

Dear People of God at Trinity Church:

We have had an amazing spring at Trinity!

After three years of dealing with all things pandemic, this Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Day felt like, "We are back!" I mean, really back! We had the best Maundy Thursday attendance since 2006, then on Good Friday we had 60 folks in attendance at the Liturgy of the Day, followed by almost 50 people at the Family Good Friday Service. On Easter Day, we had 221 in attendance, which was the best Sunday attendance at Trinity since Easter 2019. So far, through the first four months of this year, we've had a steady stream of visitors, some new people decide to join the parish, and a few baptisms to add to the joy. For all of this we can say, "Thanks be to God!"

This past Sunday while I was away, the Trinity youth group hosted young people from three other area Episcopal churches to get to know each other, to hear about the summer camp program for the dioceses of Milwaukee, Fond du Lac and Eau Claire, to play games, eat pizza, and to generally be the Christians-in-community we are called to be. One of my great joys this program year has been getting to know so many of our young people. We are truly blessed by their presence in our midst.

Like all congregations, we will always have things we need to work on. We're far from perfect. It seems there's always more that needs to be done, and if we're not careful, we become fixated on "what we're not"

instead of giving thanks for how God continues to provide for us.

A key issue the Vestry discussed in its recent retreat was the necessity of getting a clearer understanding of "who we are" as a parish community at this moment in time. We know we are smaller than in the past. We know that the manner in which people interact with church has changed as a result of the pandemic. We also know that expectations of what a church "should be" run the gamut. We know that we can't do everything, and we know that we will invariably disappoint folks when our ability to meet those expectations (whether spoken or unspoken) fall short.

Our task as the Congregation, Wardens, Vestry, and Rector is to do our best to discern, from a myriad of opportunities and expectations, the specific ways God is calling us to be the Good News for each other and for the world around us, both now and in the years ahead. Spiritual discernment requires time and patience - two things which often seem to be in short supply in the wider culture. That said, I'm excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for Trinity Church, and I'm prepared to be surprised by what we will learn together over the coming months.

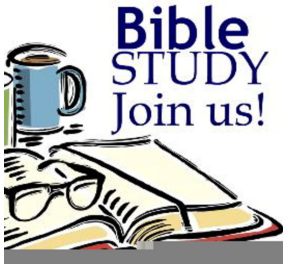
We are a Resurrection People and new life is bursting forth all around us.

God grant us the wisdom to see it!

Faithfully,

The Rev'd Gary B. Manning, *Rector*

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Spring Bible Study!

Gary invites any and all interested parishioners to join him and the Trinity Bible Study Gang for our spring Bible Study. We will be reading "The J-Epistles" -- James, 1, 2, 3 John, and Jude. The study will take place via Zoom on Wednesday evenings beginning on May 3. We will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The reading schedule is as follows:

May 3 — James, chapter 1
May 10 — James, chapter 2
May 17 — James, chapters 3 & 4
May 24 — James, chapter 5

May 31 — 1 John
June 7 — 2 & 3 John
June 14 — Jude

The Zoom login : Meeting ID: 850 3195 1433 Passcode: 354418

Please join us for as many of these lively discussions as your schedule allows!

Lions and Tigers and Bears — Oh My! An Exploration of Virtue Ethics

Adult Formation May 7, 14, 21



When confronted with hard choices, what causes us to make a decision to do the ethical thing? Must we make a choice each and every individual time? Or is it a matter of how we feel at that particular moment? Or is our ability to do good more about us practicing to do good? Using *The Wizard of Oz* as a guidebook, come to discover how you not only find, but stay on the yellow brick road. Sessions will be led by Rev. John Hickey at 9:00 am on Sundays, May 7, 14 and 21.



Rev. John Hickey is a true jack-of-all-trades (and master of none). He holds an M.F.A. in Film, a J.D. in law, and a M.Div. from Seabury-Western Seminary. All of which means you should probably address him as Sir Hickey. Befitting a born wanderer, Rev. Hickey has sold UFO books in San Francisco, hitchhiked through Ireland, and preached in an elementary school cafeteria on a mountaintop in Hawaii. As a priest, Rev. Hickey has discovered the joys of crafting sermons, leading Bible Study, and getting a free meal at wedding receptions. Unfortunately, he has little experience swinging a thurible, although he does appreciate an old-fashioned evangelical hymn. John has a marvelous sense of humor, a deep faith in God, and a gift for teaching the faith in thoughtful and creative ways.



Fellowship, Outreach, and Cranky Al's Dollars For Donuts—A Haitian Fundraiser

Please join us on Sunday, May 7th in the fellowship hall after the 10:00 am liturgy. We will be having our usual fellowship time, served with Cranky Al's donuts and there will be a 10-minute presentation by Ann Brophy, who will share her first-hand knowledge of volunteering in Haiti. Trinity has worked with the Diocese of Milwaukee for many years in order to give support to St Marc's School and the people living in the community of Jeannette in Haiti.

For most people in Haiti, daily living conditions are very dangerous, especially for girls and women who are being targeted and brutalized by gangs. The Diocese of Milwaukee is currently sponsoring 18 people from Haiti who will begin the very difficult and expensive process of building an entirely new life here in the U.S. The Outreach Committee is currently trying to raise \$2,000 for the Dioceses' Haitian Resettlement Program. The funds raised on May 7 would be distributed equitably to these families as they begin again in the U.S.

If you would like to join the Outreach committee in helping to support these Haitian refugees we will have a free will donation bucket sitting out during fellowship time on May 7. You may also donate beginning now, online through Vanco <https://trinitywauwatosa.org/giving>, utilizing the "Haitian Sponsorship" box or you may send a check to the office and put "Haitian Sponsorship" in the memo line. Thank you from the Outreach Committee.

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Trinity's Anti-Racist Study Group—May 15 6:00 pm

Please join us the evening of **Monday, May 15** for an interactive workshop exploring the history of housing inequality in Milwaukee, hosted by Habitat for Humanity and Trinity's Anti-Racist Study Group. We will meet in the parish hall beginning at 6:00 pm to enjoy snacks and refreshments, and the workshop will run from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

This interactive and discussion based workshop provides a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the impact of local history on housing patterns. Through the examination of primary sources and data maps, participants will gain a better understanding of how intentional institutional choices resulted in segregated housing and the tangible effects that these decisions have had on the Milwaukee metro area. In addition to analyzing recent housing trends, the workshop also offers a chance to make a commitment to affordable housing and learn practical ways to take informed action.

Questions? Contact Luke Schleif at lcschleif@gmail.com.



Please join us in the parish hall to make 100 sandwiches for **The Gathering** on **May 19th and June 16th at 6:30 pm**. It is a fun evening that takes approximately 45 minutes. Cookies, small bags of chips, creamy JIF peanut butter, jelly in squeezable containers, or a monetary donation for supplies are helpful and appreciated. Questions? Contact Jenice Carolan at carolan.jenice@gmail.com or Jill Paradowski at jill.paradowski@gmail.com

Retreat on 2 Feet

Join Gary Manning on **Saturday morning, May 20**, for a contemplative walk along the Oak Leaf Trail. We will meet at Trinity Church at 10:00 a.m., and will conclude by 11:30 a.m. These walks are intended to offer a way to reconnect with God, our fellow pilgrims, and our own hearts!



Road Closures: Sunday, June 26

Access to the Village will be limited and primarily foot traffic only from 8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 26 for the Tosa Village Classic Tour of America's Dairyland's 11-day competitive road cycling series. There will be several designated crosswalks staffed throughout the event to allow spectators, residents, and business staff to enter and exit the area. This event is stationed at [Cafe Hollander](#) in the [Tosa Village District](#).



SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC

July 9 at Trinity Church following the 10:00 am Liturgy!
Watch the e-news and the bulletins for more information.

Rummage Sale News!

Trinity Church will have a rummage sale on Saturday **July 29th**. Please start saving your rummage. We will begin accepting your donations approximately two weeks before the sale. Please no furniture or clothing. In 2021 we raised \$2,000 using a new format of free will donations. The proceeds from the sale will be shared with Sojourner Family Peace Center and Habitat for Humanity. Watch for more information. Questions, contact Jill.paradowski@gmail.com





Awesome Auction For Outreach

November 4, 2023 on-line and in-person

Theme: Games and Fun Night

Look for monthly updates in the *Tidings*. The first planning meeting will be via zoom in late May or early June. If you would like to be a part of this fun committee, please contact Jill Paradowski at jill.paradowski@gmail.com. Last year \$20,000 was raised for Trinity's Outreach Programs!



Lenten Collection for Earthquake Relief

Through the generosity of our parish, \$1,240 was collected during Lent including at the Peace Vigil, which was open to the public. As \$825 was specifically labeled for Episcopal Relief and Development, the Outreach Committee has contributed the remaining \$415 to Doctor's Without Borders. Thank you to all who donated to this cause offering critical assistance to those

affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Below are several ways to help with Trinity's Outreach Ministry.

- Share non perishable food items with the Wauwatosa Food Pantry—A basket is located at the bottom of the stairs.
- Deposit your used eyeglasses in the box on the ministry center at the bottom of the stairs. These are shared with the Lion's Club.
- Order a SCRIP card or two on the first Sunday of the month. Order forms are on the pillar outside the parish library.
- Donate your used clothing to the Street Angels or Father Gene's and deposit them in the designated containers outside the parish office.
- Donate the pull tabs from your beverage cans into the container on the Welcome Center outside the parish library. These are for the Ronald McDonald House.

Sunday Hospitality Needs

The following items are used every Sunday during the Fellowship Hour. Please consider donating any size paper plates, homemade or purchased cookies or bars, cheese, sausage or other desirable snacks. Volunteers to help with clean up after Fellowship are requested.

Special Event Hospitality Needs

Several times during the year Trinity Church is asked to host an event such as a funeral. Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert, help with set up, clean up or be present to help host the event. If you would like to be included in this ministry, please contact Jill Paradowski at 414-704-7840 or email her at jill.paradowski@gmail.com.



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.

BIPOC Book Reviews

God's Trombones by James Weldon Johnson
1927

Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman

Howard Thurman was a 20th century theologian, mystic, poet, author, preacher, and professor. Dean (emeritus) Thurman dedicated his life to the pursuit of a society that could acknowledge its differences yet elevate its common human ties. He visualized a world where racial, ethnic, or religious barriers did not serve as a roadblock to creating meaningful relationships. He called on us to do what makes us come alive.

The central question Mr. Thurman tries to answer in this book: "Why is it that Christianity seems impotent to deal radically, and therefore effectively, with the issues of discrimination and injustice on the basis of race, religion and national origin?"

HATE was one of the most moving chapters to me. It still resonates today with our current national dilemmas. "Hate is another of the hounds of hell that dog the footsteps of the disinherited in season and out of season. During times of war hatred becomes quite respectable, even though it has to masquerade often under the guise of patriotism."

One of my favorite sections was in the first chapter where he tells the story of why his grandmother (who was a slave) always asked him to read the Bible to her (she never learned to read) but would not allow him to read from anything written by Paul. Thurman never dares to ask why until he is in college. You'll have to read the 1st chapter to find that out! This book is available for checkout from the Trinity Library.



The Essay by Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Forward by Maya Angelou alone would make this book worth reading. James Weldon Johnson is one of the most celebrated African American writers, and the subtitle of this collection tells us what the book is about - "Seven Negro Sermons in Verse". The writings give us a window into the way in which "The Word" was shared among black Christians. Black preachers often repeated sermons when traveling to different congregations in the south.

The sermons as verse are: "The Creation", "The Prodigal Son," "Go Down Death - a Funeral Sermon", "Noah Built the Arc", "The Crucifixion" "Let My People Go" and "The Judgement Day".

It's a beautiful read, so please consider checking it out. After you do, you just may decide you want your very own copy.

To checkout a book, simply sign your name on the library card at the back of the book and place the library card on the small shelf at the right hand corner of the library.



Youth Groups from three other area Episcopal Churches are hosted by Trinity's youth on a recent Sunday evening.



Gary explains the purpose of the Sanctus Candle to young people at the Family Good Friday Service.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Brunch. There was plenty of delicious food and lively conversations. Thanks to everyone who donated food, helped with set up and clean up. It was wonderful to see a large gathering in attendance, even bigger than in pre-Covid times!



Easter Brunch April 9, 2023

TIDINGS

Trinity Church
1717 Church Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
May, 2023



EASTER BRUNCH 2023



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm Men's Fellowship	2	3 7:00—8:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	4	5 6:00 pm First Friday Fellowship	6
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28 Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Baptism 11:00 am Fellowship	29 Memorial Day Parish Office Closed	30				