

# The Trinity Weekly

## June 22, 2023



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A Sacred Place for All People

### The Dean's Corner: A Legacy of Pride

Trinity is more than two centuries old, and one of our foundational stories goes back just over a generation, to the mid-1980's.

At the time PFLAG, a community of parents, families, and allies of LGBTQ+ folk, was looking for a church that could serve as a home base for their recurring meetings. They were declined by church after church, asking several dozen before finally asking Trinity Cathedral to host them. When they reached Trinity, as they tell the story now, they were surprised not only to be met with a "yes" but also with the sense that this wasn't a difficult decision at all. You see, Trinity *already knew* itself to be a place of welcome and dignity, and it only made sense to open our doors widely when others couldn't seem to find the keys to unlock their own.



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

## This Sunday, June 25

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Pride Sunday**

[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. Celebrate our LGBTQ+ friends at Trinity and beyond. Pride Sunday, as part of Pride Month, is a season for honoring the image of God in LGBTQ+ people. We will reflect and give thanks.

### **9 a.m. Video Interview – Director of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture**

In conference room A/B, watch a video featuring Sharon Roggio, director of the film *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*. She will reflect on the research behind this true story of a biblical translation that led to the word “homosexual” being included for the first time in a Bible text. This is the film for which Trinity served as a community partner at this year’s Cleveland International Film Festival.

### **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**

#### **The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating**

The summer choir will sing pieces by R. Vaughan Williams and Calvin Hampton. Celebrate our LGBTQ+ friends at Trinity and beyond. Pride Sunday, as part of Pride Month, is a season for honoring the image of God in LGBTQ+ people. We will reflect and give thanks. 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).

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## **Ute Vilfroy Receives Distinguished Bishop's Medal**

At last Saturday's bishop and staff celebration event, our own Ute Vilfroy was awarded the prestigious Bishop's Medal. She was one of only two recipients from throughout the diocese. Bishop Hollingsworth honored her for her longstanding collaboration with the diocese, including serving two terms on Diocesan Council and on the Constitution and Canons Committee for the diocese, among others. She also currently serves as the chair of the Diocesan & National Church Ministry mission team at Trinity. We congratulate Ute on her leadership bringing Trinity ever closer to the Diocese of Ohio.



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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](mailto: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](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.

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## Discovering the Psalms

Starting Sunday, July 2 through Sunday, August 20 at 9 a.m., adult faith formation will offer a psalms study from the Kerygma program – *Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise & Praise*. This eight-week study, led by a different Trinity facilitator each week, shows the richness of the psalms in terms of spirituality, personal growth and worship. If you have questions, please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch, [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org).

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## Trinity Online Store Now Open

You can visit Trinity's new online store at [trinitycleveland.org/store](http://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](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org).



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## Destination Cleveland's New Video Featuring the Rev. Adrienne Koch

Destination Cleveland, the non-profit destination marketing and management organization for Cuyahoga County, has released part two of a video featuring the Rev. Adrienne Koch and Brittany Benton, owner of Brittany's Record Shop, DJ and producer. Dubbed "The Land of New Perspectives," [you can watch it here](#).



## Trinity Commons/Cathedral Closed Fridays This Summer

The Trinity campus will be closed on Fridays this summer. If you need to gain access, please contact a Trinity staff member.

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## Save the Dates

July 2 – *Discovering the Psalms* Bible study begins

July 9 – Sunday Schmooze

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

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

August 27 – Blessing of the backpacks

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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### Church Life Magazine and Diocesan E-news

Did you know that the diocese's quarterly magazine, *Church Life*, is available online? You can read the latest issue, summer 2023, at <https://www.dohio.org/files/news/flipbooks/church-life-2023-summer/mobile/index.html#p=1>.

You can also sign up to receive the diocese's weekly e-news, *What's New in the Diocese of Ohio*, if you don't already. To subscribe, [follow this link](#).



### Diocesan Listening Sessions

To build and deepen relationships in the diocese and with the bishop and bishop's staff, Bishop Anne is inviting everyone in the diocese to participate in listening sessions this summer. The diocese will have facilitated discussions and table conversations about the vision for the diocese and how the bishop and her staff can support congregations in living out their missions. The information taken from these

sessions will be used for discussion at diocesan convention in November. A [list of the listening sessions](#) is available on the diocesan website. There are both east side (Shaker Heights) and west side (Lakewood) locations. Please [RSVP](#) for the session you plan to attend.

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### Recognizing and Celebrating Our Bishops

We invite you to consider giving a gift to The Bishops' Recognition Fund to honor our shared companionship with Bishops Mark, Arthur, Bill, and David over the past nearly 20 years. All donations will support youth programming (Episcopal Youth Event, Bellwether youth programs, diocesan youth events)

and congregational vitality (supporting financially struggling parishes so they can afford clergy). You can read more and donate here: [dohio.org/the-bishops-recognition-fund](https://dohio.org/the-bishops-recognition-fund).

Please contact [transitioncommittee@dohio.org](mailto:transitioncommittee@dohio.org) with questions.

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## World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

The Diocesan Episcopal Anti-Human Trafficking Committee is sponsoring *Striving for Hope*, a one-mile walk to raise funds for a spiritual retreat for victims of human trafficking under the guidance of the Renee Jones Empowerment Center. It will take place on Saturday, July 22 at the Solon Community Park, Portz Parkway in Solon, 44139. Registration is \$10 per person or \$40 for a team of five. You can send participant names with registration checks to St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 6295 Chagrin River Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Please make checks out to St. Martin's with "*Striving for Hope*" in the memo line. Donations will also be accepted.

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](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org).

Deadline for items to be included in the August 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter (June/July is a combined edition) is Friday, July 21. Please contact Scott Blanchard at [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org) if you wish to receive a printed copy at home.

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