The Dean's Corner: Decarbonizing Cleveland

This past week, I joined community and civic leaders at Sustainable Cleveland’s decarbonization summit, to learn about the work of environmental sustainability and to connect with those who are doing this important work.

I learned more about the pillars of reaching zero net emissions, which scientists believe we must achieve to limit climate damage: we must advance energy carbonization, improve energy efficiency, expand electrification (especially vehicles) and improve carbon capture, by which harmful emissions are drawn out of the atmosphere where they do the most damage (trees do this very well).

Read the dean’s entire message here

This Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter
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 Eucharist**  
The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching  
**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating**  
Our new music director for *The Abundant Table* service, Morgan Mecaskey and friends 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 livestreamed on trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream.

10:10 a.m. **Sunday School**  
Children from Pre-K through second grade meet in the classroom next to the nursery (on floor 1R) and third through 12th grades assemble in the Youth & Family Center on Trinity's third floor.

10:10 a.m. **God Calls Leaders Bible Study**  
Join members and friends in conference room C/D for this interactive Bible study. Be inspired by the classes, which will be taught by a variety of Trinity facilitators. You don’t have to be a leader at Trinity and you don’t have to attend every class session. The remainder of the classes will take place on April 30, May 7, 14 and 21.

10:10 a.m. **Self-Compassion**  
Self-compassion isn’t a luxury – it’s a necessity for living and loving well. And it ripples out for the benefit of you and those around you. Modern research has revealed that people who practice self-compassion experience: greater happiness, more motivation, more satisfying relationships, less anxiety and depression, and better physical health. Want to learn more? Join the Rev. Adrienne Koch in conference room A/B this Easter season to explore Jesus' invitation for us to love ourselves well that we might love others.

11:15 a.m. **Choral Eucharist**  
The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching  
**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating**  
Music will include works by Louis Vierne (played by organ scholar/music librarian Carolyn Hoff), William Matthias and Zachary Wadsworth. 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.

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**Mission Team Tables**

In 2023, Trinity is featuring a mission team each month with an informational table in the promenade. In April, the Adult Faith Formation mission team is highlighted. Stop by their table this Sunday, April 23 to learn about the offerings the mission team has in store for 2023. The team will be staffing the table throughout the service.
table each Sunday in April. Meet members and find out if there is an adult
formation option that’s made just for you.

Also this week, Trinity's Creation Care (formerly Green) Team will have a table
in the piazza promoting upcoming events and actions we can take to build a
greener future here at Trinity, in our community and our world.

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**Easter Offering**

**Benefits Hunger & Outreach Ministries**

It's not too late to make an
Easter contribution to benefit
Trinity's hunger and outreach
ministries. Of course, this helps
*A Place at the Table* and the
urban farm, both of which feed people in need in our neighborhood. But is also
benefits ministries such as the Marion-Sterling Partnership, Episcopal Peace
Fellowship, Greater Cleveland Congregations and more.

The easiest way to give is online:  [bit.ly/EasterTrinity2023](bit.ly/EasterTrinity2023). You can also give in
person at the offertory. Please indicate "Easter Offering" on your check memo
line. You can put cash in the plate; please put it in an envelope and write
"Easter Offering " on the outside.

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**BrownBag Bachfest! Continues**

Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral continues to present its spring concert
schedule, now focused on the music of J.S. Bach. Next Wednesday, April 26,
Director of Music Todd Wilson will play organ on Bach's E minor trio sonata
and Trinity favorite Andrew Sords, will play violin on Bach's B Minor Partita.
Admission is free and a free will offering is taken. This concert will also be
featured on [trinitycleveland.org/blog/brown-bag-concerts](trinitycleveland.org/blog/brown-bag-concerts).

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**Choral Evensong: Guest Preacher and Choir from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cleveland Heights**
Join in the tradition that is Choral Evensong. Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m., the service will commemorate Zita of Tuscany. The Rev. Jessie Dodson, associate rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal in Cleveland Heights, will preach and the choristers of St. Paul’s will sing Dyson’s service in C minor. The service will also be livestreamed at trinitycleveland.org/blog/choral-
evensong4615.

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**New Wednesday Bible Study Class:**

**The Puzzle of Paul**

Do you find the Apostle Paul’s contradictions puzzling? How can Paul say in one place that women must keep silent and have no authority within the church (1 Timothy 2), but in another place, praise the leadership of a woman "deacon" and an "apostle" (Romans 16)? Or what about the places where Paul seems perfectly comfortable with the practice of slavery (Colossians 3, Ephesians 6, Titus 2), but in his letter to Philemon he all but twists Philemon’s arm to persuade the Christian slave owner to free his runaway Christian slave, Onesimus? Or have you found it strange that there is no mention in Acts of the thirteen letters attributed to Paul in the New Testament— How could someone write the story of Paul’s life without referring to any of his letters or citing at least some of their content?

This is a vexing puzzle, but there is a way to make sense of what seem to be contradictions. Join professor Bob Fowler and other facilitators Wednesday nights this Easter season, to put the puzzle together. The class will run April 12-May 10 from 7-8 p.m., Wednesday nights after Evensong in conference room A/B.

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**Get Acquainted Brunch**

Newcomers and new members are invited to attend a casual brunch with staff, clergy and congregational leaders, after the 11:15 a.m. service this Sunday, April 23. We value you, and invite you to relax and enjoy the fellowship at this special event. RSVP to Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, 216.774.0407.
The Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly

Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who will serve as chief consecrator and preacher, and thousands from around the diocese for this special occasion. It will take place Saturday, April 29 at 11 a.m. at Public Auditorium in Cleveland. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit https://www.dohio.org/consecration. The RSVP period has ended, but all are welcome to attend!

Youth Group AC (After Church) Visits
Get Air Trampoline Park

Be prepared to bounce and have a lot of fun at the next Youth Group AC, Sunday, April 30 from 1–3 p.m. Meet at Get Air trampoline park, located at 7204 Pearl Road. Please register at bit.ly/YGOuting and contact Eric Travis (etravis@trinitycleveland.org) with questions.

Easter Marion-Sterling Pen Pal Program

Spread the joy of Easter to Marion-Sterling School kids. Our pen pal program needs five volunteers in order to make this a true one-on-one experience. Can you help?

Please email akoch@trinitycleveland.org by Monday, April 24th if you would like to receive a pen pal packet. A packet with your name on it will be available for pickup behind Trinity’s hospitality desk the week of April 24th. Letters must be returned to the Marion-Sterling mailbox in the piazza no later than Sunday, May 14th. The letters will be returned to Marion Sterling kids the week of May 15th, about three
World Labyrinth Day at Trinity

Gather on Saturday, May 6 between 12:45 p.m.–1 p.m. to "Walk as One at One" on World Labyrinth Day. The labyrinth will be set up in the gallery. Thousands of people around the world participate in World Labyrinth Day, creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next, around the globe. To register, visit bit.ly/LabyrinthDay.

If you've never walked a labyrinth before, it can quiet the mind, calm anxieties, recover balance in life, enhance creativity and encourage meditation, insight, self-reflection and stress reduction. To find other locations visit worldlabyrinthday.org. For more information, please contact Cynthia Ries, cynthiaries@gmail.com.

Upcoming LGBTQ+ Events

April 30–May 14 – Order your 2023 Pride T-shirt, by signing up at the Pride table later this month (Sundays from Apr 30 to May 14). Be sure to get this year's T-shirt with the new Trinity logo! Contact Matthew Jaroszewicz at matthew.j.jaroszewicz@gmail.com with your T-shirt size. T-shirts are $17, sizes S-3X.

May 21 – The Trinity Forum. Dean Owens interviews Gulnar Fereesta, senior director of programming for the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland during the 10:10 a.m. formation hour.

June 3 – Pride in the CLE! – March with Trinity and nine other churches in the Diocese of Ohio during this year's Pride parade! Plan to march in downtown Cleveland on June 3 at Pride in the CLE! Staging begins at 10 a.m. and the march begins at 11 a.m.

June 10 – Russ Trippi (St Bartholomew, Mayfield Village) will be hosting another Pride-themed Saturday workshop on Saturday, June 10th from 10 – 11:30 a.m. His topic, "Gaga-4-GOD!", introduces the audience to concepts of "queer theology" by exploring the music of Madonna, Lady Gaga, and Lil Nas X. It's a popular lecture from Trippi's "Theologies of Sex, Gender, and Identity." The workshop is at the Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 500 SOM Center Road, Mayfield, OH 44143, Room 100. Pre-registration is required at saintbartohio.org.
Anti-Gun Violence Demonstration

Guns to Gardens is a national faith-based organization whose members feel called to reduce gun violence. Using a blacksmith's forge, they collect unwanted guns and melt them down, converting the molten material into garden tools, art and jewelry. These tools can be used to grow food, like Trinity's urban farmers do, and they give the food to neighborhood residents in need. Come see this cycle of renewed life in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, and help promote decreased gun violence and community sustainability.

The demonstration will be held at the urban farm, 3532 Cedar Ave., on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. It will be conducted by the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, anti-gun violence advocate, author and rector of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Euclid. If you have questions, please email sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.

Marriage Blessing of the Rev. Adrienne Koch and Melanie Giovannone

The congregation of Trinity Cathedral is cordially invited to attend the marriage blessing of the Rev. Adrienne Koch and Melanie Giovannone at the cathedral on May 20. Gatsby/Old Hollywood attire encouraged! Please RSVP here.

Ceremony: 2 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Standing reception for Trinity congregation members in the piazza to follow – 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Kimayo to Perform My
Queer Faith at Trinity

Singer-songwriter Kimayo will bring her *My Queer Faith* tour to Trinity on Tuesday, May 24 at 6 p.m. This is one of only two Ohio dates on her tour. Kimayo's mission is to inspire hope, restoration, and unity between LGBTQIA+ folks and faith communities. You can preview her music and watch her videos at [kimayomusic.com](http://kimayomusic.com).

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Save the Dates

April 29 – Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly as Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio – Cleveland Public Auditorium

May 7 – Youth Sunday (9 a.m. service)

May 7 – Solemn Eucharist (5 p.m.)

May 13 – Guns to Gardens – Anti-gun violence program @ Urban Farm (10 a.m.)

May 14 – Sunday Schmooze

May 20 – Koch-Giovannone Marriage Blessing

May 21 – Cleveland Marathon (route runs down E. 22nd adjacent to church)

May 23 – Singer-songwriter Kimayo performs *My Queer Faith* (6 p.m.)

May 28 – Summer Sunday service schedule begins – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

June 4 – Cathedral Tour (after 10 a.m. service)

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In the Diocese

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Safe Church Update

After many years of hard work and commitment to Safeguarding God’s Children, we bid farewell to Mary Ann Semple. Her impact has been widely felt, from ensuring our parish and diocesan leaders are current in their certification,
to updating the Diocesan Safe Church policy and parish models, to navigating the transition to the new Safe Church curriculum. Our new Diocesan Safe Church Administrator and Training Coordinator is Eric Travis, who also serves as the Director of Children and Youth Ministry at Trinity Cathedral and was on the Task Force appointed by General Convention to develop the new Safe Church curriculum. To access Safe Church training, please fill out the form on the diocesan website. If you’d like to be trained as a Safe Church trainer, please contact Eric at safechurch@dohio.org.

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**Celebration of Bishops and Staff**

The Transition Committee invites you to save-the-date for a diocesan-wide celebration of Bishop Mark, our assisting bishops, and the Bishop’s staff, on June 17 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m, at Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights. Invitations and more information coming soon. Please contact the transitioncommittee@dohio.org with questions.

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**Bellwether Farm Summer Camp Dates**

Bellwether Farm will offer a variety of summer camps from June 18 through July 28. Visit the website to learn more about our summer offerings for all ages and to register. Open houses will be held on April 15 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and on April 23 from 1 until 4 p.m.

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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 May 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Friday, April 21. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org 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.