

Trinity Online Calendar

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Trinity Topics

January 3rd, 2018

A Morning Offering (-John O'Donohue)

*We bless the night that nourished our hearts to set the ghosts of longing free
Into the flow and figure of dream that went to harvest from the dark
Bread for the hunger no one sees.*

*All that is eternal in us welcomes the wonder of this day,
The field of brightness it creates offering time for each thing
To arise and illuminate.*

*We place on the altar of dawn: the quiet loyalty of breath,
The tent of thought where we shelter, waves of desire we are shore to
And all beauty drawn to the eye.*

*May our minds come alive today to the invisible geography
That invites us to new frontiers, to break the dead shells of yesterdays,
To risk being disturbed and changed.*

*May we have the courage today to live the life that we would love,
To postpone our dreams no longer but do at last what we came here for
And waste our hearts on fear no more.*

Beloved Friends,
Endings and beginnings-that is what I am thinking about in these first few days of a new year. And it is why I have chosen to share John O'Donohue's beautiful "Morning Offering." In short, it is my pray for us; not only as a way to greet each new day with courage, but also as an attitude and posture for how we might greet this new year as a community of faith. We have so much waiting for us to discover and embrace in these coming months- more vision work, new staff, new approaches to living out our faith beyond the walls of the church, building projects, conversations about worship, service, formation, a new vestry and on and on. All of it exciting, even if at times overwhelming, but without a doubt, a season of expectation and hope and promise inviting us all into a deeper engagement and level of involvement.



We are living in "interesting times" in our church and in the world; a time in between what was and what is yet to be. For over 175 years Trinity has welcomed those seeking a place to belong; has responded to the needs of the community; has sought to be a vibrant and relevant expression of our Episcopal tradition; and has responded authentically to God's demand on our lives to live fearlessly as followers of Christ. This is who we have been and will continue to be with God's help. May we "waste our hearts on fear no more." What also lies ahead is the clear need to face into meaningful and relevant questions and conversations about God's vision for our future. We are poised and ready and I am so very grateful we have found each other for the work that lies ahead.

I give thanks this day for starting a new year together in our corner of God's vineyard. May we continue to grow in our understanding of what it means to be disciples; welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, visiting those who are lost or alone and then coming "home" to be nurtured

through the bread and wine we are honored to break and receive together each week.

Come home this Sunday; your place will be set. We will gather at 8:15 and again at 10:45 to transfer and celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany when we hear again the story of the Magi finding Jesus, bringing all of who they are to discover the source of love and peace wrapped in clothe lying in a cold dark manger in an out of the way place, just waiting to be seen and heard.

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May you never forget that you are loved.

Happy New Year dear ones!
Lisa

Upcoming Events

2017 in Review, Looking ahead to 2018

This **Sunday, January 7th 9:30am** join Lisa for an informal time of conversation as together we reflect back on the events, blessings and challenges of 2017 as well as look ahead to 2018. We will gather upstairs in My Brother's Place from 9:30-10:30. All are welcome and wanted!

Budget Presentation/Conversation

On **Sunday, January 14th 9:30am** in My Brother's Place, the vestry will be hosting an all-parish meeting to present the 2018 approved budget in order to have conversation and engage in a Q&A. This will be a time to learn more about the church's finances, better understand the blessings of our resources and our plans for the future. Plan on joining us whether you consider yourself a "finance" person or not- the goal of the morning is to get everyone more knowledgeable and excited about our bright future.



Game Night

Sunday January 14th, 7pm at the Black Cloister Brewing Company (619 Monroe St. at Erie St.) Bring your friends, family, and favorite tabletop games for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you're not a big fan of games, that's fine - come join us for the conversation.

Annual Meeting

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YWCA I Rise Unity March

Sunday January 21st, 3:30pm. The March will be starting at the Toledo Loves Love wall and ending at Trinity Episcopal. Stay tuned for more detailed information.



Parish News

Healing Service Returns

Wednesday's Healing Service returns after the holiday season in the sanctuary on January 3rd, 2018. Join us for a simple service of prayer, healing oil, and Eucharist. Services begin at 12:10pm and only last

approximately 30 minutes.



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Formation

Saturday Bible Study

The Men's and Women's Saturday Bible Study's will continue in 2018. All members of Trinity and their guests are welcome to attend. The Men's group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month and the Women's group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month. See below for dates and locations:



Men's Group - Saturday January 13th, 9am - Rick's City Diner,
5333 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43623

Women's Group - Saturday January 20th, 9am - Charlie's Restaurant,
1631 Toll Gate Dr, Maumee, OH 43537

Outreach

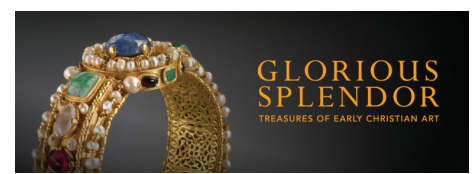
Hot Chili lunch at St. Paul's - Sunday, January 14th

On Sunday, January 14th, we will be serving a hot lunch for the residents of St. Paul's Community Center in downtown Toledo after the 10:45am service. This will be a smaller event than in previous years since we will be serving only the residents. We will still need four or five batches of chili, plus cookies or brownies, four dozen hard boiled (shelled) eggs, fruit drinks and milk. In addition we will need to have four to six volunteers come with us to St. Paul's to serve food and visit with the residents. Sign-up sheets will be available this Sunday on the curved wall in the sanctuary. Any questions please contact Valerie Garforth. Please consider helping with this very rewarding ministry!

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November Financials

Treasurer's Update: November 2017

Income

Church actual income is \$501,772.

Compared to budget, church income is \$6,014 (more) than budget .

26% is from pledge payments

The balance is from investments, building use, etc.

Expense

Church actual expenses are \$543,019.

Compared to budget, church expenses are \$4,198 (less) than budget

Buildings and Grounds are \$43,133 (more) than budget -

All other categories combined (Personnel, Finance, Parking, Outreach, Worship, Evangelism, Formation and Pastoral Care) are \$47,331 (less) than budget

Bottom Line

YTD, the church has an actual operating loss of \$41,247.

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.

Please feel free to contact Jane Bueche, Greg Shumaker or Gary Franklin with questions or comments.

	2017 November YTD Budget	2017 November YTD Actual	Difference
Revenue			
Plate Offering	6,542	5,995	(546)
Pledge Payments	137,750	134,931	(2,819)
Combined Investment Income	281,283	280,667	(616)
Other Operating Income	70,183	80,179	9,996
Nave Principal Income	0	0	0
Total Revenues	495,758	501,772	6,014
Expenditures			
Personnel	270,784	226,948	(43,837)
Buildings & Grounds	129,500	172,633	43,133
Operations	30,850	29,001	(1,849)
Diocesan Assessment	45,833	54,000	8,167
Outreach Local	3,750	4,886	1,136
Program	54,950	44,206	(10,744)
Loan Interest Payment	11,550	11,346	(204)
Loan Principal Payment	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	547,217	543,019	(4,198)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(51,459)	(41,247)	10,212
Nave Loan Balance as of 11/30/17	\$481,690		

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Bueche

Parish Accountant

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[Register online: https://2018dwc.eventbrite.com](https://2018dwc.eventbrite.com)

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Trinity Topics

January 17th, 2018

***Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. -Martin Luther King, Jr.***

Beloved Friends,

This past Monday we once again remembered the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Since 1986, Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been an invitation to recognize and celebrate King's life and contributions as a national civil rights leader who challenged the racial caste system in America offering both hope and a clarion call to racial equality and freedom-a vision we still strive for today.

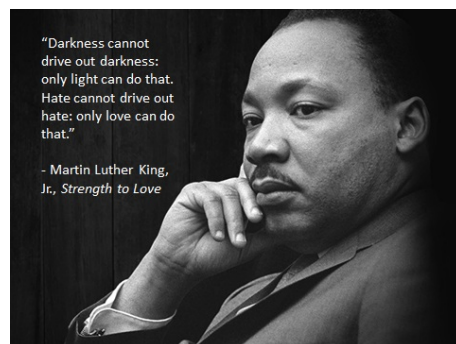
Of his many meaningful speeches, sermons and writings, it is the brief quote above that resonates today with me as I think about where we are in the life of the church. We have entered the season of Epiphany- the weeks between now and the beginning of Lent. It is a season when we focus on the life and teachings of Jesus during his lifetime- his epiphaneia (appearing, in Greek) directly to his followers.

Last week, at the invitation of one of our members, I spent an evening at Aurora House. The mission of Aurora is to provide *a comprehensive housing and life skills program that empowers homeless women and their children to achieve self-sufficiency and independence by providing resources and learning opportunities in a supportive and safe environment (Aurora)*. I went empty handed responding only to the invitation to "come and see" and what I saw moved me deeply. Women with courage and conviction beyond anything I could fathom, living together, working through the demons and challenges in their lives in order to find and make a new way in this world. One by one as they spoke I was witness to the kind of light and love I am sure Martin Luther King Jr was referencing. I left that evening being reminded that indeed it is only light and love- the hard and fought for kind that can and will drive out darkness and hate- within ourselves and around us. These women were my teachers that night and a reminder of how important it is we seek out and walk with each other day by day.

We are called to learn the lesson King points to as we live in and through our differences at times. It takes courage and compassion to engage honestly with someone who is different and may not agree with you on things large or small. But that was Jesus' dream as well and his call to us to be reconciled one to the other is as real and needed today as it was when Jesus called his first followers.

We all need authentic places to be known and loved where we are encouraged to plant and then grow the kind of love Martin Luther King Jr. died trying to point us towards. A kind of love that drives out hate; a kind of love that risks knowing and being known by people different from ourselves-whatever the difference may be. I pray every day that is the kind of Beloved community we are building together.

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Service of Universal Worship



Sunday, January 28th at 5:30pm, Trinity Episcopal Church will be hosting a Service of Universal Worship sponsored by the [MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio](#). The theme of January's service will be "Divine Healing". The service consists of readings and music from six local faith traditions. The Service of Universal Worship was created by an Indian musician and Sufi mystic, Hazrat Inayat Khan in the early 20th century to honor all faith traditions. In our challenging times, it offers an opportunity to pray together in solidarity with others, without sacrificing the

beauty of our own traditions.

Parish News

Welcome!!

Our new Parish Administrator, **Meredith Nicholson**, and our new Community Outreach & Development Coordinator, **Heather Meyer**, began their first days at Trinity this week. They will be with us in worship this Sunday, join us in welcoming these new additions to the Trinity family!



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Performing Artist Series: [ACT Readings](#)

The Realistic Joneses" by Will Eno, directed by Nancy Wright

February 16 & 24 at 8:00 p.m.

ACT Presents:

In *The Realistic Joneses*, we meet Bob and Jennifer and their new neighbors, John and Pony, two suburban couples who have even more in common than their identical homes and their shared last names. As their relationships begin to irrevocably intertwine, the Joneses must decide between their idyllic fantasies and their imperfect realities.

"The Nether" by Jennifer Haley, directed by Barbara Barkan

February 17 & 24 at 8:00 p.m.

The Nether is a virtual wonderland that provides total sensory immersion. Just log in, choose an identity and indulge your every desire. But when a young detective uncovers a disturbing brand of entertainment, she triggers an interrogation into the darkest corners of the imagination.

Trigger warning...this play deals with very adult themes and is not recommended for anyone under 18 years old.

Tickets for all shows are \$10.00 and can be purchased [here](#).



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