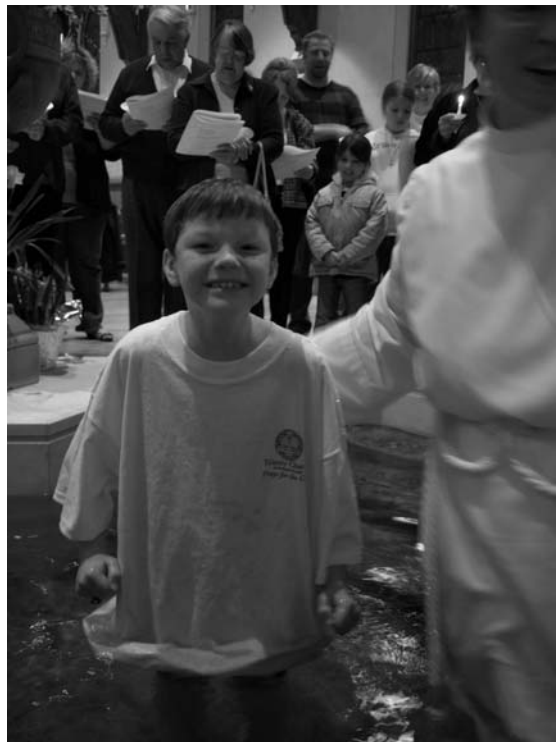


# Trinity Topics

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**“Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near,  
in this way of life, marking them by baptism.”**

*Matthew 28:18*

## Faith in Pink: A Regional Celebration

Tuesday, April 22, 7pm

Teaming with the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Trinity is host to a regional celebration of the lives and victories of those who have battled with breast cancer. A mass choir of singers from the area will present a work composed especially for this service by our own Associate for Music and the Arts, Wayne Anthony. If you'd like to be a part of the choir, there is one rehearsal is on Sunday, April 20 from 6 to 8 pm. Let Wayne know ([music@trinitytoledo.org](mailto:music@trinitytoledo.org) or 419-243-1231 ext. 25) if you'd like to be participate. Whether or not you're a singer, don't miss this moving experience. Admission is free.

## Anthony/Brown Piano Duo

Friday, May 2, 7 p.m.

Wayne Anthony and Charles Brown once again team up with the SonoNova Chamber Ensemble for a evening of rousing piano duo music. This year's program will feature Bach: *Concerto in C minor, BWV 1064*; Schumann: *Andante and Variations*; Britten: *Marzurka Elegiaca*; Poulenc: *Sonata for two pianos and Infante: Musica de Espagna*. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students and seniors.

## Kirtan Chanting Concert

Sunday, April 13, 7-9 p.m.

Dave Stringer and the Yoga Teachers of Northwest Ohio present a Kirtan chanting concert at Trinity. Kirtan is a form of devotional mantra chanting that has become popular as a participatory live music experience. Dave's unique sound fuses the transcendent mysticism of traditional instruments with the exuberant, groove oriented sound of American gospel, jazz and funk. The intention of Kirtan is consciousness-transformation. The singers merge into the Sanskrit words and experience a sense of unity, well-being and timelessness. The mantras quiet the mind, and the music frees the heart. Ecstasy is both the process and the product. Kirtan chanting concerts are participatory: audience members can opt to sit back and take in the experience or dance and chant (follow along by ear or read the projected Sanskrit/English lyrics) with the band. Dave is a wonderful storyteller, too!

Tickets: \$20 advance/ \$25 at door, \$12 for age 13-18, free for 12 and under.

For more information or to order tickets in advance, [click here](#).

### Cover images, clockwise from top:

Lucie Laboe, Robby Stygles, Lyndon Stygles, Baylon Heider

### SUNDAY, APR 6 ▪ EASTER 3A

Acts 2:14a,36-41; | Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

9:00a Eucharist w/hymns

10:00a Formation

10:45a Parish Eucharist

### SUNDAY, APR 13 ▪ EASTER 4A

Acts 2:42-47, | Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

9:00a Eucharist w/hymns

10:00a Formation

10:45a Parish Eucharist

### SUNDAY, APR 20 ▪ EASTER 5A

Acts 7:55-60, | Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

9:00a Eucharist w/hymns

10:00a Formation

10:45a Parish Eucharist

### SUNDAY, APR 27 ▪ EASTER 6A

Acts 17:22-31, | Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

9:00a Eucharist w/hymns

10:00a Formation

10:45a Parish Eucharist

### SUNDAY, MAY 4 ▪ EASTER 7A

Acts 1:6-14, | Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

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9:00a Eucharist w/hymns

10:00a Formation

10:45a Parish Eucharist

### SUNDAY, MAY 11 ▪ PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21, | Cor 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23

**ONE SERVICE ONLY THIS DAY**

10:45a Parish Eucharist

## New life abounds!



Lyndon Stygles

**F**our baptisms during Easter tell us one thing for sure: this church is bursting with new life. We have lots of families with lots of new babies and children, and their growth in the love of God has been entrusted to ALL of us. The time has come for us to discern how best to be an even more joyful, welcoming community of Christ for all of them.

At this point, we have Godly Play on most Sundays at 10:00. During the later service, we have a soft space available so that children may be both comfortable and connected during worship. We will be expanding this and experimenting with having an area better suited for infants and toddlers, and one suited for older children, during the Easter Season. We also have the option of childcare in the nursery during the later service. What else do our children need? **Parents are asked to gather during coffee hour on May 4** to discuss their needs and ways to best nurture their children.

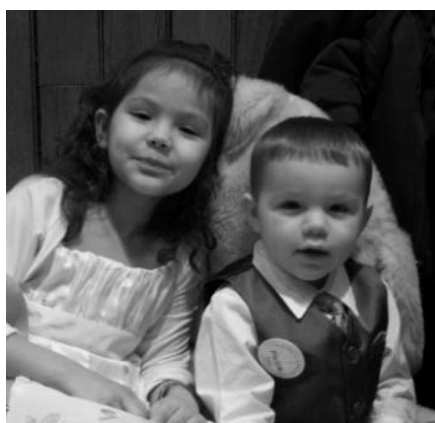
In order to help this new life grow among us, we will need lots of good gardeners. You do not need to have children in order to help with children's formation! However, in order to insure the safety of our children, we will require Safeguarding God's Children training for all, both paid and volunteer, who will be working with children. Anyone working with children will also be subject to a basic background check. The next trainings for Safeguarding God's Children will be April 13 from 2:00-5:00 at St. Andrew's church in Elyria (mailto:revdrelainemccoy@sbcglobal.net) or July 12 at St. Paul's in Maumee. Later trainings will be announced as they are planned.

When we gather around the altar for communion, often the children are clustered at the front. Having them there reminds me that they are not the future of the church, they are the **present**. They also remind me, in the words of one parent, that baptism is not a spectator sport. We've got some promises to keep, and some new life to tend. Let's work together to re-create a safe, loving, creative community in Christ that will support our children and be a place for them—and all of us—to live and grow.

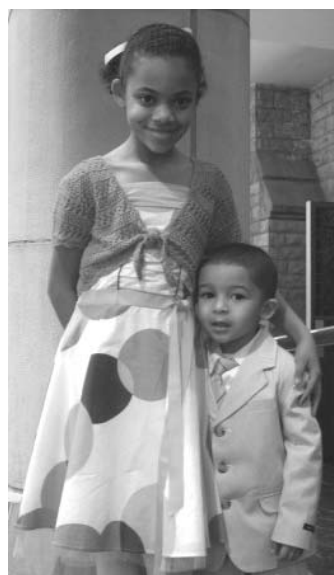
*Liddy*



Isabella Salander, Jenn Siebold,  
Elah Windnagle



Alina and Rockne Garcia



Brooke and Courtney Aey

## Bereavement support group

Good Grief! is a Bereavement Support Group sponsored by Center for Solutions in Grief Therapy, Inc at 5600 Monroe St. Suite B, Sylvania OH 43560. The group will meet on Thursday evenings, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15 to explore topics that relate to your loss, learn and share healthy coping skills, experience activities that will aid in your healing and implement a holistic caring approach to healing. Call 419-885-5952 for more information.

## Hungering for a deeper relationship with God?

Trinity and the Dominican Center at Marywood present the Spiritual Formation Program. This year-long program is offered for those desiring the opportunity to deepen their personal relationship with God and communion with others. It is ecumenical, and can lead to training as a spiritual director. The first year is a study of the spiritual mystics and saints in the Christian tradition, the practice of contemplative prayer and the writing and living of a personal Rule of Life. Learn about and pray with: scripture, the desert mothers and fathers, St. Benedict, St. Francis, St. Clare, Meister Eckhart and St. Catherine of Siena, John Calvin, Thomas Merton and many more.

The ten sessions are one Saturday a month from 9:30 to 4:30 beginning August 23. Tuition is \$600.00 (Book of readings additional.) Come to an information session on Tuesday, May 6 to learn more. Sessions are from 1 to 2:30, 5 to 6:30, or 7 to 8:30 at Trinity. To RSVP for an information session, call 1-800-253-7343 ext. 162 or email rdaniels@dominicancenter.com.

## Hymn sing

Toledo Campus Ministry invites the community to join them for an old-fashioned hymn sing on Friday, April 18 from 7 to 9 pm at Monroe Street United Methodist Church.

## Visioning the future of the Diocese

At this year's Spring Regional Meetings, every member of the Diocese is invited to discuss the resolutions from Diocesan Council arising from the work of the Mission Strategy Task Force. (Download the resolutions at [www.dohio.org](http://www.dohio.org).) Our regional meeting is on Wednesday, April 16 from 6 to 9:30 pm at St. Paul's in Maumee.

Input from everyone around the Diocese is essential as we set our course for the future. Please RSVP to St. Paul's (419-893-3381) and come join the conversation.

## Jim Zechman to be received

Our regional service of confirmation, reception and reaffirmation will be Tuesday, April 8 at 7 pm at St. Michael's. Jim Zechman from Trinity will be received into the Episcopal Church on that evening. This event only makes sense in the context of community, so please plan to attend this liturgy to offer your support and prayers to Jim.

## A Time of Discernment

Is it time for Trinity to expand our outreach across some borders? How can we help realize the millennium development goals?

On April 15, Chuck Kiskaddon, Wayne, Susan and I will travel to San Pedro Sula Honduras for three days to look at the possibility of a mission trip in the winter of 2009. Elizabeth Lowrey, who presently teaches English in San Pedro Sula, volunteers at the El Hogar de Ninos Emanuel orphanage. When we asked how we may be able to help Elizabeth with her ministry, some doors started opening very quickly, a super-cheap flight popped up on the internet, and the possibility of a future mission trip became evident.

Our brief time there will be to evaluate this possibility and get to know the staff and children at the orphanage. We will be determining if and how our strengths can be of service to them.

Please know that at Trinity we will continue our local and domestic outreach in full force! After the group returns we will have a special coffee hour with a report on our trip. Keep our crew in your prayers as we travel.

*Liddy*

## Prayer requests

We have a small group of members of the congregation who are devoted to daily prayer for members of Trinity and those they love and care for. If you have a prayer request, please call Ginny in the office, and she will pass along your request to members of the prayer chain. Please know that prayer requests are communicated to members of this ministry by both email and phone. If you would like to be a member of this ministry, please let Ginny know.

## Getting ready for spring

Plaza cleanup, weather permitting, happens on Wednesdays from 11 am until 2 pm at latest. Bring your own brown bag lunch and join the Plaza Prayer and Work ministry. Call Sherre Smith in advance or just show up! Bring gloves and your own hand tools--rakes and brooms are provided.

## Thanks and invitation from JDC

*To the Members of Trinity Episcopal Church:*

*I would just like to thank you for the kindness you showed the residents here at the Juvenile Detention Center on Easter Sunday. It is not often that the youth in our facility receive special attention from those in the community. Often we don't realize that just the smallest act of kindness is so appreciated by the youth we house. Many of the youth are missing their families, and despite the reason they are being detained, they are human beings with feelings.*

*You are living examples of what God expects from his children; that we love one another, and that we are forgiving of others transgressions. Many form opinions about what a youth deserves if he has made mistakes. Mistakes are opportunities to learn and make the necessary changes that need to take place. Thank you for helping to create an environment for our youth to change. Many of our youth are in detention because they do not have positive, adult, role models in their lives, and therefore make bad decisions. They need adults to guide them in ways to assist them in making good choices.*

*I look forward to meeting with your congregation to talk about ways you can continue to help our staff make positive changes in the lives of the young people here in the Lucas County Juvenile Detention Center. Thank you again for your kindness, and may God Bless You.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joan M. Parker, M.A.*

*Juvenile Detention Administrator*

### MEMBER MATTERS

At the YWCA's 13th Annual Milestone Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 20, eight extraordinary women from northwest Ohio were recognized for their outstanding leadership and accomplishments. Receiving recognition as the YWCA's 2008 Woman of Distinction was Trinity parishioner **Ruth Oatis**, who was honored for embracing the mission of the YWCA (Eliminating Racism, Empowering Women) for over five decades. We are delighted to see this recognition of Ruth's efforts and accomplishments.

Northview High School is presenting both a male and a female version of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* the weekend of April 18 - 20. **Courtney Altenburg** is directing the female version on April 18 at 7:30 pm, April 19 at 2:30 pm and April 20 at 7:30 pm. **Jason Rahe** is the technical director for both the male version and female versions of the show.

This past Holy Week was rich beyond my capacity for words. As we journeyed together through Christ's death and resurrection, so many of you contributed so much to Holy Week.

You sang, you read, you cooked. You served, set up, tore down, cleaned up. You stayed late, arrived early, and got up in the middle of the night to keep vigil. You prepped for baptism, dried off the baptized, and celebrated the new life given to each of us. To each of you, THANK YOU! The journey of Christ's passion and resurrection was beyond what I could ask or imagine because of each of you!

Liddy

## Reading is Fundamental

Each year Trinity sponsors the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program at Stewart Academy. This is a matching grant which gives each student three books to take home as a gift. Often there are few if any books at home. We have received this note from Sharon Olson, the teacher in charge of the program: *“I would like to thank the members of your church for being our sponsor for RIF. Our students are always so happy to receive the 3 books each year. We would not be able to get the books without your support. Thank you so much for always being there for us!”*

## Dental Hygiene Awareness

During April and May we will be collecting funds to provide a toothbrush and tube of toothpaste for each student at the Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls. We purchase the items in bulk through a dentist so that each student will have the same so cash donations of any amount are welcome! Please make out your check to Trinity and write Stewart toothbrushes on the memo line. Thank you!

## MultiFaith Habitat for Humanity

For the past four years Trinity has participated in the Toledo MultiFaith Council’s Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity build with both a financial contribution and a team of volunteer builders. We are continuing this tradition in 2008. The build this year will take place in September and David Nelson has offered to act as Trinity’s liaison. Please let David know if you would be willing to help.

## UTO May 4

The United Thank Offering spring ingathering is Sunday, May 4.

If you don’t have a Blue Box, UTO envelopes are enclosed and both are available on the curved wall in the Nave. Please give prayerfully and thankfully on May 4.

## Personal Hygiene items

Just before Easter we distributed personal hygiene packs for men, women and children that we had collected during Lent. Twenty children’s and ten women’s packs were delivered to the YWCA’s Battered Women’s Shelter. YWCA CEO Lisa McDuffie writes: *“At the YWCA of Greater Toledo we are empowering women in a time of crisis. Donors like you make our day. It warms our hearts to know people like you embrace the cause of giving. You are a critical part of our success. On behalf of the women and children we serve on a daily basis, thank you for your generosity.”* We also delivered twenty men’s and ten women’s packs to St. Paul’s Community Center.

## FOCUS receives largest ever Episcopal Foundation grant

FOCUS has been awarded \$10,000 by the Episcopal Community Services Foundation (ECSF) to assist homeless adults in need of jobs. The funds will be used for job training and certification to help FOCUS families escape poverty and homelessness. The ECSF awards funds to address community social justice issues under the auspices of local Episcopal denominations - Trinity is one of three FOCUS Episcopal member churches, the others being St. Mark’s and St. Michael’s in the Hills. This is the largest ECSF grant received by FOCUS. “This grant is highly significant” states Kyle Grefe, FOCUS Executive Director, “because it will allow families to increase their income and improve their ability to achieve economic stability.”

## Harbor House Spring Flower fundraiser

Harbor House provides transitional housing and support for women recovering from substance abuse and every Spring they raise much needed funds through their Flower Fundraiser with Hoen’s Greenhouse. Hoen’s provides wonderful plants at reasonable prices and part of the purchase price goes to support the work of Harbor House. Forms will be available on the curved wall – please pick up a form, complete and send in with your check. The order deadline is April 18 and pick up dates from Hoen’s Greenhouse, 1710 Perrysburg-Holland Road, are May 1 to 9. If you are planning to visit the Westfield Mall on Saturday April 12 or Sunday April 13, stop by the Harbor House table there at Center Court, where samples of the flowers will be on show – you can put your order in then. You can download an order form on the homepage of Trinity’s website as well.

Valerie Garforth, Outreach Chair

## Practicing Resurrection



**E**aster isn't just a day, it's a season. This Eastertide, as we celebrate the Jesus who once again walks with us, let's identify some ways we can practice resurrection in our daily lives.

- Give your **full attention** to

whatever you are doing, and you'll recognize the constant renewal of life all around you.

- Leave the past to God's mercy. Leave the future to God's discretion. **Living in the present moment**, the only time when God brings forth new life, is a way of affirming your belief in resurrection.
  - Whenever you **open your heart, mind, and soul** with compassion to the pain of the world, you help bring suffering beings back into the land of the living.
  - When you regularly **pray for others** as part of your devotional activities, you are practicing resurrection.
  - **Enthusiasm** is the mark of a life-giver. When you can laugh and sing and relish life, you are practicing resurrection.
  - Every time you **forgive** someone, another resurrection is in the making.
  - Practice **gratitude** and you are slaying the death-dealing forces of boredom, despair, and taking-things-for granted.
  - When you can **welcome guests and alien ideas** with graciousness, you are participating in a new world of hospitality.
  - When you **give full rein to your imagination**, you are opening the gates of creativity so resurrection can come in.
  - Your **work for justice, freedom, and equality** sets the stage for resurrection. When you feed the hungry and stand up for the oppressed, you are a life-giver.
  - **Listen** to others, the universe, and your inner voice, and you'll be privy to resurrections when they happen.
- **Love** God, love your neighbor, and love your new life as marks of the resurrection.
  - **Find meaning** in your experiences and speak the truth to power, and you help put death in its place.
  - **Nurture yourself** — eat right, exercise, get plenty of rest — and you are helping God resurrect your body.
  - Sometimes you **feel refreshed** by the simplest things — laughter, games, play. This, too, is resurrection.
  - Other times it is **the thrill of the quest** that spurs you on to be all you were meant to be as a person reborn.
  - When you **practice reverence for life**, you can't help but notice all the little resurrections going on all around you, the continual process of creation on Earth.
  - Practicing resurrection also means having confidence that **God can make something** out of your selfishness, anger, greed, hatred, and any of your other shadow qualities.
  - Find a place where you can regularly **practice silence**; it will rejuvenate your soul.
  - **Welcome changes** — big and small — in your experience and signal your receptivity to transformation and resurrection.
  - Every time you bring to life another's sense of wonder and **affirm that you are all standing on holy ground**, you practice resurrection.
  - By **giving voice to your yearning**, and acting upon your desire to feel the closeness of God, you invite resurrection into your life.
  - By **accepting your identity as a child of God** and your mission as a copartner with the Holy One in the unfolding drama of the universe, you embody the resurrection principle.

*Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat  
spiritualityhealth.org*

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## services

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

## prayers

### FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Bud Gartz, James Hamilton, Karen Sink, Nancy Lodge, Robin & Susan Schneider & their family, Jessica Snyder, Marshall Brown; those on death row, all victims of war and violence; Marie Harkey and David S. Nelson in their continuing vocational discernment, the vestry and search committee of St. John's, Charleston during their transition.

**For those who have died:** *In the parish:* Paul Fager (Pam Fager & Becky Roth), Mallon Brown (Ken Brown), *In the world:* Joseph Weizenbaum (programmer/teacher), Ivan Dixon (director/actor), Anthony Minghella (director), Sir Arthur C. Clarke (author), Paul Scofield (Actor), Richard Widmark (actor).

## 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.