

The Trinity Weekly

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The Dean's Corner: The Dignity of Democracy No on Issue 1

On August 8th, Ohio voters will decide on Issue 1, which would raise the threshold of approving constitutional amendments to 60%, up from its current required simple majority. At Trinity Cathedral, we have advocated for the current proposed amendment to protect reproductive rights, so we know well that this is a targeted attempt to disrupt a democratic process which could assure access to abortion and reproductive healthcare. I encourage you to vote, and to vote **no** on this issue.



Though The Episcopal Church honors a diversity of faithful responses to the question of abortion, we are very clear that no governmental action should restrict a woman's right to make decisions regarding reproductive healthcare, and act on those decisions.

[Read the dean's entire message here](#)

This Sunday, July 16

Seventh 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. *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 Phyllis Mitchell will lead the third session in this study on *Prayers and Poetry*. 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) with questions.

Also, be sure to visit the Children and Youth Faith Formation table in the promenade throughout July to learn more about this mission team and ways you can get involved.

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

Morgan Mecaskey and *The Abundant Table* musicians will lead the congregation in song. 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.



Ed Metz Memorial Service

A memorial service for Ed Metz will be held this Saturday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity. Ed was a longtime Trinity member, was Verger Emeritus and was deeply involved in worship and other ministries.

The service will be livestreamed on Trinity's website (trinitycleveland.org/ed-metz-memorial-service) and Facebook page (facebook.com/trinitycleve). A reception will follow the service.

Stay in Touch: Member Directories

Trinity members, stay in touch with your church friends this summer. Do you need an updated Trinity directory? If so, send a note to Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org to request a copy.

11:15 a.m. Service Acolyte Training Sunday, August 20 at 11:15 a.m.

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 at 11:15 a.m. and meets at the altar. If you (or your teenager) would like to participate but cannot attend this session, simply contact Eric Travis, etravis@trinitycleveland.org, or the Rev. Adrienne Koch, akoch@trinitycleveland.org.



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. 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.

Greater Cleveland Congregations Urges "No" Vote on Ohio Issue 1

Issue 1 would require a 60% majority from voters to approve an amendment to the Ohio Constitution instead of a simple majority of 50.1%, the same simple majority it takes for an official to be voted into office.

Greater Cleveland Congregation's (GCC's) commitment to democracy is long-term and Issue 1 is a direct threat to our democracy. They urge a no vote on issue 1 for the August 8 election. [Click here for more information](#) on GCC's position on the issue.

Special elections have one of the lowest turnout rates of any election. Using their successful Neighborhood Captain model, GCC will push turnout in targeted low-propensity neighborhoods and, of course, push their leaders and supporters to vote as well!

GCC recommends vote-by-mail to ensure you get your vote in during your busy summer. We also recommend vote-by-mail because of recent changes to Voter ID requirements that many Ohioians may not be aware of and may not be able to secure an ID prior to the August 8th special election.

Working to Abolish Ohio's Death Penalty

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) is [one of many national organizations](#) supporting the [#NoDeathPenaltyOH](#) campaign to end Ohio's death penalty. Members of Trinity Cathedral and other parishes in the diocese have been active in the death penalty repeal movement for well over a decade.

People of faith have always been a cornerstone of Ohioans to Stop Executions, *and now more than ever, it needs the voices and actions of Ohio's faith leaders and its people of faith.* They are coming together to stand on the side of life, mercy, redemption, and grace.

EPF/Ohio members have been actively engaged in this initiative over the years. **Join us.** Read and learn more about how you can do that by [clicking here](#).

A Prayer for Abolition

Jesus, you were counted among thieves,
and you were the victim of capital punishment.
Yet you came to set free those who are imprisoned.
Heal the souls of those who, in their pain, inflict suffering on others.

Help us to see ourselves in the face of the criminal.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive the sins of those
who have trespassed against us.

Give us the power not to punish but to heal,
not to seek retribution but to work for restoration
and the reign of your peace.

Holy Spirit, of God, you strengthen us in the struggle for justice.
Help us to work tirelessly for the abolition of state sanctioned death
and to renew our society in its very heart so that violence will be no more.
Amen.

~ Catholic Mobilizing Network staff
CMN is a key partner in the [#NoDeathPenaltyOH](#) repeal campaign



Fall 2023 BrownBag Concert Schedule Announced

Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral has recently announced the upcoming Fall 2023 BrownBag concert schedule including seven concerts between October and December. All of these concerts are free of charge with a goodwill offering taken. The concerts will be livestreamed on

facebook.com/musicandartattrinitycathedral.

October 4 – Todd Wilson And Friends

Music for organ with cello, English horn and percussion

October 18 – Nathan Carterette, piano

Acclaimed performer will play the music of Scriabin and Rachmaninoff

November 1 – James Kibble, organ

Distinguished professor emeritus at the University of Michigan plays selections on both of Trinity's pipe organs

November 15 – The Somerset Trio

Chamber music with the unique combination of English horn, French horn and piano

November 29 – A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

The sopranos and altos of the Cathedral Choir join harpist Jody Guinn

December 6 – Holiday Organ Spectacular

Todd Wilson and students from the Cleveland Institute of Music

December 13 – Messiah Sing

The Trinity Chamber Orchestra, soloists and conductor Todd Wilson present

selections from Handel's beloved oratorio with the audience as the chorus

Save the Dates

August 6 – Sunday Schmooze with *The Abundant Table* musicians

August 20 – Acolyte training (for 11:15 a.m. acolytes)

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

August 27 – Blessing of the backpacks

August 27 – Acolyte training (for *The Abundant Table* service)

September 3 – Sunday Schmooze: Ice Cream Social

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

In the Diocese

Striving for Hope Walk

The Diocesan Episcopal Anti-Human Trafficking Committee is sponsoring a one-mile Striving for Hope walk on **July 22** from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Solon Community Park. Registration is \$10 per person or \$40 for a team of five people. To register, please send participants names and registration checks to St. Martin's, Chagrin Falls. Make checks payable to St. Martin's with "Striving for Hope Walk" in the notes section. For more information, email jbingres@gmail.com.

Farm Suppers at Bellwether Farm

Enjoy a farm-to-table meal at Bellwether Farm. There will be four evenings offered that will provide a wonderful supper that has been creatively and freshly prepared. Participants may select which date works best for them: August 8, 9, 22, and 23. These events are by reservation only and are \$40 per person, or \$150 for a reservation of four.

In The Episcopal Church

Five Trinity members: Fran Csoma, Allison Hauserman, Debbie Likins-Fowler, Toni Ponzo and Cynthia Ries attended the "It's All About Love" conference, a church-wide festival focused on worship, learning, community, and action. It took place from Sunday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 12 in Baltimore, Maryland. You can watch or read the opening sermon by Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry, and learn more from Trinity's attendees.

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *The Trinity Weekly* is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.

Deadline for items to be included in the August 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is next Friday, July 21. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@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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