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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.

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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!

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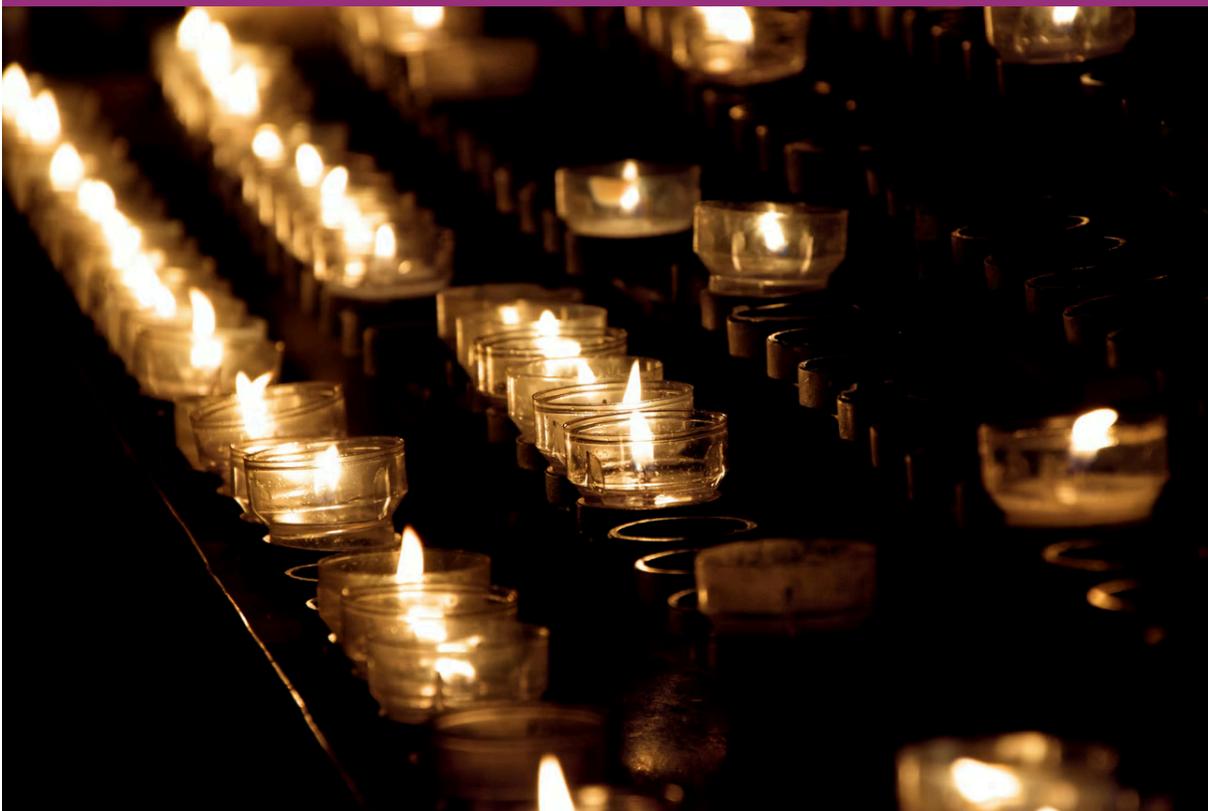
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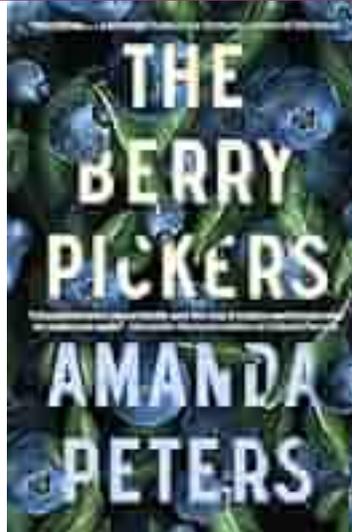
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General Convention takes initial steps toward addressing leadership crisis in Diocese of Haiti

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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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Come thirsty this Sunday!



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We are firmly planted in the dog days of summer and nearly nothing signifies a hot summer day quite like a lemonade stand with eager young sellers situated behind a dressed-up card table in the blaring hot sun. Well, we can spare you the blaring hot sun this Sunday. Our own Melanie Schell will have a lemonade stand during coffee hour to support the fundraising efforts of Isaiah 117 House in Lucas County. As their website states, Isaiah 117 is reshaping the way foster care begins.

When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their safety, they are usually brought to a child welfare services office to await placement. This wait can be a few hours to several days. These children often have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, and in dirty clothing.

Isaiah 117 provides a comforting home where these children instead can be brought to wait – a place that is safe with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snugly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while child welfare staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good placement.

What a powerful mission! In a few weeks, George Benson and I will attend an Isaiah 117 'church connections' breakfast with other houses of worship in Lucas County to learn how we Trinity folks can be a support as this unfolds in our area. Come thirsty this Sunday. Let's draw the circle wide, friends!

Big love,

Heather Meyer

Director of Operations

PAT SQUIRE FUNERAL



Our ever-faithful Pat Squire passed away earlier this week at the tender age of 88. A service will be held on Friday, July 19, 2024 at Trinity. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am in the sanctuary with the funeral service at 11:00 am. A reception will follow the service. Please keep Pat's family in your prayers.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT IN THE WINDY CITY



Hey y'all, it's my turn to be gone the week of July 15. I am spending time with Canon Audra Abt in the Diocese of Chicago learning Year B of CCD, also known as having a great time learning how to be more effective at Trinity when it comes to working in our context of ministry. I will be here on Sunday, July 14 and July 21.

BABY, YOU'RE A FIREWORK!



Fourth of July on our Plaza was a rousing success. We lost count at 131 people who joined us. There were so many new faces and none of it would've been possible without the great party planning of Ariel Grube, Allen Santiago, Brian Ingham, Chelsie Cree and Grace Mauk. A special thanks to them and our Parish Life Team for helping us utilize this revitalized space.

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WORSHIP AL FRESCO ON SUNDAY, JULY 21

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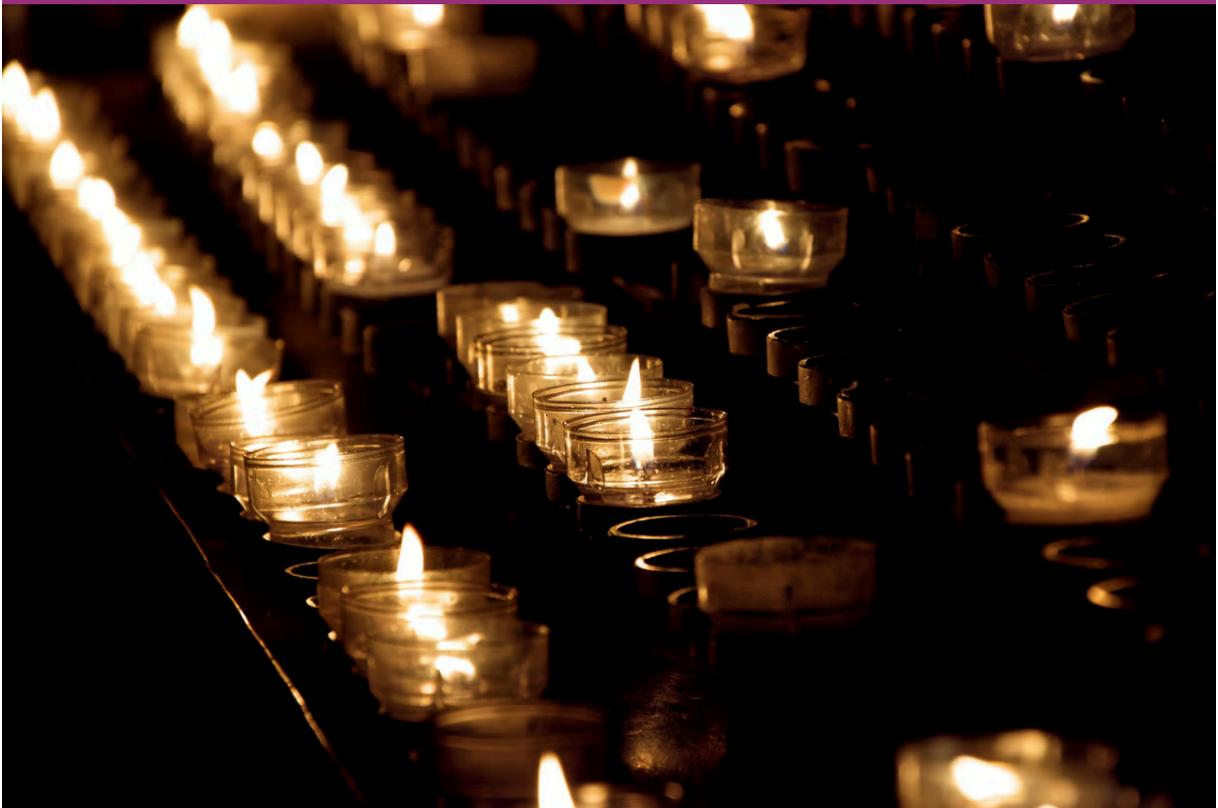
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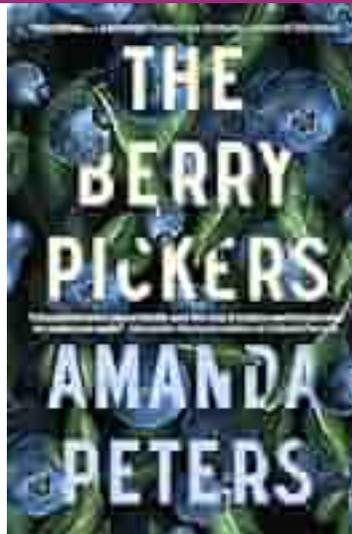
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[Episcopal Church raises increasing alarm at Israel's refusal to release Anglican Palestinian](#)

[Episcopal News Service] An Israeli military judge has denied an appeal for the release of Layan Nasir, a 23-year-old Palestinian Anglican woman held in administrative detention without charge by Israel [...]

Presiding bishop-elect denounces murder of Pennsylvania transgender teen

[Episcopal News Service] Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe on July 10 issued a letter about the recent murder of a transgender girl near his hometown of Sharon, Pennsylvania. The remains of [...]

Conference in France addressed human relationship with nature

[World Council of Churches] The World Council of Churches participated in the sixth Annual Meeting of the Ecumenical and Francophone Society of Theology of Ecology held at the Saint Hugues [...]

Australian church offers flexible Sunday service for busy families

[Melbourne Anglican] St. Stephen's and St. Mary's Church in Mount Waverly, a suburb of Melbourne, is offering opportunities for worship to people who are unable to make it to Sunday [...]



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RECTOR'S BLOG

Coming and going...



Dear Friends,

The Gospel reading for this coming Sunday talks about lots of people “coming and going” around Jesus and his disciples. It seems an appropriate scripture passage for this week when Trinity has lots of comings and goings on among our building partners.

We purposely use the term “building partners” instead of “tenants” for the entities that occupy parts of our building because the parish doesn’t rent space to just any organization or business looking for a downtown location. We choose to share space with organizations that align with Trinity’s mission to be engaged with the life of the City of Toledo and that share our progressive and inclusive values.

Leadership Toledo, our longest-running building partner, has – these last weeks – been steadily moving out of the offices they’ve occupied on the third floor of the Parish House. They’re taking some furniture with them, donating some to Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore, recycling outdated electronics, and tossing out everything else. Trinity shared in the cost of the dumpster Leadership Toledo brought in so we could also clear out the kinds of things that always seem to accumulate at churches. (Thanks, by the way, to the fifteen volunteers who showed up this past Monday evening to help!) We’ll miss our colleagues at Leadership Toledo but take solace and even some satisfaction in this church’s part in providing space for them to grow as they were starting their work with both adults and youth.

While Leadership was moving out upstairs, Toledo Streets Newspaper (TSN) was moving furniture and other items into their new location downstairs in the former Next-to-New space. Their first vendor meeting at Trinity was yesterday and, since it was our turn to provide the vendor lunch, we hosted lunch for them in My Brother's Place. We are delighted to welcome this organization whose goal is to give the Toledo community a program to lift individuals out of poverty through work. TSN will have access to their space from their entrance on N. St. Clair.

And, finally, while these two organizations were "going and coming," Trinity finalized an agreement with Girls on the Run Northwest Ohio (GOTR) on Wednesday. In the next two weeks, they will move into some of the space being vacated by Leadership Toledo.

GOTR serves fourteen counties in northwest Ohio and offers programs designed to inspire girls of all abilities to recognize and embrace their inner strength and make meaningful connections with others. It's about so much more than running! Trained coaches use physical activity and discussions to build social, emotional and physical skills while encouraging healthy habits for life. They've served over 7,000 girls in northwest Ohio since 2012.

Part of the national GOTR organization, our newest building partner offers a welcoming space where all can have a meaningful and engaging experience and feel like they belong. When GOTR says "all," they mean people of all races, ethnicities, income levels, sexual orientations, gender identities, religions, and abilities. Their commitment to radical hospitality mirrors ours.

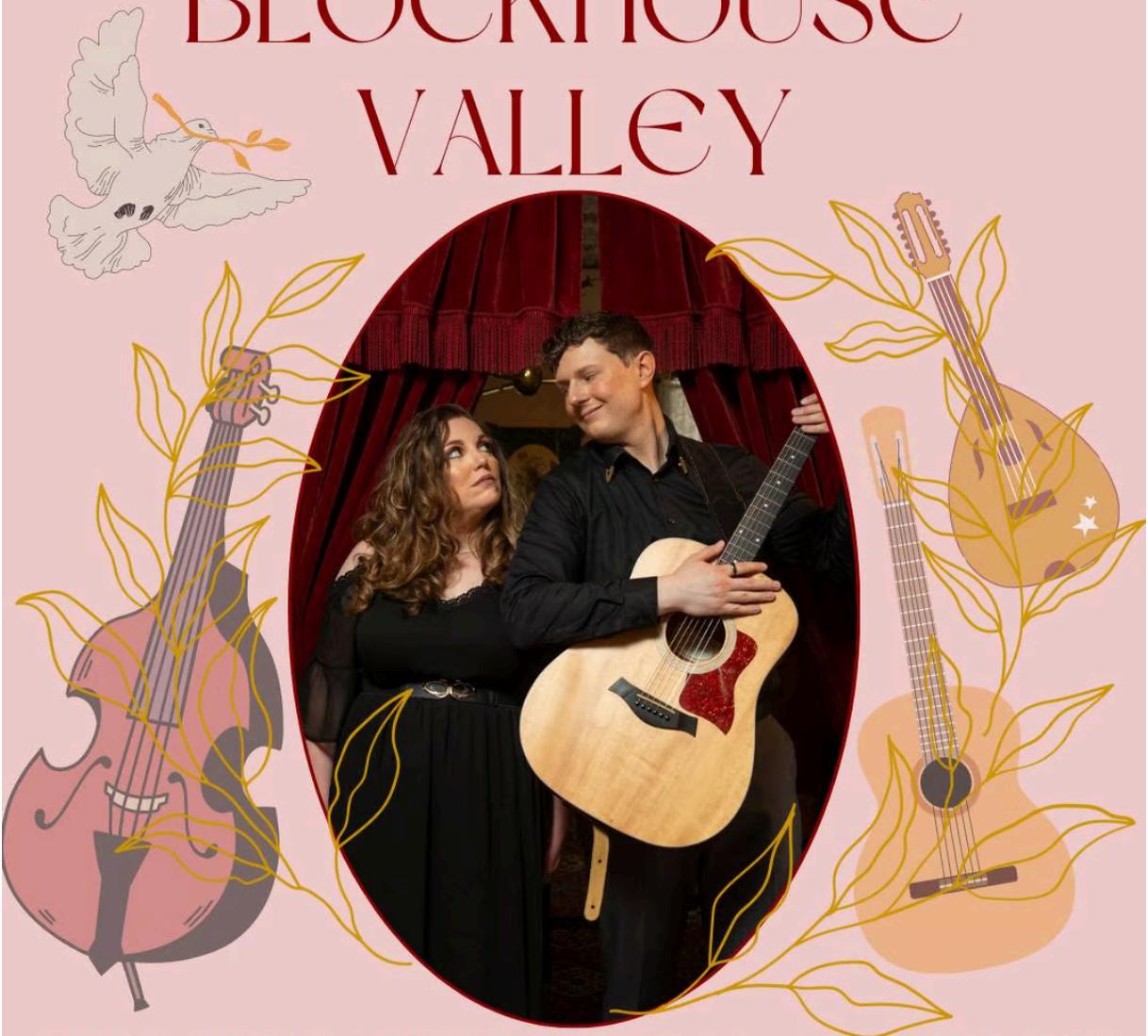
Farewell and godspeed to our friends at Leadership Toledo, and welcome to our newest building partners. We look forward to many years of mutually beneficial relationships.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

WORSHIP AL FRESCO!

BLOCKHOUSE VALLEY



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY, JULY 21 10AM SERVICE

This Sunday, July 21 at 10am, we will worship on Trinity Plaza as the weather forecast is looking fantastic. We have special guest musicians, Blockhouse Valley, joining us. A few suggestions for our good people:

1. Wear hats, sunglasses and some sunscreen. That sun really reflects off all that new, bright concrete. Casual dress encouraged!
2. We have concrete amphitheater seating plus chairs from our dining area, My Brothers Place. If you'd like to bring a favorite chair - please do.

3. If you're sitting on the built in concrete seats, consider bringing a blanket or beach towel.
4. For this Sunday only, we are moving the Kids' Room up to the room always known as "The Bride's Room" on the 2nd floor with a direct access door to/from the Plaza. We will have good stuff to keep our kids busy with Miss Wendi and will follow the same guidelines as we do on the 1st floor.
5. If you utilize the Four SeaGate parking garage, enter our building as usual but proceed up the stairwell or use the elevator to the 2nd floor to access the Plaza.
6. If you park on the street, bike or walk to us, head on up the exterior Plaza steps at the corner of Adams and Summit.
7. WE WILL HAVE ADEQUATE SIGNAGE AT OUR FRONT DOORS DIRECTING. FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE WILL BE LOCKING FRONT ENTRANCE DOORS AT 10:10AM. That doesn't mean latecomers can't join us, it just means they need to proceed up the exterior steps at Adams and Summit.

If you have a question that isn't covered, please email Heather Meyer at heather@trinitytoledo.org See you Sunday!

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First Session This Sunday after Church

Grab a snack at coffee hour and join us in the Walbridge Room as we begin to explore who Jesus is, using Diana Butler Bass' book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* as a springboard. (Here is a [video of the author introducing the book](#) if you'd like to learn more.)

These discussions are open to everyone, whether you have read the book or not, whether you can attend all the sessions or not, whether you know who Jesus is to you or you have no clue. Here are some questions to ponder for this week (Jesus as teacher; Jesus as friend):

- What has been your understanding of Jesus throughout your life? How have you seen that change over the years?
- "Jesus calls us friends. God reaches toward us, not as a fearsome master or judge, but a friend, beckoning us to reach back" (p. 16 of the book). Do you view Jesus as a friend of yours? Why or why not?
- Which of the teachings of Jesus is most compelling or attractive to you? Which teaching is most challenging or frustrating? Why?

The rough schedule for the rest of the sessions:

July 28: Jesus as Savior

August 4: No session

August 11: Jesus as Lord

August 18: Jesus as Way

August 25: Jesus as Presence

September 1: Bonus session: The Universal Jesus

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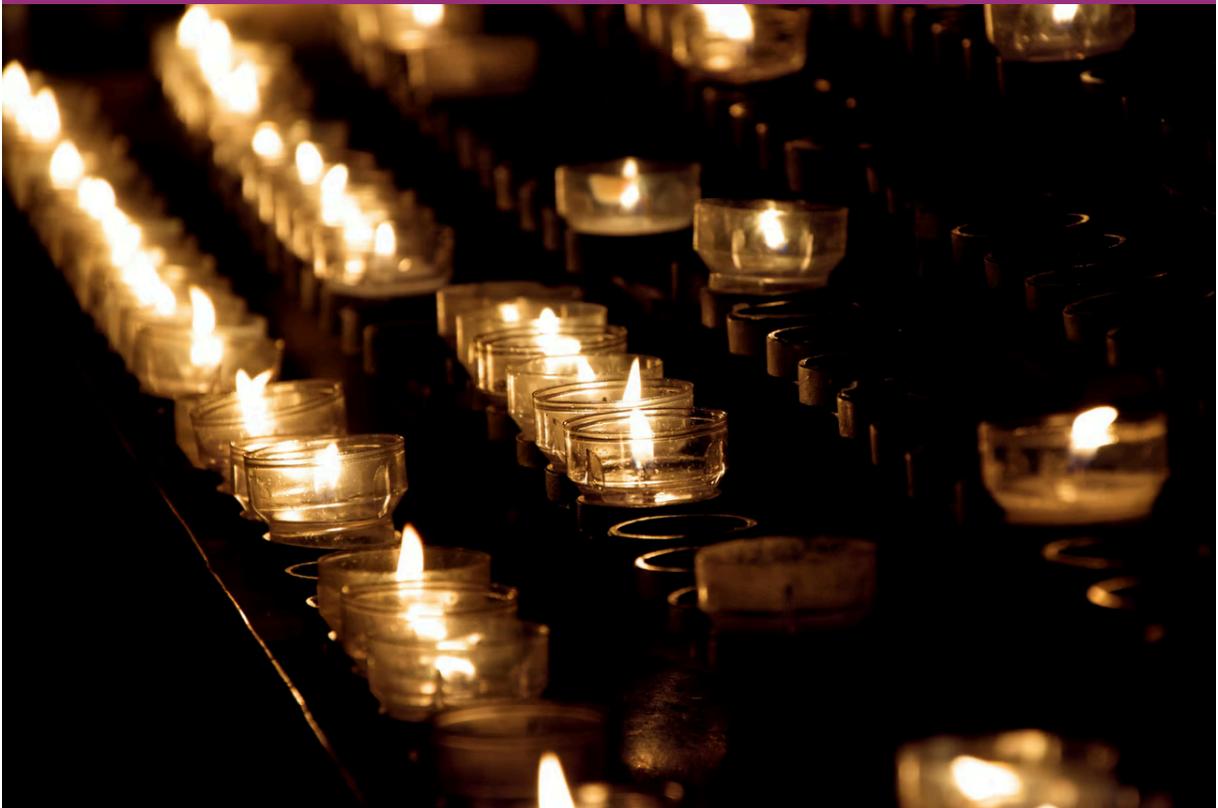
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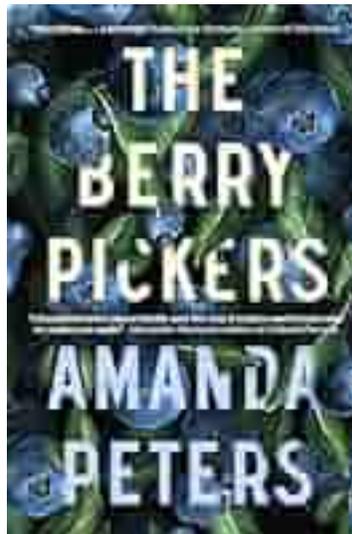


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Anglican Communion secretary general visits Diocese of Kapsabet in the Anglican Church of Kenya

[Anglican Communion News Service] Bishop Anthon Poggo, secretary general of the Anglican Communion, has visited the Diocese of Kapsabet in the Anglican Church of Kenya. His visit has been hosted [...]

Ancient Northern saints inspire Archbishop of York's 'Faith in the North'

[Office of the Archbishop of York] Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell has set out a three-year focus called Faith in the North that will provide prayer, storytelling and church planting [...]

Episcopalians encouraged to apply for positions on church's interim bodies for 2025-27

[Episcopal News Service] The Episcopal Church's presiding officers are looking for a few hundred Episcopalians interested in volunteering their time on what are known as interim bodies, carrying out the [...]

United Methodists elect a third openly gay, married bishop

[Religion News Service] The first two openly gay and married bishops in the United Methodist Church were elected to their positions under a cloud. The denomination's rulebook did not allow LGBTQ+ [...]



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Paris, France is six hours ahead of Toledo, so the Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympics will begin at 1:30 pm today. Hosting the Olympics – whether the summer or winter edition – is an enormous task for any city, and it falls to Paris this year to welcome athletes and spectators from around the world to the games which had their origin in ancient Greece around 3,000 years ago. The ancient games lasted until 393 AD when the Theodosius I banned them to promote Christianity. (Leave it to the Christians to be the party poopers.)

Unlike other opening ceremonies, this year's will be held outside a stadium. The parade is set to be held in the heart of Paris along the Seine, its main artery. Each national delegation will have a boat which will join a parade of boats moving from east to west in which some 10,500 athletes will cross through the center of Paris. By the way, work on cleaning the Seine for the Olympics has been going on since 2015. More than \$1.5 billion has been spent so the river could be used for swimming events. Nine days ago, the mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, took a swim to demonstrate how clean the Seine is now. I'll spare you the details of how the sewer infrastructure was renovated. It's enough to say that, even with the building of a giant underground water storage basin in central Paris, planners still hope there won't be heavy rain between now and August 11.

Not surprisingly, the unique plan has already had an enormous effect on the parts of the Ville

lumière – the City of Light. Grandstands and platforms have been under construction since mid-June, a project that was scheduled to be completed yesterday. Only four bridges crossing the Seine have been spared from construction during this preparation time. The upper and lower quays have been closed to the public for the last week. And even the Tour de France – the most famous bicycle race in the world – moved its traditional finish on the Champs-Élysées to a sprint between Monaco and Nice in the south of France.

When the Emperor Theodosius banned the games back in the fourth century, he must have forgotten about all the athletic metaphors employed by St. Paul and others to describe the Christian life. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews instructs his readers to “run without stumbling the race that is set before [them.]” Drawing on images of ancient footraces in Greece, Rome, and Israel, the Christian life is described as a marathon, not a sprint – one that requires faith, stamina, commitment, and discipline.

Paul reminded the Corinthians that “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things” – and called on them to exercise self-control in a society where there was precious little of it. The letters written to Timothy tell him that only an athlete who is physically fit will win the prize, and that he, as a believer, must do the same. “Train yourself for godliness,” Paul wrote to his mentee. “Train” (Greek *gymnazō*) literally means “to exercise” and enters the English language as gymnasium. And, in his second letter, Paul tells Timothy that an athlete has to compete according to the rules. Similarly, every believer must live in obedience to God. Paul writes, “An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.”

So, while we are watching people whose self-discipline and training has brought them to participate in Olympic-level competition, we might reflect on what kind of shape our spiritual lives are in. And if we find they’re out of shape and flabby, perhaps it’s time to start some kind of training program. Prayer, scripture reading, worship, meditation, journaling, or serving in some way have long been recommended by spiritual coaches as ways to get in good spiritual shape.

Let me paraphrase the opening line of every Olympics, summer or winter, and say, “I declare open the Games of Trinity Episcopal Church, celebrating the 47th Summer Spiritual Games. (187 years Trinity has been in existence, divided by four). Game on!

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

GETTING OUR DUCKS IN A ROW FOR JEEPFEST

Toledo Jeepfest, held early in August each year, celebrates decades of Jeep’s partnership with the City of Toledo. The Toledo Assembly Complex began in 1904 as a bicycle factory. Willys-Overland purchased the facility in 1910 and converted it to an automobile assembly plant, and the plant began producing Jeeps in the 1940s.

What does this history have to do with Trinity? The answer is this: the celebration of “all things Jeep” will take over downtown Toledo this year from August 1–4. The Vendor Midway will occupy much of downtown including Adams Street in front of Trinity. The “outdoor refreshment area” extends all the way to Jackson Street. Trinity will essentially be inaccessible during Jeepfest, and staff members will be working from home.

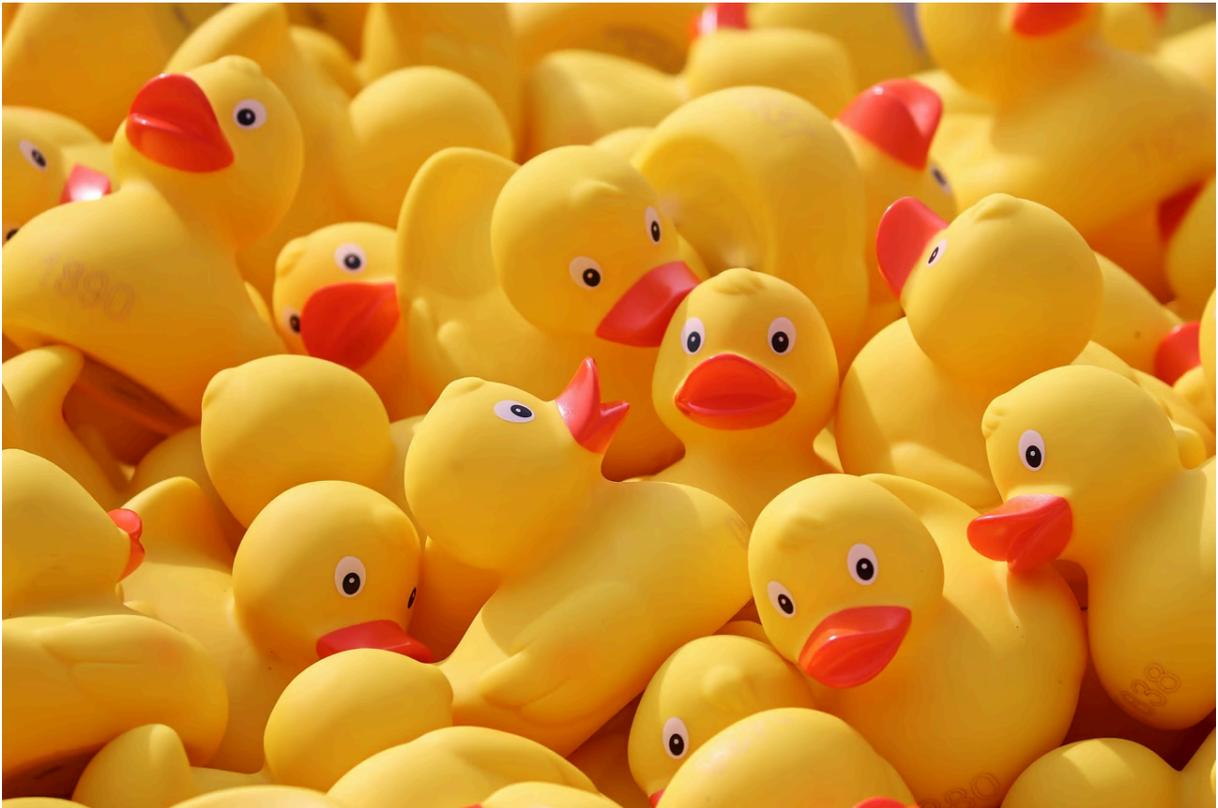
NO SUNDAY MORNING service will be held on Sunday, August 4. The Rev. Gayle Catinella, Rector, and the people of St. Michael’s in the Hills Episcopal Church, 4718 Brittany Rd, have graciously offered to welcome Trinity people who want to attend their morning service at 10:00 am. (We hosted them when the Toledo Marathon closed the street in front of their church.)

We will offer an EVENING SERVICE at 5:00 pm at Trinity. It will be a full service with Holy Eucharist, great music, and coffee hour following. Because Jeepfest officially ends at 12:00 noon on Sunday, we’re confident that parishioners will be able to access the Four Seagate garage to park.

And, if you didn’t get the duck reference in the headline to this article, it’s about the craze that has been sweeping the worldwide Jeep community. The act of placing a rubber duck on someone’s Jeep—called Jeep “ducking” and/or “Duck Duck Jeep”—began with one person from a small town in Ontario, Canada. She unknowingly started a movement of kindness, fellowship, and recognition with that first rubber duck she placed on a Jeep.

So, there will be Jeeps aplenty in Toledo the first weekend in August along with a “paddling” of rubber ducks.

A DUCKY WAY TO SUPPORT TRINITY'S BREAKFAST PROGRAM!



Jeepfest is right around the corner (see article elsewhere in Topics) and downtown Toledo will soon be full of Jeeps and awash in rubber ducks. (also see article elsewhere in Topics.)

So, we thought, how can our signature ministry benefit from all of the ducks migrating in our direction while keeping it in Trinity's spirit of fun? The answer – a split-the-pot raffle benefiting Trinity's Community Breakfast program.

We've caught a few of the rubber ducks and crammed them into a transparent plastic container. For a \$5.00 donation, participants get to submit a written guess of how many ducks have flocked to fill the container. We can't *bill* you, so we ask you to make a donation using cash or use our *web*-based donation kiosk.

We'll run this for two weeks – this Sunday morning, July 28, around the 10:00 am service – and next Sunday, August 4, around the 5:00 pm service (yes, we are once again pointing you to the article elsewhere in Topics).

Hope you like the idea. To be honest, it doesn't get us *down*, it *quacks* us up!

AUGUST 23-25 TOLEDO PRIDE!



VOLUNTEER

@ PRIDE!

HELP WITH OUR FAMILY COOK OUT!

march in a parade!

HELP OUT WITH HOSPITALITY!

meet COOL PEOPLE at our TENT!

Interested in volunteering?

August 23: Friday Night Potluck

August 24: Pride Booth

August 24: Parade

August 25: Hospitality@ 316

CALLING ALL HOSTS!



Are you a born host? Do you love creating community around a table with a delicious meal? Then Parish Life wants YOU! Trinity's Pop-Up Dinners are coming back, and we're looking for hosts wanting to create fabulous dinners and host new and old friends in the Trinity Community. You can [sign up here](#), and the Parish Life Team will be in contact soon.

WHO IS JESUS ANYWAY?

Grab a snack at coffee hour and join us in the Walbridge Room as we begin to explore who Jesus is, using Diana Butler Bass' book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* as a springboard. (Here is a [video of the author introducing the book](#) if you'd like to learn more.)

These discussions are open to everyone, whether you have read the book or not, whether you can attend all the sessions or not, whether you know who Jesus is to you or you have no clue. Here are some questions to ponder for this week (Jesus as teacher; Jesus as friend):

- What has been your understanding of Jesus throughout your life? How have you seen that change over the years?
- “Jesus calls us friends. God reaches toward us, not as a fearsome master or judge, but a friend, beckoning us to reach back” (p. 16 of the book). Do you view Jesus as a friend of yours? Why or why not?
- Which of the teachings of Jesus is most compelling or attractive to you? Which teaching is most challenging or frustrating? Why?

The rough schedule for the rest of the sessions:

July 28: Jesus as Savior

August 4: No session

August 11: Jesus as Lord

August 18: Jesus as Way

August 25: Jesus as Presence

September 1: Bonus session: The Universal Jesus

If you have any questions, contact facilitators Jolene Miller and Amy Saylor. Bring your questions, we'll bring ours!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE PLAZA?



Sunday, August 11 @ 11:15 a.m. My Brother's Place

What's Next for the Plaza? Come help plan what our next steps will be to continue bringing our plaza to life. What furniture do we need? Could we plant one more bed this fall? Maybe hostas in the bed along the side of the Four Seagate building, which only gets shade? Other ideas? What uses do you envision for the plaza? Let's celebrate the progress we've made and the wonderful volunteers that have made it happen, and think together about what's next.

PRIDE DONATIONS



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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Sunday, August 18 1:00–3:00 p.m. Epworth United Methodist Church, 4855 Central Ave. Presentation of the City of Toledo’s Comprehensive Plan for Neighborhood Safety Malcolm Cunningham, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (MONSE), will provide an overview of the City of Toledo's new Comprehensive Plan for Neighborhood Safety. Malcolm will host an interactive forum after the plan presentation. Many people from the community have been working on this plan over the past year, and it is bearing fruit in reducing gun violence. Come learn about the positive steps our community is taking! **Free, open to all. Sign up here.**

[Download information flyer here.](#)

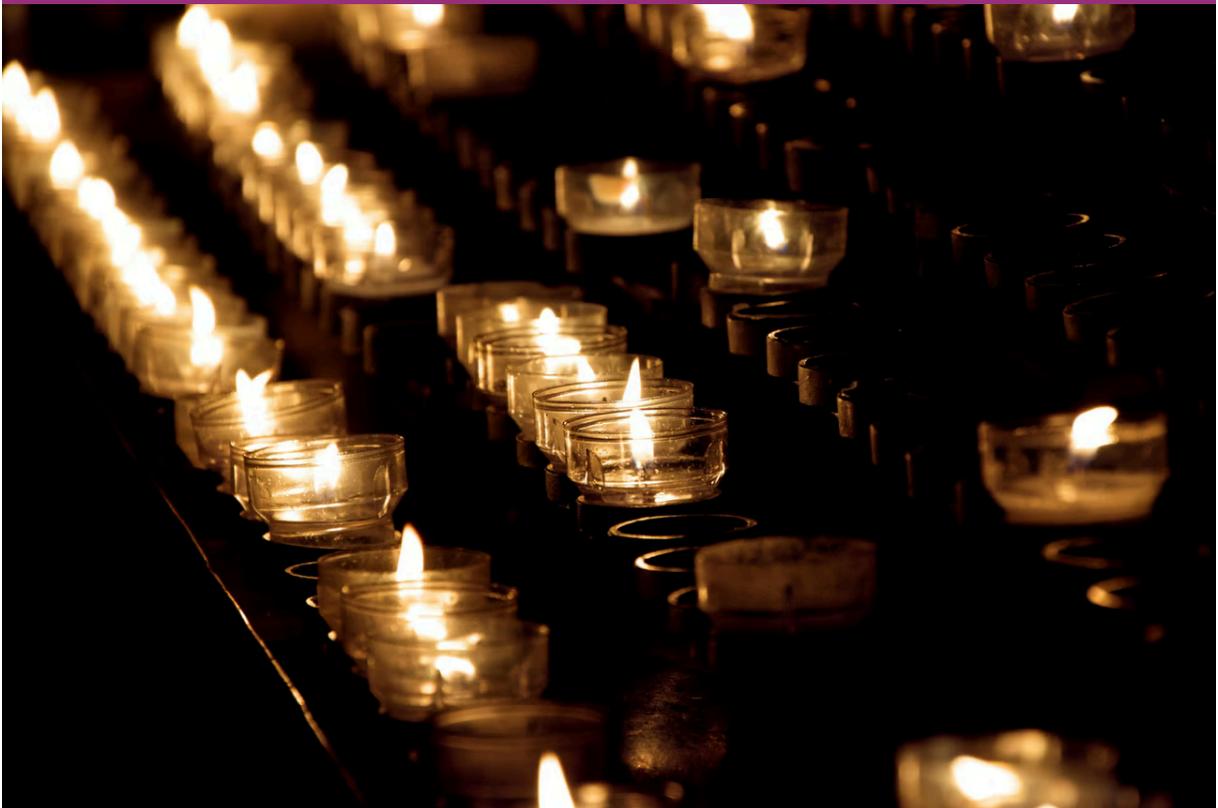
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[Click here for the resources page.](#)



**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST
EVERY SUNDAY
DOORS OPEN @ 8:30
FOOD SERVED 8:45-9:15**

TRINITY PRAYER LIST

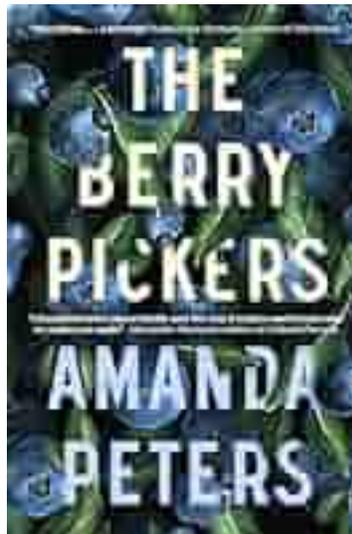


Did you know that Trinity has an active prayer list? If you'd like prayers for yourself or for someone you know, you can request them by contacting the Trinity office (trinity@trinitytoledo.org or 419-243-1231) or our interim rector, Stephen Applegate (in person or via email at stephen@trinitytoledo.org).

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.

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.)

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

Amid talk of a churchwide 'clergy shortage,' dioceses experiment with local leadership models

[Episcopal News Service] Episcopalians in Alliance, Nebraska, know how hard it has become for many congregations across The Episcopal Church to recruit priests to serve their communities – the result [...]

Ecumenical patriarch, secretary-general of Muslim Council of Elders talk of deepening cooperation

[World Council of Churches] His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the archbishop of Constantinople, met with the secretary-general of the Muslim Council of Elders, Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam, in Istanbul, Turkey. [...]

African faith leaders call for debt forgiveness in 2025 Jubilee year

[Religion News Service — Nairobi, Kenya] African faith leaders are calling for debt forgiveness as the Vatican's 2025 Jubilee year approaches to help their countries tackle growing economic crises. "We urgently [...]"

Presiding bishop calls for immediate ceasefire, prolonged commitment to Gaza in letter to President Joe Biden

[Episcopal News Service] Presiding Bishop Michael Curry sent a letter to President Joe Biden on July 23 calling on the U.S. government to push for an immediate and sustained ceasefire. [...]