

"Jesus never used the phrase, 'beloved community'; he just built one... We tend to make beloved community complicated, probably so we can create loopholes to slip away from the sacrifice and challenge such a life entails." -- The Rev'd Canon Stephanie Spellers

Dear Friends:

In the June edition of *Tidings*, I wrote an extensive article detailing my desire that as many Trinity parishioners as possible would, over the course of the summer, read the book, *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. I am grateful for the witness and commitment of our Anti-Racism Study Group which has now been meeting for an entire year. This cadre of your fellow parishioners is whole-heartedly committed to being a resource group for our congregation as we seek to understand the often untold history of our nation's (and our denomination's) creation of, participation in, and perpetuation of a culture of inhumanity, inequity and injustice. I am grateful for this group's tenacity and persistence in gently confronting us with realities so easily overlooked and ignored from our comfortable corner in Wauwatosa.

In August, we held our first conversations to discuss chapters 1-3 of Spellers' book. Those conversations were well-organized and

thought provoking. The Anti-Racism Study Group did the heavy lifting of preparation so that the conversation could seemingly flow effortlessly. The only thing that could have made those evenings more compelling is if we had been joined by more of our fellow parishioners.

I understand that people's lives are busy and calendars are packed. I understand that the sorts of conversations a book like this will provoke will be awkward, uncomfortable, and emotional. I understand that we can, because of our particular privilege as a mostly white, suburban congregation, offer any number of plausible reasons why this particular discussion at this particular time is inconvenient.

Through the years, I've done my best to refrain from over-using any perceived authority I have as your rector to push the congregation in this or that direction. But friends, this work of figuring out how Trinity Church is being called to be ministers of reconciliation in the most racially segregated metropolitan area in our country is fundamental to who we claim to be as a Christian congregation. While we are statistically insignificant (400 souls in a metro area of over 1.5 million residents), this does not alleviate our Baptismal responsibility to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves," and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." (BCP, p. 303)


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I urge every adult in this congregation to get a copy of Spellers' book and read it. We will meet again later in September to discuss chapters 4-6. You can find meeting details elsewhere in this newsletter, in our E-News and in our Sunday bulletins. Your presence in these discussions is vital as we undertake the life-giving work of building a Beloved Community -- not just for ourselves, but for our neighbors in Milwaukee County and throughout the world.

Faithfully,  


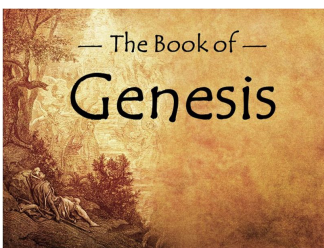
The Rev'd Gary B. Manning, *Rector*



**First Friday Fellowship** will gather on September 1 at 6:00 pm at the Watkin's house: 1756 N. Hi Mount Blvd. The food theme is Greek (or anything else is fine too.) We look forward to a potluck supper and fellowship.



**SCRIP** orders are due 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.



## The Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study resumes on September 6th!

We will be meeting approximately every other week to read and study the book of Genesis together. Because of the length of this particular biblical text (50 chapters!), it will be our focus from September through February.

There will be two sessions in September:

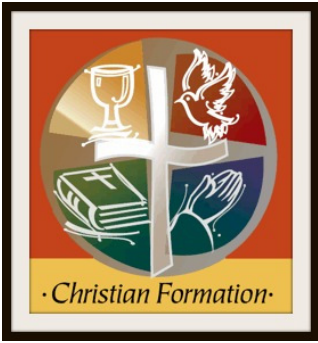
On **September 6th at 7:00 p.m.**, we will discuss Genesis, chapters 1-3.

On **September 13th at 7:00 p.m.**, we will discuss Genesis, chapters 4-6

For a reference guide, we are using the books, *Genesis for Everyone, Parts 1 and 2*, by John Goldingay. This book is widely available in both paperback and E-book formats via Amazon and other online outlets. Procuring the book is not a requirement for participation, but Gary will not be placing a "group order."

The schedule for the entire study can be found by following this link to the Trinity website. Look under the tab labeled "Bible Study": <https://trinitywauwatosa.org/formationfellowship>

**Zoom Meeting Bible Study Credentials are:**  
**Meeting ID: 850 3195 1433 - Passcode: 354418**



## Christian Formation Begins September 10!

We are excited to announce the return of Christian Formation. Adult Formation class will meet upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, beginning on September 10 at 9am, but please join us in that space on September 10 for some conversation and to learn about various ministry opportunities available as we are working to return to many of the activities which we have missed through the pandemic.

The nursery will be open at 9 am on September 10 with paid staff member Allison Corn and a second rotating adult volunteer (Ann Brophy, Denise Curran, Vanessa Eisenmann, Laura Toro, or Beth Vogel). Formation for kids in 4K-High School will meet downstairs at 9 am. Middle and High School students will meet with Emily and Jim Watkins in a downstairs classroom. Just look for the sign outside each classroom door.

### Elementary Christian Formation

We are glad to announce we will have two elementary classes this year. One class for JK-2nd grade kids taught by Jenice Carolan and Sharon Long and one class for kids in 3rd-5th grade taught by Liz Paulsen and Jane McSweeney. If you would be interested in helping to teach on a rotating basis, please contact Jenice Carolan at [carolan.jenice@gmail.com](mailto:carolan.jenice@gmail.com) or Liz Paulsen at [liz.paulsen@yahoo.com](mailto:liz.paulsen@yahoo.com).

We will continue using the curriculum "God's Big Story", which invites children to enter into the narrative of God's love and faithfulness for all his children. It explores the bible from creation and the fall to Jesus' victory on the cross and the promise of heaven.

Kids are invited to attend class independently but parents are more than welcome to stay for part or all of the class. We begin class with a lesson, followed by a craft, and end with a snack. It is important to let the teacher know if your child has any allergies. **Please join us!**

### Fall 2023 Christian Formation Schedule

Sept. 10, 17, and 24

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 (No Christian Formation on Oct. 29)

Nov. 5, 12, 19 (No Christian Formation on Nov. 26, Nursery Closed)

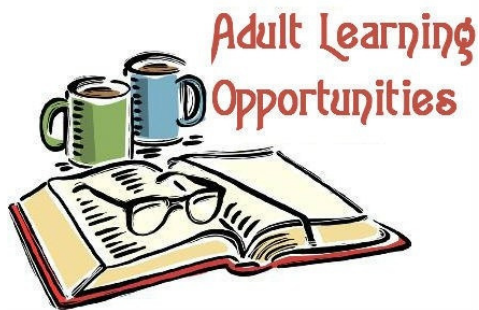
Dec. 3, 10, 17 (No Christian Formation on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, Nursery Closed)



### Ministry Fair—September 10th

Be sure to check out the various opportunities for involvement at Trinity Church at our annual Ministry Fair! Drop by the Parish Hall before or after the Adult Forum to take a peek at ministry descriptions and to sign up to participate and/or receive more information. The Fair will continue during Fellowship

Time following the 10:00 a.m. liturgy, when a few representatives of the ministries on display will be available to answer any questions you may have. The sign-up sheets will remain available through the end of September.



## Adult Forum

### Psalms and Sonnets in September

*"The Psalms offer us a way of joining in a chorus of praise and prayer that has been going on for millennia and across all cultures." -- N. T. Wright*

*"It is good to fold poetry into our prayer life." -- Malcolm Guite*

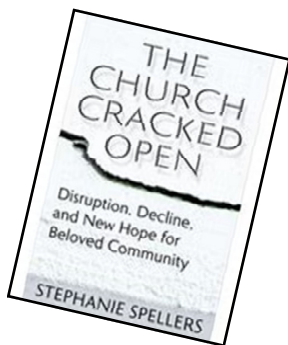
The newly formed Adult Formation Committee invites you to a conversation about holy poetry. For three Sunday mornings in September (10, 17 and 24) we will gather in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am for a time of learning together. We will center each week's discussion on the Psalm appointed for that day's worship by the Revised Common Lectionary, and supplemented by a sonnet based on that Psalm written by Anglican priest, poet and songwriter, Malcolm Guite. The Psalms we will be reading together are:

September 10 -- Psalm 119:33-40

September 17 -- Psalm 103

September 24 -- Psalm 145

No preparation necessary! We look forward to seeing you for Adult Forum!



## Summer Reading Project Continued..... 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. 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, September 18 — to discuss Chapters 5-8**

**Monday, October 16 — to discuss Chapters 7 & 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, September 19 — to discuss Chapters 5-8**

**Tuesday, October 17 — to discuss Chapters 7 & 8**

*Zoom Login Credentials:*

Meeting ID: **841 0938 3984**

Passcode: **756754**

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>



## Episcopal Youth Community (EYC),

which is open to youth in grades 6th-12th, will have its first gathering on Sunday, September 17 from 5-7 p.m. at St. Paul's in Milwaukee in coordination with youth from

four other parishes. Pizza will be provided. If you can help carpool from Trinity, please contact Liz Paulsen at [liz.paulsen@yahoo.com](mailto:liz.paulsen@yahoo.com). More details will be sent via email. If you would like to be on the email list for EYC, please contact Gary Manning.

## Trinity Youth Group Calendar—September 2023/June 2024

September 17 -- MKE Youth Collab – Meet at St. Paul's Church, 5-7 pm

October 1 -- Trinity EYC – Hike the Ice Age Trail at Holy Hill – 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

October 15 -- MKE Youth Collab – Meet at St. Paul's Church, 5-7 pm

November 5 -- Trinity EYC – Afternoon Outing – Bowling or Rock Climbing (TBD) – 3 -5 pm

November 19 -- MKE Youth Collab – Meet at St. Paul's Church, 5-7 pm

December 10 -- Trinity EYC – Advent Party! Location TBD, 5-7 pm

January 14 -- Trinity EYC – IRON CHEF RETURNS! @Trinity Church, 5-7 pm

February 4 -- Trinity EYC – Movie Night! @Trinity Church, 5-7 pm

February 25 -- MKE Youth Collab – Meet at St. Paul's Church, 5-7 pm

March 17 -- MKE Youth Collab – Meet at St. Paul's Church, 5-7 pm

April 7 -- Trinity EYC – Activity TBD – @Trinity Church 5-7 pm

April 21 -- MKE Collab – Meet at St. Paul's Church, 5-7 pm

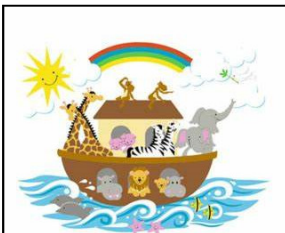
May 5 – Trinity EYC – Afternoon Outing, TBD, 3-5 pm

May 19 – Trinity EYC – Cookout w/ Parents, Siblings and "Rising" 6th Graders!  
@Trinity Church, 5-7 pm

June 14 & 15 -- MKE Collab Service Project – Overnight Event. Details to Follow

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## Nursery and Service Viewing



Children are always welcome in church but if you would like to utilize our nursery, it is open and staffed during the 10 am service, year-round excluding Sundays near holidays. The nursery will be closed on Nov. 26, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Starting Sept. 10, the nursery will open at 9 am, for anyone who would like to utilize the nursery while they attend Adult Formation.

We also have a room adjacent to the nursery with a changing table, rocking chair and the service can be heard. The service can also be heard in the library. The 10 am service can be viewed outside of the downstairs classrooms. Please see an usher if you need help finding any of these areas.



## Blanket Tying Crew Travels to Kathy's House!

We will be tying blankets on September 18th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Kathy's House. We will both tie blankets and tour this hospital guest house.

Kathy's House is a vital resource in the Milwaukee healthcare community. Their home is a caring place where mutual support thrives. It is the only hospital guest house in southeastern Wisconsin that serves guests of all ages receiving care at all area hospitals.

Kathy's is located at 9109 W. Doyne, just north of Wisconsin Ave and 91st. Parking is available in the lot connected to the house.

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## Thanksgiving Dinner

We are exploring the idea of having a Thanksgiving celebration at Trinity again! It's been around 10 years since the last time we did this. It was so much fun. We are looking to see if there is any interest. We will need some light kitchen help, set up, clean up, and of course hungry pilgrims!

If this is of interest to you, please let us know by following this link <https://bit.ly/thanksgivingattrinity> and submitting your response by September 15 so the committee can begin to prepare for this fabulous

feast. It works just like a family event, cooking starts in the morning, snacks, and Packers football at 11:30 am, and eat around 4:00 pm.

P.S. If you didn't know, the dish washer in our parish hall kitchen is fabulous!

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## Ministry Corner

What ministries/groups are at Trinity? Is there a ministry you might want to join? Maybe you want some more information about the group before you consider joining it. If these are some questions you have asked yourself, we have information coming your way.

Each month, 2 or 3 organizations will be reaching out to the Parish via the Tidings, e-news, bulletin, table in the narthex, and/or a verbal announcement. These groups will share who they are, what they do, and what the time commitment is if you would like to be a part of their ministry.

In the meantime, if you have questions about any of the following ministries:

Lectors, Ushers, Choir, Buildings and Grounds, First Friday Fellowship, Altar Guild, Altar Flowers, Vestry, Caregivers, Auction Committee, Outreach Committee, Parish Life, Men's Group, EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), Children's Committee or any group not listed, please reach out to vestry members Jenice Carolan, Jill Paradowski, Bill Robison, or Laura Toro and they can help you get in contact with the right person (vestry members have blue name tags).

Use [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com) for contact information or call the Parish Office)



## Awesome Auction For Outreach

November 4, 2023 on-line and in-person

Theme: "Games and Fun Night"

Trinity's Awesome Auction for Outreach will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 6:30 until 9:00 in the Parish Hall. We will be using the 32Auction online bidding site (same as last year), and have the items available to bid on a few days prior to the live event.

Tickets will be available in early October for \$5.00 in advance, or \$10.00 at the door.

This year's theme is Games and Fun night, and we will have three main games for everyone to participate in throughout the evening:

**Family Feud**  
**The Price is Right**  
**Minute to Win It**

Whether you actively participate in a game, or cheer on the contestants from the sidelines, we encourage you to dress up as your favorite game host or hostess, or favorite character in a game you like to play! Some examples could include a character from the game of Clue or Monopoly, a Queen of Hearts from a deck of cards, etc. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume! Other games will be available to play in the lounge such as Jenga, checkers, and more.

We have a great night planned for the Kids Auction. The kid's party is free, and open to children four years and older. Please sign up ahead of time so we can plan accordingly. Look for the sign-up sheet in early October. There will be games, crafts, snacks, and a movie. The Kid's Party is held downstairs in the Sunday School area at the same time as the Awesome Auction is going on upstairs. See Jenice Carolan with questions.

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 condo or cottage availability, theater tickets – you get the idea.

Pre-auction fund raising events will be held in the narthex after the 10:00 service during three Sundays in October. You won't want to miss the fun!

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 and 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.



## Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

Earlier this summer, Trinity Church lost one of our quiet and faithful parishioners, Sammie Lou Krieger. Sammie Lou died just a few days ahead of her ninetieth birthday, though some of her friends and extended family had already conducted a proper celebration with her a couple of weeks before her death (the photo accompanying this article was taken at Sammie Lou's party!).

While she had been unable to attend Sunday worship for some time because of her health, Sammie Lou was committed to Trinity and her parish community. During her time as a parishioner, Sammie Lou participated in all aspects of parish life, but she was especially fond of her Women's Guild friends, and did her best to never miss a meeting!

One part of Sammie Lou's life that many folks may not know is that, through the years, she housed dozens of medical students from all over the world while they completed their studies at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She labored tirelessly to make sure the students she hosted weren't simply "boarders," but that they were part of a home with a "family feel." The fact so many of her "kids" kept in touch with her long after their graduation is witness to the ways in which hospitality wasn't simply a word for Sammie Lou, but that it was her ministry.

Sammie Lou's ashes were interred in the Trinity Church Columbarium (located in the Chapel of the Ascension) in a quiet Committal Liturgy on July 14, 2023. During that liturgy, those of us gathered gave thanks for a life well-lived -- a life full of faith, hope, and love. Recently, we have learned that Sammie Lou's generosity of spirit and commitment to this parish community will be reflected in a bequest from her estate. Thoughtful to the end, Sammie Lou's generous gift will continue to support the ministry of this parish which she loved so much.

*O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, Sammie Lou, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*





## Prayer List Coordinator

Recently, Gary Manning reconvened the Trinity Caregivers, which through the years has functioned as a pastoral care support team supplementing the ministry of the rector in many practical ways, such as: arranging meals for those recently home from the hospital or dealing with extended illness; sending cards to parishioners who are experiencing illness, life transition, etc.; coordinating funeral receptions; and much more. One key aspect of the Caregivers ministry had been the upkeep and coordination of the Parish Prayer List.

Because parishioners' privacy is of utmost importance, names which appear in the Sunday bulletin and which are read aloud during the liturgy simply list first names without any other identifying information. Prior to the pandemic, the Prayer List Coordinator kept a more detailed log of who we were praying for, what we were praying for, and how long that person had been on the list. In the past, our practice was to put a name on the prayer list for six weeks, and then follow up to see if they needed to remain on the list for another six weeks. Our goal is to be attentive to folks requesting our prayers, while simultaneously working to keep the list from growing unmanageable.

For some time now, the task of receiving prayer requests has, by default, been handled from the parish office, and requests can still be submitted there, but we are delighted to announce that longtime Trinity parishioner, Jessie Bulgrin, has agreed to serve as our new Prayer List Coordinator. You may submit your prayer requests via email to Jessie at [bulgrinbirdie@gmail.com](mailto:bulgrinbirdie@gmail.com). Thank you, Jessie, for your willingness to serve!



## Habitat For Humanity ReStore

Habitat for Humanity ReStore has several stores in the Milwaukee area. Funds raised from the donations to Habitat are used to

build homes in Milwaukee. On Tuesday, August 8, Habitat for Humanity ReStore picked up three pieces of furniture and ten boxes of household items left over from the rummage sale. Gary and Noah from Habitat for Humanity ReStore thanked Trinity for these donations that are used to build homes. The next time you have tools or useful household items you would like to donate consider donating them to Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Visit their website for more information.





## West Maui Wildfire

The blaze that swept through West Maui is the deadliest US wildfire in over a century. The town of Lahaina has been destroyed. Please consider helping Episcopal Relief and Development work with local partners to provide relief and support. You can make an urgent tax-deductible donation to Episcopal Relief and Development Response Fund by following this link. [Homepage - Episcopal Relief & Development](#)



## School Supplies Delivered!!

Forty two backpacks filled with school supplies were delivered to Sojourner Family Peace Center on August 21st!

Eight empty backpacks were also sent along for filling with supplies that the domestic violence shelter had already received.

Sojourner also received half of the proceeds of our summer rummage sale, so you might be interested in knowing a bit about the services they provide to children.

Children accompany their mothers while they are staying at the shelter, seeking justice and utilizing the programs offered to get their lives back on track. Services specifically for children include:

- Child Witness to Domestic Violence – this is a support group for parents and children where topics of relationships, safety, strengthening family, etc are discussed at age-appropriate levels.
- Teen Group speaking about healthy relationships
- Drop-in childcare for children whose parent is receiving services at Sojourner.
- Camp Hope – year-round program culminating in a one-week camp during the summer. It is the only camp in the state to focus specifically on children who have experienced domestic violence.
- Partners on-site which offer services for children include Children’s Wisconsin which offers counseling, and Milwaukee Public Schools, which helps with school-related needs such as enrollment, transportation and more.

A huge thank you to Kathy Longeway, Jill and Paul Paradowski and everyone who contributed supplies to make a difference to children who are caught up in difficult and distressing circumstances.





## Fellowship/Coffee Hour needs your help?

It is wonderful to see folks gather together after the Sunday Liturgy for social time. The weather has cooperated and we have been able to greet one another outside the red doors.

We have enjoyed coffee, lemonade, water, and a variety of snacks.

Our fellowship crew is small and have done a fantastic job of moving all the

drinks and snacks outside and then bringing the beverage containers and empty plates upstairs to the kitchen to be washed.

### Here is where you can help!

- Please join us for fellowship following the 10:00 am liturgy.
- Share your home baked goods or pick up something extra from the grocery store for Sunday morning fellowship.
- Some snack ideas are cookies, coffee cake, fruit, cheese, sausage, or any kind of snacks.
- If you have a favorite snack, bring it or ask Jill Paradowski to pick it up when she shops.
- Purchase a package or 2 of 6 inch paper plates and napkins and bring them to the parish kitchen.
- The last important way you can help is to occasionally or regularly help in the kitchen with clean up after fellowship. Barb Hagon and Jill Paradowski get everything ready for snacking. It only takes 20 to 30 minutes of your time to help with kitchen clean up.
- Thank you! See you at Fellowship either outside or in the Parish Hall.



# TIDINGS

Trinity Church  
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September, 2023



## Save the Dates!

**Zoom Bible Study Resumes—September 6**

**Christian Formation Begins—September 10**

**Adult Forum Begins—September 10**

**Ministry Fair—September 10**

***“The Church Cracked Open”* Book Discussion—Monday, September 18  
and Tuesday, September 19**

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) Gatherings Begin September 17**

**Awesome Auction—November 4**

# September 2023

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