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DEAR FRIENDS

Happy Pride Season!



Dear Friends,

Happy Pride Season! 🌈

My name is Michael Kidney, and I'm thrilled to introduce myself as this year's Pride Chair at Trinity. It's such an honor to step into this role within a community that lives and breathes love, inclusion, and celebration—not just during Pride, but all year long. As Jon reminded us in last week's sermon, Pride at Trinity is more than a season—it's a year-round expression of who we are. That's something truly special, and not every community can say the same. We are so lucky to have each other.

You may start noticing some exciting changes happening around the building in the lead-up to our full-swing Pride celebrations this summer! The beautiful banners from Gun Violence Sunday and Pentecost? Those are just small pieces of a much larger project we've been working on. We're building momentum for something meaningful—and colorful!

Speaking of colorful, we're so excited to roll out this year's new Trinity Pride t-shirts! This time around, we're keeping it simple: a clean white shirt with the Trinity logo and our descriptor words. But here's the fun part—we'll be tie-dyeing them together at our Big Love event on July 31st! Join us for an evening of art, advocacy, and joyful community on The Plaza. More details will be coming your way soon.

To kick off Pride weekend in August, we're bringing back our beloved Friday Night Picnic—also on The Plaza! We're expanding this into a wider community Pride event, with family-friendly fun for everyone. Expect a Drag Queen and King story hour, a clothing swap to support our non-binary and trans siblings (thanks to the creativity of Erin Brooks!), and so much more. Erin has amazing plans in motion and will absolutely need volunteers to help make it all happen—so stay tuned!

This year, we're also joining forces with Better Together, marching alongside other faith communities in the Toledo Pride Parade. In a time when division is too common, we want to embody unity. What better way to show the world that God's love reaches everyone than to walk proudly, side by side, with fellow people of faith?

And don't worry—we'll still have plenty of ways to show off our Trinity Pride! We'll be spending time at the Episcopal Church booth at the Promenade, alongside our Episcopal friends and neighbors. Whether you're marching, tabling, or just waving your rainbow flag from the crowd, there's a place for you.

If you're unable to attend our Pride events in person but still want to get involved, we'll be sharing opportunities to volunteer or donate supplies. Keep an eye out for sign-ups and calls for help—every bit of support makes a difference.

Have ideas? Questions? Excitement to share? I'd love to hear from you! Catch me around the building or join us at our next Pride planning meeting—this Sunday after church—if you'd like your thoughts and ideas heard or if you just want to hear firsthand what we have planned. Let's make this the best Pride Trinity has ever seen—together.

With joy and love,
Michael Kidney
Pride Chair, Trinity Episcopal Church

PRIDE MEETINGS

PRIDE 2025

Next meetings: June 15 + 29

Trinity Family! Mark your calendars for our next family pride meetings June 15th and 29th right after church. Come be a part of making August 2025 Trinity's best PRIDE celebration yet!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

June 21

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

TRINITY KIDS

This Sunday, June 15, will be our last morning of Trinity Kids for the summer months. Programming will start back up in September! Miss Nichole will continue being our awesome nursery attendant all year long. *Stay tuned for a once-a-month 'field trip' to Trinity's Plaza during worship if kids want to get some wiggles out. We have our own gated park to enjoy!*

IF JOY HAD A SOUNDTRACK!



It would be exactly what we experienced on Tuesday night. Trinity's choir and special guests performed stunning Broadway numbers for 103 guests and every single one of them wowed the crowd! Thanks to all who participated and joined us in our seats!



MASTERWORKS CHORALE OF TOLEDO PERFORMANCE

MASTERWORKS CHORALE

Tim Cloeter, Artistic Director

A LASTING HOPE

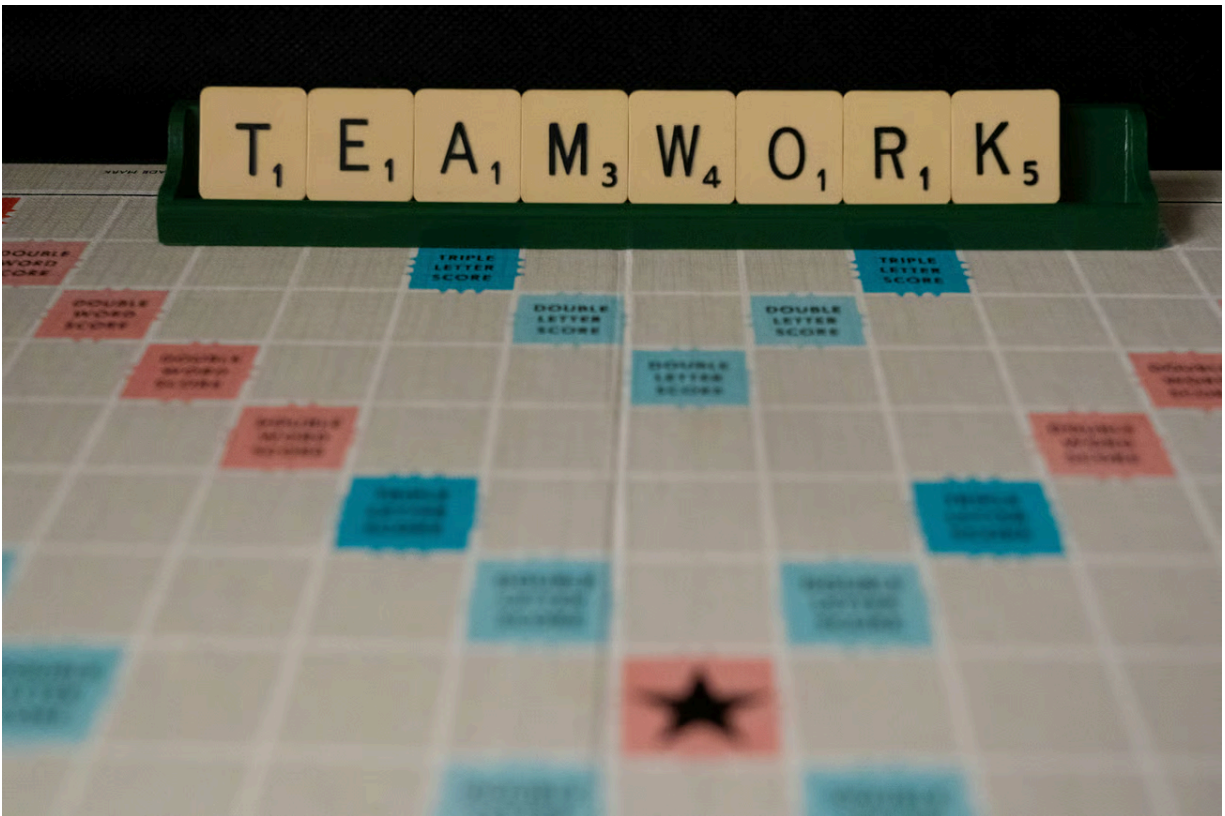
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6.14.2025, 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 14 at 7:30pm: Join Masterworks Chorale for an unforgettable evening of music, reflection, and renewal as they close their season with *A Lasting Hope* — a heartfelt celebration of resilience, unity, and the enduring power of song. Link to tickets here:

[Masterworks Ticket Website](#)

STAFF RETREAT



Tuesday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 18 the parish office will be closed as Trinity's staff gathers off site for two busy days of 2025–2026 calendar planning, deeper connections with each other and for our Trinity community. We ask that you hold us in prayer as we do this important work!

FLYDLPHN PERFORMANCE



Sunday, June 22 at 3pm (*Pronounced 'flydolphin'*) We are thrilled to present this Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti based mixed chamber ensemble to Trinity on June 22 as part of our Music & Arts series. FLYDLPHN cultivates a distinctive panoramic soundscape making extensive use of electro-acoustic, multimedia, and improvised performance, building a community that empowers the sharing of art from early-career composers and underrepresented voices. FLYDLPHN is flutist Lexi Eubanks, clarinetist Oliver Bishop, bassoonist Bryce Richardson, bassist Emani Barber, and percussionists Olivia Cirisan and Ancel Fitzgerald Neeley. This event is free. Bring your friends!

SAVE THE DATE



Join us on Trinity's Plaza

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

**FRIDAY, JULY 4 - DOORS OPEN AT 7PM
FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 10PM
POTLUCK OF APPS AND DESSERTS. COOLERS ARE
WELCOME AS ARE YOUR FRIENDS!**

NOON TIME WEDNESDAY SERVICE – HIATUS

Please note that our regular Noontime Wednesday services will be on hiatus during the summer months beginning June 18. We will resume in the fall. Thank you for understanding and we look forward to worshipping with you on Sundays and at all the special events this summer!

WEAR ORANGE VIRTUAL BLOOD DRIVE (JUNE 1-15)

Blood Donors Needed

Did you know?

***GUN SHOT VICTIMS 5 TIMES ARE MORE LIKELY TO NEED TRANSFUSION**

***GUN SHOT VICTIMS REQUIRE 10X MORE BLOOD THAN OTHER TRAUMA PATIENTS**

JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 15TH

Toledo Moms Demand Action Sponsoring Virtual Blood Drive to help replace blood needed by victims of gun violence

Use this Blood Link to be directed to blood banks near you. Sign up anytime between June 1 and June 15th to participate in our National Gun Violence Awareness Event

This is your blood link
<https://rcblood.org/3ENOUvo>



Gun shot victims are 5 times more likely to need a transfusion.
Gun shot victims require 10 times more blood than other trauma victims.

Moms Demand Action is sponsoring a *virtual* blood drive with the American Red Cross to help replace the blood needed by victims of gun violence. How does it work?

1. Use this link to choose a blood bank near you. [Blood Bank locations here](#)
2. Make an appointment to donate blood between June 1–15.

3. Donate blood!

BOOK CLUB



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF
A MAN CALLED OVE

FREDRIK
BACKMAN
MY FRIENDS

A NOVEL

My Friends by Fredrik Backman

"Fredrik Backman's signature charm, humor, and attention to the poignant details of everyday life are on full display in this funny, moving novel. His most heartfelt and personal tale yet, *My Friends* is a stunning testament to the transformative, timeless power of art and friendship." ~ goodreads

Book Club will be taking a breather in June and July but that doesn't mean you can't be reading. Get this one on your summer reading list, and add August 24 at 6:30pm to your calendar. Happy reading!

TRINITY'S PRAYER LIST



Trinity continues to have 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). All prayer requests are shared only with a small intercessory prayer group who, along with parish clergy, offer recurring prayers for each request. 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; having an "expiration date" simply prevents the list from overflowing with prayer requests that are out of date.

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

Anglican Communion secretary general visits mission projects in the Diocese of Texas

[Anglican Communion News Service] “Multicultural. Reaching out to serve. Meeting Human Needs.” These are some of the values prioritized by the...

Michigan bishop to preach at Pride Month services at Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland

[Episcopal News Service] Michigan Bishop Bonnie Perry will celebrate the second full weekend of Pride Month with Anglicans in Dublin, Ireland,...

Trump resurrects bases' Confederate names, though Fort Polk won't honor Episcopal bishop

[Episcopal News Service] Fort Johnson, an Army installation in Louisiana, is poised for another name change – back to Fort Polk – though the...

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[Episcopal News Service] Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker issued a letter on June 11, one day after Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers...

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