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Happy Easter!



Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! We're still in the Great Fifty Days of the Easter season that began on Easter Day and continues through the Day of Pentecost. This is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian Year! Our celebration continues this coming Sunday with four baptisms at the 10:00 am service.

St. Paul connected baptism to Easter in his letter to the Christians in Rome, "When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus." As we do at every service of Holy Baptism, we'll renew our own baptismal covenant and be reminded that, through baptism, we are raised to new life with Christ.

Another metaphor for baptism is re-birth. The prayer the priest uses to bless the water at a baptism service says that through water "we are reborn by the Holy Spirit." In Orthodox churches, the baptismal font is often referred to as "the Divine Womb," since, in the font, we receive the second birth as child of God.

These female metaphors of womb and birth, borrowed from our Orthodox siblings, are a helpful counterbalance to the Western Church's theology and symbolism which are often

dominated by male metaphors.

The fact is the Good News of Easter came to women first. The Gospel accounts may differ in the details, but they agree that God chose a small group of women to share the greatest news of all time. And it was the women who told Jesus' male disciples, "He is Risen!" Luke's Gospel captures how the disciples responded, "they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense." Not a very good look!

In the Gospel reading for this coming Sunday we meet the apostle we know as Doubting Thomas, but Thomas was not the only one who had trouble believing. Jesus' words to Thomas could well have been addressed to the others: "Have you believed because you have seen me?"

Having spoken directly to the apostles, Jesus then turned his attention to us. He said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." May his blessing be on those who are being baptized this Sunday and on all of us who believe without seeing.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate



**Monday, April 8 Doors open at 9am Potluck at 12pm
Eclipse begins 1:56pm (totality at 3:13pm)**

We've come to realize that the Greater Toledo Area has stepped up to the challenge of throwing every sort of eclipse party. You may have your sights set on one of those many gatherings. But we are here to offer up our homegrown celebration – ***Totality at Trinity*** where you can celebrate being an "Eclipsopolitan"!

It's pretty simple and flexible. Parking downtown will be challenging. Therefore, we will be here to welcome you in at 9am or anytime thereafter. Sit and read. Pray or meditate in our sanctuary. Nap on a couch. Bring a book, board games, cards or an art project. We've got the room. (And Heather can *always* find a project for you.)

Bring food to share. Nothing says potluck like a total eclipse. We've got ovens and microwaves for heating purposes. Refrigerators too.

Wear your walking shoes. Our neighbors at Imagination Station have been planning their celebration for over a year. It's all free and amazingly well thought out. Downtown will be bustling. Trinity's location is perfectly poised as we can look out from our shiny plaza to take it all in.

So Welcome Home, friends! Make a day of it and take your time trying to get out of downtown.

A big thank you to our friends at Imagination Station and the Metroparks for 80 pairs of glasses for us!

Any questions, email Heather at heather@trinitytoledo.org



Trinity Music+Arts Sondheim Community Concert

Trinity, we have heard your requests! One small concert a month? YOU'VE GOT IT! Mark your calendars for our upcoming Sondheim Concert on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00pm. Your favorite Trinity Music Team (Bradley, Kim, Melissa, Chelsie and Grace) will all be singing and playing songs we love from our favorite Sondheim shows, like "Being Alive," "Send in the Clowns" and "The Miller's Son" to name a few. AND we will be joined by our colleague and fellow music director at St Michael's in the Hills, Justin Bays! Here is the link to the FB event!

<https://fb.me/e/1Uh2T7wIW>

PLANNING FOR THE END OF LIFE

Two-Part Seminar Begins this Sunday

Buried in *The Book of Common Prayer* of The Episcopal Church is the following directive to people who serve in my position:

“The minister of the congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.”

—*The Book of Common Prayer*, Page 445

In response to several requests, I will be offering two sessions on planning for the end of life. My wife, Terry, and I have just updated our wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives. We did this in order to make it easier for each other and for our four children by exercising control over what happens if we are incapable of making our own decisions about finances and healthcare while we are alive, and by giving clear directions for what happens after we die.

Among the things we'll discuss are the following:

Medical Directives

Powers of Attorney

Preparing to Write Your Will

Planning Your Funeral Service

Here's my disclaimer: I am not an attorney, a financial planner, or a health care provider. These professionals are essential parts of the team you need to make sure your estate and other plans reflect your values. What I will do is to provide information that will help you prepare to create the documents needed to ensure you have communicated your wishes.

And, of course, I am a priest – so I am the professional who can assist you in deciding about your funeral plans.

We'll meet in the Living Room – the open space on the way to the parking garage after coffee hour winds down. Whether you are among the 50% of people who have yet to make a will, or want Trinity to have a record of what hymns you want sung at your funeral service, this adult formation session about being a good steward is for you! I hope you'll join me.

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VESTRY NEWS

In the last several days, Leah Reed Dailey submitted her resignation from the Vestry. After much thought and discernment, she has realized that her plate is full and is soon to be fuller between being a business owner and a soon-to-be new mother. We thank Leah for her faithful service.

In accordance with Trinity's by-laws, the Vestry have elected Kyle Grefe to serve in Leah's spot until the next Annual Meeting when she will be eligible to be elected to fulfill the remainder of Leah's term through January of 2026.



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- Doors open at 8:30, food starts at 8:45.
- We still have slots open this week for volunteering, and a few going forward. You can click here for signing up. **Please use the Signup Genius so we can gauge who will be volunteering.**
- Looking forward to eating with you all soon!

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The Big Bang Theory



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Peter Higgs' obituary was in *The New York Times* on Wednesday. In 1964, Higgs predicted the existence of a new particle that would explain how other particles acquire mass. That's as far as I'm going to go in trying to explain his contribution to what's known as the Standard Model – a model that captures all human knowledge acquired to date about elementary particles and the forces by which they shaped the universe. My paltry understanding of physics is limited to the long-running (and now syndicated) sitcom, “The Big Bang Theory.”

Dr. Higgs died at the age of 94, sixty years after he suggested the existence of the boson that now bears his name. The Higgs boson is known popularly by another name – “The God Particle.” This name was coined by the media, not because Peter Higgs was particularly religious. The story goes that the name was derived from the title of a book written by the Nobel-prize winning physicist, Leon Lederman. Lederman was frustrated by how hard it was to detect the Higgs boson, so he proposed that the title of the book he had written be “The Goddamn Particle.” The publishers – as publishers will do – changed this to “The God Particle,” and a connection with religion was drawn, one which bothers physicists to this day (and certainly bothered Peter Higgs.)

The announcement of the detection of the Higgs boson was made at the European particle

physics laboratory CERN, in Geneva, Switzerland on July 4, 2012. It took until March the following year to confirm that the detected particle was indeed the Higgs boson. Peter Higgs and another scientist, François Englert, were subsequently awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physics, for their Higgs field theory.

The news of Higgs' death in Edinburgh came during the same week that people across North America observed a total eclipse of the sun. Traffic backed up for miles on interstate highways; Chambers of Commerce calculated the economic impact of visitors to places like Findlay, Tiffin, and Toledo; and businesses, museums, and churches all planned special events. Our "Totality at Trinity" event on the restored Plaza was well-attended, and it was a special gift to welcome guests from St. James Episcopal Church in Grosse Ile, Michigan. (Now there's a faith community that raises the church potluck to a whole new level!)

As I read articles about the eclipse afterward and scrolled through Facebook, Instagram, and Tiktok, the overwhelming reactions people shared were of awe and wonder – emotions usually associated with religious/spiritual experiences.

We live in an amazing universe, and we have – at least some of us have – the ability to conceive of subatomic particles and forces that help us understand the cosmos. When was the last time you experienced awe and wonder? Maybe it was this past week during the eclipse. Maybe it was when a child or grandchild was born. Maybe, just maybe, it was in church.

A week like this leads me to give thanks for the extraordinary complexity of the created order and how the glory of God is manifested in it. The opening verses of Psalm 19 come to mind:

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

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CELEBRATING THE RESPONSE

Good Friday and Easter Offerings

Trinity parishioners response to two special seasonal offerings was generous indeed.

The Good Friday offering which, by longstanding tradition, goes to benefit the Anglican Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, totaled \$1,200.00, far above previous levels. Trinity will send the proceeds to the Episcopal Church in the US where our gifts will be combined with gifts from across the church to benefit ministries like these:

- Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City, which has provided critical medical care to all people in peacetime and wartime alike.
- Christ Church in Aden, Yemen, which serves as the grounds of Ras Morbat Eye Clinic, providing medical care for all in that war-torn country.
- The Christian National Kindergarten at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Nablus, in the West Bank, which provides high-quality early education to all kindergartners, regardless of religion.

The Easter offering totaled \$3,510.00. As announced in this year's Easter letter, any funds received in excess of Trinity's budgeted income of \$1,800.00 will go to Toledo Streets Newspaper. A check for \$1,710.00 will be sent to TSN to support their mission, "to build a safe community that works to break the cycle of poverty and empower entrepreneurs."

Thank you for your terrific response to both of these special offerings.



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Sign up wall posters are near the Columbarium in the sanctuary. Come jot your name down to join a POD of volunteers who will serve on rotation every 5+ weeks. And if you can't make it to our in-person worship and want to act now – email George Benson, our Dir of Community Engagement. He will take great care of you.

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Last week, the Committee sent an email to everyone who is on the Trinity Communications list about the "Silent Listening Session" being held this Sunday, April 21. A "Silent Listening Session" is a novel idea in my experience as an interim – one that has a great deal to commend it. Let me explain.

The last two listening sessions were interactive. Lively conversations went on in small groups as participants responded to prompts and questions from facilitators.

Some people respond well to an information gathering approach that's verbal in nature. I am not one of those people. I like to have time to think about what I'm going to say before I say it. And you know what? That's a handicap in group settings. By the time I've formulated a response, the conversation has moved on without my input.

If you've had a similar experience, this Sunday's "Silent Listening Session" is for you. You have the questions in advance. You will have had over a week to think about how you want to respond to them in writing. No one will interrupt your prayerful, thoughtful reflections. Conversations will not have gone on without your contribution.

Even if you prefer the give-and-take approach of the last two listening sessions, the way the Search Committee is gathering information this time still works for you. Your written answers will be every bit as valued and respected as if you'd said them out loud. And if you still want to give your answers verbally to a Search Committee member, just write to the Committee at trinity@trinitytoledo.org letting them know days and times that you are available to talk (and a phone number at which you can be reached.) On the off chance you aren't going to be in church this Sunday, you can use the same email address to send in your responses. So you don't have to hunt for them among your unread emails, here are the questions:

1. Trinity is a radically welcoming community of faith.

- a) How specifically does Trinity do this well?
- b) How can Trinity improve our welcoming?

2. Trinity strives for justice and peace among all people, and strives to respect the dignity of every human being.

- a) What 3 qualities in a Rector do you think will be the best to represent this vision?
- b) How will these qualities in a Rector represent this vision?

3. Trinity stands with those in need.

- a) Whom do you see us serving?

4. Trinity is growing a community of learners and disciples.

- a) In what ways or areas can we continue to grow this community?

5. How can Trinity improve overall?

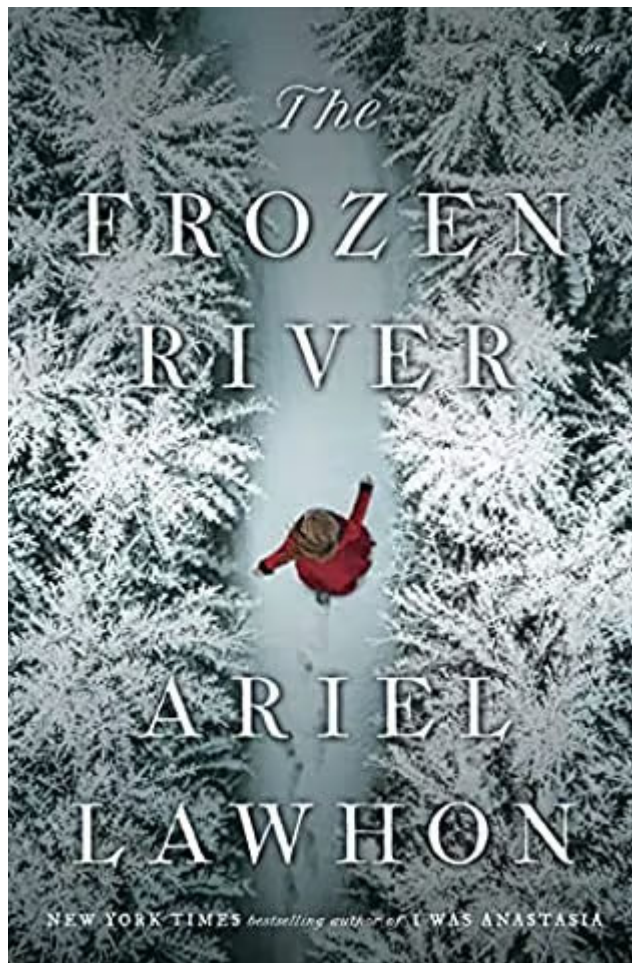
Right after Sunday's 10:00 am service you'll have the chance to respond using the pens and paper provided by the Search Committee. Or you can write your answers at home, put them in an envelope, and hand them to a Search Committee member after church. (That's how I'd do it.)

How you respond is not important; that you respond is! I hope you will.

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BOOK CLUB



Sunday, June 9 at 6:30pm via Zoom
Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

[Sign Up Here](#)



On Sunday, April 28 immediately following worship, head up to our 2nd floor My Brothers Place for coffee hour and a short time together exploring the history and possibilities of the Trinity Plaza.

This will be a time for us to explore all the ways we will bring this outdoor space to life with help from Toledo Grows, the National Wildlife Federation's Sacred Grounds program – to name just a few. This week's news of the Walter E. Terhune Memorial Fund \$60,000 support over three years is perfect timing. On April 28, we will now be able to talk about what we *will* do, instead of what we could do.

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<https://www.ywcanwo.org/what-were-doing/racial-justice/2023-challenge/>

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RECTOR'S BLOG

Plazapalooza



Dear Friends,

Many years ago, I attended a meeting of one of the committees of the parish I was serving. Clergy attend a LOT of committee meetings – in the parishes they serve, in the dioceses where they're canonically resident, and in the communities where their churches are located. I have no idea how many such meetings I've gone to, but the number is well into triple digits and may have crossed the one thousand mark. I never thought to count them.

The particular committee whose meeting I attended many years ago was planning a special event – a joyous celebration that would involve both parishioners and people from the surrounding neighborhood. As we talked about the different activities that would be part of the event, excitement started to grow. Finally one of the committee members said, "It's going to be an extravaganza!" – not an extravaganza, but an extra-va-gan-zia! I'm not sure why the addition of a single letter – the letter "i" – made the event sound like it was going to be so much more fun, but it certainly did.

This coming Sunday, the big event (other than the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which is always a big event) will be Plazapalooza. Plazapalooza will be an extra-va-gan-zia! (I hope you are smiling at this silliness.) What's going to happen?

Here's an overview:

Trinity's always popular coffee hour will move to My Brother's Place on the second floor of the Parish House and will be enhanced with special food provided by the Wardens and Vestry. Heather Meyer, Trinity's Director of Operations, will provide a brief history of the Plaza which she will illustrate with some amazing photos from the parish archives. Finance Committee member Dennis Degnan will "do the numbers" – laying out the cost of this critically important project and how it's been paid for. And then Bruce & Deacon Meribah Mansfield will invite us out onto the Plaza itself where four "stations" will be set up. We'll learn what it means to be a Sacred Grounds congregation, and they'll share aspects of a vision for the terrific restored space and seek input and ideas from everyone present. What fun it will be!

So, plan to come to Plazapalooza – this Sunday's extravaganza. After days of chilly and damp weather, Sunday is supposed to be warm with a predicted high of 83 degrees! The three "celebration" maples planted earlier this spring have started leafing out. There'll be food, fellowship, and Plaza possibilities. Who knows? It may even turn into a Plazapaloo-zia!

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

ADULT FORMATION

Episcopal 101 May 5, 12, 19

Perhaps you are new here at Trinity. Or maybe you have been coming for a while but still have lots of questions about what this "Episcopal" church is all about. If you'd like a deeper understanding of who we are and why we do what we do, then Episcopal 101 is for you! Our Interim Rector Stephen Applegate will hold three Episcopal 101 sessions on: **Sunday May 5, 12 and 19 following Eucharist in the Walbridge Room on the 1st floor of the Parish House.**

Sign Up Link: <https://sugeni.us/4BRE>

DOUBLE CHOIR DAY!

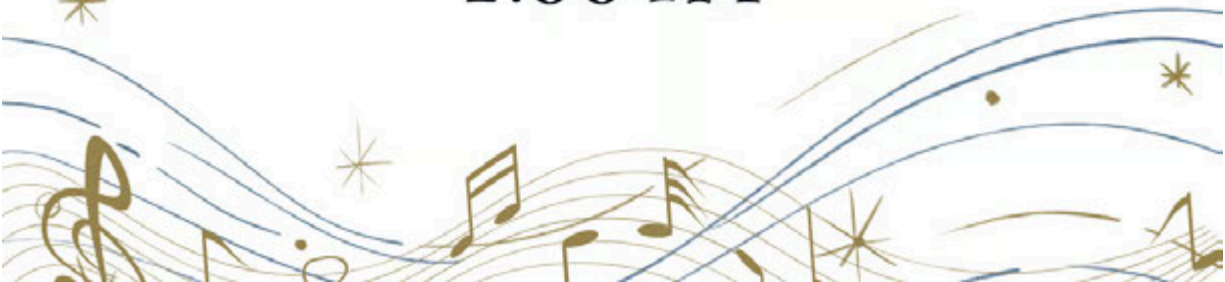
What's better than one choir? TWO! Trinity's Choir is delighted to be teaming up with the St. Michaels in the Hills Choir this weekend for a fabulous double choir service. The April 28th 2024 10:00 am service will be one to remember. Grab your seat, and let's sing some praise!



A TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COMMUNITY MUSIC CONCERT

WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR

MAY 14TH 2024
7:00 PM



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May 14 at 7pm

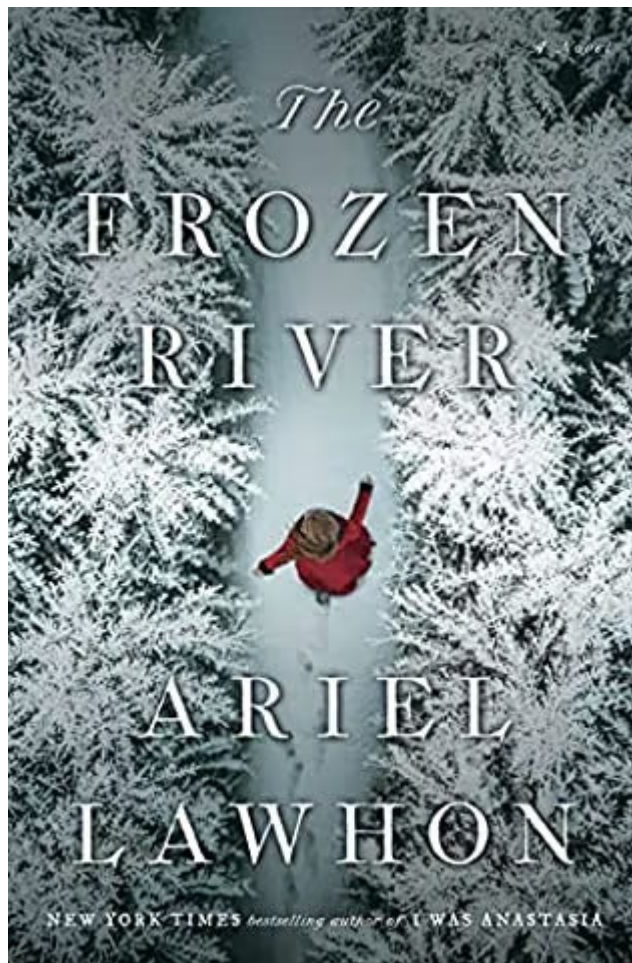
Join Trinity musicians for an evening to remember. The event is free. Bring your friends and share the Trinity love.



Pride 2024
May 5 at 11:30am

Come have a bit of lunch and help us get the rainbow rolling on Trinity's Pride involvement for this August.

BOOK CLUB



Sunday, June 9 at 6:30pm via Zoom
Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

[Sign Up Here](#)



On Sunday, April 28 immediately following worship, head up to our 2nd floor My Brothers Place for coffee hour and a short time together exploring the history and possibilities of the Trinity Plaza.

This will be a time for us to explore all the ways we will bring this outdoor space to life with help from Toledo Grows, the National Wildlife Federation's Sacred Grounds program – to name just a few. This week's news of the Walter E. Terhune Memorial Fund \$60,000 support over three years is perfect timing. On April 28, we will now be able to talk about what we *will* do, instead of what we could do.

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