

The Trinity Weekly

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A Sacred Place for All People

The Dean's Corner: Abundance & Transparency

Folks tend to have feelings about stewardship – aka church fundraising – that are as strong as their feelings about money in general. To some it's something to be spoken about in muted tones, while to others it's a chance to share our stories of abundance and faith or to celebrate how our relationship with money can actually draw us closer to God.

It probably won't surprise you to hear that I fall in the second category! Here's why . . .



[Read the Full Message.](#)

Sunday, Oct. 1

Joyful Giving, God's Abundance
[Make a 2024 Stewardship Pledge](#)

Eighteenth 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

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating

Featuring The Abundant Table musicians, led by Morgan Mecaskey, vocals by Ashlee Foreman, percussion by Efrain Hernandez, and Spencer Paul on bass. 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.

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Children's and Youth Sunday School for all ages this Sunday will meet in the 2nd floor meeting room/kitchenette, next to the door that leads up to the Youth & Family Center. We will be making doggie treats for the Blessing of the Animals on Oct 8th. All children PreK – 12th grade, and their parents, are invited to come and participate.

10:10 a.m. Adult Faith Formation

Discovering the Bible: Exodus, conversation led by Jeff Spiess in Conference Room C/D. Each week, clergy and lay teachers lead facilitated bible studies, forums, and conversations on wide-ranging topics at the intersection of faith, culture, and spiritual practice.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating

Music and choir led by Todd Wilson, featuring Amy Beach's "Let this mind be in you" and Anton Bruckner's "Locus iste." 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.

12:30 p.m. Cathedral Tour Join our docent for a tour of the cathedral after the 11:15 a.m. service. The tour will focus on the history, architecture and art in our magnificent building. Free, no reservation needed. Meet at the altar.

5:00 p.m. First Solemn Eucharist of the fall season

The Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert, celebrant; The Rev. Rosalind Hughes, preacher. Music by Hassler, Rorem and Messiaen.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the "Best of the Wurst" Trinity Picnic last Saturday. We had 60 people in attendance, and the weather was perfect for an outdoor community gathering!



Racial Inventory Committee Provides Updates to the Trinity Community

Awareness of racialized history and exploration of current racialized perceptions within our community is a core value of Trinity Cathedral.

Hear an overview of the work that The Racial Inventory Committee has been doing for the past couple of years so that we, as a community might continue to grieve in our communities failures,



rejoice in our successes, and shape a beloved community in our church.

[Podcast link to the full discussion.](#)



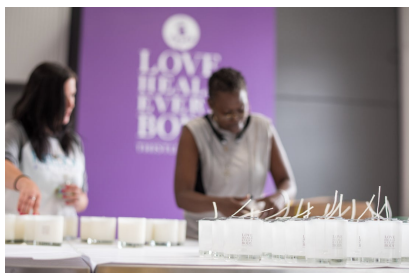
SAVE THE DATES FOR A SPECIAL EVENT: BECCA STEVENS OF THISTLE FARMS

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 Choral 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.](#)

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 8

Join us in the Garden at the 9:00 a.m. service, for a celebration of St. Francis and a Blessing of the Pets.

The service will be held in the Garden and all pets are welcome during worship. Treats for all, including pets, will be available afterwards starting at 10:10 a.m.

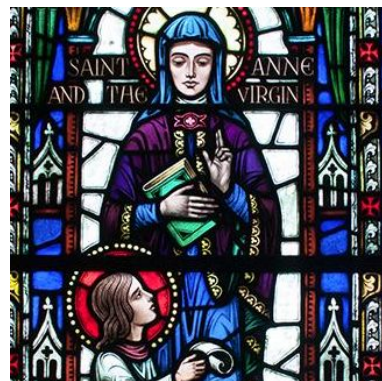
Pet-Friendly Sunday Schmooze available outside and a no-pet option in Cathedral Hall.



No matter where you Schmooze, it is open for all ages. Children can also bring stuffed animals for a blessing, for those with allergies and those who don't have pets at home.

Beginning This Week at Trinity Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Formation

Each week, following the 6:00 p.m. Choral Evensong services, we will host a light meal and adult educational offering, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



Oct. 4 - Enneagram: What's "a type"? Why knowing my type matters led by The Rev. Adrienne Koch

Oct. 11 - Thistle Farms: A Conversation on Trauma and the Restorative Power of Love with The Rev. Becca Stevens

Oct. 18 - Labyrinth: Teaching & Walk with Cynthia Ries

Oct. 25 - Stained Glass Windows: Explore the story in Trinity's windows, Part 1, Led by Michael Wells

Nov. 1 - Enneagram: recognizing resource points and movement as a sign of growth led by The Rev. Adrienne Koch

Nov. 8 - A conversation with Dr. Timothy Beale: Explore the intersections of religion and culture with distinguished author and CWRU professor, Timothy Beale.

Nov. 15 - Enneagram: Sharing Triads and the art of learning from each other with The Rev. Adrienne Koch

Nov. 29 - Soul Collage: Create a deck of cards that help you to access your own connection to Wisdom and Spirit.

[Visit the Trinity calendar for a full list of upcoming events.](#)



Mission Team Leadership Retreat Held on Sept. 17

Last month, Cathedral Mission Team leaders, vestry members, and Trinity staff met for a mission team working-retreat to set goals for a new year and cross-collaborate with one another.

Leaders worked together to create hand-made depictions of Trinity stakeholders. Through this activity we recognize the many people and communities Trinity connects to through each Mission Team and continue to deepen relationships as we live into our mission to be a Sacred Place for All People.



Interested in becoming active in Mission Team work?

Learn more about the teams here:

<https://www.trinitycleveland.org/mission-teams/>

Explore Personal Faith & Episcopal Theology During an Upcoming Inquirer Class

If you are new to Trinity or curious about deepening your connection to the Episcopal Church, join the Rev. Adrienne Koch for Inquirers class, select Thursdays from 5:30-7pm at Trinity this fall and spring. Participants share their spiritual journeys and use the Baptismal Covenant to connect to Episcopal Theology and personal faith.

This class is a requirement for adults who desire to be Baptized or Confirmed in the Episcopal Church at the Easter Vigil in 2024. Email akoch@trinitycleveland.org by October 31 to participate.

Participate in a Week of Action

October 2-10, Faith Week: This is an opportunity for communities of faith to display their commitment to repealing the death penalty. There are several ways you can get involved.

October 9-10, 5 p.m.-5 p.m., Day of Prayer: Faith Week will culminate with an in-person, 24 hour, interfaith prayer vigil at the Ohio Statehouse. October 10 is also World Day Against the Death Penalty.

Trinity members are invited to do the following:

- Join Catherine Smythe-Zajc at the vigil in Columbus on Oct. 9-10
- Submit prayers to Catherine; some will be read on October 8th at Trinity; others will be read by Catherine at the vigil

Contact Catherine at smythezajc@roadrunner.com for more information.

[International Day of Prayer Flyer](#)

[Day of Prayer Vigil Invitation & Call](#)

Music & Art

Lunchtime Brownbag Concerts Begin October 4 at Noon

BrownBag concerts are offered every other Wednesday at 12 noon (October–December and February–May). As the name implies, you are welcome to bring lunch into the cathedral while you enjoy the performance.

The concerts feature a great diversity of music genres, including classical, jazz, Big Band, folk, choral and dance, and our performers include local artists and those from all around the country. [Click here for upcoming concerts.](#)

Choral Evensong

at Trinity Cathedral
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.



October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
Trinity Cathedral Choir
Service: Friedell in F

October 18

St. Luke the Evangelist

The Rev. Charlotte Collins Reed
Choristers of Christ Church, Hudson
Service: Sarah McDonald in A-flat

October 11

Philip, Deacon & Evangelist

The Rev. Becca Stevens
Trinity Chamber Singers
Service: Tallis fauxbourdons

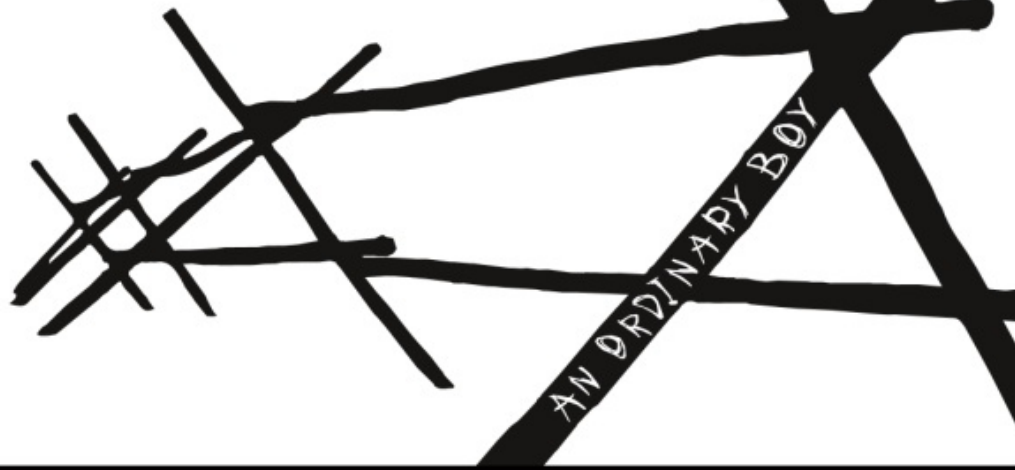
October 25

Tabitha of Joppa

The Rev. Peter Faass
Trinity Cathedral Choir
Service: Howells "Westminster"

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

November 6, 7:30 p.m.
Organ Recital Featuring
Monica Czausz Berney

Music and Art at Trinity will present a free-of-charge fall concert to celebrate the 46th anniversary of the Flentrop Great Organ and the 2nd anniversary of the Muller Organ in the chancel at Trinity Cathedral, featuring leading young American organist Monica Czausz Berney.

Ms. Berney is a multiple-award winning musician currently serving as director of music at St. Paul's Parish, K Street, in Washington, DC. She will



also be leading a masterclass with students in the organ studio at the Cleveland Institute of Music while she is in Cleveland.

Trinity Cathedral Upcoming Events

October 29 — Newcomer and New Members Lunch

November 5 — Baptism Sunday, All Saints' Day

January 7 — Baptism Sunday, The Baptism of Our Lord

In the Diocese

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Anti-Racism Training at Trinity Commons, Nov. 30 - Dec.1

The Commission for Racial Justice will offer this two-day training on **November 30 and December 1** at Trinity Commons. This anti-racism training is required for all individuals in elected and appointed Diocesan positions, and it is also open to all members of the Diocese. Space is limited. The cost of the training materials and food is covered by the Diocese of Ohio. [Registration is required, click here to register.](#) For questions or more information, please contact [Antoinette Taylor.](#)

Diocesan Youth Programming for 2023/2024

Youth Programming for 2023/24 is here! There is a wonderful program year planned with retreats, conferences, and ways for youth to connect with themselves, others, and God. The focus this year will be on being grounded in belief, starting with a Fall Youth Retreat **October 7-8**. [More information and registration](#) are available on the diocesan website.

In the Community



A Conversation with Dr. Gretchen Sisson, Ph.D. Relinquished: The Politics of Adoption and the Privilege of American Motherhood, October 30, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Virtual

In a political moment in Ohio where adoption is often invoked as an abortion alternative, what can we learn from the experiences of women who have relinquished children for adoption? Adoption Network Cleveland is pleased to host sociologist Gretchen Sisson, Ph.D. for a special preview of her upcoming book, *Relinquished: The Politics of Adoption and the Privilege of American Motherhood* (Macmillian, February 2024), and Trinity Cathedral is proud to be a partner in this virtual event.

Dr. Sisson will share insights from *Relinquished* that illustrate birth mothers' reproductive decision-making, their life-long experiences of adoption, and why these stories matter for us in Ohio. The event will begin with remarks from the author, to be followed by a discussion and Q&A moderated by Kate Livingston, Ph.D., birth mother and founder of Ohio Birthparent Group (active 2010-2017). [Click here to register.](#)

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.

Deadline for items to be included in the November 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Wednesday, October 23. Please contact Pam Turos at 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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