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RECTOR'S BLOG

Silent Listening Session



Dear Friends,

I've got my Interim Rector hat on this week so I can promote the recent request of the Search Committee.

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?

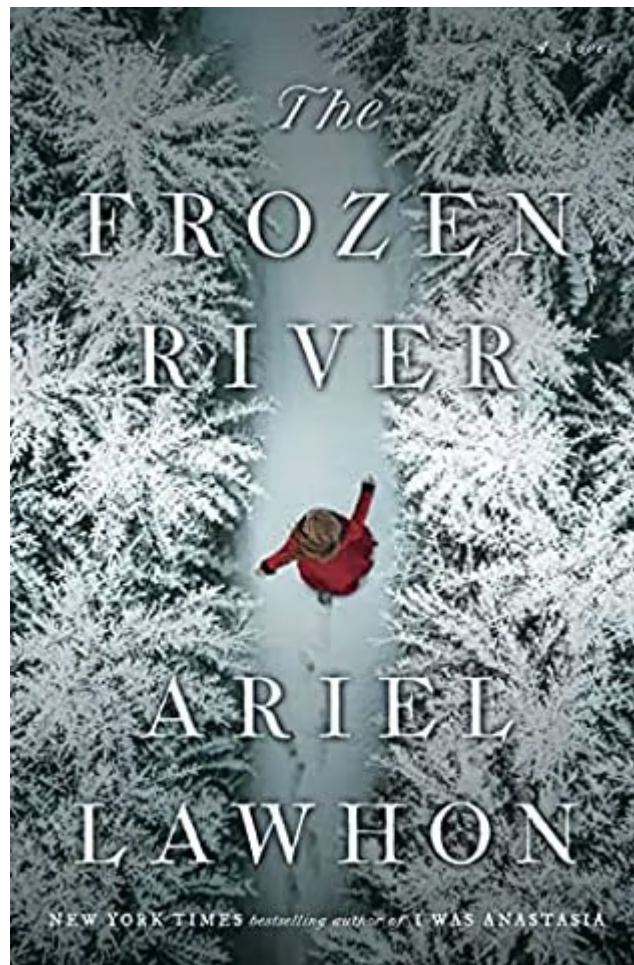
Right after Sunday's 10:00 am service you'll have the chance to respond using the pens and paper provided by the Search Committee. Or you can write your answers at home, put them in an envelope, and hand them to a Search Committee member after church. (That's how I'd do it.)

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

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

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.

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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.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1825 Glendale Ave., Toledo

**MULTIFAITH
EARTH DAY
CELEBRATION**

4:00-6:00 PM
APRIL 21, 2024

Brief MultiFaith Prayer Service
Speaker: Sacred Grounds & Care for Creation
Displays by Faith Centers &
Community Organizations
Children's Activities
Service Project: Preparing Soil

Join us for this all-ages celebration of our amazing planet! People of all faiths or no faith alike share a concern for living in harmony with our environment. We come together for learning, service, and fun!

We begin with a brief MultiFaith Prayer Service, honoring multiple religious and secular traditions, followed by a presentation by Hal Mann entitled: Sacred Grounds: Care for Creation. Participants then can explore children's activities, displays from local Sacred Grounds faith centers and from earth-based spiritualities, and a service project preparing for raised beds and spring planting in a new community garden.

There is no cost to attend, and no RSVP is necessary.

BASEBALL WITH THE BISHOP – JUNE 16 (FATHER'S DAY)

It's a Funday on Father's Day with the West Mission Area of the Diocese of Ohio, Bishop Jolly, and the Toledo Mudhens. Tickets include ballpark entry, seat, food, and drinks (excluding alcohol). The party is in The Nest. With Fifth Third Field as the backdrop, this prime outdoor party deck is located on the ballpark's second level above the right field line. The Nest provides a great view of the Mud Hens game.

The game on June 16 is against the Omaha Storm Chasers. Bishop Jolly, diocesan staff members, and their families will join us for a great day. Episcopalians across the diocese are invited to come cheer for the Mudhens. Here are the details:

Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024

Time: 2:05pm – 6:00pm

Location: Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo, OH 43604

To sign up and purchase tickets, go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449AFA723A2F49-47838878-mudhens>

Tickets are \$28 each. **The deadline for purchase is Sunday, May 19.** Tickets will be distributed by email after the May 19 deadline. After the deadline, fans may certainly purchase game tickets directly from the Mudhens. You may join us in The Nest, but your seat will be elsewhere, and you won't receive a wristband for the buffet.

In case of a rain out, the Mudhens will move our party indoors. The food is prepared and served. Participants on site will receive a voucher for another game on their own.

The buffet will run for 90 minutes from 1:45 to 3:15. The menu is: Grilled Hot Dogs, Grilled Hamburgers, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Lay's Potato Chips, assorted cookies, assorted can Pepsi products, & bottled water.

BREAKFAST SIGN UP

Are you interested in being a part of our signature ministry here at Trinity? Do you think to yourself, “Wow, I’d love to wake up earlier on Sunday once a month to serve breakfast to those in our community”? THEN DO WE HAVE GOOD NEWS!

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.

More hands make lighter work, and we can continue to make Breakfast at Trinity love at work in our world!

YWCA RACIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Begins April 1!

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

The Racial Justice Challenge is a FREE virtual learning tool designed to create dedicated time and space to build more effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with issues of race, equity, and leadership. Participants will be presented with 21 days of impactful challenges, such as reading an article, listening to a podcast, watching a video, and completing weekly action steps. We also offer weekly virtual discussions to unpack what we've learned each week.

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

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