The Dean's Corner: A Cathedral in Time

This past week has been one of the few “slow” times at the cathedral that I can remember, as so many staff members and congregational folks were away or simply taking advantage of the long July 4th weekend. Though Trinity might sometimes shift a gear or two down for a few weeks in the summertime, there’s still lots happening, whether summer programs for the diocese or planning for the coming year.

Yet we do move into a somewhat different pace, as I know many of you do as well. Catching up on time off means spending time with family, whether taking our kids to camp, hosting family visits, or heading to the pool for a Saturday afternoon. It’s a time for rest and recreation – but even in that word we find something holy: re-creation.

Read the dean’s entire message here

This Sunday, July 9

Sixth 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 Luke Taylor continues with an overview of the Book of Psalms: a unique anthology of hymns, prayers, poems and liturgies that emerged out of the religious life of the people of Israel from the time of David until after their return from exile. Each week in this eight-week course is led by a different Trinity facilitator. Classes run weekly through Sunday, August 20.

9 a.m. Sunday Schmooze
Trinity’s piazza will once again play host to a Sunday Schmooze. There’ll be special beverages and food for all and we’ll set high-top tables in the piazza to encourage people to "officially" schmooze. Join in this new Trinity practice and get to know some additional members of your Trinity family.

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 and 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.

Trinity Youth at EYE
Trinity youth Cate Cowger-Wesley and Elena Rhodenborn along with Youth and Children's Ministry Director Eric Travis are currently at the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) at the University of Maryland in College Park. Held only once every three years, EYE is a gathering of youth ages 15-19 from around the world who assemble to learn, laugh, and worship together. They will hear from a variety of speakers
and preachers including The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel.

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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? If so, send a note to Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org to request a copy.

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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. 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.

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**Read Message from Dean Owens on Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action**

In case you missed it, you can read a message from Dean Owens following last week's Supreme Court decision on affirmative action in college admissions.

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**Trinity Online Store Now Open**
You can visit Trinity’s new online store at trinitycleveland.org/store. You can also find the link under “Connect” on the Trinity website. Browse apparel and other items with the new Trinity logo. Ladies and youth items are available there. If you would like to see items added, please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.

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
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

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
Ecumenical Prayer Service for Ukraine
Sunday, July 9 at 4 p.m.

As the world commemorates 500 days of Russia’s full-fledged aggression against Ukraine, Washington National Cathedral will host the Ambassador of Ukraine to the USA, Oksana Markarova, and Ukrainian clergy for a special ecumenical prayer service.

The service will feature music provided by the choir of Washington National Cathedral, the choir of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, and the choir of St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral. The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, Provost of Washington National Cathedral, the Rev. Dr. Volodymyr Steliac, Dean of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral (Silver Spring, MD), and Fr. Robert Hitchens, Pastor of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family (Washington, D.C.) will lead the ecumenical service.

Click Here to Participate in the Livestream Service

Recent Statements from the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry issued a statement on the Supreme Court’s ruling on affirmative action last week. You can read his comments here.

You can also read or listen to his message to the LGBTQ+ community, delivered Friday on the final day Pride month.

The deadline to submit program updates or events for 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 Friday, July 21. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org if you wish to receive a printed copy at home.
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