



Dear People of God:

For the better part of two years, there have been ongoing discussions concerning the reunification of the three Wisconsin Episcopal dioceses (Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee). Those discussions have culminated in a proposal for how such a reunification can be realized, as well as outlining the basic contours of how reunification could undergird the ongoing mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. If you have not seen it already, you may read the proposal here: <https://bit.ly/43M1QIQ>.

Trinity's own David Paulsen, Senior Reporter for the Episcopal News Service, has also written an article concerning the overall process. You may find that article here: <https://bit.ly/3Dz2pL8>.

In October, at the annual Convention of the Diocese of Milwaukee, deputies will be asked to vote to move forward with next steps towards this reunification, with a final vote scheduled for next year. In the meantime, there are several opportunities for "Town Hall Meetings," which will be conducted both virtually and in-person, so that Wisconsin Episcopalians can learn more about the overall process and ask specific questions surrounding the implications of reunification.

I understand that for many parishioners at Trinity, these sorts of denominational machinations hold little interest, since most of us connect with our church on a local level. The likelihood is, that for larger congregations like Trinity, there will be little direct impact from this proposed reunification upon our ongoing operations. We will continue to forward our diocesan assessment to the diocesan office (wherever it is eventually located), and we will see the Bishop (whoever that eventually is) with about the same frequency as before -- once every 24-36 months. The parishes that will most likely be affected by this proposal will be those which are more dependent upon diocesan support and financial assistance. Nevertheless, I believe these ongoing discussions provide us with a reminder that we are a part of a "connected" Church. We are interdependent and we share ministry with our fellow parishes under the leadership and oversight of a Bishop. The bottom line is that Trinity Church cannot be "Episcopal" on its own -- we need all of our fellow Episcopalians, not only in Wisconsin but throughout the world!

I will be writing more about this proposal in our weekly E-News from time to time between now and the October Convention. In the meantime, I bid your prayers for these conversations and for the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin:

Gracious God, in whom we put our trust, give us open hearts to listen prayerfully for your word and direction. We submit our desires and will to you, in humility, openness and patience, as we discern the right course of action for the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin. Guide us to proceed with graciousness toward unity in spirit and in truth. Help us to accept joyfully those tasks that accomplish your will. We ask these things under the mercy of the Risen Christ. Amen.

Faithfully,

The Rev'd Gary B. Manning, Rector

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**SCRIP** orders are due August 6, September 3 and October 1. While orders can be placed anytime by using the form on the pillar outside the library, orders are processed on the first Monday of the month. The proceeds from the sale of the cards are shared with The Gathering, Wauwatosa Food Pantry and the Rector's Discretionary Fund.



## Tutors Needed for Forward Scholars Program

If you are interested in making a difference for a child, consider becoming a tutor with Forward Scholars, a research-based tutoring program. Volunteers work with K-3rd grade students at specific MPS schools. This program uses proven interventions to accelerate student growth in reading and literacy. Tutoring takes place during the school day at the school in a "learning lab," which is staffed by a highly qualified Site Coordinator. Tutors will be provided individualized lesson plan materials, and will receive training as well as ongoing support and coaching.

**An information session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 1:30-2:45 via Zoom.**

If you cannot attend, but are still interested, the meeting will be recorded. Contact Dr. Carrie Streiff-Stuessy, Executive Director to RSVP or with questions at [carriess@forwardscholars.org](mailto:carriess@forwardscholars.org)



## "Dinner-On-The-Go"

For the last several months the "Dinner on the Go" sandwich making crew have increased the number of sandwiches to 125.

The new site at Ascension needed more dinners as they serve more than the last site. Thanks to all who helped with the supplies.

Our day for the next several times will be on the third Friday of the month. Add the date to your calendar if you would like to help. It requires one hour or less of fun sandwich making.

**Next dates are: August 18, September 15, October 20**



## Backpack Collection

Our annual Back-to-School Backpack collection for Sojourner Family Peace Center (So Jo) began on July 23rd. We have a goal of donating 25 backpacks filled with school supplies (tags on each bag indicate the items needed).

Please take a bag or 2 from the back of the church to fill and return for this much appreciated Outreach mission!



## Retreat on 2 Feet A Living Compass Experience

A Saturday morning Contemplative walking offering at Holy Wisdom Monastery.

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

Gary Manning and Scott Stoner, Facilitators

Join us for a mini—"Retreat on 2 Feet" at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton, WI.

Through a series of meditations and walks, we will seek renewal for our spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.

**9:00 am—Gathering time**

**9:30 am—Introductions and Orientation**

**9:45 am—First Walk**

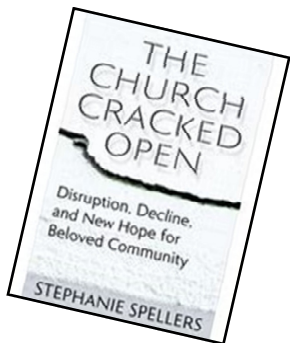
**10:30 am—Group Reflection**

**10:45 am—Second Walk**

**11:40 am—Group Reflection**

**12:00 pm—Lunch (\$10) and Departure**

(Must pre-register for lunch) Let Gary Manning know by August 7 if you will be attending at [tosapriest@gmail.com](mailto:tosapriest@gmail.com).



## Summer Reading Project: An Invitation from the Rector

As mentioned in the June Tidings, the Trinity summer read is *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community* by Stephanie Spellers. There's still time to get a copy of the book and read it before our scheduled conversations! You may join the conversation in one of two ways:

**In-Person:** Folks wishing to discuss the book in person may join with the Anti-Racism Study Group on the following evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Church:

**Monday, August 21 -- to discuss chapters 1-4**

**Monday, September 18 -- to discuss chapters 5-8**

**Virtually:** Folks wishing to discuss the book with others from the comfort of their homes may join Gary Manning at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom on the following dates:

**Tuesday, August 22 -- to discuss chapters 1-4**

**Tuesday, September 19 -- to discuss chapters 5-8**

Zoom login credentials will be posted in the August Tidings, the weekly bulletin and E-News once we get a bit closer to the events.

If you have questions about these conversations, please read the rector's letter in the June Tidings which you can find here: <http://bit.ly/437dpd4>

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Trinity Episcopal Church of Wauwatosa will host the 24th annual Awesome Auction for Outreach on November 4, 2023. Now is that time of year when we start thinking about the vendors whose donations would make wonderful additions to our auction, which leads us to you.

Donations from local organizations are especially popular, and we are asking if you have an item, gift certificate or service to donate to our auction? We realize the number of this kind of event is rising every year, and we will do everything we can to promote your donation. If you are unable to help us this time, we understand and hope we can look forward to your support in the future.

OUTREACH \aùt-'rēch\ *v., n., adj.* Providing services to populations who might not otherwise have access to those services.

Each year our auction is produced entirely with volunteer help and we have few administrative costs, so all the funds we raise go to outreach. We could not do this without the generosity of donations.

Funds from previous auctions have gone to various Milwaukee area organizations, including Our Next Generation (an inner city mentoring and homework support), Sojourner Family Peace Center (a shelter for battered men/women and their children), Habitat for Humanity, as well as schools and medical clinics in Haiti, and many other worthy causes.

All donations can be submitted to the church at 1717 Church Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. If you have an item that needs to be picked up, or if there is another way we can assist so we can work together, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (414-453-4540) or Jill Paradowski (414-704-7840). We will be sure to send a confirmation letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes.

Many thanks!



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## Awesome Auction For Outreach

November 4, 2023 on-line and in-person

Theme: "Games and Fun Night"

The Awesome Auction for Outreach committee is at it again! We met in July and confirmed this year's theme: Games and Fun Night.

The live event will be on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. A Games and Fun night separate party will also be held for children in the Sunday School area while the adults "play" upstairs!

All bidding will be done online through the 32 Auction format and like last year, the site will be open a few days prior to November 4<sup>th</sup> to view items for auction, as well as place bids. (More information regarding how to register and bid will be forthcoming in future articles). The auction is Trinity's largest annual fund raising event, with different organizations chosen each year to be the recipients of the funds raised.

We rely on you, the parishioners, to help us gather donations for this worthy cause. Donated items that have worked well in the past include handicrafts, sharing a skill, themed gift baskets (for children, pets, baking, books, arts and crafts, teens), handyman/woman services, and gift cards. Experiences are greatly valued, such as donating tickets to sporting events, museums, a hotel stay, offering a condo or cottage availability, theater tickets – you get the idea.

Keep watching upcoming Tidings, e-news, and weekly bulletins for more auction information as the date gets closer. For now, put the date on your calendar start thinking of what you could donate. Please contact Jill Paradowski at 414-704-7840 for any questions you might have.



Scan the QR code with your mobile device to use Vanco, Trinity Church's online giving platform. By using this web-based service you may set up automatic withdrawals from your checking account or make automatic payments on your credit card. [Vanco Payment Solutions](#) will also allow you to make one-time contributions for gifts to Trinity.



## Rummage Sale

Thanks to all who donated rummage, sorted the boxes and packed up the leftovers. We raised over \$2400 to be shared with Sojourner Family Peace Center and Habitat Humanity Faith House.



# Parish Picnic Sunday, July 9





# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Baptism Fellowship	<b>7</b> 10:00 am—Noon Blanket Tying	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 11 Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Fellowship 11:30 am Vestry Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm “Dinner on the Go” Sandwich making	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Retreat on 2 Feet
<b>20 12 Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Fellowship	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Anti-Racism Group Study and Discussion of “The Church Cracked Open”	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Discussion of “The Church Cracked Open” via Zoom	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 13 Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Fellowship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

**TIDINGS**  
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