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On February 25th at 8:30am we will be opening our doors to members of our outside community for our first *soft* breakfast opening. Between now and then, there is a lot to do, but nothing that we can't get done by carrying the load together. As Stephen said in his announcement of this "reboot", this is going to be Trinity's signature ministry that is outward oriented.

With food as the catalyst to deeper relationships with our neighbors and friends, we will be enriching our lives in ways known and unknown. But first- we must prepare the way! This Sunday after service we will be meeting in the room known as My Brother's Place for two reasons:

1. Inventorying what we currently have so we can build an efficient list of needs.
2. Cleaning the kitchen with a good scrub.

If we can have 22 volunteers, 11 on cleaning and 11 on inventory, this will be done quickly. Knowing how well Trinity shows up when the ask is on the line, I am confident in our ability to get this done. [Please click here](#) for our signup genius for this event, and I will look forward to seeing you Sunday with some refreshments, a smile, and all-around good time.

Never forget, by rebooting this ministry we are becoming the hands and feet of God in a tangible way within our small corner of the Kin-dom.

Grace and peace my friends.
George (he/him)

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.

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316 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604

Tickets at www.act419.org



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A gripping re-imagining of events the night before the assassination of the civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On April 3, 1968, after delivering one of his most memorable speeches, an exhausted Dr. King retires to his room at the Lorraine Motel while a

storm rages outside. When a mysterious stranger arrives with some surprising news, King is forced to confront his destiny and his legacy to his people.

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CONNECT WITH FAITH LEADERS
FROM MANY TRADITIONS*



Faith Leaders'
Breakfast

Wednesday, February 7

9:00AM-10:30AM



*Islamic Society of NW Ohio
850 S McCord Rd
Holland, Oh 43528*

RSVP at bit.ly/MFCFLB24



MULTIFAITHCOUNCIL
OF NORTHWEST OHIO
Greater Toledo Compassionate Community

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

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A Special Sunday



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, February 11, promises to be a special one at Trinity. First, the Reverend Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Formation for the Diocese of Ohio, will be our guest preacher. Anna and her husband, Noah (who was recently instituted as Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Parma) are the proud parents of the adorable 15-month-old Martin. Her role on the diocesan staff includes thinking a lot about how the church – 'big C' institutional church and 'little c' faith community church – can best teach and shape Christians amidst the brokenness of the world. She asks, "How can we form communities of courage and hope, when it's easier to just disappear into apathy and Instagram, putting trust in no one because everyone is a disappointment?" Anna loves to cook, grow and eat plants, and run!

Following the 10:00 am service, all are invited upstairs to My Brother's Place on the second floor of the Parish House for a Mardi Gras/Shrove Sunday party. We'll combine the best of the English tradition of Shrove Tuesday – think pancakes! – and the best of the Latin tradition of Mardi Gras (which means Fat Tuesday) and Carnival (which means Farewell to Meat) – both ways to mark the shift to the 40-day penitential season of Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Below are all Trinity's offerings to help you observe an intentional and holy Lent. – from worship opportunities, to classes and gatherings, to practices you can undertake at home on your own schedule.

We say goodbye to the word, “Alleluia” this Sunday – “fasting” from the celebrations it represents in order to prepare for the great celebration of Easter on March 31 this year when we will sing “Alleluia” joyfully!

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As a prelude to the season of Lent, we'll have our **Shrove Sunday/Mardi Gras** celebrations this Sunday, February 11, after the 10:00 am service. (see the article elsewhere in this issue of Trinity Topics.)

The forty-day season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, February 14, with a simple, said service of Holy Eucharist in St. Mark's Chapel at 12:00 noon, and a choral service of Holy Eucharist in the church at 7:00 pm. The imposition of ashes will be available at both services.

What is Lent? Lent is a season of self-examination when we ask God for forgiveness and for transformation. You may know Lent as the season of “giving something up,” but it can be so much richer than that. Trinity is offering a selection of activities to deepen your experience of Lent, so that the miracle of Easter shines all the brighter.

Lenten devotion and discussion. Copies of *A Spring in the Desert: Rediscovering the Water of Life in Lent* will be available at church on Sunday for those who want to use a daily devotional.

This book weaves Lenten themes with invitations to spiritual practices. Each day, there will be selections and reflections on scripture and the sayings of the Desert Mothers and Fathers as well as questions for reflection. "To supplement the devotional, join us Sundays after church (11:15 am-noon) in the Walbridge Room for an opportunity to share your experiences, challenges, and discoveries through *A Spring in the Desert*. We will not meet on the Sundays when the Search Committee is holding its listening sessions, February 25 and March 17. For more information about the devotional or about the discussion group, contact Jolene Miller (jolene278@gmail.com)

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Wednesday Lenten Soup & Salad Meals

Wednesday Bible Study Lenten Series

Dungeons and Dragons Campaign Lent 2024

Calling all adventurers!

Have you ever wanted to walk through fantasy lands? Fight evil? (a Lenten theme if there ever was one!) Challenge yourself with puzzles, dazzling combat, and working together with your friends? Good news, friend- you're in luck! For the first time ever, Trinity will be hosting its first Dungeons and Dragons Campaign! Through the six weeks of Lent, adventurers will meet once a week, starting Wednesday, February 21 through March 27th, from 6:15-9:00 pm. For six sessions (starting with dinner at 6:15) players will work together and complete a fantastical story. All player experience levels (brand new or legends themselves) are welcome and wanted. Ages 12 and up. The campaign is limited to 6 player seats, so reserve your place at the table through Sign-up Genius. For any additional questions contact Chelsie Cree, your Dungeon Master for this journey: chelsie@trinitytoledo.org

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/dndtrinity>

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin your Lenten journey on **Wednesday, February 14 at 12 noon or 7pm** for Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes. Our Noontime service will be held in St. Mark's Chapel. You can access the Chapel from the St. Clair Chapel entrance or by parking in the Four SeaGate Parking Garage just like Sunday mornings. We will have the Adams Street Sanctuary main doors open as well. However, street parking is not free on weekdays.

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At this past weekend's Winter Convocation of the Diocese of Ohio, Bishop Anne Jolly announced the appointment of Trinity's George Benson to serve as one of the Co-Directors of the College for Congregational Development (CCD). This is a part-time appointment. Joining George is the Rev. Leah Romanelli-DeJesus, Priest-in Charge of St. Luke's Cleveland. Leah is the former Director of Youth Ministries at St. Paul's Cleveland Heights.

In their capacity the two will serve as the primary evangelists for CCD, providing oversight and support at this program as the roll-out gets underway.

The College for Congregational Development's goal is to equip clergy and lay leaders with the knowledge, skills and practices needed to develop their congregations into healthier and more faithful communities of faith. Trinity had nine people at the Winter Convocation: Mary Beroske, Jolene Miller, Stephen Applegate, Allen Santiago, Brian Ingman, Becky Roth, Chelsie Cree, Grace Mauk, and George. To learn more about how participation in CCD can benefit Trinity, please buttonhole any of the attendees.

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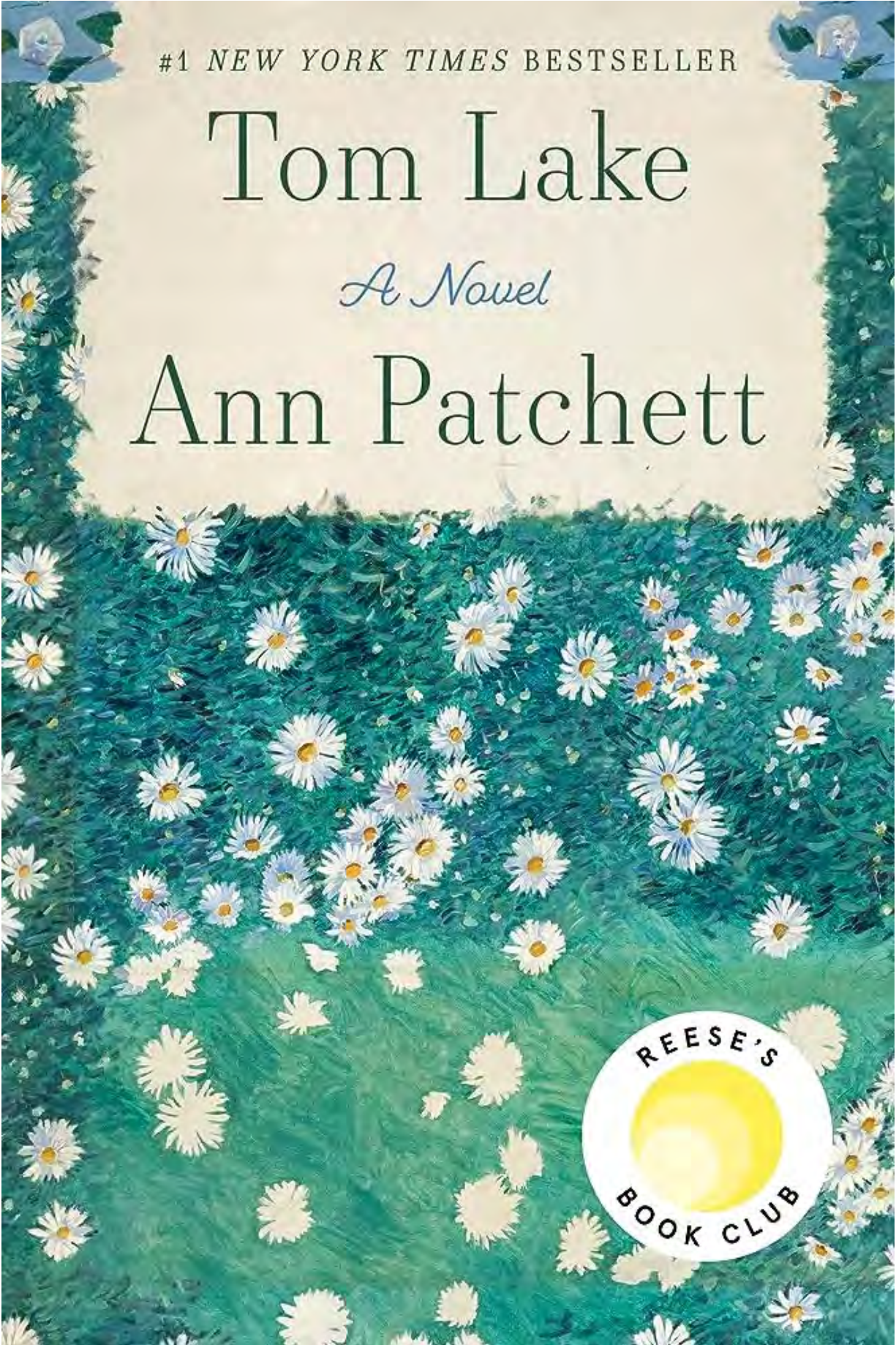
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SEARCH COMMITTEE FEBRUARY CHECK IN

Hello all. We have been hard at work over the past month as a Search Committee. We have met multiple times in person and have hosted Rev. Aaron Gerlach, our Diocesan search consultant for a meeting of spiritual growth, insight, and reflection on the sacred work and responsibility of any search committee.

We currently have a designated place on the Trinity website. Just look for the Trinity in Transition tab. Here you will find information about the search process, the search committee, and important dates. This will evolve, with more information being added as we

go. We also have a space for you to send questions to the committee if you have them. Please look and let us know what you think.

We will continue to provide updates in a variety of formats: in Trinity Topics, via the Trinity in Transition button on the website, and during services on Sunday Mornings. Please stay tuned and do not hesitate to reach out if you would like more information.

We are looking forward to the three listening sessions hosted at Trinity, facilitated by your search committee, and led by Rev. Aaron Gerlach. Please see the dates below and on the website under Trinity in Transition. We want to hear from ALL of you! Each session will be slightly different; and will offer another way of getting to know our community. The sessions are scheduled for after church. We understand life is busy, but sincerely hope you will join in to share your thoughts, and dreams for a new rector, and possibly learn more about Trinity's history.

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Lastly, Convocation took place this past weekend in Sandusky. Allen Santiago and Mary Beroske, members of the search committee, attended. What a beautiful time for learning new processes that will certainly assist Trinity in our search for our rector.

We ask for your continued prayers as we progress on our journey.

Mary Beroske, Search Communicator

Members: Karen Keune Chair, Allen Santiago, Mark Dubielak, LaVonda Johnson, Sue Smitley, Angie Carriker, and Gail Abood.



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[Los Angeles-area Chinese Episcopalians to celebrate Lunar New Year](#)

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[The Church of England] The Church of England has awarded more than \$3 million to fund a series of measures aimed at boosting the participation of...

New chapter begins for WCC Faith and Order Commission

[World Council of Churches] The newly-appointed World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission met face-to-face for the first time to plan its...

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One of the images for the season of Lent is wilderness. It's easy to see why. According to the Gospels, Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness after his baptism by John in the Jordan River. The people of Israel spent forty years in the wilderness after they were freed from slavery in Egypt. Although we, who live in North America, often think of wilderness areas as being heavily forested, the wildernesses of the Middle East are deserts – dry, desolate places with little to sustain life.

Many years ago, a priest friend gave me a book of sermons by H.A. Williams entitled *The True Wilderness*. The title comes from one of the sermons – the one Williams preached on Ash Wednesday in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge. Here's how he began the sermon: "It is a pity that we think of Lent as a time to make ourselves uncomfortable in some fiddling but irritating way. And it's more than a pity, it's a tragic disaster, that we also think of it as a time to indulge in the secret and destructive pleasure of doing a good orthodox grovel to a pseudo-Lord, the pharisee in each of us we call God and who despises the rest of what we are."

Ouch! I remember thinking, is this what I've been doing all these years I've been giving things up – like alcohol or chocolate – for Lent? Was I just making myself "uncomfortable in

some fiddling but irritating way”?

H.A. Williams went on to say that what Lent should be about is entering the true wilderness that’s inside each of us – a wilderness that isn’t so much about our wickedness (although some people are indeed wicked) but is rather about how incapable we are of establishing communion with each other and, therefore, how alone and isolated we are.

This past Christmas Eve, *USA Today* published an article about how loneliness has become epidemic in the United States. Dr. Vivek Murthy, the Surgeon General, gives this definition of loneliness: he says loneliness occurs when the connections a person needs in life are greater than the connections they have.

If loneliness is not your wilderness, you are blessed. If the connections you have are greater than the connections you need in life, give thanks. But if loneliness is your wilderness, Lent offers forty days to reestablish communion with others and with God.

Here are ways we offer “holy communion” – ways to connect – at Trinity during Lent: the 10 o’clock Sunday service (in-person or online), the Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist at noon or the three Wednesday evening offerings: Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm., supper with others at 6:15 pm, and the class I’m teaching at 7:00 pm about St. Mark’s account of Holy Week.

Celebrity doctor Daniel Amen recommends minimizing screen time while maximizing in-person interactions to combat loneliness. He especially recommends church. “So it’s back to church,” he says. “Go back to church. Get involved. Get involved with groups. We have to go back. And really, no better place to solve [loneliness] than the church.”

The good news is that the Biblical accounts about wilderness end with stories of new beginnings, of new life, of new connections. The season of Lent ends this way, too, on Easter morning But for now, we’re just getting started.

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RECTOR'S BLOG

Your spiritual "desk"



Dear Friends,

Late last Saturday afternoon, I drove from Columbus to Toledo following the Ordination & Consecration of the 10th Bishop of Southern Ohio. After two very full days – one of them converting the Short North Ballroom of the Greater Columbus Convention Center into a church, the other serving as the Minister of Ceremonies for the service – I was grateful for time alone in the car. If I answered one question during the time I was in Columbus, I answered a hundred. So, I thoroughly enjoyed what the old hymn calls, “blessed quietness, holy quietness.” No radio, no CDs, no Spotify.

When I arrived at my office early the next morning, I found my desk covered with papers, files, books, and empty coffee cups. What a mess! I don't claim to be the neatest person when it comes to my office, but I'd clearly let things get out of control in the days before the consecration. I'm still clearing the clutter as I write this – still digging out of the pile.

Albert Einstein famously pointed out that “If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?” Thomas Edison, who had a famously messy desk, must have agreed. And Steve Jobs. While our cluttered desks may not prove we are brilliant, they do show that we might be geniuses. . . or that the desks need some attention!!

Lent is the season of the church year to clear off our desks, to do some holy housekeeping –

some spring cleaning – to open the windows of our souls enough for the strong breeze of God’s Holy Spirit to clear out the clutter that’s piled up over the winter. Our resentments, our uncharitable thoughts about others, and our sins all keep piling up on the flat surfaces of our lives.

Repentance is the word traditionally used to describe what Christians need to do to clear off those surfaces – to create enough space for there to be room for God. The famous preacher, Barbara Brown Taylor, writes that repentance “calls individuals to take responsibility for what is wrong with the world – beginning with what is wrong with them – and to join with other people who are dedicated to turning things around.”

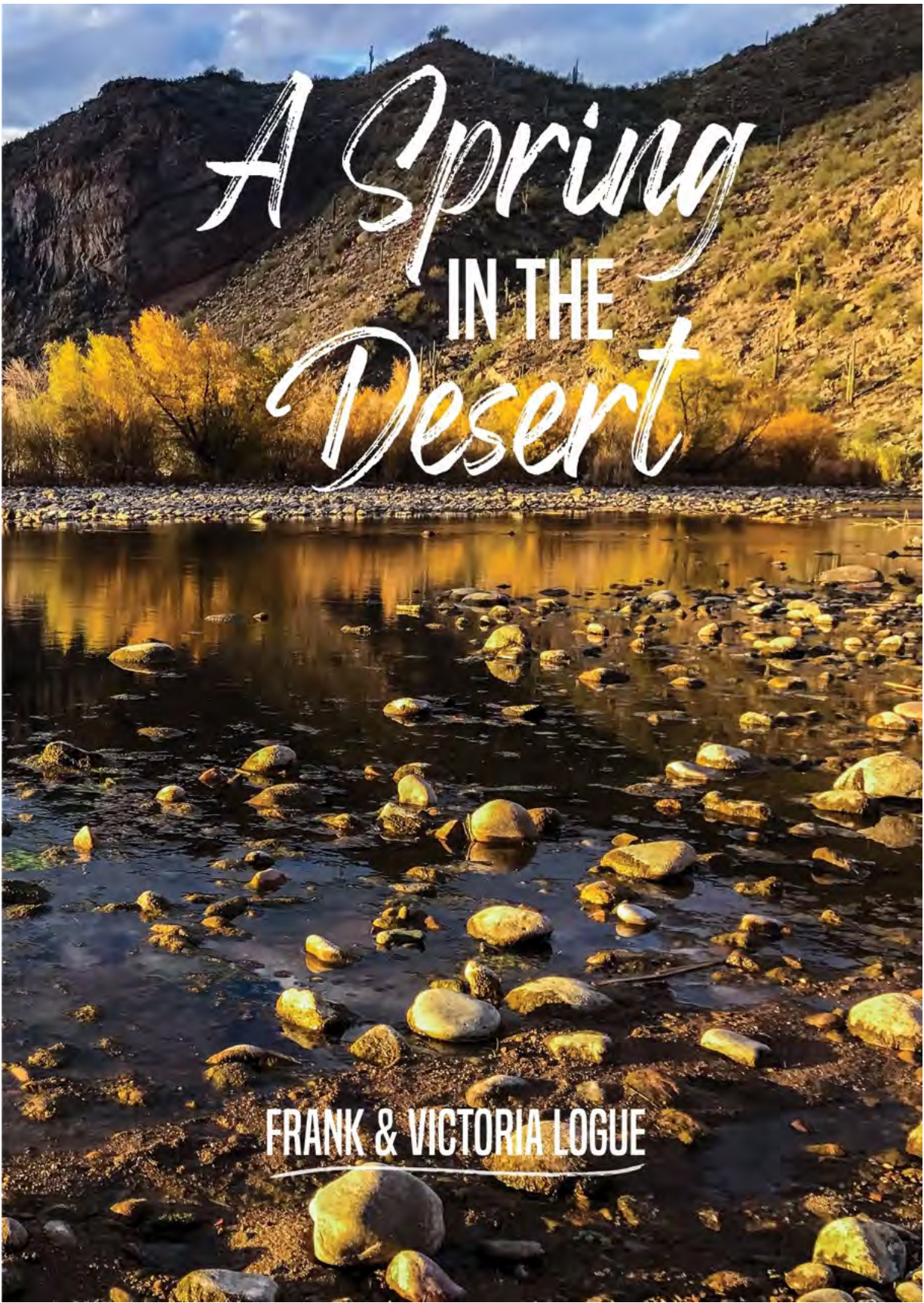
What does the top of your spiritual “desk” look like? Take a few moments now to see the clutter that is crowding God out, ask God’s help to clear some space, and then join with others who are dedicated to turning things around. The invitation to a Holy Lent awaits your RSVP.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

We hope you will join us this **Sunday, February 25th**, for the first of three listening sessions that will be held at Trinity. As a reminder, the listening sessions are a way for those who call Trinity their church home to prayerfully participate in sharing who we are as a parish and what we are looking for in a future rector. This information is used to construct the parish profile, a representation of Trinity, and an invaluable tool used in the search process. Each listening session will be unique, so we encourage you to attend as many as you wish. Our diocesan consultant in the rector search process, Rev. Aaron Gerlach will facilitate this listening session. Please plan on staying after service, grab a cup of coffee, and join in the conversation. It will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following services and should last approximately 50 minutes.



A Spring IN THE Desert

FRANK & VICTORIA LOGUE

We hope that you are finding *A Spring in the Desert* a helpful guide on your Lenten journey. The week of Ash Wednesday, authors Frank and Victoria guided us through the virtue of faithfulness and the practice of confession. This week, we are exploring the virtue of humility and the practice of prayer. To deepen your experience of the devotional, we are

offering discussion times after church on *some* Sundays (this is a busy Lent in all of the best ways!). Here is the remaining schedule:

February 25 – NO book discussion because the Search Committee is holding Listening Session #1 after church.

March 3 – Discussing weeks 1 and 2 (humility and prayer; forgiveness and reading scripture)

March 10 – Discussing week 3 (generosity and tithes and offerings) **March 17** – NO book discussion because the Search Committee is holding Listening Session #2 after church.

March 24 – Discussing weeks 4 and 5 (vocation and constancy; sabbath and moderation)

March 31 – NO book discussion. Easter Sunday.

April 7 – Final book discussion. Holy week (loving-kindness and worship), plus discussion of how your Lenten journey was for you.

After church, grab a beverage and snack from coffee hour, then join us in the Walbridge Room (down the cloister hallway, past the restrooms. We'll start discussion around 11:15 and end at noonish. *It doesn't matter if you haven't been reading the book, we'd love to have you join us for conversation regardless.*

BREAKFAST AT TRINITY

Make sure you come to church hungry this Sunday (2/25)! From 8:30am – 9:15am we are doing a trial run of what we will offer our surrounding neighbors. We know there are going to be a few kinks to work out ([like volunteer sign-up which you can do here if you're interested](#)), and before we open up to the public we'd like your feedback. This breakfast is for Trinity, and we hope our neighbors will join us as we keep doing this. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

MUSIC & ARTS HAPPENINGS



JOANNA WHALEY RETURNS MARCH 9, 2024 @ 7PM

The Good Gifts Tour is a night of music and storytelling that makes space for LGBTQ+ people and allies to be encouraged in faith! You need a ticket for this event, but there is no cost. Grab your ticket here: <https://events.humanitix.com/good-gifts-tour-toledo-oh>

HOLY TOLEDO! MARCH 15, 2024 @ 7PM

As a part of our Music & Arts Community Series, we have partnered with Toledo Symphony for Holy Toledo Candlelight performance on Friday, March 15 at 7pm. Our own Merwin Siu with three other amazing symphony musicians will captivate us in the acoustical marvel that is our sanctuary. Did we mention candles? And free to all? Yep! Stay tuned for more!

[Musicians: Merwin Siu, Second Violin; Cheryl Trace, Second Violin; Reed Anderson, Viola; Robert Clemens, Cello]

MULTIFAITH COALITION TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

Spring ahead and mark your calendar for the next meeting of the

Multifaith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence:

When: Sunday, April 14 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

What: "How Things Work at the Ohio Statehouse," presented by Rachel Coyle.

This popular training covers how a bill becomes a law in Ohio, how Ohioans can get involved in state legislative advocacy, and some key tips and resources. It will be followed by a Q&A session, and an overview of Ohio's pending gun-related bills.

Where: Epworth United Methodist Church, 4855 W Central Ave.
[RSVP Here](#) on SignUpGenius

TRINITY@HOME LIVE-STREAM

Trinity@Home is now a live-stream of Trinity's 10:00 am in-person service with an interactive chat.

www.trinitytoledo.org/live



Trinity's mobile pantry is one of 8 monthly food pantries in Toledo/SE Michigan area.

We will host the next Food Pantry in partnership with Food For Thought on **Tuesday, February 27th.**

Volunteer Now!

The Philadelphia Eleven Online Screening **March 8 @ 8pm \$10**

Watch this feature-length documentary film from the comfort of your own home.

About the film

In an act of civil disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organize their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. The Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia welcomes them, but change is no small task. The women are harassed, some lose friends, and others are banned from stepping on church property. We will meet the women who

succeed in building a movement that transforms an age-old institution, and challenges the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom.

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fbclid=IwAR1ZcBYEetZ5jGdqUW3g4C053b8A5-G2GvELk1WYfzLkuJ6_SLzCc7pt-Co](https://kinema.com/events/the-philadelphia-eleven-jalij?fbclid=IwAR1ZcBYEetZ5jGdqUW3g4C053b8A5-G2GvELk1WYfzLkuJ6_SLzCc7pt-Co)

Trinity's next Book Club will meet Sunday, April 7 at 6:30pm via zoom. We will be reading "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett. [Sign up online!](#)



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