

# The Trinity Weekly

## August 17, 2023

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### The Dean's Corner: The Gift of a Will

Recently my wife and I revised our wills.

There had been some changes in our family, and we had not actually made any changes when first moving to Ohio, so we knew it was time to update our plans to make sure that our wishes for our children and for our wider family and causes that are near to our heart would be understood and honored.

A will is more than just a financial document: it's a way to care for those we leave behind. When we make our wishes clear (and ready to be carried out legally) we can provide a great deal of comfort to our families, who will then be able to focus more on grief and healing than on discerning our likely or possible wishes . . .



[Click here to read the full message.](#)

## This Sunday, August 20

**Twelfth 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***

Luke Taylor will lead the eighth session of our study – *Psalms of Trust* – in conference room A/B. This will be the final week of the Kerygma program series, followed by a reflection on Sunday, August 27 led by medievalist Dr. Emily Butler who will guide us in examining how the psalms were used in other medieval texts.

### **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.

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

**The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching**

**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating**

Music Director Todd Wilson will lead us in song with soloists Kira McGirr and Jackie Josten performing. 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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## **Stop by the Neighborhood Partnerships Mission Team Table this Sunday**

During the month of August, the Neighborhood Partnerships mission team will share their programs with a display in the promenade during Sunday services.

Trinity commits to developing and maintaining reciprocal relationships of mutual support with our neighbors, especially in the Central and Campus District neighborhoods. These partnerships include Marion Sterling School, the Urban Farm, Campus Ministries and more. Stop by on Sunday to learn more and say hello! [Or visit the Neighborhood Partnership mission page.](#)

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## **Reserve Your Trinity Cathedral Yard Sign**

**DELIVERY UPDATE:** Shipping of our

signs has been delayed. Volunteers will be available on Sunday, Aug. 20, for orders, but signs may not be available for pick-up until Aug. 27.

Thank you to the *Invite, Welcome, Connect* mission team for coordinating Trinity Cathedral yard signs as part of an outreach initiative to welcome newcomers and foster a spirit of belonging and community throughout our neighborhoods.



Signs will be available at no cost, but donations are gratefully accepted. To request a sign, please complete this online form or contact Ginger Bitikofer at [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org).

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## Seating of Bishop Anne B. Jolly Saturday, September 9 at 11 a.m.

If you plan to celebrate with Trinity Cathedral and the Diocese of Ohio in the Seating of of the Bishop, please fill out this online form by Sept. 6 to ensure adequate seating and refreshments.

The Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop is one of the most unique, festive and joyful traditions in the Episcopal Church.

During the service, the bishop will knock on our doors and be formally seated in the *cathedra* (the chair of the bishop) from which our cathedral takes its name. You won't want to miss this memorable day in the life of the Cathedral and the Diocese. If you wish to volunteer to participate in the service, contact Ginger Bitikofer.

[R.S.V.P. for The Seating of the Bishop](#)

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**HELP NEEDED**

## School Supplies for Marion-Sterling School

This week is our final week of collecting school supplies to support the students and teachers at Marion Sterling School.

The school is facing shortages in basic supplies due to cuts in local programs that previously provided these materials. Students rely on items like pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, folders, and glue sticks for their schoolwork. Since these supplies wear out quickly, they need to be frequently replaced.



Click here to [download the list of supplies](#) that are needed.

School supply donations may be dropped off at the table in the promenade before, during and after church. You can also [donate online](#) any time of the year (not just until August 20) or send a check payable to Trinity Cathedral with "Marion-Sterling" in the memo line and funds will be used to support the needs of the students/families. 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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## Join B.J. and Adrienne for 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



## Youth Confirmation Class Begins Sept. 17 for Youth in Seventh - Ninth Grade

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). Incoming seventh through ninth graders can join confirmation classes this fall.

Classes will take place one a month, beginning on Sunday, September 17 from 1–2:30 p.m. in the Youth & Family Center on Trinity's third floor. Classes will continue on the third Sunday of each month through March. If you have questions, please contact Eric Travis, [etravis@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:etravis@trinitycleveland.org).

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## Stay Connected: Trinity Membership Directory

Trinity members, stay in touch with your church friends this summer. Do you need an updated Trinity directory?

Send a note to Ginger Bitikofer at [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org) to request a copy.

We are also asking each member for a photo for our directory. If you haven't given us a photo (or if you wish to update your photo), please contact Ginger to make arrangements for this.

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## 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.

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## Marion-Sterling Pen Pals, Please Return Your Back to School Letters by Aug 27

Marion-Sterling School will be back in session starting Monday, August 21. Students wrote letters to their Trinity pen pals and we're ready to respond to help kick off the new school year.

This round of letters should be submitted in the mailbox no later than Sunday, August 27. There may be a few new students this year, so if you're interested in being a pen pal, contact Adrienne Koch at [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org).

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## Fall Picnic Planning

Would you like to help with our congregational picnic on September 23? We'll need planners, servers, and folks who can set up and clean up. Send a note to Ginger



Bitikofer [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org) if you'd like to be part of the team.

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## Adult Inquirer's Class Begins October 4

Would you like to learn more about The Episcopal Church? Would you like to be baptized, confirmed or transfer from another Episcopal church?

This class will take place Wednesday evenings after Evensong at 7 p.m. on October 4 and 18, November 1, 15 and 29 and December 13.

You're also welcome if you are interested in gathering with other newcomers and exploring what Episcopalians believe through the baptismal covenant. For more information or to sign up, contact Adrienne Koch at [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org).



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## Save the Dates

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 – "Welcome Sunday" — Program year & Sunday school returns

September 17 – Mission team retreat

September 23 – Congregational picnic

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## In the Diocese

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### Learn All About Bellwether Farm

To stay up-to-date on programming and upcoming events at Bellwether Farm, please sign up for the [Bellwether e-news](#). Current topics include farm suppers,

volunteer day, innovation day and a watercolor retreat. Another way to keep up with their events is to visit their website: [bellwetherfarm.com](http://bellwetherfarm.com).

## **A Wonderful Watercolor Weekend with Sarah Knoblauch** **Friday, October 6, 5:00 p.m. – Sunday, October 8, 12:00 p.m.**

Artist and master teacher Sarah Knoblauch will lead this retreat for all levels of experience. Come for the whole weekend, a part, or just the day. As a Montessori teacher, Sarah is uniquely qualified to “follow your lead” as you explore or refine your watercolor techniques. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or more advanced watercolorist, there’s a place for you! With both group and ongoing individual instruction throughout the retreat, there will be plenty of opportunity to play with the magical qualities of watercolor, which Sarah calls “spontaneous, controlled, and, best of all, forgiving!” Pricing varies based on number of days attending; see website for details. All artists’ materials, lodging, and meals included. Please register on the Bellwether website [www.bellwetherfarm.com/calendar](http://www.bellwetherfarm.com/calendar)

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## **In the Community**

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**September 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Negative Space Gallery**  
**1541 East 38th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114**

Mark your calendars for a night of diversity, culture, and community in support of immigrant families at the third (not quite) annual Cultural Connections 3.0 fundraiser and multicultural celebration.

Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS) is a non-profit that began through the generosity of Trinity members Gary Benjamin and Melody Joy Hart in 2018, expanding to provide nearly \$300,000 in assistance for basic needs such as health care, legal assistance and housing support to families from over 26 countries who are building a new life in Northeast Ohio.



This will be the first in-person Cultural Connections event since 2019, after previously transitioning to a virtual format during the pandemic. AMIS is thrilled to bring supporters together for a night of food, music, and community spirit in Cleveland's vibrant Asia Town neighborhood.

**[Click here to learn more and R.S.V.P.](#)**

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *The Trinity Weekly* is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date.

Please send news to [news@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:news@trinitycleveland.org).

Deadline for items to be included in the September 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Wednesday, August 23. Please contact Pam Turos at [pam@goodcausecreative.org](mailto:pam@goodcausecreative.org) if you wish to receive a printed copy at home.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.



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