

# The Trinity Weekly

## August 27, 2023

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### The Dean's Corner: Quiet Evangelism

Most everyone who lives on my block knows what I do for a living. We come from a diverse group of backgrounds and professions, and I tend to lead with being a neighbor and friend rather than as a priest and cathedral dean.

Like many Episcopalians, quiet evangelism is something with which I'm pretty comfortable: I'm there for folks if they need me, but I don't make a big deal of what I do on Sunday.

But what if there are simple but meaningful ways to speak of our faith ... and even introduce a message of love and inclusion that our neighbors rarely hear from communities?

I'll admit to feeling a little vulnerable when I placed my yard sign out front this week, that proclaimed "God loves you. No exceptions." I love sharing that message, but . . .



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

**This Sunday, August 27**

## **Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

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

**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, 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. Studying Psalms in the Middle Ages**

The psalms have been part of communal worship in Jewish and Christian traditions for millennia, but they were also foundational texts for medieval education and scholarly explanation. Led by Dr. Emily Butler, medievalist 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.

### **10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching**  
**The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating**

Students of all ages and stages are encouraged to bring their backpacks, satchels or laptop bags to this morning's service to receive our community's blessing and small gift to celebrate the start of a new school year.

The Abundant Table Musicians will lead the music, Morgan Mascaskey (guitar, piano and vocals), Ester Fitz (vocals), Mikel Mahoney (percussion) and Spencer Paul (bass). 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).

### **11:15 a.m. Acolyte Training**

Youth and adults at Trinity are invited to serve as acolytes during worship, and those interested in serving during the 9:00 a.m. Abundant Table service can meet at the altar to learn about assisting the ministers during worship.

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## **R.S.V.P. for the 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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## Christine (Cris) Fears Branche Memorial Service, Saturday, Aug. 26

A memorial service for longtime Trinity member Christine (Cris) Fears Branche, 95, will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, 2:00 p.m. with The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens officiating. Additional services at 1:00 (Links Memorial Service and 1:30 (Alpha Kappa Alpha) are also open to the public.

Livestream viewing will be available on Trinity's [Facebook](#) and at [trinitycleveland.org](http://trinitycleveland.org).

[Read the full obituary and service details.](#)



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## Welcome Back Cleveland State Students!

Our neighbors at Cleveland State University are starting to return, and we've already noticed a few students stopping during the 10 a.m. service.

If you spot a new face during worship, please take time to welcome them. We also look forward to our first Dean's Forum of the season with C.S.U. president Laura J. Bloomberg, PhD. on Sept. 10.



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



Marion-Sterling School is back in session this week. Students wrote letters to their Trinity pen pals and we're ready to respond to help kick off the new school year.

Many school supplies were delivered, last week, thanks to your generous gifts! 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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## Reserve Your Trinity Cathedral Yard Sign + Share Your Selfies

Signs will be available for pick up this Sunday, August 27.

[Click here to reserve a sign.](#)

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.



**Special thanks to everyone who has shared their "yard sign selfies" on social media. Post them on your page to help expand our reach or send to [news@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:news@trinitycleveland.org) and we'll share them!**



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## 'Sundae' Schmooze Sunday, Sept. 3 at 9 a.m.

Join us for the annual tradition of saying goodbye to summer services with ice cream! Lactose-free and sugar-free ice cream will be available.

And we'll also have cookies, fruit, coffee & lemonade for those folks who might not be ready for ice cream yet. Look for the high top tables in the piazza.

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## Sunday School Starts on September 10th

Sunday School will be starting on Sept 10th, following the 9:00 am. service, with a welcome celebration in each classroom. Parents and young people are invited to their classrooms for treats and to meet some of their teachers.

**PreK-2nd Grade** classroom is located down the steps off of the Piazza going towards the street front restaurants. It is the first door to the left.

**3rd – 6th Grade** classroom is the front area of the 3rd floor Youth & Family Center.

**7th – 12th Grade** classroom is in the Youth Group room, which is in the back of the 3rd floor Youth & Family Center.

There will be signs and balloons visible to help you find your rooms. We hope you can join us for a new season of learning and growing in faith.

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### Youth Confirmation Class Begins Sept. 17 for Youth in 8th - 10th 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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### Trinity Cookout: Best of the Wurst

Join us for “Best of the Wurst” at the Trinity Cookout on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 12 noon. We’ll be grilling bratwurst, sausages, veggie/vegan dogs and hot dogs, plus all the fixings, i.e. grilled onions, sauerkraut, brown

mustard, etc.

We invite attendees to bring their best potluck side dishes and desserts to round out our meal. Last names A-M, please bring desserts, N-Z please bring side dishes. There is no cost, but please register.

[Click here to RS.V.P.](#)

You can also sign up to attend at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings. Donations will be accepted to help with costs.



We'll have 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, [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org).

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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

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 – Trinity Cookout (12:00 p.m.)

September 24 – Return of the Abundant Table Musicians

## In the Diocese

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### Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Trinity Cathedral is a parish priest partner for the Diocese of Ohio chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Upcoming events include a visit at Hudson Library with gun violence prevention activist and Moms Demand Action founder Shannon Watts on Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss her book *Fight Like a Mother*. [Click here for additional EPF Gun Violence Prevention and Awareness news and event details.](#)



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### A Wonderful Watercolor Weekend with Sarah Knoblauch Friday, Oct. 6, 5 p.m. – Sunday, Oct. 8, 12 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 [news@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:news@trinitycleveland.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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