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Trinity Topics

September 6th, 2017

My new Beloved friends,

It is hard to find the perfect words to accurately share my profound gratitude, deep joy and enormous excitement as we begin this journey together! In a few short days our mutual season of "waiting" will be over and we will meet for the first time to worship and give thanks for a love that has no end. So perhaps the best way to begin is simply to say, "thank you." Thank you for all you have done that has led us to this moment- a time that will no doubt still hold challenges as we begin this next chapter of ministry together, but will also hold unexpected joy and life-giving moments that we might never have discovered alone.

This Friday (9/8 at 1:00pm), I will, on our collective behalf be participating in the "Over the Edge" Challenge to support the work of the Victory Center. I learned of this effort last month and thought this would be a wonderful way to both honor the memory of Trinity's beloved Susan Lowry, who I will forever be sad not to have met, as well as give us some "exposure" as a radically welcoming and fun community in Toledo. So if you are available and want to see your new priest on Friday, come over to the Edison building; this may be your only opportunity to see me attempt to "leap tall buildings in a single bounce..." Below is the statement I have submitted to be read while rappelling. I thought I would share it with you as well in hopes of conveying who and how I want us to live into God's amazing love with each new day before us. Come home on Sunday so that we can meet and eat at the Table set for us; a feast of bread and wine to nourish our souls and send us out into the world to do and be good for God!

Lisa Tucker-Gray is the new priest at Toledo Trinity Episcopal Church. Trinity Episcopal is "progressive, inclusive, creative and downtown" - in fact right around the corner on Adams and North St. Clair. When asked why she was doing this Lisa said, "I knew I should have read the fine print in my new job description - but hey- what better way to show support for my new church, Toledo, and those living with the challenges of cancer than jumping off a 16-story building? Makes perfect sense to me!" Lisa's passionate approach to life brings people in a community together to be more than we could ever be alone. She is challenging the church every day to break down barriers, become more radically welcoming and outrageously generous with ourselves and others. Whether it's jumping off a building to support the work of the Victory Center or becoming a new leader in the Toledo community, Lisa is committed to doing it with her whole self- and is grateful for a good helmet, strong rope and good friends- especially those she hasn't met yet!

With heart overflowing with joy!
Lisa

Upcoming Events

Rally Day



Sunday September 10th, 9:30am there will be one service as we begin our new year and welcome our new rector Lisa-Tucker Gray. There will be a reception to follow in the back of the sanctuary. Help us welcome Lisa and Kim heartily into the Trinity family!

Game Night

Sunday September 10th, 7pm, Black Cloister Brewing Company

Bring a game, bring a friend, bring both! Not a big gamer? Come for



conversation. Food menu available. Join us for a different sort of fellowship time.

Mark your calendars for future dates: Oct. 8th & November 12th



Saturday Morning Bible Study

Saturday morning Bible Study continues. Feed your mind, body and soul!

Men's Bible Study - Saturday Sept. 9th, 9:00am

Rick's City Diner, 5333 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43623

Women's Bible Study - Saturday Sept. 16, 9:00am

Charlie's, 1631 Toll Gate Dr, Maumee, OH 43537



Parish News

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Current magazines, lotions (large size), chap sticks, DVD's, umbrellas, jewelry, socks and perfume.

Our Rappelling New Rector

On Friday, Sept. 8, the Victory Center (which provides support services at no charge for local cancer patients) is hosting an event called Over the Edge for Victory. The first 80 people who raise at least \$1,000 for the Victory Center earn the chance to rappel down the side of the 16-story Toledo Edison Building at the corner of St. Clair St. and Madison Ave., just a block from Trinity. Those who raise \$1,500 will have their experience recorded by a GoPro camera on their helmet. All proceeds will benefit The Victory Center and stay here in metro Toledo.

Our new rector, Lisa Tucker-Gray, heard about the event and her face lit up at the thought. The Lowrey family has happily donated the initial \$1,000 to sponsor Lisa's participation. She's now registered and can't wait to do this in her first week in Toledo.

If you want to welcome Lisa to Trinity and benefit the Victory Center, visit www.ote4victory.org and click on "Donate to a Rappeller" to help her reach her fundraising goal. Or head downtown on Sept. 8 to watch her go "over the edge."



Outreach

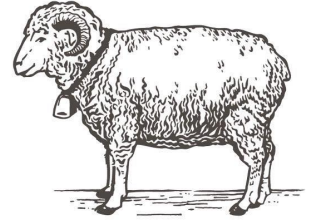
St. Paul's Community Center lunch

St. Paul's Community Center Lunch

Our next date to provide lunch at St. Paul's Community Center is **Sunday, September 17th**. We will provide lunch for the 35 residents of St. Paul's shelter as they no longer offer lunch to non-residents: now the Cherry Street Mission has a cafeteria which is open during the day where anyone can go for a meal. This means that we will be providing just four dozen hard boiled eggs, four dozen brownies or cookies and fewer gallons of milk and juice (to allow for second servings!). Outreach will provide lasagna and salad for the main dish. We will still need between six and eight volunteers to prepare and serve but we should be finished quite a bit earlier! Sign-up sheets will be available from Sunday 3rd September.

Outfitting Bellwether Farm

Bellwether Farm, the 137-acre camp, farm, retreat and education center being developed by the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, is in full preparation for its opening in the fall. The land features many of the diverse ecosystems of Ohio, including farmland, forest, wetlands and a riverfront. In addition to the retreat center there is a lake for swimming and paddling plus many recreational areas. The time has now come to help stock and plant the farm and to equip and furnish the retreat center and worship barn. At the Outreach Committee meeting on August 1st the committee members decided to purchase four chickens (\$100), one goat (\$100) one fruit tree (\$150) and one bee colony (\$150) for a total of \$500 on behalf of our Trinity Congregation. For more information visit <http://dohio.org/outfitting-bellwether-farm>.



Bellwether
— FARM —

CAMP • RETREAT • EDUCATION CENTER

Formation

September Schedule- 9:30am

September 10th- Rally Sunday, one service at 9:30am

September 17th- Come learn about our building partner [Actors Collaborative Toledo](#)



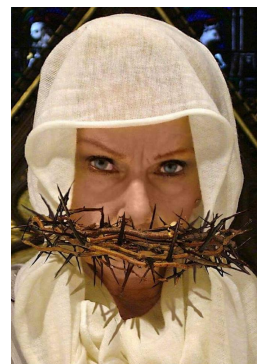
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Alive from Aleppo: A Night of Hope

Sunday, September 17th, 6pm, SSFAC will be hosting Syrian violinist Mariela Shaker for a

fundraiser/refugee awareness experience at the Franciscan Life Center. The evening is entitled "Alive from Aleppo: A Night of Hope." SSFAC directors Shane and Lona Lakatos are working hard to spread the word and would be grateful for Trinity member's help in inviting those who would be interested in this unique experience.

Our own Daniel Catalano and Cecilia Johnson are organizing both a volunteer choir and a volunteer string orchestra for this event. This is a major event for our city, giving us all the opportunity to bridge understanding, to bring further awareness to the plight of refugees, and to encourage deeper support and involvement among members of the community-at-large in serving refugees both near and far.

Tickets are \$50 single, \$85 couple, \$25, children.

To purchase tickets visit: <http://marielashaker.bpt.me>

West Mission Area

Empowering Loving Responses to Racism



The West Mission Area Chapter of the Commission of Racial Understanding will host Empowering Loving Responses to Racism on **Sunday, September 17 from 4-6pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2770 W. Central Ave. in west Toledo.** Childcare will be available for children. All are welcome to attend this event.

It's a workshop to experience, respond to and discuss our everyday encounters with race and difference, facilitated by Colins Imoh, a PhD candidate at the University of Toledo.

Building Partners



Food For Thought's 2nd Annual Eat in the Street

Join Food For Thought in the fight against hunger for a unique, fine-dining experience in Toledo's Uptown District. Premier Toledo chefs will collaborate on a 5-course dinner in the middle of the street!

Produce and additional ingredients will be sourced from local farmers and growers, highlighting Northwest Ohio's, abundant growing season. Guests will be seated and served at a single table on Adams Street in Uptown's Entertainment District. Craft beer and wine selections will be available for purchase.

Proceeds will be used to provide fresh fruits and vegetables for food insecure families, year-round, on Food For Thought's mobile food pantries.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

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Trinity Topics

September 20th, 2017

Messenger
by Mary Oliver

*My work is loving the world.
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird-equal seekers of sweetness.
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.
Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?
Am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect?
Let me keep my mind on what matters, which is my work,
which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished.
The phoebe, the delphinium.
The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are here,
which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart and these body-clothes,
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy to the moth and the wren,
to the sleepy dug-up clam,
telling them all, over and over, how it is that we live forever.*



Beloved Friends,

What wonderful words to hear and take in as we continue to live into this new chapter of ministry together; most specifically, the simple but powerful sentence lodged into the middle of this beautifully crafted verse: *Let me keep my mind on what matters, which is my work, which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished.*

This is, to be sure a very busy time in our common life and for each new relationship and experience we encounter together I am giving thanks daily. I am also reminded that in the midst of our busy lives we are called to always take time to remember what matters most. Last Sunday we learned another Mary Oliver poem together, remember? It was titled: *Instructions for Living a Life*, and we said the words together: **Pay attention; Be astonished; Tell about it.** So today I offer another Oliver poem once again reminding us of the gift we receive when we come back to a place and space of gratitude and wonder-even in the midst of our very full and busy lives.

In this edition of Trinity Topics you will find information related to our common life for the next 6 weeks out- we have found this to be a good channel of getting things on our radar and then giving ourselves reminders as various events draw closer. In addition to things you will read about here I want to highlight two additional things coming up.

Sundays, Oct 1, 8 & 15 "Meet in the Middle"; Conversations with Lisa

Join me for these 3 Sundays in between services for coffee and conversation- each Sunday will be different and will combine a short presentation on a different topic with time for conversation and your questions.

Sunday, October 8th, 4:00pm "Blessing of the Animals" at the Middlegrounds Metro Park

We will have our regularly scheduled services on Sunday at 8:15 & 10:45, and then at 4:00 we invite everyone to come to the park for food and fun, along with your animals, and we will have a short and very informal service offering a blessing to each animal.

Finally, I must end with a word of gratitude for all of you who have made me feel so, as I say every Sunday, "welcome and wanted." It is daunting to come into a new community, and already you have helped melt away any trepidation I had before now. May we continue to grow in affection and compassion for each other in order to then radiate that love out into the world.

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May you never forget that you are loved.

Lisa

Upcoming Events

ONE CHURCH, MANY PLACES

Since there is no service at Trinity Sunday, 9/24 due to Race for the Cure, we encourage you to either participate in Race for the Cure, or visit with our Episcopal brothers and sister in Northwest Ohio. (see websites for worship times)

All Saints - 563 Pinewood, Toledo
St. Michael's - 4715 Brittany Rd, Ottawa Hills
St. Andrew's - 2770 Central Ave., Toledo
St. Matthew's - 5240 Talmadge Rd., Toledo
St. Paul's 310 - Elizabeth St., Maumee
St. Timothy's - 871 E. Boundary Rd., Perrysburg
St. John's - 1505 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green

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Parish News

175th Celebration and Choral Evensong

Come celebrate Trinity's 175th anniversary of ministry in Toledo, OH with Choral Evensong on **Saturday, October 21 at 4pm**. We're joined by the clergy, choirs, and congregations of the West Mission Area. These are Episcopal Churches in Northwest Ohio as north as Toledo, as west as Defiance, as south as Sidney, and as east as Oregon. The service will be officiated by Bishop Mark Hollingsworth!

Choral Evensong is a service in the Episcopal church that stems from evening prayer. It has thoughtful scripture readings, chanted psalms, and rich music from the Anglican tradition. The service dates back to the 16th century and has evolved in ways over the years. We encourage you to join us for an evening of great music, rich liturgy, and fellowship. There will be a reception to follow the service.

We will continue the celebration on **Sunday October 22nd with one service at 9:30am**.

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Outreach

Compassion Games

The 2017 Compassion Games are going on right now (from September 9th to 24th). This is an annual time when cities and regions around the world recognize and record acts of com

passiontaking place within their communities. Among Trinity's acts of compassion during this period is serving lunch at St. Paul's Community Center on Sunday 17th (six volunteers, 12 hours donated, about \$180 in food and drink donations). Trinity hosts Food For Thought on two Fridays and they will record their own volunteers. Trinity also will have hosted AA meetings on ten weekdays (ten hours donated), opened the Next To New Shop on four days (24 hours open plus 48 volunteer hours), Trinity Outreach purchased a table for eight at the annual fundraiser for St. Paul's on the 21st September (\$350 contribution) and we put together eight move-in gifts, packaged in washing up bowls, for new neighbors at the Renaissance Senior Apartments. For more information about the Compassion Games go to <http://compassionatotoledo.org>.



Upcoming Fall Dates

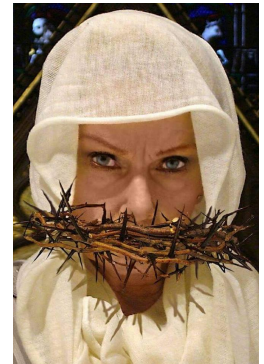
In late October/early November we will have Christmas Angels cards available for us to choose gifts for clients of Leading Families Home. Wrapped gifts will need to be brought in to church for blessing and distribution **Sunday, December 3rd**. Look for a date soon for the Sunday Next to New sale of hats, gloves, scarves and mittens for the students at the three schools we sponsor.

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The Caroline Jobst Scholarship Program



The Caroline Jobst Scholarship Program started its second season this fall! The program is generously funded through the music and arts endowment, partially in thanks to the Jobst family whose love for the arts still stands today. This program is divided into three categories:

- Choral Students** - High School musicians who have a passion and desire to sing
- Choral Scholars** - College-Level music majors who specialize in voice
- Choral Artists** - Post university-level musicians who are active musicians in the community

Each level of the program brings more challenges, and encourages the singers to achieve more. They sing alongside our dedicated volunteer choir and together learn and grow as a group. Members of the program sing solos, chant verse of the psalms, and fully participate in worship. This program fosters growth for young voices, and sharpens the skills of more experienced singers. In a way, Trinity is becoming a center for educating music through worship services and the choir.

Choral Student
Eduardo Pizana, bass

Kathleen Engel, alto

Choral Scholar

Aaron Hill, tenor
Hayley Hoss, soprano
Meridian Prall, alto
Moises Salazar, tenor
Luke Serrano, bass

Choral Artists

David Breen, bass
Marie Gatien-Catalano, soprano
Steven Sloan, tenor

We encourage you to get to know these talented musicians and welcome them into the Trinity community!

August Financials

Treasurer's Update: August 2017

Income

Church actual income is \$300,605.
Compared to budget, church income is \$17,264 (less) than budget .
30% is from pledge payments
The balance is from investments, building use, etc.

Expense

Church actual expenses are \$418,874.
Compared to budget, church expenses are \$19,750 (more) than budget
Buildings and Grounds are \$43,901 (more) than budget -
All other categories combined (Personnel, Finance, Parking, Outreach, Worship, Evangelism, Formation and Pastoral Care) are \$24,150 (less) than budget

Bottom Line

YTD, the church has an actual operating loss of \$118,269.
We began the year with a positive \$77,646.23 cash balance.

2017 Outlook

The 2017 budget for the Church expenses is \$615,478.
The outlook is for a balanced budget, because of the cash carry forward.

	2017	2017	
	August YTD	August YTD	
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Revenue			
Plate Offering	5,167	4,933	(234)
Pledge Payments	100,250	92,620	(7,630)
Combined Investment Income	212,318	202,917	(9,401)
Other Operating Income	133	135	2
Nave Principal Income	0	0	0
Total Revenues	317,868	300,605	(17,264)
Expenditures			
Personnel	197,739	163,163	(34,576)
Buildings & Grounds	94,237	138,138	43,901
Operations	22,950	24,240	1,289
Diocesan Assessment	33,333	48,000	14,667
Outreach Local	2,500	3,901	1,401
Program	39,963	33,472	(6,492)
Loan Interest Payment	8,400	7,961	(439)
Loan Principal Payment	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	399,124	418,874	19,750

Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(81,255)	(118,269)	(37,014)
Nave Loan Balance as of 8/31/17	\$481,690		

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