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DEAR FRIENDS

Kinetic Energy



Dear Friends,

Last week I had my first visit to the Plaza! I'd seen it through the windows before, but I hadn't had a chance to wander around outside. At last, though, a Property Committee meeting sent me up there. It's certainly a brilliant space, and seeing it in this phase before the Spring planting and growing is beautiful and moving in a

very specific way.

I remember learning in school about kinetic energy and potential energy. The plaza is bursting with potential energy. Even now, as I write this, it's raining up there and feeding the earth and the plants are readying for a new creation.

This phase of Lent, along with our phase of life here at Trinity, are both filled with energy. From the outside, both Lent and Trinity may seem like the abundance of kinetic energy leaves room for nothing else. But living in this energy reveals that it's really so much more. The kinetic energy here at Trinity is very real, but what it really drives us toward is the potential energy that's buzzing just under the surface.

And that's where we are in Lent, too. The potential energy is fed by the promise of resurrection. At Easter, it is released in all its kinetic glory.

My prayer is that we live into that Easter promise. May it guide us as we grow together.

Blessings,
Jon+

PLAZA DESIGN MEETING



April 5: The plaza will bloom with new life this spring! **Come help design the plaza's garden beds on Saturday, April 5 from 9:30–11:00 a.m. in My Brother's Place.** We'll brainstorm about possibilities for each of the plaza's garden containers, and then decide how to phase in our vision during this year and next year. This will be a fun, hands-on activity. Some options include:

- a children's garden with both vegetables and flowers, for the kids to plant and tend
- rain gardens in three of the wettest beds, which are watered by a downspout
- a bright rainbow garden planted with native perennial flowers
- a Monarch Waystation

We'll leave the April 5 design meeting with a list of plants that we need. Please plan to join in the planting of them by participating in these plaza work days: **Saturday, May 3 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon** We'll spread soil in the beds (soil will already have been delivered up to the plaza). **Saturday, May 10 1:00–4:00 p.m.** Come in the afternoon to plant the plants that we will buy in the morning at a native plant sale.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Friends, it's not too late to join us for our Lenten activities!

- **Wednesdays, 6:00 pm:** soup supper and a discussion of Bishop Mariann's book *How we Learn to Be Brave*. Didn't read the book? That's okay. We want you with us!
- **Sundays, after church:** discussion of Kate Bowler's online Lenten devotional, *The Hardest Part*. (You can download the [daily guide here](#).) This beautiful devotional invites us to sit in the mess of our lives with God – not to "fix it," not to "improve" (the spiritual journey is not about that), but to experience God's presence in real life (the spiritual journey is about that). Let's be here for one another on the journey.

Questions? Email Jolene Miller at jolene278@gmail.com.

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TRINITY TOURS



Sunday, April 6 (following worship)

Why is this church building so big? What's behind that door? What lies beyond those steps? For a church dedicated in 1866, Trinity Episcopal Church remains a landmark in downtown Toledo. For many of us, though, we take a short walk down a hallway connecting the parking garage to the sanctuary and enter and stay in the sanctuary. But there's much more to see....

Save the date for our 2nd Trinity Church tour. Grab a cup of coffee and a goodie after the service and gather in the Cloister (space where first floor bathrooms are located). We will be heading down below to the Undercroft. Isn't that a much better name than basement? There's a whole world down there so many of you have never seen, and rich with history.

There is elevator access. This tour will require walking unlike our kick-off tour. Our own Heather Meyer is excited to guide us!

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[Journey to Holy Week](#)



Dear friends,

This Sunday, we begin our journey to Holy Week by celebrating Palm Sunday. This entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey is full of expectations on his followers' behalf. From the zealots, an overthrowing of Rome's power in Palestine, from his disciples perhaps the kingdom of heaven establishing to earth, and everything in between. The story of Jesus' last week of ministry this side of death is something Christians all over the earth have celebrated for almost two millennia.

It is impossible for me to prepare for Holy Week without thinking of the humanitarian crisis happening in the Middle East. For over 100 years, the Presiding Bishops of the Episcopal Church have taken up a Good Friday offering in support of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem. This year's offering will go to support specific ministries in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem, look to the Easter appeal letter for more information.

For the past 18 months in our Noon Prayer Service, we have been praying for those in Palestine and Israel, and this Easter we can pray with our actions. We are inviting you to commemorate this holy season by making a special gift, beyond regular giving, to partner in this Easter offering appeal. Every cent that goes above our budgeted amount will go towards this offering.

We will continue our local direct missional support offering for the Christmas season. With

everything happening in our world, we want to embrace our larger identity as Episcopalians and join the larger Episcopal Church in supporting those in the Middle East.

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity Episcopal Church and we look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Grace and peace,
George Benson (he/him)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK

We are nearing the end of our Lenten journeys with Holy Week, when we tell the story of Jesus' last week – his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the last meal with his friends, his betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and being laid in the tomb. If you are new to Holy Week and/or the services being offered, the Spiritual Formation Committee has compiled information about our Holy Week services.

On Ash Wednesday, we were invited to a Holy Lent. Now, we are invited to a Holy Week: attend as many services as your schedule allows. Each tells the story of Jesus' last week in a different way; hearing it repeatedly helps us be a part of the story.

Remembering Jesus' last week is hard. Unfortunately, we can't jump from the joy of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter without walking through the time between. Live into the experience of Holy Week.

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[Episcopal priest, family evacuate home by boat in Kentucky River flooding](#)

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The Promise of Resurrection



Dear friends,

I've always been fascinated by the idea of composting. I toyed with starting to do it in New Jersey, but we were afraid that the smells of food waste outside might attract our neighborhood bears. We saw enough of them without putting out bait!

I know – it seems like a weird thing to be fascinated by. But I've always been drawn to the idea of not only reducing the waste I generate by living through my daily routines, but even more by the idea of finding new value in that waste. What was waste – through a process that, because of my ignorance, seems to me to be mysterious – gets transformed into something new that is beneficial in new ways.

As I write to you this week, we are in the final, waning days of Lent. And by the time you read this, we will be deep in the heart of the Triduum – those holiest days from Maundy Thursday, through Good Friday, and into Holy Saturday that give us our last moments of preparation for Easter and Resurrection joy.

It's a strange time to write and reflect, because our practice of faith is sort of in a time that's like mid-compost. Our old and used-up ways of looking at the world are, through a mysterious process, being reformed and transformed into something entirely new – something with new, profound value; something that will feed starving souls.

As we make our way into this, our first Easter together, I invite you to consider that. Consider the idea that God is actively working within you to break down the useless leftovers of hurtful faith traditions that you may be holding; and consider that God can, through the power of resurrection and love, transform them into something new and powerful.

That is the Easter hope and that is the promise of Resurrection.

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EASTER EGG HUNT THIS SUNDAY!



We will be hosting our 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt on our plaza right after service! There will be an announcement to meet by the Nursery, so we can all walk up to My Brother's Place together. Questions? Reach out to george@trinitytoledo.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL – EASTER SUNDAY



This Sunday we will be celebrating Easter as a church family. The Nursery will be open for kids under 5, but elementary and older are invited to spend the service with their families.

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Easter Discipline



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This week, the members of the staff at Trinity have been taking a well-deserved time of slower schedules and a bit less intensity at work. I hope you've been able to do a bit of that here and there, too – to take some time to really reflect on what it means to embrace this new way of knowing and experiencing life that the Christian experience offers.

And remember – Easter wasn't just last Sunday. We will be celebrating Easter at Trinity for a whole season! So, keep this joyful worship as a part of your Easter discipline in the weeks ahead. There's simply too much joy for us to try to contain it in just a single Sunday! We look forward to sharing it all with you.

Blessings,
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PRIDE MEETING

PRIDE 2025

Sunday April 27: Do you want to be a part of making Pride 2025 the best weekend party ever? Then join us SUNDAY APRIL 27th for an exclusive AFTER-CHURCH PLANNING PARTY (meeting.) In the great words of Mama Ru, don't let your "inner saboteur" stop you from becoming a part of the beautiful building process! Bring your whole self to the table with your great ideas. It takes a whole village; let's make this year our best Pride yet!

TOLEDO STREETS VENDOR APPRECIATION DAY



JOIN US FOR TSN DAY

TOLEDO STREETS NEWSPAPER DAY

May 1, 2025
The Plaza @ Trinity Episcopal Church
12pm-2pm, Lunch at 12pm

May 1: Join us on Trinity's Plaza to honor our building partners Toledo Streets Newspaper and the incredible vendors who make our community stronger. In 2024, Lucas County officially proclaimed April 26th as TSN Day—and we're excited to celebrate again this year on May 1st!

Cookout & Community Celebration 12pm–2pm

Enjoy great food, connect with vendors, and explore local resource booths designed to support our community. There will be a short program at 1pm debuting TSN's new video created by Hart, Inc.

TSN Day is about community, awareness, and celebration– a time to uplift the individuals who work hard every day to create better futures for themselves and their families. Let's show them some love, Trinity friends!

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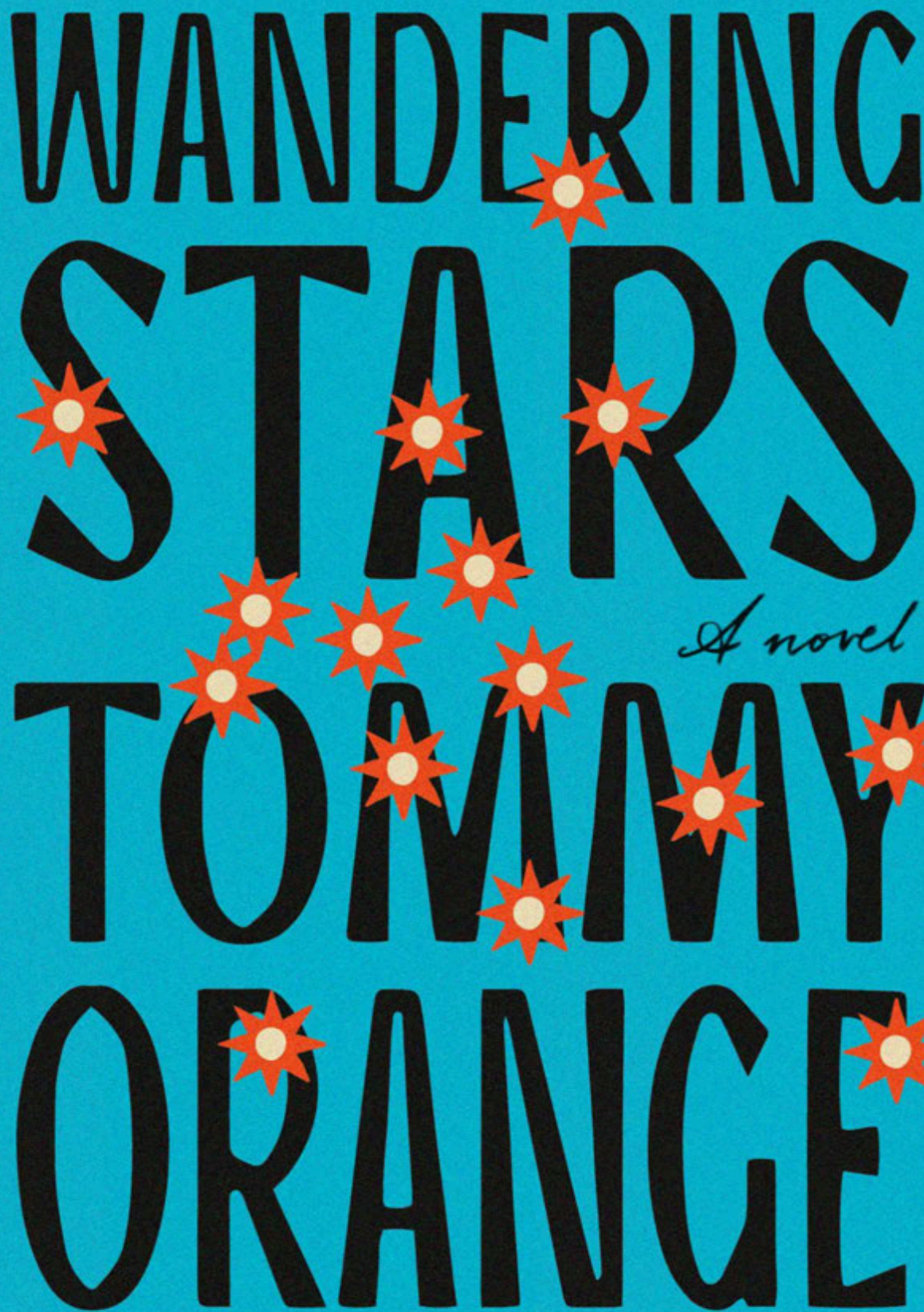
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study Meets May 17

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AADAC23A0FD0-54105807-womens#/>

BOOK CLUB

WANDERING STARS A novel TOMMY ORANGE



New York Times best-selling author of *There There*

May 18 at 6:30pm (Zoom) –Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange Extending his constellation of narratives into the past and future, Tommy Orange traces the legacies of the Sand Creek

Massacre of 1864 and the Carlisle Indian Industrial School through three generations of a family in a story that is by turns shattering and wondrous. Grab your book and sign up to be a part of this spirited group! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Trinitybookclubmay>.

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[Church of England] Churches hoping to build affordable homes for their communities on pockets of land they own – or as part of plans such as...

Pauli Murray Center says federal grant authorized in 2024 has been withdrawn

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