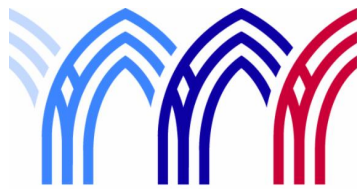


THE TRINITY WEEKLY

December 21, 2023

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A Sacred Place for All People



THE DEAN'S CORNER

Hope Amid the Rubble

In moments of vulnerability, when our hearts are open and we are willing to follow the wild and surprising path of the Holy Spirit, God comes to us. God's presence is not confined to moments of comfort and security. It can be found in the most unlikely and humble places - when wandering in the wilderness, in deserts and dry lands, in stables and mangers.

The Holy Family knew the something of living in an unpredictable and volatile world, as many still live with today...

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WORSHIP & GATHER

This Sunday

December 24, 2023

[Fourth Sunday of Advent](#)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. | The Nave

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Eric Funston

Celebrating: Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

Family Eucharist & Pageant

5 p.m. | The Nave

Preaching: The Rev. Adrienne Koch

Celebrating: The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop

[LIVESTREAM](#)

More Holiday Events

Dec. 25

Christmas Day | 10 a.m.

Preaching: The Rev. Adrienne Koch

Celebrating: The Rev. Adrienne Koch

Dec. 30

[Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival](#)

2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

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Dec. 31

Christmas Eve

10:00 p.m. | The Nave

Preaching: The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
Celebrating: The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop

[LIVESTREAM](#)

Luminaria

Decorated bags are due back Sunday morning. In the evening, they will be placed outside the Cathedral with a candle inside to light up the walkways and give a soft glow for all those coming to Trinity for Christmas Eve services.

Lessons & Carols | 10 a.m.

Preaching: The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
Celebrating: The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

[Christmas @ Trinity](#)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Offering: Support the City Beyond Our Doors

This Christmas, the offerings at all Christmas services will benefit those in need who live just outside our doors. This includes ministries like A Place at the Table, the Marion-Sterling School partnership, and the Urban Farm. You can [GIVE ONLINE](#) today.



Marion-Sterling Mitten Tree

We need your help to keep the children of Marion-Sterling School warm this winter! You can help by decorating the Mitten tree with your donations. The tree will be placed in the Promenade starting Dec. 10 and remain there **through Jan. 7**.

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Greening of the Cathedral

Saturday, December 23

Join the flower guild as they work with festive greens and decorations, making the church look and smell great for the holidays. Volunteers are needed for various tasks - setting up the creche, decorating Christmas trees and arranging fresh greens and poinsettias. No experience is required, so please come for a little while (starting at 9:00 a.m.) to help make it a beautiful Christmas at Trinity.

[CONTACT: Diane Hexter](#)

Sunday Hospitality

With the creation of **Cathedral Sunday Teams**, we would like to explore ways to deepen our hospitality to those folks who come through our doors on Sunday

mornings. We will be creating Newcomer Hosts (with some strong overlap with the work of greeters) and those offering Neighborhood Hospitality to those who need extra assistance.

If you have a strong gift for greeting newcomers, please reach out to Ginger Bitikofer. We hope for a regular presence at all three services, but especially at the 9am Abundant Table and 11:15 service.

As a downtown cathedral, Trinity Cathedral is also a place with open doors to our neighborhood. Welcoming the homeless and those with greater need is part of our vocation, yet it takes a bit of training and practice to do this well. Do you feel called to offer this Christlike ministry on a monthly basis? We are exploring the best way to prepare and train for this, and would like to start by integrating this into our Sunday Team schedule.

If you are called to this ministry of radical hospitality, with doors open both to those seeking a church and those seeking a place of warmth and respite, please reach out to Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

* Indicates events by [Music & Art at Trinity](#)

[Greening of the Cathedral](#)

December 23

[Christmas Eve](#)

December 24

[Christmas Day](#)

December 25

[Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival](#)

December 30 | 2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

[Christmas Lessons & Carols](#)

December 31

[Forum with Dr. Michael Baston](#)

January 14

[The Philadelphia Eleven Screening](#)

January 30

[Calendar](#)

FEATURED



[Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival](#)

December 30 | 2:00 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.

The Boar's Head is a cherished institution at Trinity, performed here since 1961. The Elizabethan-inspired pageant celebrates the arrival of the Christ child and the triumph of good over evil. If you've never seen it before, you owe it to yourself to take part in this holiday tradition. It is a feast for the senses with its bright vibrant colors for the eye, the familiar and extraordinary seasonal music enhanced by the organ and brass for the ear, fragrances of incense and the royal banquet of ham, mincemeat pie and other delicacies for the nose.

Would you like to volunteer to be a part of the Boar's Head cast? Participants are needed to play roles in both the pageant itself and behind the scenes.

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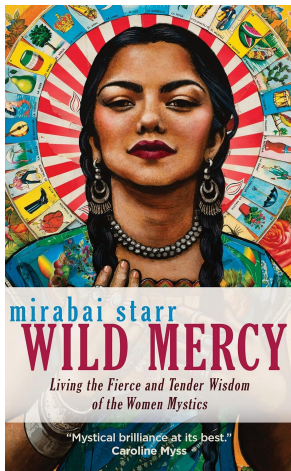


The Philadelphia Eleven 50th Anniversary Film Screening

At a church in Philadelphia, a group of eleven women were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in violation of the constitution and canons of the Episcopal Church. This story is told in a compelling new documentary *The Philadelphia Eleven*. The film is being released in 2024, and will screen at Trinity on Tuesday, January 30th hosted by the Diocese of Ohio and Trinity Cathedral.

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EDUCATION



Journeying With The Women Mystics

Starting Thurs. January 11 | The Chapter Room

Embark on an exploratory journey reading and pondering *Wild Mercy; Living the Fierce and Tender Wisdom of the Women Mystics* by Mirabai Starr. Starr is an award-winning author, contemporary translator of sacred literature, international speaker, and world-renowned teacher of contemplative practice and inter-spiritual dialog, as well as adjunct professor in Philosophy and World Religions at University of New Mexico-Taos. **This new spirituality group will begin its monthly study of the women mystics on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 2pm in the Chapter Room.**

[CONTACT: Juliette Regnier](#)

[CONTACT: Pam Meyers](#)

Bible Study

Sundays | 10:10 a.m. | Trinity Commons

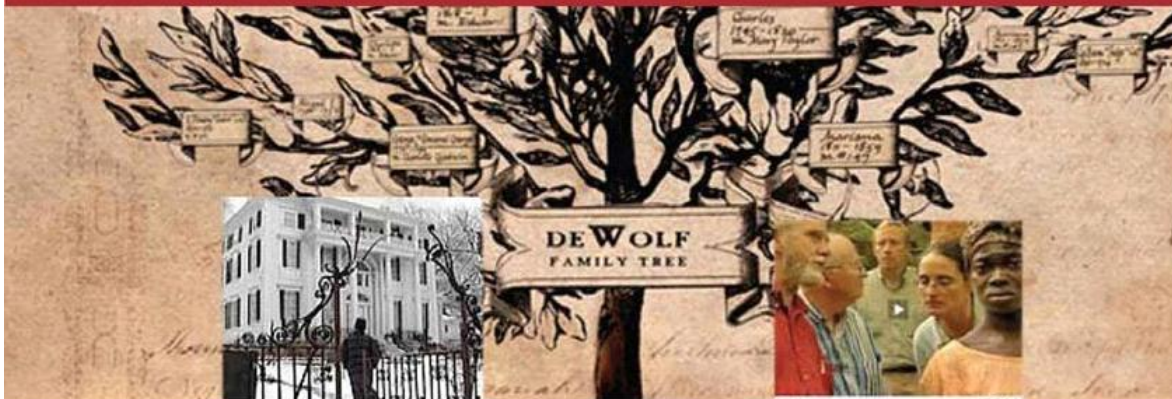
Upcoming Date(s): Dec. 17

Join Trinity clergy and lay facilitators in an exploration of the people, places and stories of the Bible and discover where The Story lives in your story! Both the first-time learner and the lifelong student are invited to an engaging, rewarding encounter with Scripture that will greatly deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

IN THE DIOCESE

TRACES OF THE TRADE

A STORY FROM THE DEEP NORTH



Commission for Racial Justice Film Viewing

The Diocese Commission for Racial Justice is hosting a viewing of the film *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North* on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Bellwether Farm.

In the feature documentary, filmmaker Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and nine cousins retrace the Triangle Trade, and gain powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide. You can learn more about the film [HERE](#).

The event will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a break at 12:00 pm for lunch, followed by discussion, and will wrap up no later than 3:00 p.m. Please [REGISTER HERE](#). There is no fee for those who bring their lunch; cost for those who order a lunch from Bellwether is \$12.00.

Please contact Debbie Likins-Fowler at dlikinsfowler@gmail.com with any questions.



Winter Convocation 2024

February 2-3 | Kalahari Convention Center

Join the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio at Winter Convocation, February 2-3, at Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky to get a one-day preview of [The College of Congregational Development \(CCD\)](#) that you can immediately apply in your congregational setting.

[Register](#)



Bellwether Farm

Bellwether Farm Camp, Retreat, and Education Center offers a model of sustainable living that promotes physical and spiritual wellness, fidelity to the environment, and social justice. It incorporates farming, food production, and eco-stewardship into land-based educational programs for people of all ages and backgrounds.

[Calendar](#)

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