

# The Trinity Weekly

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### The Dean's Corner: Special Guest Columnist Elena Rhodenborn

To be honest, when I decided to sign myself up for EYE (Episcopal Youth Event), I really had no idea what I

was getting myself into. I knew that it was a longstanding Episcopal tradition, and that it only happened once every few years. I decided that it was worth a shot, why not put myself out there and try to get involved? I honestly didn't have many (if any) expectations going in, rather anticipating just going with the flow. I can safely say however, that EYE blew my nonexistent expectations out of the water. Between meeting amazing mentors and connecting with equally amazing fellow youth, EYE was truly a transformative experience.



[Click here to Read Elena's Complete Article](#)

## This Sunday, August 6

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  
The Feast of the Transfiguration**

[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. *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 Char Nichols will lead the sixth session in this study – *Psalms of Trust*. 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.

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

**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching and celebrating** Morgan Mecaskey and *The Abundant Table* musicians will provide the music. 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. Sunday Schmooze: *The Abundant Table* musicians**

Join the popular Sunday Schmooze in the piazza after the 10 a.m. service. This is a special time so you can schmooze with *The Abundant Table* musicians who'll be leading the music at the 10 a.m. service. Meet and greet bandleader Morgan Mecaskey (piano, guitar, vocals), Spencer Paul (bass), Mikel Mahoney (percussion) and Ashlee Foreman (vocals). You can also greet newcomers and people you may not know that attend a different service than you do.

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## **Neighborhood Partnerships Mission Team Table**

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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## 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 greater than 50%, the same simple majority it takes for an official to be voted into office.

Greater Cleveland Congregations urges a "No" vote on Issue 1 in the Tuesday, August 8 election. [Click here for more information](#) on GCC's position on the issue.

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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?

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

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## School Supplies for Marion-Sterling Students

**Shop "Tax Free" this Weekend in Ohio  
Friday, Aug. 4 - Sunday, Aug. 6**

In just 3 weeks, on August 21, students will return to Marion Sterling School for the new school year. This year, 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.

Your gift of school supplies will help ensure that Marion Sterling students have the tools to reach their full potential.

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

Donations may be dropped off at the table in the promenade before, during and after Sunday services until August 20. 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).

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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.



## Marion-Sterling Pen Pal Program Resumes

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.

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).

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

You'll have the opportunity to witness and participate in one of the most unique services in the Episcopal Church: the Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop. Found in the Book of Occasional Services, it is designed for the recognition, investiture, and seating of a bishop who has already been ordained and consecrated. 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. If you wish to volunteer to participate in the service, contact Ginger Bitikofer.

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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 Starts Soon

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. The dates are 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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## Youth Confirmation Class

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 commence 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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## Save the Dates

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

August 27 – Blessing of the backpacks

September 3 – Sundaes 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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### 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).

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## In the Community

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### 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 [pam@goodcausecreative.org](mailto:pam@goodcausecreative.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.

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