off the school year. Pen pals can find the letters from their students in the mailbox located in the promenade. Thanks for welcoming our student pen pals back to school!

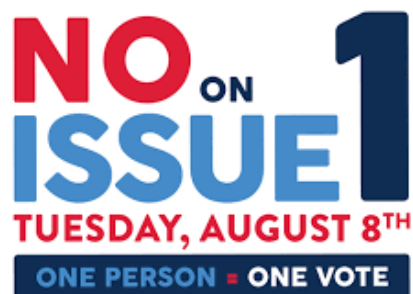


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## Special Music on Sunday, July 30

On July 30 we will have a special musical presentation in place of the sermon at the 10 a.m. service. Trinity choir members John McElliott (alto) and Rowan Taymuree (tenor) will sing Benjamin Britten's *Canticle II: Abraham and Isaac*. Britten wrote this dramatic and deeply moving work in 1952. The story of Abraham being summoned by God to offer up his own child, Isaac, for sacrifice is set using two solo voices with piano. The singers not only perform the respective roles of father and son but also, singing in unison, form the other-worldly sound of the voice of God.

A review in *Opera Today* notes, "Britten did not draw upon the Scriptures for the texts of his canticles..., but an intense religious spirit pervades them all." Plan to be at Trinity on July 30 for this special mid-summer musical offering, which lasts about 15 minutes.



## Greater Cleveland Congregations Urges "No" Vote on Ohio Issue 1

Issue 1 would require a 60% majority of voters to approve an amendment to the Ohio Constitution instead of a simple majority of 50.1%, the same simple majority it takes for an official to be voted into office.

Greater Cleveland Congregation's (GCC's) commitment to democracy is long-term and Issue 1 is a direct threat to our democracy. They urge a no vote on

issue 1 for the August 8 election. [Click here for more information](#) on GCC's position on the issue.

GCC recommends vote-by-mail to ensure you get your vote in during your busy summer. We also recommend vote-by-mail because of recent changes to voter ID requirements that many Ohioans may not be aware of and may not be able to secure an ID prior to the August 8 special election.

In fact, you can join GCC in the Trinity parking lot on Tuesday, July 25 for *Stroll and Roll to the Polls*, when a group will walk over to the nearby board of elections to cast votes early at 9:30 a.m.

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## Fall 2023 BrownBag Concert Schedule Announced

Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral has 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 goodwill offering taken. The concerts will be livestreamed on [facebook.com/musicandartattrinitycathedral](https://facebook.com/musicandartattrinitycathedral).

### **October 4 – Todd Wilson And Friends**

Music for organ with cello, English horn and percussion

### **October 18 – Nathan Carterette, piano**

Acclaimed performer will play the music of Scriabin and Rachmaninoff

### **November 1 – James Kibble, 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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**Save the Dates**

August 6 – Sunday Schmooze with *The Abundant Table* musicians (11:15 a.m.)

August 27 – Studying the Psalms in the Middle Ages with Dr. Emily Butler

August 27 – Blessing of the backpacks

September 3 – Sundae Schmooze: Ice Cream Social

September 9 – Seating of the Bishop – (11 a.m.)

September 10 – The Trinity Forum: Dr. Laura Bloomberg, president of Cleveland State University

September 10 – "Rally Sunday," program year and Sunday school returns

September 17 – Mission team retreat

September 23 – Congregational picnic

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## In the Diocese

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### Striving for Hope Walk

The Diocesan Episcopal Anti-Human Trafficking Committee is sponsoring a one-mile Striving for Hope walk this Saturday, July 22 from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Solon Community Park. Registration is \$10 per person or \$40 for a team of five people. To register, please send participants names and registration checks to St. Martin's, Chagrin Falls. Make checks payable to St. Martin's with "Striving for Hope Walk" in the notes section. For more information, email [jbingres@gmail.com](mailto:jbingres@gmail.com).

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### Farm Suppers at Bellwether Farm

Enjoy a farm-to-table meal at Bellwether Farm. There will be four evenings offered that will provide a wonderful supper that has been creatively and freshly prepared. Participants may select which date works best for them: August 8, 9, 22, and 23. These events are by reservation only and are \$40 per person, or \$150 for a reservation of four.

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# In the Community

## Tesha: An "Other" Look at Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Trinity member Juliette Regnier has written and will star in the play *Tesha: An "Other" Look at Ruth Bader Ginsburg*. There will be five performances at the BorderLight Fringe Festival August 3-5. You can visit [borderlightcle.org](http://borderlightcle.org) for more information and to purchase tickets. The 2023 BorderLight Fringe Festival will include 130+ local and national performances, six venues, and 15 stages in the Playhouse Square District.



The deadline to submit program updates or events for *The Trinity Weekly* is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org).

Deadline for items to be included in the August 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is this Friday, July 21. Please contact Scott Blanchard at [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org) if you wish to receive a printed copy at home.

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