There is nothing that can replace the absence of someone dear to us, and one should not even attempt to do so. One must simply hold out and endure it. At first that sounds very hard, but at the same time it is also a great comfort. For to the extent the emptiness truly remains unfilled one remains connected to the other person through it. It is wrong to say that God fills the emptiness. God in no way fills it but much more leaves it precisely unfilled and thus helps us preserve -- even in pain -- the authentic relationship. Furthermore, the more beautiful and full the remembrances, the more difficult the separation. But gratitude transforms the torment of memory into silent joy. One bears what was lovely in the past not as a thorn but as a precious gift deep within, a hidden treasure of which one can always be certain. -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Beloved Friends,

In 1998, English rock and blues guitarist Eric Clapton recorded and released the song My Father's Eyes. The lyrics reference both Clapton's father, whom he never met, and his son Conor, who died in a tragic accident when he was 4 yrs old. It is a song of heartache and longing for what never was between him, his father and his son. I was fortunate to not only know and love my father; I also knew his eyes, and he knew mine.

My father was the first person I think who really saw me; he taught me it was okay to cry, to question, to think deeply, to push until I understood, to find different ways of saying things in order to be a better teacher, and to live every minute to its fullest. He was many things to me and complicated family dynamics aside, he was at best my role model of what love looked and felt and sounded like walking around on earth.

My father always found a way to be a part of my life and Trinity was no exception. He wanted badly to come to Trinity once Kim and I were here (and even visited the summer before I had started to "check it out.") It was a difficult maneuver and effort because of health challenges, but he made it to a Sunday service two months ago, met a few of you, and he absolutely loved what he saw and felt here.

Many of you now know this past Sunday morning my father died just as I was arriving at church. Kim called to say she had been with him and he let go just as gracefully as he lived his life, aware and ready, knowing of our love and without any pain. Each of you, directly, or by extension as a member of this beloved community gave me a gift that day I will always cherish. I was encouraged to go home, with the reassurance that you would all be fine- I did and you were; and for both I will be forever grateful. Thank you for being the love of Christ for me in this time of transition; it is hard for all of us to navigate the death of someone we love, even when not a complete surprise, and this community is modeling that in beautiful ways.

During this season of Lent we are working our way through Brene Brown's new book: Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone and wrestling each week with what it means to stand alone and yet stay connected on our journeys. In one of her earlier books, she writes about giving and receiving and you all have reminded me of the importance of this posture these past few days. She writes:

Until we can receive with an open heart, we're never really giving with an open heart. When we attach judgment to receiving help, we knowingly or unknowingly attach judgment to giving help. (Brene Brown, The Gifts of Imperfection)

So thank you. For all the little and not-so-little ways you are giving yourselves to me and each other through friendship and leadership while I take a small step away to be with my family and attend to some of these final things in my father's journey. Come home this Sunday, where we can feel that shared love.
of these final things in my father’s journey. Come home this Sunday, where we can feel that shared love between and among us, and where, once again, we are invited to receive the bread and wine that truly does connect and sustain us along the way.

May you never forget that you are loved.
Lisa

**Upcoming Events**

**Trinity Game Night**

**Sunday March 11th, 7pm** join us at the Black Cloister Brewing Company (619 Monroe St. at Erie St.) for an entertaining and relaxing game night. 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.

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

**Holy Week Service Times**

**Palm Sunday** - March 25th, 10am

**Maundy Thursday Feast of Friends, Hand & Foot Washing, Stripping of Altar** - March 28th, 6pm

**Good Friday Services** - March 29th 12pm & 7pm

**Easter Vigil** - Saturday March 30th, 6pm

**Easter Sunday Celebration Service** - April 1st, 10am

**Outreach Event- Art for Thought- a Food For Thought Event**

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**Parish News**

**2018 Vestry Officers**

The Vestry is the lay governing body of the Trinity community, and it consists of nine members elected for staggered three-year terms by the congregation at the Annual Parish Meeting. Officers are the Senior and Junior Wardens, Clerk, and Treasurer. The officers are chosen by the vestry from among its own members (Wardens) or from the community.

At its last meeting, the Vestry chose **Alice Todd** to serve as Senior Warden and **Becky Roth** to serve as Junior Warden. **Greg Shumaker** was chosen as the Treasurer, and **Jamie Paul** will assist him and present financial reports at Vestry meetings. It is expected that the Parish Administrator, when one is hired, will serve as the Clerk. Until then, former Clerk **Becky Roth** will continue to function in this role.

**Music Director Accepts New Position**

_A message from Daniel:_

_for the last 3 years, it has been my honor to walk with this community seeing it grow and stretch discovering what it means to be a progressive, inclusive, and creative community downtown more and more. In the last 8 months, I married my wife Marie, moved into a new condo, and began a full time Master's program at the University of Toledo. After much prayer and conversation and trying to listen to what is best for me, my family, my studies and this overall new chapter in my life, I have decided to step down as Trinity's Director of Music. Lisa understands and supports my decision. Together, we have decided that I will stay through Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday and then Sunday, April 8th will be my last Sunday at Trinity._

_I want to thank everyone for the opportunities this position has gifted me and for helping me become the musician I am today. I want to thank the choir in particular for their diligence and dedication to my ministry here, and for the relationship built by singing._

_and as hard as it is to leave any position, I am also very excited to share I have accepted a new position as Minister of Music at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in West Toledo. There, I will be able to begin a new chapter as you begin yours. Finally, I want to thank Lisa, the vestry, the choir, and the whole congregation for your overwhelming support and love these past three years. I wish the best for this place and hold you all close to my heart._

_Faithfully, Daniel_

_Daniel's last Sunday with us will be **Sunday April 8** and following that service we will gather to have a celebratory Farewell Party. We have begun work on a transition plan for the music ministry to ensure that beginning April 15th we will have beautiful music for worship and a plan moving forward. Pray for Daniel and his wife Marie as they begin this transition and for the Trinity community as we move into another season of change._

**Welcome Wendy!**

_If you have stopped in the office or called the church recently you have likely encountered our new temp Wendy Ridley who is assisting in the office since our parish administrator's departure. She is new to church office work but has been a great asset during this transition time. Stop by and introduce yourself the next time you see her!_
Trinity Members, and active supporters of University of Toledo Campus Ministry, Tim Reeder and Megan Simmons, have begun their week in Houston with UT students on an "Alternative Spring Break Trip" serving in that community. We are holding them all in prayer and look forward to their stories of their big adventure when they get home.

Video Projects at Trinity

I'm Kristian Emerich. Over the next few weeks and in the future, you may see me around the church with a camera or iPad in hand. I am beginning to record segments of our service and other activities to be used in creative projects, including a welcome video for our church website and YouTube page. I'm excited to capture the beauty and many talents that can be found within Trinity, as well as the stories that make up our lives. If you are concerned that your image may be recorded, please come see me or contact me, emericnk@gmail.com, and I will make any accommodations needed. I look forward to beginning this creative journey with you.

Arts & Music

Performing Artist Series: Ballet Theatre of Toledo presents "The Jungle Book"

Friday, March 16 at 7pm
Friday, March 17 at 7pm
Sunday, March 18 at 2pm

Trinity moves the chairs and rolls out the dance floor for the Ballet Theatre of Toledo as they present "Jungle Book the Ballet." Follow the famous Rudyard Kipling story of Mowgli, the orphaned Indian boy who is raised by wolves and grows up with his friends Baloo the bear, Bagheera the panther and Kaa the python. Inspired by the powerful music of Alexander Borodin, Nigel Burgion's choreography blends classical ballet with
Nigel Burgoine’s choreography blends classical ballet with creative animal movements to bring this endearing tale to life. This beautiful story is a ballet for the entire family.

Tickets: $20 Adult, $15 Seniors and children 12 years and under
For tickets, call the Ballet Theatre of Toledo: 419-861-0895

Building Partners

Food For Thought- March is Hungry

These aren't your average PB&J nights. In March, you're invited to dress up, bring friends, and come to the best PB&J parties we've ever hosted. We’re collecting monetary and in-kind donations to stock our PB&J supplies for the whole year!

We encourage volunteers to bring donations of creamy peanut butter, jelly or jam, sliced bread, or snacks. For a full list, click the link here.

March 16th: Be a Hero for Hunger! Click here to RSVP on Facebook
March 23rd: PB & Jams - A Retro Party Click here to RSVP on Facebook

West Mission Area & Ohio Diocese

West Mission/CRU Refugee Welcome Party

The West Mission Chapter of the Commission for Racial Understanding is sponsoring a Refugee Welcome Party Sunday March 18th, 4-6pm at St. Paul’s Maumee. There are many opportunities to volunteer to make this event a success as they partner with Us Together. Invitations are being sent by US Together to recently resettled families in NW Ohio. Teams are forming to plan logistics for a simple party to show love to our newest neighbors. Contact Jennifer at St. Paul’s for more information: jen@stpaulsmaumee.org.
God's Passionate Love Story

Look at him! Look not at his divinity but look rather at his freedom. Look not at the exaggerated tales of his power but look rather at his infinite capacity to give himself away. Look not at the first-century mythology that surrounds him, but look rather at his courage to be, his ability to live, […]

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 25, 10am Our worship begins with glad shouts of "Hosanna!" and moves to angry cries of "Crucify him!" We journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then is utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city. Come early to join the festive procession […]

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Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 6pm This evening we gather to share a meal, recalling the Last Supper of Jesus. This was the final meal of a man facing execution, and he used it to teach his friends about love, service and sacrifice. Afterwards, we follow Jesus' lead in an act of love and humility, washing the […]

The post Maundy Thursday appeared first on Trinity Episcopal Church.

Vigil Reading at the Tomb

Begins Thursday evening and continues until 5:00pm Saturday. Click Here to signup for a reading slot. From the end of the Maundy service on Thursday until the start of the Vigil service on Saturday, we keep a vigil of the resurrection by reading the Bible aloud. All that's required is a willingness to read and […]

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Good Friday

Friday March 29th, 12pm & 7pm Choral Meditation on the Passion (12pm) A meditative Good Friday service of lessons and choral anthems. We will journey with Mark through Christ’s final hours. Stations of the Cross (7pm) A participatory Good Friday service in which we use our senses to walk the "Via Dolorosa" (“Way of Grief” […]

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Easter Vigil
Saturday March 31st, 6pm We gather tonight to celebrate the most important and wonderful truth we know—that in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, God has entered into our world to bring hope, healing, and new life.

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### PARISH NEWS

#### March for Our Lives

This Saturday March 24th, 2pm March For Our Lives March and Rally in downtown Toledo will be passing by the doors of Trinity. Trinity will be opening their building for bathroom access to all marchers. If you are interested in being a smiling face and supporter from our door step please contact Bob Meeker via email or if you wish to participate in the March join Trinity members Elizabeth Cousino & her daughter Taylor at Promenade Park.

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#### 11:15am Formation Time

March 25th, April 1st & April 8th there will not be formation/study time after service. Please take this opportunity to stay and enjoy coffee, snacks & fellowship with the Trinity community!

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#### Music Director Farewell Celebration

Please plan on joining us for a Farewell Celebration for Music Director Daniel Catalano on Sunday, April 8, following the 10:00 service.

We will be presenting Daniel with a "Love Offering" to show our appreciation of his time with us. If you would like to contribute but have not done so please send a check to Trinity Episcopal Church c/o Jane Bueche, 316 Adams St, Toledo, OH 43604. You may also put your check in the offering plate. Please make your check payable to Trinity Episcopal Church with "Daniel Love Offering" in the memo line.

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#### Toledo Campus Ministry: ASB

The Toledo Campus Ministry students had a wonderful week in Houston, TX on Alternative Spring Break. We worked on three different houses that were in various states of repair. We learned new skills of hanging drywall, mudding, roofing just to name a few. We were hosted by a Lutheran Church and slept out back in a storage trailer! We even got to have some fun at the beach in Galveston on our afternoon off. Thanks so much for all of your support and prayers through the week.

Megan Simmons, Tim Reeder and the rest of the TCMers
Trinity Lobby "Fishbowl" Construction update

Rejoice! We are finally beginning! This week the Building & Grounds Commission signed off on plans to begin the work on the lobby/office area often known as the "fishbowl". You may have already noticed the new glass doors to the Walbridge room. We will be moving our office setup to this room in the weeks following Easter. Please have patience as we make this transition. Meetings traditionally held in the Wakbeidge room will be moving upstairs to the conference room or My Brother's Place on the second floor. We are sure there will be bumps along the way but we are finally moving forward!

Scope of work
Walker Consultants has been hired to design repair plans for the lobby (also known as the "fishbowl") and for select plaza repairs in the area over the Church offices. The plaza repairs include removing necessary areas of brick that pave the plaza floor over the offices followed by structural and waterproofing repairs. Structural repairs will include: steel beam / joist repairs, concrete slab repairs, and wall repairs. New plaza railings will be added in order to bring all railings on the plaza into safety compliance. The entrances from the garage to the "fishbowl" and from the street to the "fishbowl" will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations with the installation of automatic doors.

Overview of Anticipated Project Dates
1) Trinity signs off on Walker project plans by week of 3/19
2) Walker prepares and distributes final bid package week of 3/26
3) Contractors' bids are received week of 4/16
4) Successful bid awarded week of 4/23
5) Construction starts by week of 5/7
6) Construction is completed by no later than 8/1- 8/15

April 2nd-6th Building Information
- The Trinity Office will be open the week after Easter.
- Lisa will not be in the office the week of April 2-6th.
- There will not be 12:10pm Eucharist on Wednesday April 4th.
- Please see the Trinity online calendar for updates on Next to New's Hours that week.
- All other events in the building will continue on their normal schedule.

ART & MUSIC

Glass City Singers Concert #3
Tuesday April 24th, 7:30pm Glass City Singers is an auditioned vocal ensemble of singers aged 16-30 whose performances focus exclusively on 21st century music. Founded in January 2017, it is the only community chorus of its kind in Northwest Ohio.

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