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# Trinity Topics

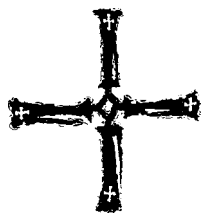
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*Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:  
For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our  
indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our  
neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who  
differ from us,  
For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of  
concern for those who come after us,  
Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
Accomplish in us the work of your salvation.*

# liturgy & events



## SUNDAY, FEB 4 • EPIPHANY 5C

Isa 6:1-8; I Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11  
8:45a Eucharist w/hymns  
9:45a Adult Formation  
*Novel Theology*  
Godly Play for children  
10:45a Parish Eucharist

## SUNDAY, FEB 11 • EPIPHANY 6C

Jer 17:5-10; I Cor 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26  
8:45a Eucharist w/hymns  
9:45a Adult Formation  
*Preparing for Lent*  
Godly Play for children  
10:45a Parish Eucharist

## SUNDAY, FEB 18

### TRANSFIGURATION

Ex 34:29-35; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36  
8:45a Eucharist w/hymns  
SHROVE SUNDAY PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST (9a - 10:30a)  
10:45a Parish Eucharist

## ASH WEDNESDAY • FEB 21

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10;  
Matt 6:1-6, 16-21  
12:15p Liturgy of Day (short form)  
7p Liturgy of Day (full form)

## SUNDAY, FEB 25 • LENT 1C

Ex 34:29-35; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36  
8:45a Eucharist w/hymns  
9:45a Adult Formation  
*Inquirer's Class*  
*Chat with the Preacher*  
Godly Play for children  
10:45a Parish Eucharist

## SUNDAY, MAR 4 • LENT 2C

Gen 15:1-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35  
8:45a Eucharist w/hymns  
9:45a Adult Formation  
*Inquirer's Class*  
*Chat with the Preacher*  
Godly Play for children  
10:45a Parish Eucharist

## TRINITY ARTS SERIES



### SonoNovo: It's All in the Dance!

Friday, March 9, 7pm

This fantastic string ensemble is back for an evening of music for the dance. Toledo pianist Aura Strohschein joins the ensemble for Poulenc's "Aubade" and Copland's original Pulitzer Prize winning score of the Ballet for Martha: "Apalachian Spring". Tickets \$10

## LENTEN OFFERINGS

### Sundays in Lent, beginning Feb 25 (9:45 am-10:30 am)

**Inquirer's class** (Walbridge room): Come and find out what it means to be an Episcopalian. You may be surprised at what we discover and learn from each other about our faith. For anyone who's interested and especially those who would like to be confirmed, received, or baptized at our next Bishop's visit on May 6.

**Chat with the preacher** (living room): There will be five different preachers for the five Sundays in Lent. Come chat with the preacher about the lectionary texts on Sunday morning in the living room.

**Godly Play** (bishop's room, second floor) For children 3-10 years of age.

### Wednesdays in Lent (6 pm - 8 pm)

In Mark 6:7, Jesus sends his disciples out two by two. We are shown that we do not have to do this work alone. What a blessing for Trinity that we have a city full of ministry partners to help in caring for those in any kind of need. For the five Wednesdays in Lent, we will gather at 6 pm for a simple soup supper and hear from a different ministry partner from 6:45-7:45 each week. They'll tell us how they carry out their work in our city. We'll be on our way home by 8. A sign up sheet for soup and bread will be on the curved wall.

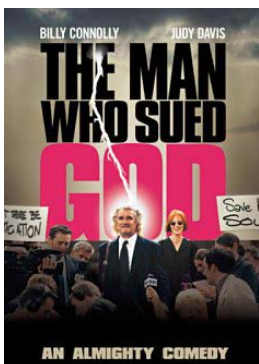
February 28	LOVE, Inc
March 7	Compass
March 14	Juvenile Detention Center
March 21	St Paul's Community Center
March 28	Harbor House

### Lenten Practice

Spirituality at Work Online presents a unique Lenten discipline that works when you do. It's a thoughtful online conversation about faith in the workplace. Check it out at [www.spiritualityatwork.com/lent.htm](http://www.spiritualityatwork.com/lent.htm).

## Reflecting with films

JUSTICE IN THE MOVIES



Winter has finally arrived. We've had snow and ice for just over a week now, and it looks like it's here to stay for a while. This weather isn't too great for traveling back and forth on I-75, but it's ok on my day off, I can sit by the fire with a good book, look out on a pretty snow covered landscape and not feel guilty

about what I should be doing!

I've also been watching movies- unusual for me because I'm not a great movie fan- much to my family's disgust. I do have some old favorites- usually comedies like *The Full Monty*, *Waking of Ned Devine* and *Billy Elliot* to name a few. They all tend to be British, I guess because I'm used to British humor, but also because they have underlying social commentaries and raise social and economic justice issues.

*The Man Who Sued God*, the most recent movie I've seen, starring the comedian Billy Connolly, is the story of a lawyer who has escaped the rat race by leaving his law practice and moving to a small seaside fishing community. Here, he scrapes a living from fishing- his only possession being an old boat. When his boat is destroyed by lightning and the insurance company refuses to compensate him for his loss- because according to them it was an act of God, Billy, aka Steve, decides to sue God- or at least God's representatives the various religious leaders.

The story is of course more complex than that, but it does raise issues of how corporations may act in ways which are within the law but morally wrong. How justice can be overlooked or discarded in the pursuit of profit, and not just by businesses but also by the Church and by us as individuals.

The movie made me think -am I guilty of complicity with the insurance companies and other large corporations, even if not directly or knowingly? I do have pension investments and apart from asking that my contributions be placed mainly in socially responsible funds, I really don't bother to find out if I'm supporting companies who use perhaps legitimate but morally questionable tactics to make profits to keep their shareholders happy. That of course was one of the aims of the movie, the use of humor to get us to think about these issues.

There are many such movies out there, not all humorous I must admit, - *Blood Diamonds*, *The Constant Gardener* to name just a couple; there are also good books, magazines, websites and TV documentaries, which if we take the time to engage them, inform us about injustices both within our country and beyond our shores.

Why is it important for us to be informed about justice issues, not just social and economic but also environmental and political? The prophet Micah tells us "and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

This Lent as we travel with Jesus to Jerusalem, through life to death and then to new life, **may we empty our lives of much that clutters and distracts us, so that we can take time to focus on what it really means for us as individuals and as the Church "to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God".**

Ann +

# congregation

CONNECTING WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

## Healing service to begin

Beginning on Wednesday, February 28 we will offer a healing service at noon. This is a wonderful opportunity if you are a member of the prayer chain and you'd like to come and pray for those who have requested healing in body, mind or spirit, or if you'd just like to pray for healing for someone you know. We welcome those who would like to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. If you need nourishment for your journey, come and join us as we once more open the doors of Trinity for a mid-week service.

## Bishop Bowman to visit on May 6

On Sunday, May 6 Bishop David Bowman will be at Trinity for our annual Episcopal visitation.

If you are interested in being baptized, confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church or renewing your confirmation promises during the bishop's visit, please contact Ann Webber by February 18.

## Christian peace witness March 16

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship, along with dozens of other denominational peace and justice ministries, invites you to join thousands of concerned citizens in a "Christian Peace Witness for Iraq" in Washington, D.C. on Friday, March 16, the fourth anniversary of the Iraq war. The Peace Fellowship believes that as followers of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, our faith compels us to make our voices heard in the center of power, to repent of our complicity with the invasion and occupation of Iraq and to renew our commitment to peacemaking.

The primary event will begin with an ecumenical worship service at 7:00 on Friday night at the National Cathedral. Following the time of worship, there will be a procession down Massachusetts Avenue to the White House. This walk is approximately two and a half miles, and bus transportation will be provided for those who desire it. The final component will be a late-night gathering and peaceful public witness in front of the White House.

If you wish to join the witness in Washington, D.C. on March 16, please let diocesan staffers Patricia Hanen (phanen@dohio.org) or Cheryl Joseph (cjoseph@dohio.org) know by February 9. They will try to organize transportation for a group from the Diocese of Ohio, and overnight accommodation, at a reasonable cost.

For more information: [www.christianpeacewitness.org](http://www.christianpeacewitness.org).

## Bishop Elect to speak at Lourdes

The Reverend Thomas E. Breidenthal, Ph.D, Bishop Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio will speak at the Franciscan Center at Lourdes College on Sunday, February 25 at 3 pm.

His lecture, entitled "A Table in the Wilderness" examines the ways in which Anglicanism has dealt with such issues as women's ordination, homosexuality, and open communion. He will address the nature of church unity. This lecture will be of great interest to the Episcopal community of Toledo. For more information, call 419-824-3819 or visit [www.lourdes.edu/ecumenical](http://www.lourdes.edu/ecumenical).

## U2Charist planned at Trinity Cleveland

Take a stand for the Millennium Development Goals and the ONE Campaign at this special Eucharist featuring the music of U2, including "Where the Streets Have No Name," "Walk On," "One," and "Beautiful Day". To learn more, email Canon Kurt Wiesner at [kwiesner@dohio.org](mailto:kwiesner@dohio.org). Saturday, February 24 at 3 pm.

## Unique way to recycle

Scrap4Art is a new Toledo-area nonprofit organization with a mission of diverting materials from the solid waste stream and making those materials available for low or no cost to educators, therapists, and artists for re-use in educational and art projects. Scrap4Art accepts a wide variety of materials, including plastics, plexiglass, foam pieces and punch-outs, textiles, leathers, cones, tubes, meshes and papers. The retail store is at 1501 Adams Street and is open for donations and purchases on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 5:30, and Saturday from 10 to 3.

### MEMBER MATTERS

C. Graham Kiskaddon, father of **Chuck Kiskaddon**, entered new life January 15.

Richard Archer, father of **Ric Archer**, entered new life on January 24.

## Do you get what you're hoping for?

**O**ur rector transition adventure seems to be picking up speed these days. The hunt for an interim rector and the assembling of a search committee are now past, and this month the active search for a new permanent rector begins in earnest. The national Church Deployment Office has posted our search request on its Website. As I write this, our parish profile is being delivered to the print shop so that copies can be supplied to the strongest prospective candidates.

As senior warden, I have no role in the search itself. When the parish commissioned the search team in mid-October, we turned the full authority and responsibility for finding our new spiritual leader over to those trusted friends. My job is to pray for them, stay out of their way, and keep the Trinity community strong and sound and attentive to the kingdom work that surrounds us (that pesky mission of ours, handily printed on the last page).

But I recently emailed our interim consultant with this inquiry: "Are there things that we need to be thinking about or doing in anticipation of our new rector's arrival 6-9 months from now? Things we should be learning? Things we should focus on? Things that will make our community ready to embrace the new rector and run with him/her? These could be specific tasks, but I'm probably asking more about outlook or attitude. I just don't want to look back, at the end of 2007, and think, 'We could have spent this year so much more productively, if only it had occurred to us to \_\_\_\_\_.'"

It didn't seem like a complicated question, but apparently it was an unusual one. I've gotten some pieces of an answer, relating primarily to our attitudes and intentions.

**It will be critical for us to remember** that a new priest and pastor who is wonderful, and a good fit for us, will still not be all things to all people. I can guarantee that s/he will not be perfect, nor even superhuman, but a mere mortal with both talents and faults. Every rector ever hired at Trinity has been a blend of both. If we focus on the gifts our next rector brings to this ministry, we are *all* more likely to be "forgiven, healed, renewed."

**It will be critical for us to remember** that our new rector will not be the same as whichever past or present priest you recall most fondly. This new person will bring their own new ideas from their own past training and experiences. We have to allow them to lead us in their own way, not "the way we've always done it." To alter the cliché just a little, we cannot fit a diamond-shaped peg into a star-shaped hole.

**It will be critical for us to remember** that we are a creative community that is open to experimentation and exploration. We tell ourselves and others that Trinity is a place where the culture of tried and true is replaced by a culture of learning. If we recognize that change is vital to our community's growth and vitality, then we can retain (or regain) our resilience, the ability to experience change without trauma.

I am excited about Trinity's future; there are some amazing times ahead. We will do this together. We will, with God's help.

All the best,



# outreachings

OUR LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS INCLUDE  
STEWART SCHOOL, FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR, LOVE INC, THE RENAISSANCE APARTMENTS, AND FOCUS.

## St. Valentine's Day celebration at Renaissance Senior Apartments

Each year we give a Valentine's Day party for the residents of Renaissance Senior Apartments across the street from the church. We give them a great evening meal (with lots of emphasis on pink and red items!) and also provide entertainment. In addition, we give each resident a gift. This year each resident will receive one of our community-made fleece blankets. It seems very appropriate to blanket them with love at this special celebration. The party will be held on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14 starting at 5 pm at the Renaissance dining room. If you would like to volunteer to help with buying or preparing the food, set up or just to come and eat with our neighbors, please let an Outreach Committee member know.

Van Ambrose of National Church Residences, who own and administer Renaissance Senior Apartments, wrote to thank Trinity for our annual contribution to their Residents' Care Fund. "Your gift will assist in providing supportive services to modest income older adults who call Renaissance Senior Apartments home. It is a blessing to know we can look to Trinity Church as partners in our ministry at Renaissance. Thank you again for your support of the spiritual and social needs of our residents as they continue to live in safety and security in a community of caring people."

## Stewart Academy for Girls

Collections for February will be our annual oral hygiene donation of one toothbrush and tube of toothpaste to each student. We are asking for cash donations (suggested amount is \$5 but any amount is welcome) to enable us to buy in bulk for the whole school. We will have envelopes available during February for your donations - thank you on behalf of the girls' teeth!

It turned cold in mid January so we have been taking gifts of hats, scarves and mittens over to the school as they have come in. If you have not already brought in a donation, please bring it up to the altar on Sunday, February 4 for blessing prior to distribution.

## Lenten Hygiene Project

Following upon the success of our Lenten Hygiene Project last year, we will be offering this again in 2007. From the beginning of Lent we will have Ziplock bags available in the church with lists of items in blue for men and pink for women. We will offer our gifts to as many organizations as possible including St. Paul's Community Center, the YWCA Battered Women's Center, Harbor House and Cherry Street Mission. If you have other suggestions, please let the Outreach Committee know. We will announce which Sunday the filled bags should be brought in.

## News from Feed Your Neighbor & Agape programs

Salem Lutheran is Trinity's Feed Your Neighbor (FYN) partner where we take gifts of food and dedicated cash. LeRoy St. Clair of Salem reports that last year Agape (which serves a hot meal on Tuesdays at Salem Lutheran) served 12,417 meals to hungry people. The FYN program gave a three-day supply of food to 1,739 families and their Christmas Give-Away on December 22 helped 147 families to have happier holidays.

## Tree-planting challenge from Valerie

The United Nations Environment Program is launching a major worldwide tree planting campaign for 2007 called Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign. It was announced in November by Nobel Peace Prize Winner Wangari Maathai at the Climate Change Convention in Nairobi. This will involve individuals, communities, business and industry and why not a church?

I would like to challenge Trinity Episcopal congregation to plant at least one tree for each member of our directory during 2007. I have organized a number of tree planting projects in Europe and have always wanted to find a way to do this here in Toledo. It would be a contribution to the UN Millennium Development Goal of Sustainable Development and would be a first for Trinity. If you are interested in working with me on this, please email me at [valerie.garforth@bex.net](mailto:valerie.garforth@bex.net).

# peace & justice

## We are called to be Christ to the entire human family



Imagine waking up one morning. You roll over and feel yourself lying on a grass mat placed on a hard dirt floor. You look

across a dusty dim interior where the early morning light is trickling through the front door, and can barely see your three small children on their own mat, starting to stir. A wooden table — your husband made it with his own hands as a wedding present — is propped up against the mud wall. On it, you can just make out the shadows of a can of sesame oil and a bowl of dried rice. This is all you have to eat. The baby starts to cry. The others open clouded eyes and show little energy. It is a new day.

Every morning millions of people look across their shelters as day dawns and wonder how they might feed their families. Unfortunately, every night, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, more than 800 million people go to bed hungry, having successfully sold, grown, traded, or made less than \$1 of income that day.

Every single one of these people is a member of our human family, and calls to us to be the hands and feet of Christ's solidarity, Christ's love, and Christ's grace for them.

The hope of the first of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is that together we might eradicate extreme poverty by 2015.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is one agency at the forefront of engagement with the MDGs. Working in more than 40 countries, together with the churches and communities of the Anglican Communion, ERD assesses the local context and helps create effective lasting sustainable change. Together we reach the isolated and marginalized with critical training and information to increase those crop yields, or help that bicycle repair shop finally turn a profit.

Credit, buffalo, drought-resistant seeds, hoes, market information, fair prices, training. For many of us, these may be words and concepts that contribute tangentially to our lives. For others, they represent an essential bridge to increased income and decreased hunger. With credit for small-business improvements and buffalo to pull plows and provide milk; with seeds that hold up in scarce rainfall or hoes that help farmers extend their territory of cultivation; with clear information about the price of goods at the market and the capacity to transport those

goods directly instead of through a profiteering middle merchant; with skills training, mutual support and organization, individuals and communities engaged by ERD through the Anglican Communion are able to stand up one by one, and move that \$1 a day to \$2 to \$3 to \$10.

And so, tomorrow, that mother might roll over on a clean mattress and see a pitcher of milk next to that can of sesame oil, and know a basket of fresh eggs is waiting just outside in the henhouse.

Around the year 2015, she will watch her youngest child graduate from secondary school, having had all the necessary nutritional supports to develop cognitive and analytical skills.

Let us all be God's hands and feet in this struggle. And pray that this, His Body, will never again know extreme poverty and malnutrition.

*Abigail Nelson (anelson@er-d.org) is vice president for programs at Episcopal Relief and Development.*

### **ONE Episcopalian**

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE/>

### **Educational resources from Episcopal Relief and Development**

[http://er-d.org/programs\\_36756\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://er-d.org/programs_36756_ENG_HTM.htm)

### **Resources from Episcopal News Service**

[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577\\_77743\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_77743_ENG_HTM.htm)

### **Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation**

<http://e4gr.org>

### **United Nations Millennium Development Goals**

[www.un.org/millenniumgoals/](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/)

[www.millenniumcampaign.org](http://www.millenniumcampaign.org)

*For more information on Trinity's MDG efforts, contact Jeff Barranco.*

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## Next-to-New Thrift Shop

Mon & Thurs, 9:30 am – 3 pm, Sat 9:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Jeanne Mitchell, *Manager*

## Building Services

CB Richard Ellis/Reichle Klein, *Building Management*  
Johnson's Cleaning Services, *Housekeeping*

# services

**SUNDAYS** 8:45 am & 10:45 am, Holy Eucharist  
9:45 am, Formation for all ages  
**HOLY DAYS** as announced

# prayers

FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

**Remember those for whom our prayers have been requested:** Herbert Minke, Polly Robinson, Donald Mulkey, C. Graham Kiskaddon, Ruth Adams, Ruth Pontius, Ben Bueche, Ruth Archer, Paul Fager, PFC Matthew Drake, Marie Harkey in her continuing vocational discernment; Beth Bueche and Derick Oyler, (preparing for marriage).

**For those who have died:** *In the parish:* C. Graham Kiskaddon (*Chuck & Wendie Kiskaddon*), Dick Archer (*Ric Archer & Wayne Anthony*). *In the world:* Tillie Olsen (writer), Yvonne De Carlo (actress), Iwao Takamoto (animator), Carlo Ponti (producer), Robert Anton Wilson (author), Ron Carey (actor), Art Buchwald (columnist), Denny Doherty (actor/singer).

# vision & mission

**Trinity is called to be a progressive, inclusive and creative urban community.**

- We will practice radical hospitality.
- We will be engaged in the life of our city.
- We will stand with those in need: the poor, the sick, the friendless, the marginalized.
- We will actively invite all to experience and celebrate God's living presence.
- We will journey together toward a Christ-centered life, pursuing personal ministries that connect us to God, to one another, and to the world around us.

**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL — PLEASE  
HANDLE PROMPTLY**

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