Warden's World

Trinity has now experienced twelve Worship Services since our reopening in June from the Covid-19 shutdown. Eleven have been outside with one in the Sanctuary due to rain. We vary the location due to the heat, sun and need for shade. We had a high attendance of over forty on Reverend Nancy’s farewell but have averaged a little over twenty on the other dates. From my understanding of other Parishes and Churches, we are doing quite well considering the service being Morning Prayer and the health concerns of our Congregation.

Masks and social distancing are required with hand and chair sanitizing performed as necessary. I can safely say that Trinity has reopened as per the Tasks Force Guidelines. At this point in time, the plan is to continue with outside services until such a time that the weather forces us to move inside.

Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to celebrate several of our favorite Autumn Events. Bag Pipes, Haggis and Scotch do not fit within the required guidelines and so the famed Kirkin of the Tartans will not take place in 2020. Likewise, the Stilton Cheese and Port will also be postponed. Our Fall Formation offering will be moved to virtual. Beginning on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 A.M. Deacon Stephanie will lead a Zoom study on Becoming a Blessed Community based on Presiding Bishop Curry’s study guide. You will all receive an invitation to join the sessions.

An outdoor Blessing of the Pets like last year, could be possible and will be discussed with the Worship Committee. Undoubtedly, our Stewardship Campaign will need some adjustments as the Annual Ingathering might not be able to include the Stewardship Soup and Salad celebration. Being flexible is the new normal when it comes to Worship and Gatherings.

Canon Leo has provided us with a candidate to be our Priest. Dave and I have had the opportunity to meet her and were pleased with the obvious fit she demonstrates for Trinity. The Vestry will be meeting with her in the near future, and we would anticipate having a Priest-In-Charge sometime in the month of October. Please keep all of us in your prayers that this is in God’s Plan.

Be Save, Be Well, We Love You!

Peace,
Jim
News to Know

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Nathan Kraynek (9/2), Ralph Naegele (9/3),
Carolyn Harris (9/10), Bill Shaw (9/13),
Bill and Marina Shaw (9/1), Dave and Carole Cobb (9/7),
David and Sheri Duchak (9/10)

Trinity Parish Health Ministry

What does my blood type say about my health?

Can your blood type make you prone to certain diseases? While some experts say any possible effect blood type plays on health is insignificant at best, others say there’s a valid connection.

“The ABO antigens that make up our blood type are not only expressed on the surface of red blood cells, but they are also present in other human tissues as well,” says Dr. Sharma. “This provides the basis for ABO blood type to have clinical significance for various health outcomes outside the blood system.”

What might some of those health outcomes be? According to Northwestern Medicine, studies show that:

- **People with type O** blood have the lowest risk of heart disease while people with B and AB have the highest.
- **People with A and AB** blood have the highest rates of stomach cancer.
- **People with type A blood** can have a harder time than others managing stress because they often produce more of the stress hormone cortisol.

But when it comes to blood type and COVID-19 patients—the disease of the moment—there’s good news. According to a recent study from Harvard Medical School researchers published in the journal *Annals of Hematology*, blood type has no effect on how sick one becomes with coronavirus (despite initial claims that it might).

By Donna Christiano | August 13, 2020
Medically reviewed by Lindsey Hudson, APRN, NP-C

The Trinity Episcopal Church Rummage Sale

We made close to $600 for the Torrence Medical Fund.
Thank you to all who helped!
I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. – Ephesians 3:17-19

What is the Way of Love? The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it.

Please join Deacon Stephanie for an 8 week study to explore The Way of Love as a way of life. We will meet Tuesday mornings via zoom at 10:00 AM.

More information about how to access zoom will be coming. In the meantime, if you are able, download the free version of zoom onto your computer from www.zoom.com.

If you need help with zoom, please call the office, 937-335-7747, and we'll get you to right person.

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God’s unconditional, selfless, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called “church” or “Christian,” this Jesus Movement was simply called “the way.”

Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?

The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a “Rule of Life.” The framework you now hold – The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life – outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

Your brother in the Way of Jesus,

+Michael

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry,
    Primate and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
We recently received information from the Episcopal Church about the Season of Creation, which runs from September 1 – October 4. Our Sunday Prayers of the People during this time will be taken from the Season of Creation Celebration Guide.

History

September 1 was proclaimed as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Eastern Orthodox Church by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I in 1989. It was embraced by other major Christian European churches in 2001 and by Pope Francis for the Roman Catholic Church in 2015.

In recent years, many Christian churches have begun celebrating the Season of Creation (also known as Creation Time) between September 1 and October 4, the Feast of St. Francis that is observed by some Western traditions. St. Francis is the author of the Canticle of the Creatures, and the Catholic saint of those who promote ecology.

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God’s Creation. We see that our well being is interwoven with its well being. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for

More information: SeasonOfCreation.org

A weekly Devotional and more information can be found on the website: https://episcopalchurch.org/season-creation-and-st-francis-day-resources

Contributors to the Devotional include:
National Bishop Susan Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, The Episcopal Church
Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

—The Prayer of Saint Francis
The Board of Elections is also still looking for poll workers to work in the polling locations on Election Day. Due to the pandemic, many of our regular workers are choosing to sit this one out. If anyone is interested, please contact: Janelle Flaharty, Poll Worker Contact; (937) 440-3905 jflaharty@miamicountyohio.gov the Miami County Board of Elections
HOW TO KEEP BUSY DURING A PANDEMIC: AND MAKE A CHRISTMAS BRIGHT!
Ohio's Hospice of Miami County

Christmas Crafters

Seeking crafters of all ages & skill levels to:
- Knit, crochet, sew, paint, color
- Craft with felt, sequins, buttons, jigsaw puzzle pieces, and more.

Ornaments & decorations are needed for two-foot tall Christmas trees which will be delivered to patients of Ohio’s Hospice of Miami County.

- Items should be no larger than three inches in size.
- Nothing heavy or easily breakable.
- No loose glitter. Use of glitter glue is fine.

→ Need ideas or more details?
Call Volunteer Services at 937-335-5191.

Please drop off items at:
Ohio’s Hospice of Miami County - 550 Summit Avenue, Troy
Or bring to the church office by November 13.

Deadline: 11/16/20
Dear Partner Church,

We continue to hold you in our prayers. I hope this finds you and your congregation well during these challenging times. It is confusing as some people are starting to return to regular activities and rules and others are still very cautious.  

~~ Carol Jackson - Executive Director

At this time, we could use small size dish soap (small), disinfectant wipes, laundry detergent (2qt), hair conditioner, diapers size 4/5, pull-ups size 5/6, feminine hygiene products, and paper towels. Monetary donations are also needed and welcomed.

NOTE: A basket has been placed by the front door of the church for above donations.

First Place Food Pantry

Monday: 1-3 pm & 5-6:30 pm
Wednesday and Friday: 1-3 pm**
Second Wednesday of each month time changes to 3-5 pm
721 Lincoln Ave. Troy, Ohio

Drive up- Please stay in your car - We will greet you and provide groceries curbside. Pre signup not required -
- If you need toilet paper or personal care items - please request when you are greeted
- If you do not have transportation - For options private message us on Facebook: @fpfoodpantry

Phone: 937-335-2826  Email: fpfoodpantry@gmail.com

The First Place Food Pantry is a choice food pantry independently operated in Troy, Ohio. With more than 45 dedicated volunteers, the pantry serves approximately 5,000 families a year in the Troy and Casstown communities.

As an independently operated choice pantry we rely solely on community support from private donors, community organizations and foundations to keep our doors open and lights on to serve the community.

Learn how you can make an impact on our neighbors in need through financial contributions or service projects at the food pantry.

"Take-Out Hunger" - Bowls of Hope 2020

Drive thru grilled chicken dinner
Sept. 12, 2020 3 pm to 7 pm
N. Parking lot 16 W. Franklin St. Troy, OH

Pre-sale tickets $15.00 - https://bit.ly/2Y7roS0
Raffle tickets - $10  Music and Entertainment under our tent
Dinner includes: half grilled chicken, smoky baked beans, southern slaw, and cheesy corn muffin

First Place Food Pantry

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ON THE CALENDAR

SUNDAYS: 9:30 am Worship: Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 pm Celtic Evening Prayer:
A quiet time of reflection may be just what you need in the middle of the week.

MONDAY, Sept. 14 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

TUESDAY, Sept. 15 10:00 am The Way of Love: An adult study via Zoom
Led by Deacon Stephanie

Following are some options for "virtual" services:
The National Cathedral: www.cathedral.org (Scroll down to "Holy Eucharist" and select "Watch Now")
Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati: www.cincinnaticathedral.org (A couple of virtual services to chose)
Christ Church, Dayton: www.daytonchristepiscopal.com

Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

~ Romans 12:9,10 ~

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