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# Trinity Topics

October 4th, 2017

*A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history. The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. -Mahatma Gandhi*

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead*

*Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace; a soul generated by love. -Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Beloved Friends,

This past Sunday many of us gathered upstairs in our common space known as "My Brother's Place" to continue our community building with an hour of what I might describe as a "spirited conversation"! It made my heart smile to spend that kind of time with you and look forward to more of that time over the next two Sundays(**October 8th & 15th**) as well. Please plan on either staying after the 8:15 liturgy or coming before the 10:45 liturgy to join us from 9:30-10:30. We will continue the conversation we started and I will, before now and then, pick one specific topic of the many I have passion about, to focus our conversation.

I want to thank you for the continued warm welcome I have found with each group, individual meeting, rehearsal and community gathering. Starting a new call, even an exciting one is also daunting and filled with moments of doubt but with each new day and experience those doubts are quickly melting away and being replaced with a renewed sense of call and purpose. Trinity is poised for an amazing chapter of ministry- I can feel it at every turn, can't you?

Jesus was so bold calling people out to follow him on the spot; no packing, no strategic plan, no budget, no insurance-just a simple and life-changing invitation to follow. Some responded easily, some struggled and still others were so scared and offended by his message of radical love, inclusion and forgiveness they turned against him and plotted his demise. In a way that is hard to explain, but palpable to feel once you are "hooked"-Jesus is still calling us today to follow. Each of us in this community is needed and wanted in this kingdom work, this holy task of making God's love real in our lives and sharing that love with others.

So, come "home" this Sunday, and bring your whole heart-all your hopes and fears-all that you need and want blessed-all your dreams for a better and fairer world. We are called to place all of it on the altar and then pick up that love and take it out the door and into a hurting and needing world.

May you never forget you are loved.

Lisa

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Eucharist Returns

Starting again in October we will resume offering a Wednesday 12:10pm mid-week service. This will be a 20-30 minute service that includes prayers for healing and a simple Eucharist. All are welcome and encouraged to come to this small, informal and inclusive service open to those who have special healing prayer requests as well as anyone who is hungry for a little spiritual "pick-me-up" midweek. Each week we will celebrate the lives of those who our tradition remembers as "saints" using our Episcopal resource called "Holy Men and Holy Women." It is a wonderful resource sharing the lives and stories of people who inspire and encourage us to live recognizing our capacity to live lives that are both broken and blessed.



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## Blessing of the Animals/St. Francis Feast Day



We are doing things differently this year for St. Francis Sunday, otherwise known as Blessing of the Animals. We will have normal worship on **Sunday October 8th at 8:15 & 10:45 at Trinity.** At 4pm we will be gathering at **Middle Grounds Metroparks** (111 Ottawa St) for a special service just for the animals and fellowship time for all. Middle Grounds Metropark is a short drive (less than a mile!) from Trinity with ample parking and a beautiful shelter area/pavilion for us to gather. Invite all to come, especially those who often attend Trinity for just this service.

## Game Night



**Sunday October 8th, 7pm, Black Cloister Brewing Company**

Bring a game, bring a friend, bring both! We play games for all levels. Not a big gamer? Come for conversation, there is room for everyone. Food menu available. Join us for a different sort of fellowship time with Trinity friends!

## Saturday Bible Study

[Men's - Saturday October 14th](#)

[Women's - Saturday October 21st](#)



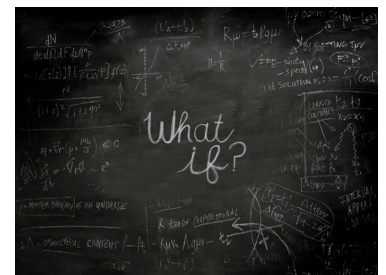
## Parish News

### Thanks to the Building Future Task Force

At its September meeting, the vestry acknowledged with deep gratitude the work of the Building Future Task Force led by chair Hugh Grefe, along with Chuck Abood, Mary Beroske, Dennis Degnan, Su Elliot, Gary Franklin, Mike Lowrey, Bob Meeker, Tim Reeder, and Greg Shumaker. The Task Force worked diligently over several months to capture the vision of both the Trinity community and the larger community (focused on our building partners, nearby neighbors, and downtown cultural institutions) to develop a plan for using our building as a mission asset to serve God's dream for downtown Toledo.

The group's recommendations were organized around three themes: (1) improving the building's accessibility; (2) improving our public "face" on Adams Street, St. Clair Street, and the plaza; and (3) developing under-used interior spaces, particularly the chapel and second floor space.

The vestry is already using, and will continue to use the vision of the Task Force to inform its building-related decisions in the months ahead. Be sure to thank the members of the Task Force for their devotion to preparing our building for the next several decades of ministry in the heart of the city.



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## Outreach

### Personal Hygiene Items for St. Paul's

**On Sunday 15th October, after the 10:45am service in the Living Room,** we will pack Personal Hygiene kits for people coming in to St. Paul's Community Center for a shower. Bags and contents will be supplied by Outreach. Many hands make light work!

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## **Wider Church**

### **Diocesan Convention**

The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Ohio is the legislative body that votes on the diocesan program and budget, elects people to various diocesan committees and groups, approves changes in the Constitution and Canons of the diocese, hears reports, and adopts resolutions on various issues. This year the Convention is November 10-12th in Cleveland.

Trinity's delegates to this year's convention are Darl Crawford, Peggy Heider, and Jolene Miller. Attendance at Annual Convention is not limited to lay delegates and clergy; members of all congregations are welcome to come and observe.

### **A Bicentennial Celebration**

The Diocese of Ohio will celebrate its 201st Annual Convention on Saturday, November 11 during a weekend of events marking the bicentennial of the diocese. Honored guests at this year's gathering will include the Most Rev. Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, and the Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies.

Registration is required for everyone this year, including visitors, guests, volunteers, etc. If you wish to attend any of the planned events, including the convention Eucharist, you must register online by Oct. 13 at <http://dohio.org/registration>.

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October 18th, 2017

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little;  
when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*  
*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the waters of life;  
having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we  
have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.*  
*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where  
in losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. Amen*  
*(attributed to: Sir Francis Drake, 1577)*

Beloved Friends,

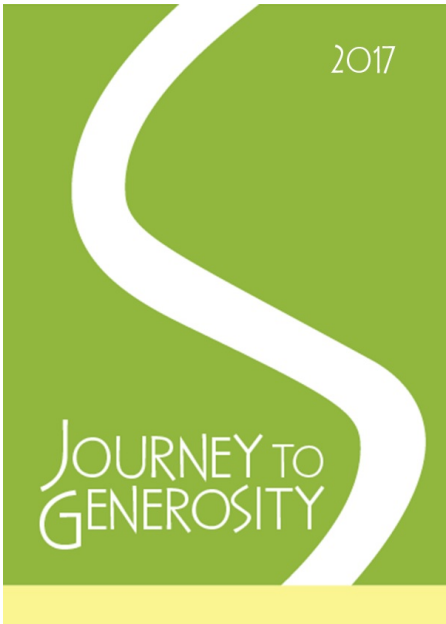
Wow. For the past 3 weeks we have met in between our 2 Sunday services for a time of conversation, and I am absolutely overjoyed by your energy, excitement, engagement and full participation; thank you dear ones. Each Sunday over 40 of us gathered together to get to know each other a little better and to start wrestling with where we find ourselves as a community of faith today and how to start discern where God might be calling, leading, nudging us towards. This past Sunday many of you wrote a "postcard from the future" and, again, I am delighted to see the creativity and imagination that is clearly alive and well among us. We are typing up all our responses and will find a way to make those available to the community shortly. Next week when I meet with our vestry we will have more conversation about next steps as well and I hope that we can together discern how best to keep this vision ball rolling; stay tuned.

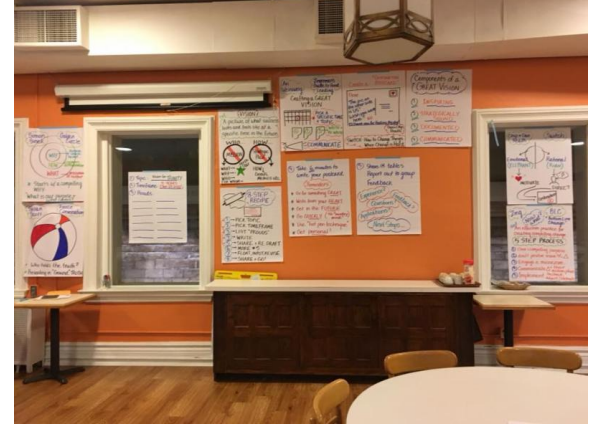
Believe it or not, November is right around the corner, and during the month we will be focused on our Annual Giving Campaign. This year's theme is: "Journey to Generosity" and we will be using some wonderful material made available by our church-wide denominational membership in TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship), along with some additional resources I have to share- hoping that together they will create a month of generative and generous conversations and discernment about what it means to live generous lives grounded in God's love. Of course the result will be an invitation for everyone to make a financial commitment to this ministry we share, but in addition to that it is my deepest hope that we will discover unexpected gifts during the process.

Finally, I hope that everyone who is able to makes an effort to "come home" to Trinity both this Saturday AND Sunday for 2 special liturgies. Saturday at 4:00pm we will welcome Bishop Mark Hollingsworth and the other churches of the West Mission Area as together we share the beautiful liturgy of Evensong. And then on Sunday we will combine our worship to one gathering at 9:30 for a festive Eucharist and welcome The Rev. Brad Purdom, Canon for Congregations as our guest preacher. Both services will be celebrations of our 175th anniversary- a wonderful opportunity to thank God for all the gifts received as well as a chance to pray together for our bright future.

Thank you all also for your many invitations for coffee, shared meals, visits to your homes and into your lives. I am enjoying each day as together we remember that we are lovely and loved by a generous and fabulous God.

May you never forget that you are loved.  
Lisa





## Upcoming Events



### One Service - Sunday October 22nd

Reminder there is one service only this Sunday at 9:30am in continuation of our 175th celebration!

**Sunday, October 29th**, Regular Schedule of 8:15 & 10:45 Services with Meet in the Middle at 9:30am. There will be no education hour this week. Enjoy fellowship time in the Living Room between services!

## A Request from the Office

Peggy Heider, our interim Office Manager, is in need of volunteers to answer telephones in the office while she is away on a vacation in November. We need help during the following times:

**Tuesday and Wednesday November 21 & 22 from 9:00am until 1:00pm**  
**Monday and Tuesday November 27 & 28 from 9:00am until 1:00pm**

We would gladly accept volunteers for any portion of those shifts if you are not able to do the entire time slot. If you can help please call Peggy in the office or see her at church on Sunday. Fresh coffee, many smiles and our gratitude will be provided!



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### Next to New Needs

This month NTN could most use: Men's shoes, men's slacks, socks and jewelry.

Remember our sales through Next to New directly fund our Outreach Missions. Clean out your closets and help Trinity Outreach at the same time!

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### Project Thank You's

There are new Outreach items to look for on the bulletin board across from the Nursery: a nice letter from Bishop Mark thanking us for our contribution to Outfitting Bellwether Farm, a note with photos from Toledo Campus Ministry thanking us for buying them a new stove to replace the old one that was not

working well, new photos of Estrella and David, the two children we sponsor at Hogar Emanuel, in Honduras, a letter from Jeff Wilbarger, Director of The Daughter Project, which helps girls rescued from sex trafficking, a letter from St. Paul's Director, Joe Habib, and a letter from Dr. Romules Durant regarding our gift of school supplies to Glenwood Elementary School. Take a look when you are on your way into the Living Room!

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## Building Partners

### SSFAC Move

Social Services for the Arab Community has relocated its office from Trinity to Glenwood Lutheran Church (2545 Monroe St, Toledo) in order to be more accessible to the people it serves. We're glad that we could share space with SSFAC for several years, we support its mission of service to immigrant and refugee families, and we wish the organization and its clients well in the new location.

## Wider Church

A Special Request from Bishop Hollingsworth- Do you have a story to tell?



God Loves You. No Exceptions.

If you are willing to share a story or meditation to help others recognize God's presence and love in their lives, please contact Jessica Rocha at [jrocha@dohio.org](mailto:jrocha@dohio.org).

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