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DEAR FRIENDS

Breakfast at Trinity



Dear Friends,

This Sunday after the 10am service we will be meeting on the second floor in the room known as My Brother's Place about the launch of our new ministry "Breakfast at Trinity." As quite a few of you remember, we had a weekly breakfast program before the pandemic that served members of Trinity as well as the unhoused living in and around downtown Toledo. Due to the pandemic, it went away, and we've spent the past year working on bringing it back. In September, Karen Keune submitted a grant to the Diocese of Ohio for \$5,000 in funding, while including that we'd try and match the grant through our own funding. While we still have not heard about the grant, I can tell you we've received a \$5,000 anonymous donation for funding Breakfast at Trinity.

To be sure, there is still a need for a Sunday morning meal downtown for those on the margins which is why we are relaunching this breakfast. But providing a meal is only meant to be a catalyst for relationship building.

Welcoming home new friends and family members who don't know what they've missed is who Trinity is, and this breakfast will provide a great opportunity to expand on that. That said, there are a few logistics that we'll be going over in more detail at this Sunday's meeting that I will touch on here:

1. This will be a weekly ministry.
2. Breakfast will be served café style from 8:45–9:15am.
3. We will be asking for six (6) volunteers every week to help make this happen.

We're not simply relaunching the breakfast program; we are creating a new ministry that honors the spirit of what was in order to make way for what can be. There will be some carryover from the previous iteration of our community breakfast, however. For example, it'll still be an incredibly fun time where we meet new friends and forge deep bonds. Also, our Director of Music and the Arts, Chelsie Cree, has a few fun things up her sleeves that are going to make this unlike any other breakfast you may have been to. Here are some save the dates to put on your calendars now. We'll go over them again Sunday:

1. Sign-up Genius going live on 2/1
2. Deep clean of the kitchen on 2/4 after service
3. Volunteer training on 2/18 after service
4. Soft launch on 2/25

I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday after church!

Grace and peace.

George M. Benson (he/him)

Director of Community Engagement

DE-GREENING THE CHURCH



Saturday, January 6, 9:30 am

While we can't promise as much fun and camaraderie as we had Greening the Church in early December, we contend that there's something immensely satisfying about taking down seasonal decorations and *carefully* storing them for next year.

And besides, January 6 is the Feast of the Epiphany – the traditional day when the magi arrived at the cradle having followed the star in the East. For Latin American and Spanish-

speaking countries, the day is known as *El Día de los Reyes Magos*, when special food is prepared especially *Rosca de Reyes* (Kings Cake). We can't promise there'll be a Kings Cake for those who come to help de-decorate, but there'll be something sweet and, of course, hot coffee!!

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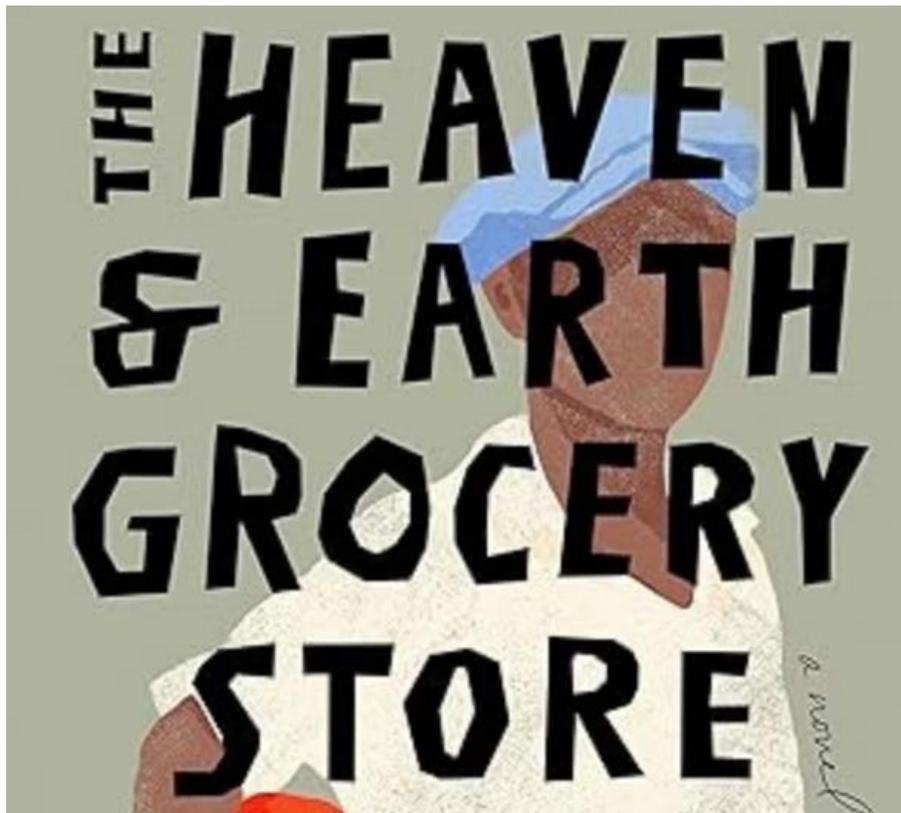
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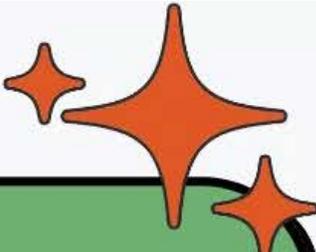
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Truth-telling



Dear Friends,

This coming Monday, January 15, the nation will observe the birthday of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He would have been 95 this year. He was only 39 when he was assassinated on April 4, 1968. It's difficult to think of how young he was when he died.

Many churches, including Trinity, will mark Dr. King's birthday a day earlier – on Sunday – with prayers, readings, and music that reflect his values and ideals: among them, the principle of non-violent resistance to racist oppression and the dream of Beloved Community.

The Episcopal Church, inspired by our own Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, is guided by the long-term commitment to Becoming Beloved Community in its work toward racial reconciliation, healing and justice. Our ministries are organized around four things:

- **Truth-telling:** Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race
- **Proclamation:** Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community
- **Formation:** Practicing Jesus' Way of Healing Love
- **Justice:** Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions

None of these is easy. Just take the first – Truth-telling – and think about all the ways many people, including some political leaders, try to deny the truth about Black history in America and attempt to rewrite that history by requiring teachers to give – or stay away from – certain lessons, on penalty of possibly losing their jobs. In July, The Washington Post reported that “A 2022 law [in Florida] mandates students may not be made to ‘feel guilt, anguish, or other forms of psychological distress’ because they were forced to reflect on bad acts committed in the past by members of their race. And now, according to curriculum standards released last week, Florida students must learn that enslaved people ‘developed skills’ that ‘could be applied for their personal benefit...’”

Trinity’s own recent unwelcome visit from an avowed white supremacist, who took issue with our Black Lives Matter banner, was a stark reminder of the persistence of racism in our society.

A dozen years ago, a parishioner in the parish where I was rector wanted to find a way to observe the King holiday that would involve the community. He had been part of the King Center in Atlanta in its early days, and had worked with Coretta Scott King, Dr. King’s widow. His goal was to make the holiday more than a day off. He decided to help the local food pantry network by organizing a food drive that would gather a ton of food on Dr. King’s birthday.

Since he was a marketing guy, he called it Feed the Dream. Feed the Dream’s slogan, “One Day, One Ton,” captured the simple idea – and the slogan became the URL for the drive’s website: onedayoneton.org. The idea caught on, and has subsequently received volunteer support from the local public schools, Denison University, service clubs, the local IGA grocery store, and others.

For whatever reason, the King holiday always seems to fall on the coldest day of the year. This year, January 15 is predicted to have temperatures down in the single digits. While we are all trying to stay warm, may I suggest we find a way to make this year’s King holiday more than a day off. I plan to attend the celebration at Glenwood Lutheran Church, 2545 Monroe St., this Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm and then contribute to The Toledo NW Ohio Food Bank. I invite you to join me, or to find another way to help Dr. King’s dream of Beloved Community become a reality.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

EXCITING NEWS!



Starting on Sunday, January 14, we will have a new face with us at Trinity. Wendi Shope, or Miss Wendi, will serve as our kids' room/nursery attendant for our littles 6 years and younger. She is so excited and will be bringing her two year-old daughter on occasion. This is the first small, glorious step towards launching a more intentional way of love and learning for our younger people. Amen to that!

A Message from Wendi:

Hi! My name is Wendi Shope, I am a wife to Paul and a mom to Layla. I'm also an avid animal lover and am working towards my degree in early childhood development and then on to child psychology. Becoming a mom has opened a special place in my heart for all children. I am thrilled to join the Trinity family, to work with children, to watch them learn, grow and thrive as the nursery attendant is a true gift to me. I look forward to meeting everyone. See you soon!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Trinity's Search Committee met for the first time on January 4th to begin our Rector Search. As a group, we reviewed what has been completed thus far by Vestry and The Bishop's office, plus where the Search Committee will begin our work. Our committee will begin meeting every 2 weeks, and will inform you of the progress along the way.

The outline of what the congregation and Search Committee want to see in their Rector must be completed before the search can be posted to the larger church for candidates to apply.

Some of the information for the "job description" will be gathered from Trinity's congregation, during "Parish Listening Groups". The schedule for these groups will be announced shortly. We want to hear your voices / opinions! Please try to attend at least one session. Other sources for the description will come from Trinity's goals set during our goal setting meeting which will be led by our new search consultant.

Please pray for wisdom and guidance for all of us on the Search Committee.
Mary Beroske



CONCERT: The Silver Screen January 23 @ 7pm

Come liven up dreary January with a Trinity Concert! Lead by Section leaders Melissa Toth, Kim Buehler, Bradley Baker and pianist Brian Buckner, its all music from movies! All are welcome and wanted. FREE ADMISSION.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST UPDATE

Wednesday Eucharist on January 17 is **CANCELLED** due to some scheduling issues, as both Stephen and George will be gone on January 17. We will resume Wednesday Eucharists on January 24!

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MULTI-FAITH COALITION UPDATE

National Gun Violence Survivors Week is January 22–26, 2024

Event to commemorate it: **Wednesday, January 24 7:00pm** Wednesday Night Bible Study focusing on prayer for gun violence survivors at First Church of God (3016 Collingwood Blvd.) and on Facebook Live

SHROVE SUNDAY PANCAKES & MARDI GRAS



Save the Date: February 11

Celebration after worship – details and sign up coming soon...

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Steer your ship



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Trinity will be holding a couple of very important meetings after the 10:00 am service during the next two Sundays.

The first – this coming Sunday, January 21 – is the annual presentation about church finances. Margaret Baehren, the parish's Treasurer, will lead the presentation along with other members of the Finance Committee. Together, we'll review the financial report for 2023 – our income and expenses, and whether we ended the year in the "red" or in the "black" – and then go over the vestry-approved 2024 Budget.

Numbers aren't everyone's cup of tea, but the finances of a parish aren't just about numbers. They're about ministry and mission and our priorities when it comes to the work we've been called to do – that is, God's work. Trinity has certainly been blessed by the generosity of our forebears, who left substantial legacies that support our excellent programs in music and the arts, allow us to experiment with new ministry initiatives, and preserve our buildings. But Trinity also receives significant support from today's members. The stewardship of our financial resources is ultimately the responsibility of the Wardens & Vestry, but it isn't only their responsibility. So, plan to get a cup of coffee at the end of the service and take a seat in the front of the church. You'll gain important insight into the dollars and cents (not to mention the sense) it takes to do ministry in and from Trinity.

The second important meeting – on Sunday, January 28 – is the Annual Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church of Toledo, Ohio (the official name of our church.) Having covered the finances of the parish the week before, we'll turn our attention to celebrating the year just completed and elect three people to serve terms on the Vestry. The Annual Meeting of an Episcopal parish is a business meeting to be sure, but it's also a time to look back with gratitude for all the ways the Holy Spirit has moved in and through us as well as to look ahead to the coming year. Given that Trinity is in the midst of a rector transition, your leadership will review the steps the parish will be taking to identify and call a priest as your next rector.

Some find it difficult to think of a church as a “business.” For many of us, our parish is our spiritual home, where we are renewed each week by Word and Sacrament. And we ask, why should I come to meetings that are mostly about parish administration. The answer is that administration is holy work, too.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians Paul cites "administrators" as one of God's gifts to the Christian community (1 Corinthians 12:28). The word translated administrating in 1 Corinthians is κυβέρνησις, which means “to steer a ship.” That seems like just the right image for a progressive, inclusive, creative community of faith located in downtown Toledo – one of the busiest ports on the Great Lakes! So, please steer your ship to church the next two Sundays and, then, to the meetings that will follow worship.

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TRINITY@HOME GOES LIVE THIS SUNDAY @ 10am

Since 2020, Trinity has offered a weekly worship service online with the appropriate name of Trinity@Home. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it was the way we were able to worship. There have been several marvelous outcomes from offering the service, among them:

- The ability for parishioners and friends to participate in worship anytime after Trinity@Home premieres at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings
- The chance to reach people far beyond our immediate geographical area. As we say during the introduction to the service, “And now, with this sacred digital presence, our membership and participation are worldwide.”
- The opportunity for people to “get to know us” as the progressive, inclusive, creative community of faith that we are. Many people have started attending Trinity@316 (our in-person service) because they first “came to church” through Trinity@Home

After evaluating our Trinity@Home service, Trinity@Home will now be a live-stream of Trinity's 10:00 am in-person service with an interactive chat.

There are so many good reasons to do this.

1. This way, the whole congregation – in-person and at home – can be together.
2. People will be able to hear parish news through announcements, including success, celebrations and great ways to get involved, wherever you are.
3. Those who tune in online will be able to hear our music live and there's SO MUCH MORE MUSIC.
4. People will be worshiping in our beautiful sanctuary.

So, if you have been tuning in to Trinity@Home at 9:00 am on Sunday, plan on tuning in at 10:00 am instead. And, yes, you will still be able to view a recording of the service anytime afterwards – just as you've been able to do in the current format.

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VESTRY SLATE

In addition to the clergy who are called to serve them, Episcopal parishes are governed and led by the Wardens and Vestry who act as the agents and legal representatives of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its clergy.

Trinity has nine Vestry members who are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting for three-year terms. To provide continuity of leadership, three members of the Vestry are elected each year. Vestry members are allowed to serve two three-year terms in a row before they

have to take a year off. This provides an opportunity for fresh leadership to emerge and with that fresh leadership, new energy and ideas to arise.

Continuing members of the Vestry are Donna Steppe (Senior Warden), Jeffrey Albright (Junior Warden), Dennis Degnan, Karen Keune, Jamie Paul, and Leah Reed-Dailey. At their December meeting, the following slate of nominees was affirmed by the Vestry. Members of Trinity who are qualified to vote will elect three persons at the Annual meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the 10:00 am Trinity@316 service. Parish by-laws do not allow absentee ballots or proxy votes



Kimberly Kefalas-Siu. I have been a member of Trinity since Spring of 2022. I am an aspiring writer, wife, mom to three, and a staff attorney with the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas. My husband, Merwin, and I were looking for a way to fill a spiritual and community hole in our family's lives. Trinity has been even more of a blessing in that regard than we ever could have imagined. We have rarely felt so welcomed. I was received into the Episcopal Church last year here at Trinity and our two younger children, Kai and Matthias, were baptized. Our family truly have found a home here. I am so happy and honored to have the opportunity to serve on Vestry and help to preserve and grow the same welcoming spirit and God's love in our community for others to experience.



Becky Koskinen. I have been blessed beyond measure to be a member of Trinity for 5 years. When I walked in, I was home. I witnessed a church led by faith and love and a community based on respect, compassion and dignity for all. I've been involved in our Sunday Community Breakfast, have served as a Worship Leader, and a volunteer in numerous outreach efforts and events, and I still wanted more. I prayed and told myself to sit back and listen to God (something I am not good at). I wanted to plug in and serve in a deeper capacity. Vestry has been challenging and humbling, and it is my honor to serve another term, if elected. I will continue to bring commitment, passion, and work to leave the positive footprint known as Trinity Episcopal Church: Progressive, Inclusive, Creative, Downtown.

Kelly and I have been married for seven years (together 25 years) and have raised three wonderful and caring children; Andrew (Katy). Benjamin (Katie) and Allie (Blake). We are

absolutely over the moon to have three happy and healthy grandchildren and one more on the way. There is nothing better than being Grandparents. May we as a church continue to wonder, dream, move forward as a united front.



Gary R. Franklin. I am a native Toledoan, born and bred, and attended parochial elementary school and high schools. After a career as a community college administrator, my current avocation is genealogy, researching my family history and rediscovering their stories. Our family was Baptist, but while attending graduate school and after considerable thought, I joined the Episcopal church and have been active ever since. I find, for me, the Episcopal Church's mix of tradition with its current efforts to welcome all into the community of Christ appeals to me, comforts me and motivates me.

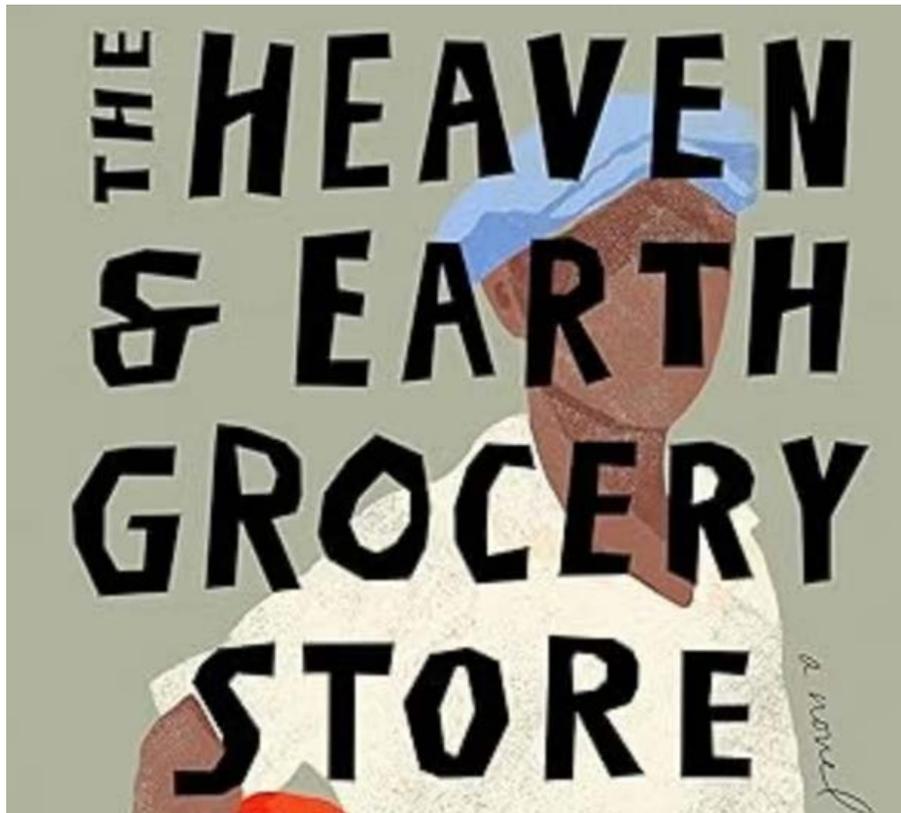
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CONCERT: The Silver Screen **January 23 @ 7pm**

Come liven up dreary January with a Trinity Concert! Lead by Section leaders Melissa Toth, Kim Buehler, Bradley Baker and pianist Brian Buckner, its all music from movies! All are welcome and wanted. FREE ADMISSION.



Join Trinity's amazing book club for their next read, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. This group meets via zoom. Get your book and spend some time snuggled up over the holidays reading for their next meet up on **Sunday, January 21 at 6:30pm**. [Learn more...](#)

MULTI-FAITH COALITION UPDATE

National Gun Violence Survivors Week is January 22-26, 2024

Event to commemorate it: **Wednesday, January 24 7:00pm** Wednesday Night Bible Study focusing on prayer for gun violence survivors at First Church of God (3016 Collingwood Blvd.) and on [Facebook Live](#)

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Celebration after worship – details and sign up coming soon...



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Documentary Viewing "A Case for Love" 4pm and 7pm only on January 23, 2024

Fallen Timbers Cinemas In a world often clouded by division and discord, we invite you to join us for a one-night-only transformative experience on January 23, 2024, as we present the exclusive premiere of "A Case for Love." This feature-length documentary, inspired by the profound teachings of Bishop Michael Curry—renowned for his stirring sermon on "The Power of Love" at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle—embarks on an enlightening exploration. At the heart of this film lies a crucial question: *Can unselfish love serve as the healing force needed to mend our fractured society?*

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RECTOR'S BLOG

Trinity's History



Dear Friends,

Deep in the bowels of Trinity are a number of rooms that are and have been used for different purposes: the room where AA meets every weekday at noon, the wood-paneled room complete with fireplace that was once the youth room, and the large space where Trinity's

Next-to-New resale shop was housed until the COVID pandemic changed everything.

Heather Meyer, Trinity's Director of Operations, gave me a guided tour the afternoon of the day I met with the Vestry about serving as your Interim Rector. Since my memory of the space was blurred, I ventured back to the lower level of the church this week to remind myself.

In the Next-to-New space, Lynzi Miller, who served as manager, had posted a timeline of key events in the life of Trinity. Interspersed on the timeline were national events that provide context, for example, the assassination of President Kennedy. I'm told that one Sunday, after mining the parish archives, Lynzi hosted a coffee hour where people could view the timeline along with a photo album she'd created that contained decades of images.

In interim work, we call an event like Lynzi hosted a "heritage event." Search Committees need to know the parish's heritage so they can share it with candidates for rector.

What do I mean when I talk about heritage? It's reviewing how the congregation has been

shaped and formed. The congregation's heritage, both corporate and individual, is the foundation upon which the present rests. Paying attention to heritage means encouraging and hearing all of the stories about the congregation's past, and embracing the rich variety that makes up this particular congregation. The Annual Meeting this Sunday following the 10:00 am service will be Trinity 181st Annual Meeting. That's a lot of heritage!

Soon the Search Committee will be scheduling "listening sessions" to hear your stories about your time at Trinity. In March a specific "heritage event" is being scheduled to help us all know about the ways Trinity has been molded.

What do you know about Trinity's history? Whether you've been attending for thirty years or thirty minutes, I hope you have a hunger to learn more about our heritage as we move through this time of transition. And, if you ever want to take a field trip to the "bowels" of Trinity to see the timeline, I'd be happy to be your guide.

See you this Sunday at church and at the Annual Meeting following.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

TRINITY@HOME LIVE-STREAM

Since 2020, Trinity has offered a weekly worship service online with the appropriate name of Trinity@Home. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it was the way we were able to worship. There have been several marvelous outcomes from offering the service, among them:

- The ability for parishioners and friends to participate in worship anytime after Trinity@Home premieres at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings
- The chance to reach people far beyond our immediate geographical area. As we say during the introduction to the service, "And now, with this sacred digital presence, our membership and participation are worldwide."
- The opportunity for people to "get to know us" as the progressive, inclusive, creative community of faith that we are. Many people have started attending Trinity@316 (our in-person service) because they first "came to church" through Trinity@Home

After evaluating our Trinity@Home service, Trinity@Home will now be a live-stream of Trinity's 10:00 am in-person service with an interactive chat.

There are so many good reasons to do this.

1. This way, the whole congregation – in-person and at home – can be together.

2. People will be able to hear parish news through announcements, including success, celebrations and great ways to get involved, wherever you are.
3. Those who tune in online will be able to hear our music live and there's SO MUCH MORE MUSIC.
4. People will be worshipping in our beautiful sanctuary.

So, if you have been tuning in to Trinity@Home at 9:00 am on Sunday, plan on tuning in at 10:00 am instead. And, yes, you will still be able to view a recording of the service anytime afterwards – just as you've been able to do in the current format.

www.trinitytoledo.org/live

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28 – Our Annual Meeting will take place after the 10:00 service. Each year every parish in the Episcopal Church gathers for an Annual Meeting- a time to look back on the year past, ahead to the future and complete the business put before us as a parish including electing new vestry members. Please plan on joining us this year following the 10:00 service. All are welcome and wanted!

VESTRY SLATE

In addition to the clergy who are called to serve them, Episcopal parishes are governed and led by the Wardens and Vestry who act as the agents and legal representatives of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its clergy.

Trinity has nine Vestry members who are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting for three-year terms. To provide continuity of leadership, three members of the Vestry are elected each year. Vestry members are allowed to serve two three-year terms in a row before they have to take a year off. This provides an opportunity for fresh leadership to emerge and with that fresh leadership, new energy and ideas to arise.

Continuing members of the Vestry are Donna Steppe (Senior Warden), Jeffrey Albright (Junior Warden), Dennis Degnan, Karen Keune, Jamie Paul, and Leah Reed-Dailey. At their December meeting, the following slate of nominees was affirmed by the Vestry. Members of Trinity who are qualified to vote will elect three persons at the Annual meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the 10:00 am Trinity@316 service. Parish by-laws do not allow absentee ballots or proxy votes



Kimberly Kefalas-Siu. I have been a member of Trinity since Spring of 2022. I am an aspiring writer, wife, mom to three, and a staff attorney with the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas. My husband, Merwin, and I were looking for a way to fill a spiritual and community hole in our family's lives. Trinity has been even more of a blessing in that regard than we ever could have imagined. We have rarely felt so welcomed. I was received into the Episcopal Church last year here at Trinity and our two younger children, Kai and Matthias, were baptized. Our family truly have found a home here. I am so happy and honored to have the opportunity to serve on Vestry and help to preserve and grow the same welcoming spirit and God's love in our community for others to experience.



Becky Koskinen. I have been blessed beyond measure to be a member of Trinity for 5 years. When I walked in, I was home. I witnessed a church led by faith and love and a community based on respect, compassion and dignity for all. I've been involved in our Sunday Community Breakfast, have served as a Worship Leader, and a volunteer in numerous outreach efforts and events, and I still wanted more. I prayed and told myself to sit back and listen to God (something I am not good at). I wanted to plug in and serve in a deeper capacity. Vestry has been challenging and humbling, and it is my honor to serve another term, if elected. I will continue to bring commitment, passion, and work to leave the positive footprint known as Trinity Episcopal Church: Progressive, Inclusive, Creative, Downtown.

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Come join the fun as we prepare for the Breakfast at Trinity Reboot! Starting right after service on **February 4**, we will be up in the kitchen for a deep clean, community build, and all around good time that just happens to involve gloves and chemicals. During this time we'll be providing some light snacks, and you'll have the opportunity to either help with sweeping, or counting our dishware which will already be out and assembled. Questions? Contact George Benson at george@trinitytoledo.org.

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MULTIFAITHCOUNCIL
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Multifaith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence Events

Wednesday, February 7 9:00–10:30 a.m. Faith Leaders' Breakfast "All professional and lay faith and community leaders are invited to the Multifaith Council of Northwest Ohio's Annual Faith Leaders' Breakfast on Wednesday, February 7, from 9:00–10:30 AM at the

Islamic Society of NW OH, 850 S. McCord Rd in Holland. Discussion will center around our 2024 theme of Nonviolence. RSVPs are requested at bit.ly/MFCFLB24

Thursday, February 15 10:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. **Gun Violence Prevention Summit** at the Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH, 43215. Sponsored by the Ohio Democratic Caucus. Free. Agenda and registration [here](#).



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