



# TRINITY TOPICS

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### DEACON'S BLOG

#### Wear Orange this Sunday!



Dear friends,

Today is the observance of the 10th annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and the kick-off of [Wear Orange Weekend](#). Last year during Trinity's Wear Orange Sunday service, we had a community conversation about our hopes and fears about gun violence, and our ideas for addressing it ([here](#) is the harvest from that conversation). One of the ideas was to join with other local faith communities to address the epidemic of gun violence. The previous day, I had marched in the Old West End Festival parade with Moms Demand Action and met Mike Linehan, a parishioner from Olivet Lutheran Church. Mike and I had a brief conversation about how our two faith communities were wrestling with the issue of gun violence, and exchanged contact information. Later in June, we began to work together on what is now unofficially called the Multifaith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence. I say unofficially because that name is often confused with the long-established Multifaith Council of Northwest Ohio (a group that promotes interfaith cooperation), so we are exploring how to "brand" our infant group. In the last year, we have held four public forums which have each been attended by between 60-80 people. Trinity graciously hosted the October 8 forum. Topics have included survivor testimonies, legislative advocacy training, safe gun storage, and updates on the City of Toledo's new Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE), which has been working with the community since last summer to develop a five-year plan to reduce gun violence. Prayer has been included in each forum. Over 200 people from 41 northwest Ohio congregations representing many faith

traditions have participated in at least one forum, including an impressive 39 Trinity parishioners. Thank you for your commitment to help reduce gun violence!

I have learned a lot about gun violence in the past year. I have participated in countless meetings, training sessions, educational programs and advocacy efforts. I have met many people who are working to prevent gun violence in northwest Ohio, some of whom are now friends. The biggest thing that I have learned this year is that survivors are the leaders of the movement to reduce gun violence. They need and deserve our support. They welcome us to walk with them as allies. I have participated in the Victims and Survivors working group of the MONSE Community Action Table, one of eight groups that are making recommendations to be included in the City's five-year plan. The MONSE process has been victim and survivor-centered. The voices that have been amplified are those closest to the issue. One of the recommendations of our working group is to create a Compassion and Healing Fund for Gun Violence Victims and Survivors, to provide immediate financial support after the unfathomable loss of a loved one from gun violence. I provided testimony to urge approval of the Fund by Toledo City Council, which was scheduled to vote on it at their June 5 City Council meeting. I'll let you know on Sunday if it was approved!

This Sunday, we will raise up the voices of the bruised and broken, strong and resilient survivors that are leading the movement to prevent gun violence. Parishioner and survivor Gwen La Croix will share her personal story, and I will preach. We will focus on secure gun storage, which saves kids' lives. Free gun locks and a free gun lock box will be available for anyone who wants them. [Here](#) are many resources to explore for more information on how to reduce gun violence—organizations, safe gun storage, gun sense legislation, books and more. Please [email me](#) if you'd like to receive email updates from the Multifaith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence. See you Sunday with your orange on!

Peace,  
Deacon Meribah

PLAZA WORK DAY (SATURDAY, JUNE 8)



**Your help is needed this Saturday, June 8 to get the plaza looking beautiful for the Big Love concert on June 11!**

We will plant part of another bed with more donated native plants, and our children are invited to plant pumpkins and sunflowers! There are tasks for everyone: unloading bags of soil and mulch from the delivery truck and getting them up to the plaza, dumping the soil in the beds, planting, weeding, mulching, and spraying horticultural vinegar on weeds in two other beds and covering them with tarps. We need many hands to accomplish this work. Come for an hour or the morning--your help is welcome and wanted! Thank you!

**WEAR ORANGE FOR GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

# join us for **wear orange**

## what

A community gathering to honor victims and survivors as we work together to end gun violence with a prayer service, interactive art event and speakers for 10th National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

## when

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 12n to 1pm

**where** Peace and Healing Commons at Toledo Spain Plaza  
Collingwood and Monroe St.

## rsvp



Snap the QR code, text ORANGE to 644-33 or email [donna.malone.oh@gmail.com](mailto:donna.malone.oh@gmail.com)



June 7-9 is Wear Orange Weekend! Wear Orange to raise awareness of gun violence. Everyone is invited to a commemoration of the 10th annual Gun Violence Awareness Day at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 7 at Peace and Healing Commons (1840 Collingwood Ave.). This family-friendly, community event will begin and end with prayers from Multifith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence members. Speakers will help raise awareness about gun violence in our city and share things we can do as individuals to help decrease gun violence.

Wear orange to Trinity's 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9, when the service will focus on Gun Violence Prevention. Deacon Meribah Mansfield will preach, and Trinity parishioner and



gun violence survivor Gwen La Croix will share her story. Click [here](#) for more information on Wear Orange Weekend.

## BIG LOVE: AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND ACTIVISM

EQUALITY TOLEDO COMMUNITY ACTION  
& TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# BIG LOVE

*music and  
activism*

**JUNE 11 2024 6:30PM**

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Toledo Episcopal Church Plaza  
316 Adams Street Toledo, OH 43615

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**Working for LGBTQIA+ Rights**

Tuesday June 11th from 6:30 – 9pm we will be hosting an incredible event on our plaza to kick off our Pride celebrations. We are partnering with Equality Toledo Community Action for a

time to celebrate LGBTQIA+ musicians and music, as well as educating and calling our government representatives about the anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation going through the Ohio State House. There will be a free love offering, and the proceeds will go to Equality Toledo's Community Action fund.

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## DIOCESAN PEACE & JUSTICE JUNE RESOURCES

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## LOCAL EFM SEMINAR GROUP: REGISTRATION IS OPEN

EfM (Education for Ministry) is a life-changing, intensive program designed for lay people to deepen their faith. The West Mission Area (of which Trinity is a part) is blessed to have an experienced EfM mentor who is starting an in-person seminar group this fall.

**What's EfM?**



EfM is a four-year program (though you only register for a year at a time) founded and administered through the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee. The core of the program is small seminar groups of 6-12 participants and 1-2 mentors. Through study, prayer, worship, and reflection, groups journey together through scripture, church history, and theology.

### **But I don't want to be a minister!**

We're all ministers. EfM explores a wider concept of ministry, based on an understanding that baptism marks our call to minister to others in the context of our daily lives. It is designed to support us in our unique ministries to which God calls us. From the EfM website: "As the Church, we are called to continue the ministry of Jesus. We are called to be the hands, heart, and incarnate body of Christ in our own place through worship, reflection, in service to others, and by the proclamation of God's Word to all people."

### **What's required?**

EfM requires a significant investment of time and effort. The seminar group will meet twice a month over nine months, with assigned readings between meetings. Theological reflection is one of the core practices of EfM: examining our experiences through a theological lens. This is a new practice for many people that requires practice and patience. The program registration fee is \$325, plus the cost of books. Trinity can help defray part of the cost if needed.

### **How do I register?**

Registration is a two-part process. (1) contact the Rev. Gayle Catinella, Rector at St. Michael's in the Hills: [revgayle@lovelearnslove.org](mailto:revgayle@lovelearnslove.org) or (419) 531-1616 to express your interest. She will let you know if there are any available openings in the group. If there is, she'll let you know and submit your name to School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee. (2) You will be invited by the School of Theology to register and pay the registration fee.

### **What other EfM options are there?**

EfM seminar groups are also available in other parts of the diocese and online. For more information about these online groups, contact Diane Hexter at [efm@dohio.org](mailto:efm@dohio.org). Diane is the EfM Coordinator for the Diocese of Ohio.

### **I want to learn more about EfM!**

Members of Trinity's Spiritual Formation Committee will be holding a brief information session *after church on Sunday, June 9 in the Walbridge Room*. Grab your coffee and join us on June 9.

**TRINITY@HOME LIVE-STREAM**

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## EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE

### **Committees recommend resolutions on Israeli–Palestinian conflict, including ‘apartheid’ language**

[Episcopal News Service] General Convention’s committees on Social Justice & International Policy recommended a series of resolutions on June 6 responding to various aspects of the ongoing Israeli–Palestinian conflict, including [...]

### **World Mission committees hear range of resolutions concerning colonialism, migration and support for Iraqi Christians**

[Episcopal News Service] General Convention’s World Mission committees on June 5 discussed and voted on seven proposed resolutions addressing issues ranging from tackling “the colonial mindset” to supporting Christians and [...]

### **Episcopal Church Women to celebrate (belatedly) organization’s 150th anniversary during Triennial meeting**

[Episcopal News Service] When more than 200 delegates from the Episcopal Church Women gather for their Triennial meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, June 23–28, they can finally celebrate the organization’s 150th [...]

### **Canada’s acting primate–to–be plans to stay on sidelines until official role begins**

[Anglican Journal (Anglican Church of Canada)] Archbishop Anne Germond, metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Ontario and soon–to–be acting primate of the Anglican Church of Canada told the Council of [...]



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### RECTOR'S BLOG

#### Worship @ Trinity



Dear Friends,

For many years, Trinity's Sunday service has blessed worshipers who have attended in person or at home through our pre-recorded Trinity@Home services and, more recently, our live broadcasts. The music – drawn from traditional hymns, praise songs, Gospel music, and “secular” offerings – has been a special strength. Prayers and statements of faith have also been gathered and carefully curated to respond to the spiritual needs of parishioners and guests. Trinity has often pushed the boundaries of what could be considered “Episcopalian” as we have striven to be a progressive, inclusive, and creative community of faith. Most of all, Trinity's worship has consistently been joyful – it's been a communal act of praise honoring the God who loves the world so much that he gave his Son Jesus for us.

One of the things that appealed to me about serving as your interim was the way you worshiped. I passionately believe there's a place for innovation and creativity in worship in The Episcopal Church because much of the church's traditional worship and music, while beautiful, has little appeal to a large segment of people seeking to pray with others in community. I say this as someone who grew up with traditional worship and as a priest who still loves the way the Anglican tradition “marries” music and liturgy.

With these things as background, I'm writing to let you know of some changes in Trinity's worship that will take effect starting next Sunday, June 23.

At the recent Clergy Conference, Bishop Anne directed the clergy who serve the parishes in the Diocese of Ohio to use only worship resources authorized by The Episcopal Church for the principal Sunday service. Such resources are those authorized by the General Convention of the church, and, in some cases, those approved by the diocesan bishop. The church's *Book of Common Prayer* is the best-known of these. In addition, resources from the *Enriching our Worship* series may also be used. You can find a complete list of authorized resources [here](#).

What will **not** be affected?

- Bishop Anne's directive will **not** affect music. Chelsie and Grace, who perform an extraordinary ministry picking music that reflects themes found in the weekly readings, will continue to be able to choose music from all the sources they already are using. This is a huge piece of good news, since a good deal of the joy and power of Trinity's worship derives from the music we hear and sing together.
- It will **not** affect the Prayers of the People. We will still be able to pray in such a way that highlights certain intentions and current concerns. For example, the Prayers of the People for the last two weeks have highlighted Pride and Gun Violence. We'll continue to find and use prayers like these that are relevant.
- It will **not** affect the blessing at the end of the service. The blessing will continue to be sung or said, or some combination of the two.

What will be affected?

- The opening prayers or "collects." For some time, we have drawn each Sunday's opening prayer from Steven Shakespeare's *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*. Going forward, the opening collect will come from *The Book of Common Prayer*. I have respectfully requested that Bishop Anne allow Trinity to use Steven Shakespeare's collects since they reflect the themes of the readings and point to a world that bears the marks of God's kingdom. I am waiting for the bishop to reply.
- The "statement of faith." Trinity has used the Nicene Creed in a rotation with other statements of faith, none of which has been authorized. So, with the exception of Sundays when we'll use the Apostles' Creed because there's a baptism, we'll recite the Nicene Creed every Sunday.
- The Post-Communion Prayer where, instead of sourcing a prayer from Steven Shakespeare or some other location, we'll use a prayer from *Enriching Our Worship* or the prayer book.

These changes give me the opportunity to provide some important information, as this parish moves through the transition to your next rector, about who has responsibility for worship:

- The bishop has the authority and responsibility for worship in his/her/their diocese. As a priest, my authority to baptize, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and officiate at other rites of the Church is derived from Bishop Anne's authority. She appointed me as your interim (with the Vestry's input), and



she has licensed me to serve in the Diocese of Ohio. Your next rector's authority when it comes to worship will also be derived from Bishop Anne.

- Subject to the pastoral direction of Bishop Anne, your next rector will have full authority and responsibility for the conduct of worship at Trinity. Your next rector may delegate some authority to staff members or share responsibility with others, but the rector will have the last word when it comes to liturgy and music.

As your interim, I will continue to advocate respectfully and tirelessly for permission to use liturgical resources that represent “the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3) and, at the same time, touch the hearts and minds of God's people in the 21st Century. I will do this because Trinity's progressive, inclusive, and creative worship has a great deal to offer those who are already part of this community and those who are longing for authentic contemporary expressions of faith.

Please let me know of your questions and concerns (which is another way of saying, “speak to me directly about this rather than holding parking lot conversations or grumbling to others about your unhappiness.” I want to hear from you directly!)

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

## BY WILL AND DEED

Trinity recently received notification that a past parishioner has remembered the church in her will. Sherre Smith, who died on May 4, made provision for a bequest to Trinity from her estate. It will take some time for her estate to be settled, but the notice was a reminder of how important such bequests to Trinity have been and continue to be. In fact, without the foresight of past parishioners who remembered the church in their plans, Trinity's ministries would be a mere shadow of this place's current offerings.

According to one survey conducted by professionals in the planned giving field, 68% of Americans do not have a valid will. Another survey from 2023 found that 73% of respondents do not have a documented estate plan. So, here's a cue to make sure that, at the very least, you have a will. Otherwise, the state will determine how your assets are distributed after your death. And when you are having a will written for the first time or are updating your plans, consider remembering Trinity and other worthy causes in your will, trust, or other estate plans. By leaving a legacy for this parish, you will be investing today in tomorrow's church, just as many have before you.

In addition to the notice about our beloved Sherre's gift, there's another impetus to write about remembering the church in your plans – this directive from *The Book of Common Prayer*

(page 445):

*The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.*

I'd be happy to provide sample language to include a provision for Trinity in your estate. Having said this, I encourage those who are interested in making a bequest to consult an attorney when making plans.

Stephen Applegate

## BIG LOVE: AN EVENING OF MUSIC & ACTIVISM – HUGE SUCCESS!





Thank you to the almost 60 people who came to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ siblings and work to protect their rights and general well-being. If you are interested in performing a little bit of activism yourself, Equality Toledo Community Action provided a contact information sheet on House Bills. Please utilize [this sheet to call or email your representatives](#). (Any time, day or night.)

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## EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE

### **Three presiding bishop candidates have faced Title IV disciplinary claims; two cases remain active**

[Episcopal News Service] Three of the five candidates for 28th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church have been the focus of pending or recently dismissed Title IV disciplinary cases in [...]

### **Australia archbishop echoes urgent call for 1.5 degree climate threshold after Torres Strait visit**

[Anglican Focus] Brisbane Archbishop Jeremy Greaves has echoed the urgent call of Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owners to limit global average surface warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial temperatures [...]

### **Fire destroys Toronto's historic St. Anne's Anglican Church along with priceless artwork**

[Anglican Journal] St. Anne's Anglican Church in west Toronto, a designated National Historic Site of Canada, is no more—destroyed in a fire, along with artwork including murals of the only [...]

### **Episcopal, Lutheran migration ministries partner through Neighbor to Neighbor program**

[Episcopal News Service] Episcopal Migration Ministries and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's migrant ministry have partnered to train and support faith communities that sponsor asylum-seeker through EMM's Neighbor to [...]



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#### 81st General Convention



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The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church begins this coming Sunday, June 23, in Louisville, Kentucky. The General Convention is the triennial churchwide gathering where leaders are elected to important positions in The Episcopal Church, legislation is considered and acted upon, networking and fellowship connect people from over 100 different dioceses, and celebratory worship takes place.

An advance team, members of the Episcopal Church staff, have been in Louisville for several days preparing for legislative committee meetings and other pre-Convention events. One of the most anticipated of the pre-Convention events will take place today (June 21) at 7:00 pm, when Presiding Bishop Michael Curry headlines a revival at Louisville's KFC Yum! Center. You can find out more about the revival [here](#).

This General Convention marks the last one for Curry as Presiding Bishop. His successor will be elected by the House of Bishops in a closed meeting of the bishops on June 26 and installed as the next Presiding Bishop during a service to be held on November 1 in Washington National Cathedral.

Five bishops are standing for election as the 28th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church. They are Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright and Northwestern

Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York.

To give you some sense of the size and scope of the General Convention, Episcopal News Service reports that more than 10,000 people are expected to gather in Louisville. Deputations from 108 dioceses, along with the Episcopal Church in Navajoland and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, were invited to attend.

Registered attendees include 167 bishops, two bishop-elects, 829 deputies and 239 alternate deputies. All the hotel rooms reserved for the convention are booked, and General Convention even had to increase its blocks of reservations – about 21,000 “room nights” – because of the high demand.

The General Convention, like the United States Congress, is a bicameral body. As the church’s primary governing body, it splits its authority between the House of Bishops, comprised of all bishops (both active and retired), and the House of Deputies, comprised of clergy and lay deputies elected by their respective dioceses.

In addition to the election of the next Presiding Bishop, who will serve for a term of nine (9) years, the House of Deputies will elect its President and Vice President. Julia Ayala Harris, as the incumbent House of Deputies president, is running for re-election against two challengers, Zena Link and the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, who is the sitting vice president.

Three people have declared candidacies for the House of Deputies’ vice president: the Rev. Charles Graves IV of the Diocese of Texas, the Rev. Ruth Meyers of the Diocese of California, and the Rev. Steve Pankey of the Diocese of Kentucky. Episcopal Church Canons require that the positions of President and Vice President be held by leaders from different orders, clergy and lay, so the outcome of the presidential election will determine who, if anyone, will be eligible on the ballot for vice president.

If you’d like to know more about the worship services a General Convention click on this [link](#). And, more than you could ever want to know about the Convention can be found at The Episcopal Church’s [Media Hub](#).

Following the June 23–28 General Convention will help you learn more about the wider Episcopal Church.

I ask you to join me in praying for those who are traveling to Louisville, those who are casting ballots, and those who are giving of their time to serve the Episcopal Church as faithful disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

Finally, please join me in giving thanks for Presiding Bishop Curry’s faithful and exuberant ministry. Through his preaching and presence, he has represented The Episcopal Church in remarkable ways – preaching at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, appearing frequently with Hoda and Jenna on The Today Show, and thrilling participants during one of



his 27 different revivals since he became Presiding Bishop in November 2015.

May God bless the work of the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church!

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE



Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

The search committee has been diligently and prayerfully working on behalf of the Parish on the next steps of the search. At this point in our process, we are mindfully constructing the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) report and the Parish Profile, both of which will be sent to the Diocese for use in the search process. As a reminder, the OTM is a tool that details what we are looking for in a new Rector with answers to specific questions coming directly from the Listening Sessions and other feedback opportunities you, our parish family, and friends, have provided. The Parish Profile is much like our Annual Report, a reflective piece representing the culmination of who we are and what we do as a church community.

Both reports require a great deal of thoughtful consideration to ensure they accurately reflect the voice of the parish through a past, present, and futuristic lens. Not only are we

“singing praises” of the Trinity of today, but we are also offering a glance into what we need from a future rector, to reach the goals and aspirations we have set for ourselves in our 2030 vision and beyond.

While this time of waiting may feel like the Summer Solstice or the longest day of the year, we want you to know we are holding this process gently, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us, and preparing ourselves for the phase that comes after, receiving names, interviewing, and selection.

We appreciate your patience and continued prayers.

Sincerely,  
The Trinity Search Committee

Karen Keune  
Gail Abood  
Mary Beroske  
Angie Carriker  
Mark Dubielak  
LaVonda Josett  
Allen Santiago  
Sue Smitley

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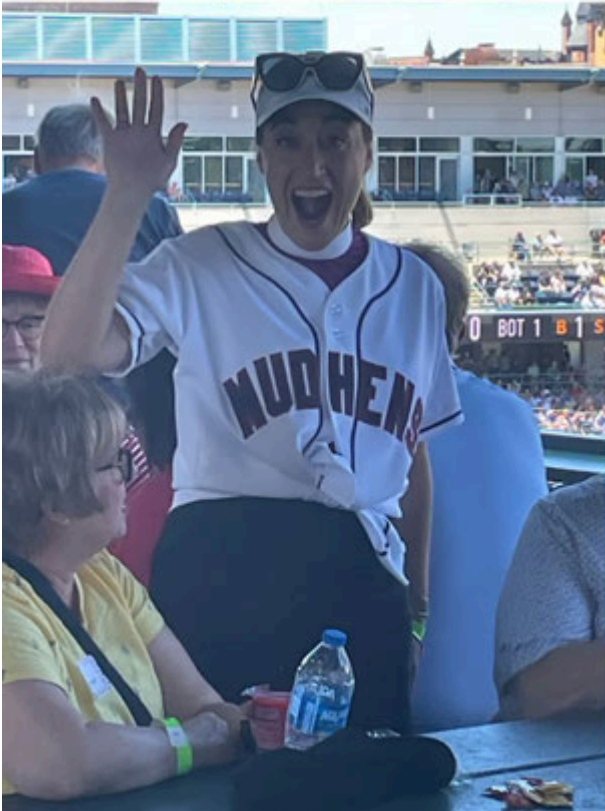
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# HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

**THURSDAY NIGHT - DOORS OPEN AT 7PM  
FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 10PM  
POTLUCK OF APPS AND DESSERTS. COOLERS ARE  
WELCOME AS ARE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**BASEBALL WITH BISHOP ANNE**





Bishop Fun Day at the Mud Hens game was a home run! Thanks to all who joined in from the West Mission Area of our Diocese.

## TRINITY PARENT MEETING



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Sunday June 30th from 11:15 - 12:30

We'll be meeting in My Brother's Place for a lunch and learn convo. We are ramping up our Kids Ministry for the Fall and we want to chat about it. There will be activities and food so bring the kids!



Sunday, June 30th we're having a parental get-together to talk about Trinity's growing Kids' Ministry. We will discuss the fall schedule, volunteer opportunities, what you'd like from us, and more! Please sign up for the event via our sign-up genius so we can properly gauge the food and activities. We'll have activities and something to watch for the kids, so bring them along! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AADAC23A0FD0-50112032-trinity>

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](mailto:trinity@trinitytoledo.org) or 419-243-1231) or our interim rector, Stephen Applegate (in person or via email at [stephen@trinitytoledo.org](mailto: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.

## LEADERSHIP TOLEDO'S FOCUS 419

**Director of Music and the Arts, Chelsie Cree**, will be taking part in Leadership Toledo's FOCUS 419 Program next week, June 26-28. Chelsie is thankful for the support Trinity offers its staff through Trinity's Gunnell Mauk Fund that supports continuing education. She looks forward to learning more about the Toledo community, further understanding of Toledo's vast networks, and then finding ways Trinity's Music program could help make our city an even better place.

## TRINITY RECEIVES GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANT

On the heels of a moving and powerful “Wear Orange” Sunday held on June 9, Trinity received word this week that the parish has received a Gun Violence Prevention Grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

Deacon Meribah Mansfield submitted the grant requesting funding to create a branding and communications strategy for the fledgling Northwest Ohio Multifaith Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence. The Coalition was founded last summer by Deacon Meribah and Mike Linehan, the Community Mission Team Leader at Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania.

Since its founding, the Coalition has grown to include 41 congregations and more than 200 people throughout the Toledo area. Mike and Deacon Meribah met while marching with Moms Demand Action in a community festival parade in June 2023. Soon after meeting, the two leaders began organizing a series of gun violence reduction forums. Thirty-nine (39) Trinity parishioners have attended one of the four forums held between July of 2023 and April of 2024.

The branding and communications strategy will be in support of a name change for the organization. To avoid confusion with the long-established Multifaith Council of Northwest Ohio (an interfaith group), the Coalition to Reduce Gun Violence is changing the name of their initiative to **Circle of Hope NW Ohio: A Faith-Based Response to Gun Violence**.

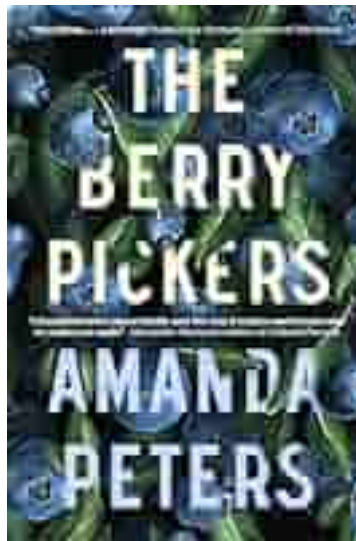
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MAC & CHEESE BAKE OFF

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**JUNE 23RD 2024 11:15AM**

My Brother's Place

June 23 at 11:15am

I'd appreciate it if you could get to fine-tuning those recipes. Spots are available for everyone! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/macandcheesebakeoff2024>

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We will host the next Food Pantry in partnership with Food For Thought on **Tuesday, June 25th.**

[Volunteer Now!](#)

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### [Church Pension Group issues report in advance of 81st General Convention](#)

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[Civil War-era House of Deputies president's pro-slavery views were long overlooked, until now](#)

[Episcopal News Service] One of the longest-serving presidents in House of Deputies history, the Rev. James Craik, was a Civil War-era Kentucky priest and slaveholder whose racist views on slavery and [...]

**Episcopal congregations, ministries to observe World Refugee Day with events, special worship services**

[Episcopal News Service] June 20 marks World Refugee Day, and Episcopal congregations worldwide are observing with various events, including educational presentations and interfaith gatherings. World Refugee Day was established in [...]

**Episcopal Church releases statement of concern for Palestinian Anglican woman, other Palestinians detained by Israel**

[Episcopal News Service] Layan Nasir, a 23-year-old Palestinian Anglican woman, continues to be held in administrative detention without charge by Israel after her arrest in early April, according to a [...]



# TRINITY TOPICS

## WEEKLY NEWS

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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### RECTOR'S BLOG

#### Time flies when you're having fun!



Dear Friends,

At the end of this month, I will have been serving Trinity Toledo for nine months – the halfway point of my agreement as Interim Rector with your Vestry. “Time flies when you’re having fun” – so goes the old saying. And it has been fun to be with you! The parish accurately reflects the four words often used to describe it: progressive, inclusive, creative, downtown.

Let me add one more word (although I’m not proposing we add it to our communications.) The word is “involved.” At the Vestry retreat this past February, we decided that one of the things we could do to strengthen Trinity before your next rector comes was to expand the involvement of parishioners in the life and leadership of the parish. This is happening! And it’s happening more quickly than I ever imagined. Let me share the evidence with you.

More than 35 people serve in one of the pods that make Trinity’s weekly community breakfast possible. In addition to those helping through the pods, several other parishioners are present every week to pitch in – welcoming everyone to My Brother’s Place, joining with our neighbors in table fellowship, and washing dishes (we see you, Sean Patrick!). A similar number of members and friends of all ages have helped bring the restored Plaza to life, hauling bags of dirt, topsoil, and mulch from the street to the upper level, planting native species, vegetables, pumpkins, and sunflowers. Someone came to stake the tomatoes this week; another person regularly checks the moisture level in the soil and opens the drip

irrigation system to keep the garden watered.

The newly-formed Parish Life Committee has many new participants who have sponsored or will sponsor activities that help build community – events like “Baseball with the Bishop” on Father’s Day, the Mac & Cheese Bakeoff last weekend that welcomed over 60 people to the Parish House, and the upcoming Fourth of July celebration on the Plaza – one of the best places to view Toledo’s Fireworks display. A subgroup is beginning to look at how we can better care for each other when the delivery of a meal, or a ride to an appointment, or being a helpful presence when a death occurs in a family.

The Adult Spiritual Formation Committee has planned two activities this summer and will offer Sunday classes in the fall in preparation for the November elections – everything from the mechanics of voting (voter registration, IDs needed to vote) to how we can disagree with our families and friends without being disagreeable. And this coming Sunday, June 30, we’ve invited parents to gather for a “lunch and learn” about hopes for Christian formation programming this fall for children and youth.

The committee planning for our celebration of Pride in late August has organized itself and meets regularly.

Behind the scenes, members of the Finance Committee monitor cash flow, budgets, and investments. A Property Task Force recently studied and prioritized what work needs to be done to ensure that our buildings are in good shape and are safe and secure.

The eight-member Search Committee recently completed a significant phase of its work and hopes to release the Parish Profile and the Office of Transition Ministry portfolio to the wider church at the beginning of August.

Last but definitely not least, attendance at Sunday services this summer – even with the choir on hiatus – keeps growing! So Trinity is progressive, inclusive, creative, downtown and involved.

Have you found your ministry at Trinity? St. Paul used a metaphor to remind one of the churches he planted that the Body of Christ needs eyes and ears and hands and feet – that it needs all the parts – to function effectively. If anything I’ve mentioned in this letter appeals to you enough that you want to be part of it, contact the Parish Office – (419) 243-1231 or [trinity@trinitytoledo.org](mailto:trinity@trinitytoledo.org). And if you have a burning desire to start a new ministry, let us know that, too. There are many ways to discover a ministry that brings you a sense of joy and fulfillment!

I can’t wait to see what happens in the second half of my time as your Interim Rector.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate





*Join us on Trinity's Plaza*

# HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

**THURSDAY NIGHT - DOORS OPEN AT 7PM  
FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 10PM  
POTLUCK OF APPS AND DESSERTS. COOLERS ARE  
WELCOME AS ARE YOUR FRIENDS!**

Please join us **Thursday, July 4** at Trinity's own little slice of riverfront for the city's annual fireworks celebration! Rain or shine, we will still gather. Meet in My Brother's Place and the Plaza on our 2nd floor any time after 7:00pm. Bring your own coolers, munchies, blankets, chairs and games. We will have some tables and chairs ready for us outside as well as yard games. And if we end up inside My Brother's Place dodging raindrops together, so be it! Both the Four SeaGate Parking Garage elevator and Trinity elevator will be accessible for our evening. The steps from Adams Street to the Plaza will also be open. **Utilize the entrance into our building from parking garage.** Bring your friends and family - there is room for everyone! Fireworks will begin at dark (approx 10pm).



Dearest Trinity, our beloved soprano section leader Melissa Toth is taking a step back from the music program. She has been accepted into The University of Toledo's Graduate program to pursue her masters degree in education. And while her studies may take her away from the music department, they will not take her away from Trinity. We are so lucky and fortunate to have worked with Melissa for so long. We are forever humbled by her generous spirit, a voice that sings more than just words but inspires ideas, love and joy, and her dedication to our musical community, especially the choir, through the pandemic. And while

she will be missed, she will not be forgotten, and we will gladly cheer her on through two years of hard academic study ahead!

Good luck, Melissa!

With love,  
Chelsie and the music team

## 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>

## 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 PARENT MEETING



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Sunday June 30th from 11:15 - 12:30

We'll be meeting in My Brother's Place for a lunch and learn convo. We are ramping up our Kids Ministry for the Fall and we want to chat about it. There will be activities and food so bring the kids!



Sunday, June 30th we're having a parental get-together to talk about Trinity's growing Kids' Ministry. We will discuss the fall schedule, volunteer opportunities, what you'd like from us, and more! Please sign up for the event via our sign-up genius so we can properly gauge the food and activities. We'll have activities and something to watch for the kids, so bring them along! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AADAC23A0FD0-50112032-trinity>

TRINITY PRAYER LIST





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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.

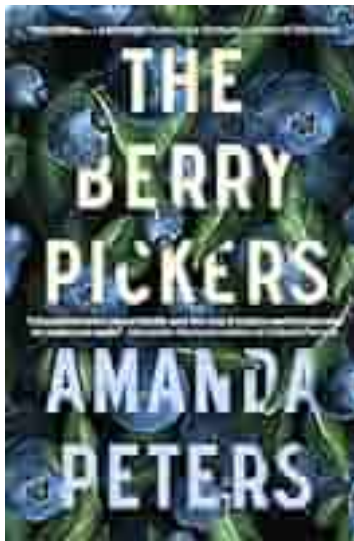
When a request is received, it remains on the prayer list for four weeks before it's taken off. Requests can always be renewed or submitted again. However, having an "expiration date" will prevent the list from overflowing with prayer requests that are out of date.

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[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] After three students were killed and five others were injured in 2023 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, T.J. Rapson, a high school [...]

### [House of Deputies repudiates pro-slavery views of 19th century house president in somber vote](#)

[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] The House of Deputies repudiated the pro-slavery theology of one of its Civil War-era presidents on June 27 at the request of the host [...]

### **Convention's Official Youth Presence delegates represent future of the church**

[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] The 18 high school students making up the Official Youth Presence of the 81st General Convention have brought energy and fresh insight to the [...]

### **Deputies' new deadlines for resolutions, committees give a nod to General Convention's future**

[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] The Episcopal Church experienced a pandemic-shortened General Convention in 2022, and this week, it is wrapping up a post-pandemic 81st General Convention that, at [...]

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