



# TRINITY TOPICS

## WEEKLY NEWS

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### DEAR FRIENDS

#### Speaking truth to power



Dear Friends,

As we move through these turbulent and uncertain days, it seems an appropriate moment to reflect together on Jesus' radical teaching about speaking truth to power. In a world that often feels divided, where voices of justice are sometimes drowned out by those in authority, we turn to the life and words of Jesus for guidance and strength.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus did not shy away from speaking truth to the powerful of his time—whether they were religious authorities, political leaders, or those who wielded control over the lives of the marginalized. He called out hypocrisy, injustice, and the exploitation of the vulnerable, even when it meant risking his own safety. Jesus' message was always one of love, but it was not a message that ever compromised on the need for justice and truth.

Jesus did not mince words when he confronted the leaders of his time, whether they be religious or political, he called them out for their self-righteousness and their exploitation of the people. He spoke against the ways they burdened the poor and oppressed, warning them that their position of power would not protect them from the consequences of their actions.

And yet, in speaking truth to power, Jesus was not motivated by anger or a desire to tear down, but by a deep love for all of God's children. He sought to awaken hearts and minds to the truth, not just about the world around them, but about the nature of God's justice and

love. His message was always an invitation—to repent, to turn toward a life of compassion, humility, and peace.

As followers of Christ, we are called to do the same. In our own time, we see so many ways in which power is used to oppress, to marginalize, and to silence voices that seek justice. Whether in our local communities or in Washington, D.C., we are reminded that speaking truth to power is not just a political act—it is a deeply spiritual one. It is an act of witness to the Kingdom of God, which calls us to stand alongside the poor, the oppressed, the voiceless, the marginalized, the unseen, the frightened.

This is not easy work. Jesus did not promise it would be. But he also gave us the strength to speak with boldness, to seek justice with humility, and to love even those who may stand in opposition to us. Speaking truth to power, as Jesus showed us, is an act of love that can change hearts and transform systems. It is a way of embodying the hope of the Gospel in a world that desperately needs it.

Let us remember that truth is not merely a set of facts to be defended, nor a particular political ideology, but a powerful force that moves us toward a world where all will be seen, heard, and valued. Let us be bold, let us be compassionate, and let us be people of truth.

Love and light-  
Jeffrey Albright  
Senior Warden

**BREAKFAST AT TRINITY**



This week we received news that our signature community engagement ministry, Breakfast At Trinity, has been awarded the Episcopal Community Service Grant for the second consecutive year. Last year, to launch the ministry we applied for and received \$5,000 while we would fundraise for a matching \$5,000. For 2025, the Diocese of Ohio has granted Trinity \$10,000! We are so grateful to the diocese for their support, and for our amazing volunteers who continue to make Trinity a welcoming place for those on the margins. If you have any interest in volunteering or learning more about our signature ministry, please contact George Benson, [george@trinitytoledo.org](mailto:george@trinitytoledo.org)

FEBRUARY-AT-A-GLANCE

# February @ Trinity!

## Sunday Mornings

### **BREAKFAST AT TRINITY**

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST | 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

FOLLOWED BY COFFEE HOUR | 10:00 AM

Wednesday afternoons

### **NOONDAY PRAYER**

CHAPEL PRAYER SERVICE | 12:00 NOON

Thursday evenings

### **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

CONTACT THE OFFICE | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

## Special Events

Sunday  
February 2

### **TRINITY TOURS! 2ND FLOOR**

GET AN INSIDE SCOOP OF THE 2ND FLOOR | 11:15 AM

### **PRIDE COMMITTEE MEETING**

PLANNING TRINITY'S 2025 PRIDE CELEBRATION | 11:15 AM

Friday  
February 7

### **GIRLS ON THE RUN BOARD MEETING**

PROUD BUILDING PARTNER | 11:00 AM

Saturday  
February 8

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

RICK'S CITY DINER | 9:00 AM

Sunday  
February 9

### **TRINITY RESPONSE TEAM**

ACTIVISM 101 WITH ACTIVITIES | 11:15 AM

Thursday  
February 13 & 27

### **GLASS CITY PRIDE BAND REHEARSALS**

PROUD BUILDING PARTNER | 7:00 PM

Saturday  
February 15

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ADDRESS | 9:00 AM

Sunday  
February 16

### **TRINITY KIDS LEADER MEETING**

AFTER SERVICE | 11:15 AM

Thursday  
February 20

### **TOLEDO STREETS NEWSPAPER VENDOR LUNCH**

PROUD BUILDING PARTNER | 8:30 AM

Saturday  
February 22

### **PLAZA PROJECT PLANNING 2025**

MY BROTHER'S PLACE | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunday  
February 23

### **VESTRY ORIENTATION**

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH | 11:15 AM

Tuesday  
February 25

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

JOINED BY THE TOLEDO HEALTH DEPARTMENT | 10:00 AM

## TRINITY RESPONSE TEAM MEETING

**February 9:** In our 2030 Vision we write about the *Trinity Response Team*, a group that connects our faith community with opportunities to mobilize for community issues. This could include events requiring education, conversation, advice, and witness. On February 9th after service, we will be hosting our first TRT meeting where we will be learning how to contact our representatives about what has been going on with the administration change.

Please if you're interested in attending or learning more information, contact George Benson at [george@trinitytoledo.org](mailto:george@trinitytoledo.org)

## LET'S GO SEE GRACE!

Have you ever wanted to go on a bus trip with your friends? Well, do we have the opportunity for YOU! PARISH LIFE is organizing a bus trip to go see Grace on the North American Tour of Dirty Dancing on MARCH 15th 2025. Cost is \$100 per person, which will include your seat on the bus, a packed dinner, and your ticket to the show! Sign up in this link to reserve your seat by February 14th, 2025. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/letsgoseegrace>

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

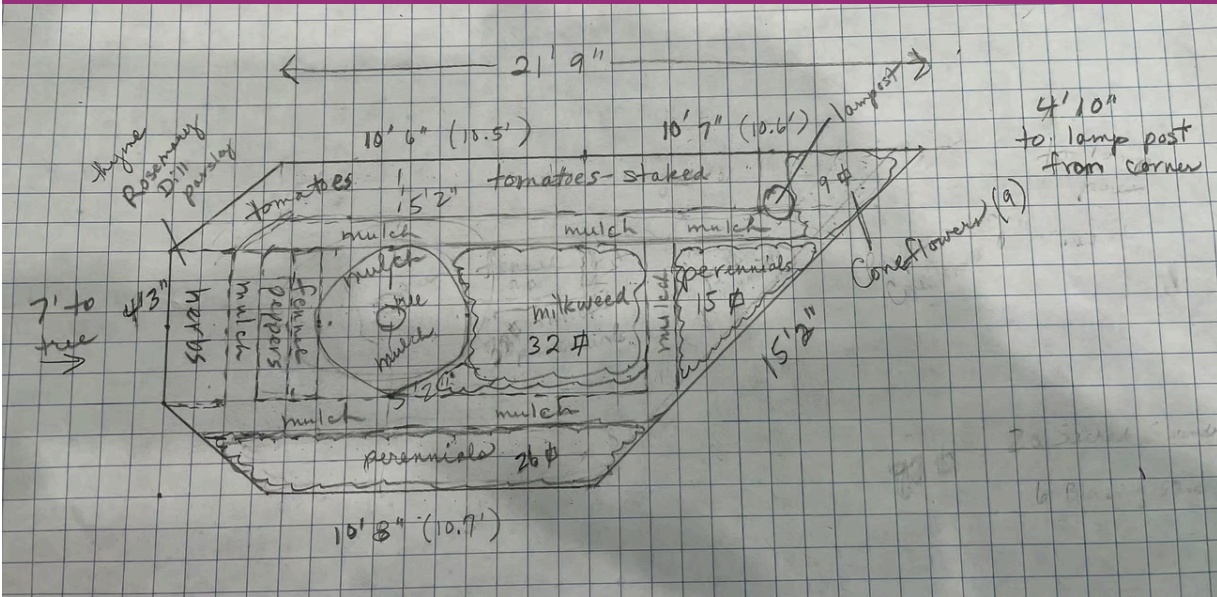


Join us for women's Bible study on **February 15th from 9:00–10:30 am**. We will explore and pray with the gospel selection appointed for the following day at church. Bring a Bible (print or online) and an open heart. The great news is that it doesn't matter how much experience you have (or don't have) with scripture. We'll learn together.

When you sign up, you'll include your email address. The week of Bible study, Jolene will email you directions to the house and a copy of the passage under discussion, so you can read it in advance. If you have any questions, please email [jolene278@gmail.com](mailto:jolene278@gmail.com).

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

## SAVE THESE DATES TO HELP WITH THE PLAZA



**Saturday, February 22 9:30–11:00 a.m.** in My Brother's Place **Purpose:** Planning the plaza project for 2025

**Saturday, April 5 9:30–11:00 a.m.** in My Brother's Place **Purpose:** We will design all of the beds on the plaza, and decide how to phase in the scope of work during 2025 and 2026.

**Saturday, May 3 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon** on the Plaza **Purpose:** Plaza work day to 1) do spring clean up of 3 planted beds, and 2) spread soil and compost in all of the beds. We will have the bags of soil and compost delivered up to the plaza level by an outside vendor before that.

**Saturday, May 10 1:00–4:00 p.m.** on the Plaza **Purpose:** Afternoon plaza work day to plant the plants we buy at the Wild Ones plant sale on the morning of May 10.

## POP UP DINNER HOSTS



Calling Hosts! Parish Life is excited to be coordinating another round of **Pop-Up Dinners** in **March and April**. If you're a host who would like to participate, please sign up using this link!  
<https://forms.office.com/r/00t8YMuP07>

## BUILDING OUR HOUSE ON ROCKS

# AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND UNITY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7PM  
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH DOWNTOWN TOLEDO



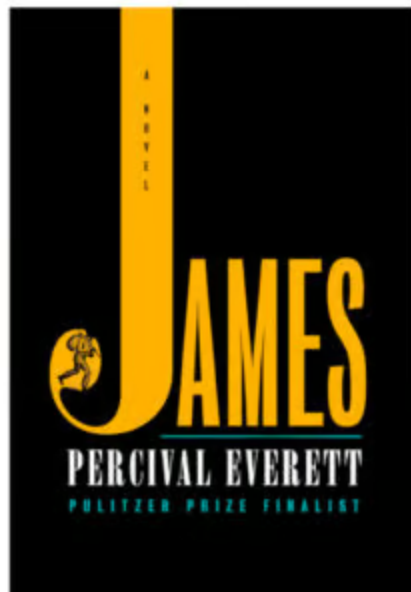
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7PM

Building our house on rocks: an evening of prayer and unity. Please join Trinity Episcopal Church for a special evening prayer service where we gather to lift up our leaders and each other at this time.

WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE



BOOK CLUB





Join the book worms on Sunday, March 16 at 6:30pm via Zoom to discuss *James*, a book by Percival Everett. A brilliant reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*—both harrowing and ferociously funny—told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

[Sign Up Now](#)

## 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](http://www.trinitytoledo.org/live)

## EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE

### [Episcopal Church's resolutions support rebuilding Gaza, Israeli-Palestinian self-determination](#)

[Episcopal News Service] Several resolutions passed in June 2024 by the 81st General Convention speak to current events in Gaza, where Israeli...

### [Alabama bishop calls for election of new bishop as she prepares to retire](#)

[Diocese of Alabama] The Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, has announced her intention to retire later this year...

### [Minnesota couple relies on their Episcopal faith as they serve their local wrestling community](#)

[Episcopal News Service] Jayne and Nick Kinney are sometimes a bit late for Sunday services at St. Martin's by the Lake in Minnetonka Beach,...

### [World Council of Churches calls on Trump to follow international law for a just peace in Gaza](#)

[World Council of Churches] World Council of Churches general secretary the Rev. Jerry Pillay has described the proposal of President Donald Trump as...