

Trinity Online Calendar

Service Times

Sunday Morning

8:15am Traditional Service
9:30am Formation
10:45am Progressive Service

Wednesday

12:10pm Eucharist

Saturday

Men's Bible Study
2nd Saturday, 9am-Rick's City
Diner

Women's Bible Study
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Maumee

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The Vestry



Trinity Topics

February 7th, 2018

*This being human is a guest-house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness
comes
as an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your
house
empty of its furniture, still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out for some new delight.
The dark thought, the shame, the malice, meet them at the door
laughing,
and invite them in.
Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.*

Say I Am You: Poetry Interspersed with Stories of Rumi and Shams,
Translated by John Moyne and Coleman Barks, Maypop, 1994.

Beloved Friends,

Current research and resources focused on church growth and development offer insight to communities who want to move forward in this 21st century context. While there are as many opinions on the subject as there are authors there are some common themes and criteria.

At this time in our life together I think it may be helpful to hear what many well-versed in this field agree are some of those elements;

- a community that worships intentionally and often;
 - knows itself and moves forward based on vision;
 - invites and incorporates new members;
 - creates disciples;
 - lives as stewards of time, spiritual gifts, talents, and money;
 - empowers individuals to live better lives;
 - cares for its own;
 - reaches beyond its doors;
 - fosters a learning culture for adults, youth, and children;
 - communicates increasingly better;
 - manages conflict to create fairness and peace;
- and understands the need to be connected to the greater church.

I believe these are not only accurate and good reminders, but descriptive of much of what our vestry, guilds, committees and staff will be focusing on this year. We will also be called toward deeper expressions of these essential criteria as we head into the season of Lent a week from today- an intentional time of deep reflection encouraging us to be mindful of the interior nature of our journey leading us towards wholeness. This Lent we will have 2 additional opportunities to stretch ourselves; all

are invited to pick up a copy of Ta-Nehisi Coates' book, *Between the World and Me* and then join in an extended conversation throughout Lent on Wednesday mornings and evenings as well as participate in the conversations after each service using Brene Brown's new book, *Braving the Wilderness*. All of this- "this being human", messy though it may be, is indeed a gift if we can for a moment let down our guard and be grateful for whatever and whoever appears on the threshold of our one wild and precious life.

Come home this Sunday and every Sunday- bringing all of who you are, broken and blessed, trusting that you will find what you need and leave changed for good and for God



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May you never forget you are loved.

Lisa

Upcoming Events

Holy Week Planning Conversation

Sunday February 11th, 9:30am please join Lisa in the Walbridge room to discuss Holy Week 2018. Lisa would like congregants to share their stories of past Holy Week experiences here at Trinity and help Lisa plan this upcoming year as we experience this season for the first time together.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday February 14th at 12pm & 7pm please join us for Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes. Trinity will once again also be offering Outdoors "Ashes to Go" from 1:00-2:00pm.



Parish News

New Service Time & Structure

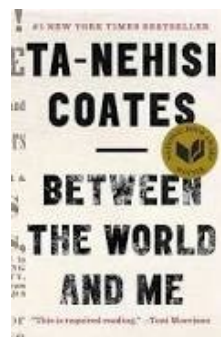
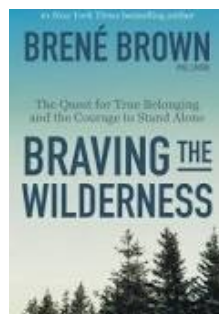
Beginning Sunday February 18th we will begin our new service times and structure. See schedule below:

- 9:00-9:50** Continental Breakfast & conversation (My Brother's Place)
(Social time, small groups and/or committee meetings)
- 9:00** Choir Warm Up and Rehearsal
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Lenten Book Study & Formation

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Please join with the Right Reverend William Persell, Assisting Bishop of Ohio, in the installation of the Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray as rector of Trinity Church, Toledo on **Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm** at Trinity. Your prayers and presence are requested.



Arts & Music

Performing Artist Series: [ACT Readings](#)

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February 16 & 23 at 8:00 p.m.

ACT Presents:

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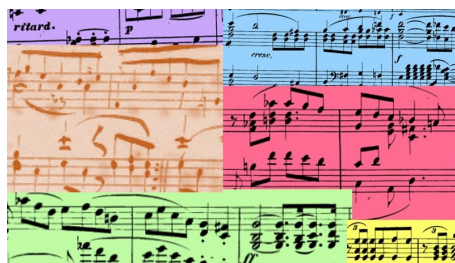
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Performing Artist Series: N/A Ensemble



Sunday February 18th, 7:00pm

N/A Ensemble and Compass New Music present a concert featuring music selected from a call for scores from female and non-binary composers. They'll be performing works by the four winning composers: Kristina Warren, Liz Johnson, Inti Figgis-Vizueta and Emily Koh, along with pieces by prominent composers Pamela Z and Eva-Maria Houben.

N/A Ensemble is a Toledo-based new music group dedicated to performing experimental and adventurous classical music. The Compass New Music concert series showcases new classical music by those whose gender identity is not cisgender male (i.e., those who identify as women, transgender, non-binary, genderfluid, genderqueer, or any other non-cis-male gender identity).

Come at 6:30 for a pre-concert talk about the composers, their influences, and their musical styles.

Tickets are \$10, or \$5 for students and Trinity members.

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West Mission Area

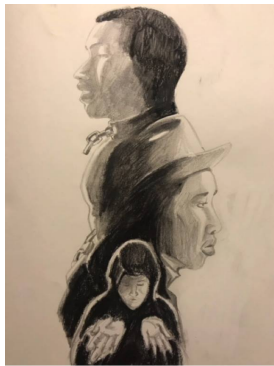
West Mission Area Council Meeting

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Celebration of New Ministry

The Right Reverend Arthur Williams, Jr., Assisting Bishop of Ohio, will celebrate the installation of the Rev. Bridget Coffey as rector of St. Andrew's Church, Toledo on **Saturday, February 17 at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Andrew's in west Toledo. Your prayers and presence are requested.

Commission for Racial Understanding: Lessons From Hayti: Black Entrepreneurship Sunday February 18th, 4pm, All Saints' Church(563 Pinewood Ave)



Join the Episcopal churches of the West Mission Area for their first 2018 Commission for Racial Understanding event. What do you know about Hayti, or about Black Wall Street, or other communities of self-sufficiency and power for African Americans? These stories are not being told in many communities. Our February event seeks to tell these stories and talk about lessons learned from these communities. All are welcome to attend.

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Trinity Topics

February 21st, 2018

Community is the place where we ideally learn to be ourselves without fear or constraint. Community life deepens through mutual trust among all its members. The more authentic and creative a community is in its search for the essential, the more its members are called beyond their own concerns and tend to unite. A community becomes truly and radiantly one when all its members have a sense of urgency. It is when the members of a community realize that they are not there simply for themselves or their own sanctification, but to welcome the gift of God, to hasten God's Kingdom, and to quench the thirst of others, that they truly live as community. The process of becoming a community happens when the majority of its members make the transition from 'the community for myself' to 'myself for the community.' Loving means to want others to fulfill themselves according to God's plan. It means wanting them to be faithful to their own calling. -Jean Vanier (founder of L'Arche)



Beloved Friends,

Our journey through the season of Lent has now begun. We took our first steps together a week ago on Ash Wednesday when we came together and had our foreheads marked with the sign of the cross. Then this past Sunday we began exploring the invitation of moving into a metaphorical wilderness through a sermon series using Brene Brown's book: *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*. We also began a season of a new Sunday morning schedule with a time to eat and gather at 9:00, worship at 10:00 and conversation at 11:15. And while at first glance those three things may not seem related, I dare say I think they are intrinsically interwoven when put in the context of Jean Vanier's beautiful quote on community above. From my perspective, these things: a season of introspection, a sermon series with extended conversation and a new way of being together on Sundays are all a part of trying to discern how God is calling us to be and become a beloved community.

Change is often something we resist when we fear something we value will be taken away. Change is also something we crave when we yearn for something our values want to see expressed. Both are true and valid. It is my deepest prayer that as we live and grow into community together we will indeed build up "mutual trust among all our members."

Come home this Sunday; bring whatever is hurting or whatever you have to share and together we will continue our Lenten journey, searching for what is essential, releasing what holds us down, and rejoicing in our affection for each other and for the God who loved us first.

May you never forget you are loved.
Lisa

Upcoming Events

Vigil Reading at the Tomb

At the end of the Maundy Thursday Service we will begin our Vigil Reading at the Tomb. There will be available one hour time slots from Thursday evening until the start of the Easter Vigil service for you to read scripture out loud in the sanctuary. You can sign up for more than one slot if you wish. Trinity provides security during non-business hours. You are welcome to bring a friend or family member with you to read. Please join us for



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this powerful tradition at Trinity! Signup sheets will be available Sundays at 9:00am breakfast or after service. See Elizabeth Cousino to sign up.



Choir Invitation to come join us!

With our new service schedule, choir will practice on Sunday mornings at 9:00 before the 10:00 service in hopes of welcoming new members. Consider this your invitation to come try it out! No experience necessary- just a willingness to come and learn with others. Daniel has prepared packets of the music the choir will be offering over the next 5 weeks in case you want to take a sneak peek! We would love to have a wonderfully full choir with new people coming to try it out during this season. Then we will be asking for feedback about the early (and shorter) rehearsal time, before setting a permanent rehearsal schedule for the choir going forward. All are welcome; Come and sing!

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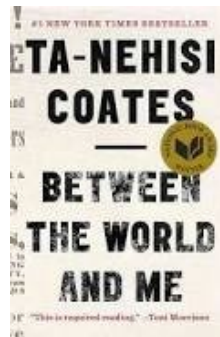
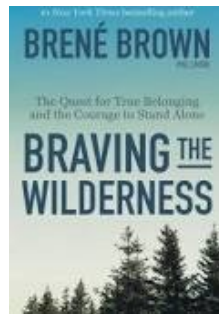
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March 6: Celebration of Ministry & Welcoming of a New Rector

We have made the decision to postpone this wonderful celebration until we are on the other side of Lent and into Eastertide. We will send out an announcement when a new date is chosen. This will be a wonderful time to celebrate the many blessings of Trinity's ministry as well as formally welcome Lisa as our next permanent Rector.

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January Financials

Treasurers Update January 2018

Income:

Church actual income is \$36,447.

Compared to budget, church income is \$5,909 (less) than budget .

32% is from pledge payments. The balance is from investments, building use, etc.

Expense:

Church actual expenses are \$48,751.

Compared to budget, church expenses are \$4,833 (less) than budget.

Buildings and Grounds are \$200 (less) than budget -

All other categories combined (Personnel, Finance, Parking, Outreach, Worship, Evangelism, Formation and Pastoral Care) are \$4,633 (less) than budget

Bottom Line:

YTD, the church has an actual operating loss of \$12,304.

We began the year with a positive \$32,615.03 cash balance.

2018 Outlook

The 2018 budget for the Church expenses is \$649,949. The outlook is for a balanced budget, because of the cash carry forward.

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

	2018 January YTD <u>Budget</u>	2018 January YTD <u>Actual</u>	Difference
Revenue			
Plate Offering	542	279	(263)
Pledge Payments	15,089	11,960	(3,129)
Combined Investment Income	26,209	24,209	(2,000)
Other Operating Income	517	0	(517)
Nave Principal Income	0	0	0
Total Revenues	42,356	36,447	(5,909)
Expenditures			
Personnel	25,341	21,136	(4,206)
Buildings & Grounds	12,709	12,508	(200)
Operations	2,638	4,790	2,152
Diocesan Assessment	5,938	7,500	1,562

Outreach Local	1,375	150	(1,225)
Program	5,417	1,583	(3,834)
Loan Interest Payment	167	1,084	918
Loan Principal Payment	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	53,585	48,751	(4,833)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(11,228)	(12,304)	(1,076)
Nave Loan Balance as of 1/31/18	\$473,826		

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West Mission Area & Ohio Diocese

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Ohio Episcopal Church Women Gathering

Annual meeting of the Diocese of Ohio Episcopal Church Women will be Saturday, May 19, 2018, at [Bellwether Farm](#), in Wakeman, Ohio. National ECW President Lisa H. Towle will be keynote speaker. For further information, contact:

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