Each year our nation celebrates Independence Day to mark the signing of a document in 1776 that many regard as the day when our country was born. It was a moment of idealism and struggle and an assertion of a polity based not upon tribe or culture but rather on fundamental – and divinely ordained – human rights. Though we know that there were some major blind spots, we can still look to that as a moment when something new was born.

Of course, other narratives have emerged to offer a deeper explanation of when our nation was born, most notably The 1619 Project. That work by journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones asserts that a more honest beginning came in the year when slave ships arrived from Africa, thus marking the beginning of a nation that emerged as much out of an original sin as from a lofty set of ideals.
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. Discovering the Psalms Bible Study  
Beginning Sunday, the adult faith formation mission team offers 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. This week, the Rev. Adrienne Koch will lead the class in an overview of the Book of Psalms. Classes run weekly through Sunday, August 20. If you have questions, please contact Adrienne, akoch@trinitycleveland.org.

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.

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching  
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, 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.

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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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**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.

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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.
You can also watch part one of the series here.

A Place at the Table Helpers Needed July 9

Three volunteers are needed on Sunday, July 9 to help serve our weekly hot meal, from 11:30 am-1:15 pm. No experience is needed. Contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

Save the Dates

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

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.
**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](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](https://www.dohio.org/files/news/flipbooks/church-life-2023-summer/mobile/index.html#p=1).

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**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](https://www.dohio.org/files/news/flipbooks/church-life-2023-summer/mobile/index.html#p=1) is available on the diocesan website. There are both east side (Shaker Heights) and west side (Lakewood) locations. Please [RSVP](https://www.dohio.org/files/news/flipbooks/church-life-2023-summer/mobile/index.html#p=1) for the session you plan to attend.

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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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