

The Trinity Weekly

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A Sacred Place for All People

Let's Tell a Better Story by The Rev. Adrienne Koch

“Canada warns LGBT travellers of US risks”

That was the title of an article in my BBC news feed this week that first shocked me, and then gave me pause.

According to gallop poll, gay marriage approval is up to 71% of the US population, with only 28% claiming it's not a valid marriage. But those figures were reversed just 18 years ago, and the 28% holding out remain loud.

In an instant I recalled the themes of emails and phone calls I'd received over the last few months related to LGBTQ+ hate . . .

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[Read Adrienne's Full Message.](#)

Sunday, Sept. 3 / Labor Day

**Cathedral offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4
Return to Three Services Sept. 10**

Fourteenth 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. Sundaes Schmooze 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. There will also be cookies, fruit, coffee & lemonade for those folks who might not be ready for ice cream at 9 a.m. Look for the high top tables in the piazza.

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating

The music for this Sunday will be provided by our organ scholars, JoEllen West and Carolyn Hoff, with Edward Vogel, baritone, singing Stanford Scriven's Christ the Apple Tree and Joseph Kemper's arrangement of the spiritual, My Lord, What a Morning. 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.

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.

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.



Sept. 10th is Welcome Sunday

Please mark your calendars and set your alarms for the return of fall programming and three services of Holy Eucharist.

8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. The Abundant Table
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Sept. 10th Dean's Forum A conversation with Dr. Laura Bloomberg



Join us at 10:10 a.m. on Welcome Sunday for a conversation with Dr. Laura Bloomberg, President of Cleveland State University, our closest neighbor and community partner.

Thank you! Marion Sterling School Supply Drive a Big Success



Thank you to everyone in the congregation who donated school supplies or money for our partner school, Marion-Sterling, on East 30th Street in Central Neighborhood. To give you an idea of the supplies donated, we have listed them below. “1 bag” represents a large plastic shopping bagful, and “1 box” represents a copy-paper sized boxful. The drive was a huge success, and their social worker, Ashley Williams, was most appreciative on behalf of the school. You helped give the youth there a good start for this 2023-2024 school year.

43 Backpacks
3 boxes of Spiral Notebooks
1 bag of Scissors
2 bags of Erasers
1 bag of Pens
1 bag of Glue
1 bag of Markers

1 bag of Pencil Bags
1 bag of Glue Sticks
2 boxes and two sealed “cases” of tissues
2 bags of snacks
2 bags of Construction Paper
1 box of Small Spiral Notebooks
1 box of Composition Notebooks
2 boxes of 3-ring binders
2 bags of Pencil Boxes
2 bags of Index Cards
2 bags of Cleaning Wipes
2 boxes of Pencils

Special thanks to all those who staffed the donation table in the piazza over the last three weeks: Marian Graham, Bill DiTirro, Dale Murphy, Dan McGuire, Barbara Crouse, Pam Meyers, and Melanie Giovannone; and to those who helped sort supplies and/or delivered them to the school: Youth: Mary Helen Wentz, Budd Wentz, Alex Owens, Graham Owens, Andrei Diakonov-Curtis; and adults: Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis, Amy Wentz, Jo Owens, Julie Travis, Eric Travis, Pam Meyers, Barbara Crouse, Bill DiTirro, Dale Murphy and Becky Fuller. The Neighborhood Partnerships Mission Team couldn't have done it without you!

Sincerely, Linda Lee
2023-24 School Supplies Drive Coordinator

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.

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).

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.



Reserve Your Trinity Cathedral Yard Sign + Share Your Selfies

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

Pick up is available on Sunday morning.

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 and we'll share them!

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 R.S.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.



**THE ABUNDANT
TABLE MUSICIANS**

**RETURNING
SUNDAY
SEPT. 24
9 A.M.**

The full ensemble of Abundant Table Musicians will return to our 9:00 a.m. worship service on September 24, after Morgan returns from celebrating her marriage! She will be accompanied by Jake Briggs (piano and vocals), Ashlee Foreman (vocals), Mikel Mahoney (percussion) and Spencer Paul (bass).

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.

Save the Dates

September 17 – Mission team retreat

September 23 – Trinity Cookout (12:00 p.m.)

September 24 – Return of the Abundant Table Musicians

October 11 & 15 – Forums with Becca Stevens, Founder of Thistle Farms

October 29 – Newcomer and New Member Lunch (12:45 p.m.)

In the Diocese

A Wonderful Watercolor Weekend with Trinity Member 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 using this link.

In the Community



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 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.

Deadline for items to be included in the October 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Wednesday, Sept. 20. Please contact Pam Turos at 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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