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DEAR FRIENDS

Breakfast @ Trinity Update



Dear friends,

We are currently four months into Breakfast @ Trinity, and I thought it would be a good time for an update. For a little recap, last September, vestry member Karen Keune submitted a grant to the Diocese of Ohio requesting \$5,000 to relaunch and restart our community breakfast as well as beefing up our coffee hour. Our goal budget for the first year knowing we'd have to purchase new equipment, update old, and pay for food was \$10,000. If we received the grant, we'd start a grass roots effort to match the other \$5,000. Before we received news on the grant, we had the matching funds, and then a few short months later we received the monies from the diocese. It was then a small group of people started meeting to cast this dream for being a safe space for great music and quality food in a food desert on Sunday mornings.

Four months in, we have started our volunteer pods, as well as regular volunteers who decide to show up accumulating in 30-35 people over the course of the month. That is an incredible feat that deserves a lot of recognition. Every week, at least 5-8 volunteers show up between 7:30-8am on Sundays to cook, wash dishes, set tables, serve food, make friends, and be the hands and feet of God. As of this past Sunday, we have served 866 meals. Currently, we are averaging 54 people a week, which means, the likelihood of us having served over 1,000 meals by the end of July is very real. Every week, we see new faces and regulars, the vast majority of which do not worship at Trinity.

I share all of this because, I am so proud of the work y'all are doing here. This community shows up when called, and our downtown community sees it. What we are doing on Sunday mornings in our little corner of the Kindom isn't happening like anywhere else around this city, and people know it. So, if you're interested, come on down and check it out. Doors open and music starts at 8:30, coffee, cereal, oatmeal, and juice ready to go; eggs, and the rest of the good stuff is served at 8:45.

Grace and peace,

George

CONDUCTING CAMP



Next week, Chelsie's headed to The University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music for their Choral Conducting Intensive. She's looking forward to learning from top-notch choral professionals and bringing that wisdom back to our beloved choir. This is made possible by Trinity's Gunnell-Mauk fund that supports continuing education costs for our Rector and staff.

REVOLVING DOOR JULY

Trinity staff is here, there and everywhere during July! We've come to appreciate there is no 'slow down' time here at Trinity and what a pretty amazing thing that is. Keep us in your prayers as we travel to and from wonderful training opportunities and times of respite and adventure. We will return (nearly!) fully charged and ready to hit the ground running with Toledo Pride.

HE GETS US...BUT WHO IS JESUS ANYWAY?

Since 2022, ads about Jesus have appeared on television and in other media. The ad campaign's tagline is a short three words – He Gets Us. The idea is to take a contemporary question or issue and to show how Jesus understands what people are dealing with – whether it's saying goodbye, or family issues, or forgiving someone who hurt us. He gets us. But who is Jesus anyway? Got questions? Got doubts? Not sure? Need a new introduction to a friend? Using Diana Butler Bass's recent book, *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence*, as a resource, we'll talk about finding Jesus on our own terms and in our own lives.

Sessions will be after church in the Walbridge Room on July 21 and 28, and August 11, 18, and 25. Jolene Miller and Amy Saylor will be facilitating conversation. Participants can come to whichever sessions they want to/are able to attend. Please sign up here if you plan to participate so we know how many books to order. <https://sugeni.us/VXj2>

NO SWIMMING

We are doing some tile sealing to the baptismal pool over the course of the next few weeks. With the recent preparations for our building partners Toledo Streets Newspaper taking over the “garden view” undercroft, we learned the hard way we had some leaking. Thankful for our handyman Jesse and his crew for taking care of our sacred font. Pardon any dust!

WORK NIGHT – JULY 15

As we know, Leadership Toledo is setting sail from their third floor offices mid July, off to their new space by Erie Street Market. We are joining forces with them and renting a roll off dumpster the week of July 15. How could this possibly impact you, my delightful reader? Well, you can sign up to help clean house of all the things we've been holding onto for decades because they didn't fit in our standard garbage cans. We can tell already you're excited at this opportunity to roll up your sleeves and get bossed by the Director of Operations, Heather Meyer. For some of you, it will be your first behind-the-scenes tour of our vast labyrinth of rooms in our basement, too!

Monday July 15 6–8pm. Come for as little or as long as you can. We promise to be fun and have something for all physical abilities! Sign up at <https://sugeni.us/VXzA>

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

A Preview of the City of Toledo's Comprehensive Plan for Neighborhood Safety Tuesday, July 16 6:30–8:00 p.m. Epworth United Methodist Church, 4855 Central Ave. Malcolm Cunningham, Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (MONSE), will provide office updates, discuss recommendations for inclusion

in the Comprehensive Plan for Neighborhood Safety, and introduce findings from a study examining the cost of gun violence to Toledoans.

Malcolm will host an interactive forum after the formal presentation. Free, open to all. [Sign up here](#). Sponsored by the Multifaith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence, Moms Demand Action Toledo, and Sisters 4 Unity. Contact [Rev. Meribah Mansfield](#) for more information.

TRINITY PRAYER LIST



Did you know that Trinity has an active prayer list? If you'd like prayers for yourself or for someone you know, you can request them by contacting the Trinity office (trinity@trinitytoledo.org or 419-243-1231) or our interim rector, Stephen Applegate (in person or via email at stephen@trinitytoledo.org).

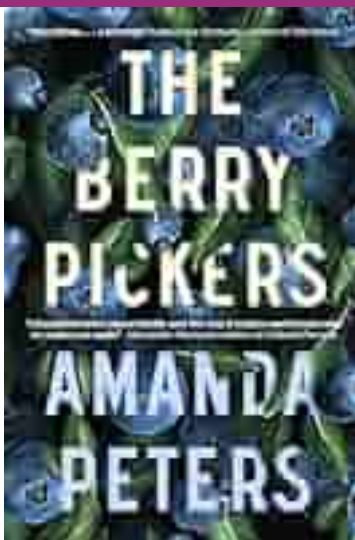
At the moment, all prayer requests are shared only with a small intercessory prayer group who, along with parish clergy, offer recurring prayers for each request. This is not a closed group. If you want to join Trinity parishioners who've committed to the practice of regularly praying for others, ask Stephen about joining the prayer team.

When a request is received, it remains on the prayer list for four weeks before it's taken off. Requests can always be renewed or submitted again. However, having an "expiration date" will prevent the list from overflowing with prayer requests that are out of date.

On the third Thursday of each month, Trinity supplies the vendors of Toledo Streets Newspaper (TSN) with a buffet lunch! **And we need YOUR help!** Trinity will purchase the food but we will need 4-6 volunteers to help prepare the meal deliver it to the TSN Office.

Join us on JULY 18th! [Sign up here.](#)

BOOK CLUB



Book clubbers! We're taking a bit of a hiatus for July and August but add this to the late summer reading list so it's fresh in your mind for discussion on September 8. Stay tuned for sign up and zoom information. (*Our library has print, ebook and audio copies.)

PRIDE DONATIONS



Starting this Sunday going through August 18 we are asking for donations of 8oz water bottles and hard candy for Pride! You can drop them off at our “drop off station” by the columbarium. PLEASE, no chocolate as it tends to melt in the August sun. Any chocolate donated will be considered a tithe for our Director of Operations. If you have any questions

please contact our Director of Community Engagement through email at,
george@trinitytoledo.org



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

EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE

General Convention takes initial steps toward addressing leadership crisis in Diocese of Haiti

[Episcopal News Service] The Diocese of Haiti, The Episcopal Church's largest diocese by membership, has been in leadership limbo since its last bishop election in 2018 failed to

receive churchwide [...]

Some bishops, deputies report testing positive for COVID-19 after 81st General Convention

[Episcopal News Service] It was the first post-pandemic General Convention, but COVID-19 was still spreading last month when bishops and deputies gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, for the triennial churchwide gathering. [...]

Vermont diocese's 'Green Mountain Abbey' online community born in early pandemic days still thrives

[Episcopal News Service] A March 15, 2020, online gathering for people in the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont – when the specter of COVID-19 was just appearing in Episcopal churches – [...]

81st General Convention wraps up in Louisville

[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] The triennial Episcopal family reunion, worship extravaganza and legislative session that is General Convention was back in full force during its meeting here after [...]

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