

# The Trinity Weekly

## September 14, 2023

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A Sacred Place for All People

### Dean Owens Responds to Policies Banning LGBTQ+ Expression

One of the highlights of this past year for me was gathering, not just as a cathedral congregation but as the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, at the Pride in the CLE march in June. Our new (and now fully installed) Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, joined us dressed in a festive rainbow skirt, as Trinity's LGBTQ+ fellowship led fourteen episcopal communities behind a banner of love and inclusion. My whole family was there, and we loved being a part of this celebration of God's diversity.



[Read the Full Message.](#)

**Sunday, Sept. 17th**  
**UBE Sunday**

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

[Click here for this week's Scripture.](#)

**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. The Abundant Table Service**

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

Jake Briggs (piano, vocals), Ashlee Foreman (vocals), Mikel Mahoney (percussion), and Spencer Paul (bass) will provide the music. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be live-streamed on [trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream](http://trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream).

## **10:10 a.m. Sunday School**

Youth in grades Pre-K through 12th grade are invited to Sunday School in the following locations: **PreK-2nd Grade** - Down the steps off of the Piazza, going towards the street front restaurants, first door on the left. **3rd – 6th Grade** - Front area of the 3rd floor Youth & Family Center. **7th – 12th Grade** - Youth Group room, which is in the back of the 3rd floor Youth & Family Center.

## **10:10 a.m. Bible Study: Discovering the Old Testament**

Join Trinity clergy and lay facilitators in CONF A/B for an exploration of the people, places and stories of the Bible, discovering where The Story lives in your story! Through a process of reading, reflection, discussion and creative expression, 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. Questions? [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org)

## **11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

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

### **The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating**

Music and choir led by Music Director Todd Wilson, including arrangements by Tippett and McDowall: A Prayer of St. Columba. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space, located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be livestreamed on [trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream](http://trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream).



## **What is UBE Sunday?**

On Sunday, Sept. 17, Trinity will celebrate The Union of Black Episcopalians and over 200 years of Black leadership in the Episcopal Church this week, in recognition of Alexander Crummel whose work laid the foundation for United Black Episcopalians.

[Learn more](#)

## **Mission Team Leaders: Please R.S.V.P. for Sept. 17**

All Mission Team Leaders are asked to register for the Mission Team Retreat on



September 17, from 12:30-4:00 pm in the Gallery at Trinity.

Together we will share lunch, set goals for a new year, and cross-collaborate to serve Trinity's mission of being a Sacred Place for All People.

Please register using [this link](#). If you are unable to attend, please let your staff liaison know.

Warmly,  
Adrienne



**R.S.V.P. by Sept. 15  
for INNOVATION DAY  
at Bellwether Farm**

On Sept. 30, Trinity members will join churches from throughout the Diocese using methodology from *How to Try: Design Thinking and Church Innovation* by the Rev. Lorenzo Lebrija, to explore design thinking and agile practices around topics relevant to church growth and social justice, while also enjoying all that Bellwether Farm has to offer.

[Link to register.](#)

## WATCH THE SEATING OF THE BISHOP

If you weren't able to attend the Recognition and Investiture of Ohio's 12th Bishop, The Right Rev. Anne B. Jolly last weekend, you can still watch the full service. Video link below, from the best seat in the Cathedral, no less!



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## TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE TRINITY PICNIC, R.S.V.P.

**Join us for “Best of the Wurst” at the Trinity Cookout on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 12 noon in the garden.** We’ll be grilling bratwurst, sausages, veggie/vegan dogs and hot dogs, plus all the fixings, i.e. grilled onions, sauerkraut, brown mustard, etc.

We invite attendees to bring their best potluck side dishes and desserts to round out our meal. Last names A-M, please bring desserts, and N-Z, please bring side dishes. There is no cost, but registration helps with planning. [Click here to R.S.V.P.](#)



You'll also be able to sign up to attend at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings. Donations will be accepted to help with costs.

We'll have music and games for all ages. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up. Sign-up to volunteer when you register or contact Ginger Bitikofer, 216-774-0407, [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org).

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**SAVE THE DATES FOR A  
SPECIAL EVENT: BECCA**

## STEVENS OF THISTLE FARMS



Trinity Cathedral will host a series of events featuring guest speaker and preacher, The Rev. Becca Stevens, founder and president of Thistle Farms.

She will preach at Choral Evensong **Wednesday, October 11** at 6:00 p.m., followed by a community conversation about the power of love in trauma recovery with Dean Owens at 7:00 p.m.



On **Sunday, October 15**, The Rev. Stevens will preach during the 9:00 a.m. *Abundant Table* service and Chorale Eucharist at 11:15 a.m., with a Trinity Forum at 10:10 a.m.



Thistle Farms is widely known for its social enterprises empowering survivors of trauma. Their popular line of body and home products will be available for purchase (and holiday gift giving).

[Click here for event details.](#)

## Reserve Your Trinity Cathedral Yard Sign & Share Your Selfies

[Click here to reserve a sign.](#)



Sign pick up is available on Sunday mornings. Contact Ginger Bitikofer at [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org) to make arrangements.

Thank you to the *Invite, Welcome, Connect* mission team for coordinating Trinity Cathedral yard signs as part of an outreach initiative to welcome newcomers and foster a spirit of belonging and community throughout our neighborhoods.

Special thanks to everyone who has shared their "yard sign selfies" on social media. Post them on your page to help expand our reach or send to [news@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:news@trinitycleveland.org) and we'll share them!

## Adult Inquirer's Class Starting Soon

Interested in learning more about The Episcopal Church?

Join newcomers and those exploring what Episcopalians believe through the baptismal covenant and the sharing of stories.

For more information or to sign up, contact Adrienne Koch at [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org), no later than October 1.

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## Episcopal Peace Fellowship Weekly Compline

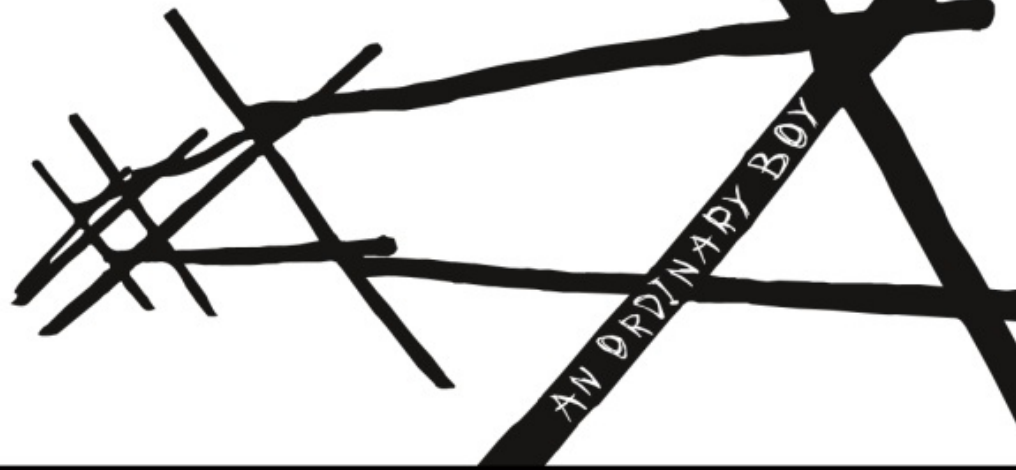
The Episcopal Peace Fellowship (National) will reconvene its weekly Compline service on Tuesday, September 19, with a setting to honor, celebrate and pray for our Creation until the Advent season begins. As you contemplate the summer hiatus, think about how, when and where you experienced “life lessons learned from creation.” Did you capture them in a photo, poem, prayer or in some other way? If so, please consider sharing them when we gather with EPF friends, chapters, and members across the country praying together on September 19 at 8:30 p.m. (ET) via Zoom. All are welcome! [Full PDF.](#)

Visit this link to join <https://bit.ly/epf-comp>

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# Considering **Matthew Shepard**

by Craig Hella Johnson



**Saturday, October 21** at 7pm  
Avon Lake United Church of Christ

**Sunday, October 22** at 4pm  
Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

Pre-concert talk with Charles Edward McGuire, PhD, 45 minutes before each concert

**Free-will donations will be accepted**

Cleveland Chamber Choir  
*More than Music*

[clevelandchamberchoir.org](http://clevelandchamberchoir.org)

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## Save the Dates

September 24 – Fall Stewardship Begins

October 1 – Cathedral Tour at 12:30 p.m.

October 1 – Monthly Solemn Eucharist at 5 p.m., First Sundays

October 4 – BrownBag Concert Series begins, at 12 p.m., bi-Weekly on Wednesdays, with an additional performance on December 6

October 4 – Wednesday Evening Choral Evensong, Weekly at 6 p.m.

October 11 & 15 – Forums with Becca Stevens, Founder of Thistle Farms

October 22 - Cleveland Chamber Choir: Considering Matthew Shephard

October 29 – Newcomer and New Member Lunch (12:45 p.m.)

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## In the Diocese

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### Episcopal Community Services 2024 Grant

The Episcopal Community Services Development Council evaluates and provides grant funding in support of parish-based projects that address education, hunger, homelessness, and health, with a particular emphasis on projects that address systemic issues. This includes grants funded by the Church Home endowment that serve the elderly. The deadline to submit a grant application is **September 30**. If your 2024 grant is approved, you will receive funding in February 2024. For questions, please contact Antoinette Taylor.

### Discerning Sobriety with Erin Jean Warde: A retreat weekend exploring mindfulness, sobriety, and spirituality, October 27 - 28

Erin Jean Warde, ordained Episcopal priest and author of *Sober Spirituality*, will share the personal journey that led her to quit alcohol. She will provide additional tools to help each participant explore a more mindful relationship with our substance misuse and dependencies and the richer sobrieties we might seek or experience.

Recommended for those seeking wholeness in mind, body, and soul, for those questioning their relationship with any addictive choice (or supporting someone who is) regardless of where they are in their journey. Those of any faith or none are welcome. Please register on the Bellwether website using this link.

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## In the Community

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### The New Roberts Court: The Ground Has Shifted

Sept. 29, 2023 at Youngstown State University

9:00 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Led by Trinity members, Marie B. Curry, JD, MPH and Brant T. Lee, JD, MPP. This course is free, but space is limited. Registration required.





John Roberts became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 2005, so the Roberts Court is not new. However, with the addition of three new Justices between 2017 and 2020, the Court has changed. In the last few years, the Court has issued several landmark decisions that have overturned long-standing precedent and dramatically captured the attention of the general public. A new Roberts Court has emerged.

This workshop will examine ways in which the Supreme Court has shifted its approach towards the power of the executive branch, the importance of history in interpreting the Constitution, and the standards for overturning precedent on important questions. Join us in exploring this topic in a spirit of exploration and mutual understanding. This presentation will be accessible to non-lawyers and lawyers who do not practice constitutional law.

[Link to register.](#)



**September 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Negative Space Gallery**  
**1541 East 38th Street, Cleveland, OH 44114**

Mark your calendars for a night of diversity, culture, and community in support of immigrant families at the Cultural Connections 3.0 fundraiser and multicultural celebration.

Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS) is a non-profit that began through the generosity of Trinity members Gary Benjamin and Melody Joy Hart in 2018, expanding to provide nearly \$300,000 in assistance for basic needs such as health care, legal assistance and housing support to families from over 26 countries who are building a new life in Northeast Ohio.

This will be the first in-person Cultural Connections event since 2019, after previously transitioning to a virtual format during the pandemic. AMIS is thrilled to bring supporters together for a night of food, music, and community spirit in Cleveland's vibrant Asia Town neighborhood.

**[Click here to learn more and R.S.V.P.](#)**

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *The Trinity Weekly* is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date.

Please send news to [news@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:news@trinitycleveland.org).

Deadline for items to be included in the October 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Wednesday, Sept. 20. Please contact Pam Turos at [news@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:news@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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