

# The rinity Chimes

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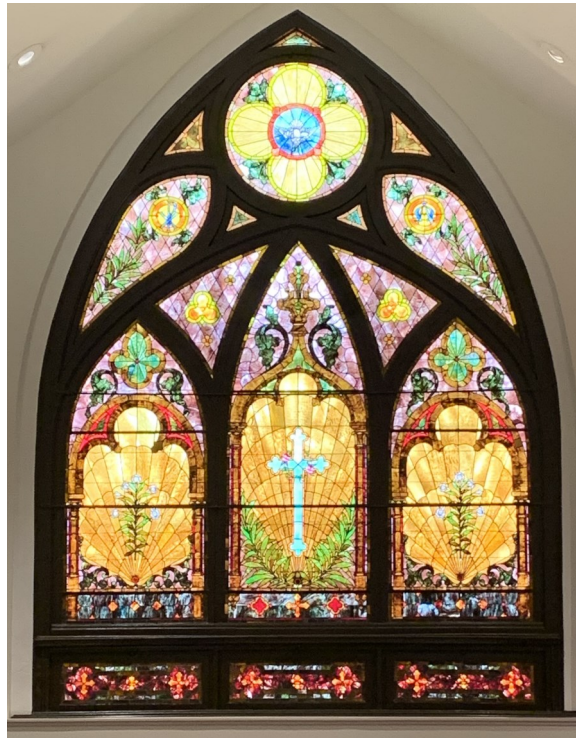
## Rector's Report

Dear Friends,

Each passing month brings new hope that we are coming closer to the end of the pandemic. More people are vaccinated, and the warm weather brings both hope and impatience: when are we going to get back to “normal”?

Here at Trinity, we have made two realizations. First, when we gather in small groups as fully vaccinated people, it does feel like it did before the pandemic. Let me hasten to add that we have protocols for how all committees, commissions, and other ministries are to gather.

If you would like to have your group gather in person, please contact the office ([info@trinitycovington.org](mailto:info@trinitycovington.org)) to schedule your meeting—regardless of whether you are gathering as a fully vaccinated group or as a mixed group of vaccinated and unvaccinated people. For mixed groups, we will continue to mask, physically distance, and follow other precautions making things feel less normal. But again, when I gathered recently with the Stephen Ministers, all of whom were vaccinated, it was a return to a comfortable kind of normal.



Second, when it comes to in-person worship, we are a little further from normal; masks and physical distancing may be around for a while. As far as worship goes, we are building this plane as we fly it, to use a tired, but useful, image. None of the staff and Sunday volunteers have ever done hybrid worship before, and we discover new twists and turns each week. Despite this, I sense even now, just a few weeks into this adventure, that people are starting to get impatient. They want normal *now*. For those feeling this way, I would ask your patience.

In the meantime, we are working to make the reservation system easier to navigate and less of a barrier to participation. We are also working to make hybrid worship (in-person and online) more welcoming and inclusive so that our “virtual” parishioners feel a part of the community. I am meeting with Trinity’s online folks to discuss how we can engage them and care for them.

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## FAMILY MINISTRIES

### Celebrate our youth on Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday marks the 50<sup>th</sup> day of Easter and is a joyous celebration and feast day in the church. It marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended among the followers of Jesus. They were so filled with the spirit that they began speaking in tongues and spreading Christianity throughout the world.

I can't think of a better way to celebrate Pentecost than with our youth. They are so full of the spirit and a contagious enthusiasm for the ways of Jesus! Members of our youth will be integral in all aspects of our service that day—from preaching to serving as readers, ushers, and acolytes.



We will also be celebrating our senior class—Kate Grayson, Tony Mattone, Mitchell Mohney, Nathan Wells, LiYe Whalen (St. Andrews

parish), and John Wharton.

Trinity has always supported our youth members and recognized them as full members of the body of Christ. I hope you will show your love and support for them on May 23 at the 10 a.m. service.

**Shannon Gemeinhardt,  
Director of Family Ministries**

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### Annual EYC camping trip to Red River Gorge

Trinity's youth group will make their annual trip to the Red River Gorge over Memorial Day weekend for a few days of camping, hiking, and fellowship before summer fills their calendar with family vacations and summer camps.

This final event of our EYC calendar is for youth completing grades 7-12.

For more information or to sign up, please reach out to Shannon Gemeinhardt at [familyministries@trinitycovington.org](mailto:familyministries@trinitycovington.org).



*Thank you to Shannon Gemeinhardt for these photos from last year's trip.*

# Summary of vestry minutes: March 8, 2021

## NEW BUSINESS

### **2021 budget:**

- Total income from pledgers and non-pledgers was \$59,120; expenses totaled \$109,655.
- Giving was up 6% and the average pledge went up 26%. The number of pledging units increased by 10% from 2020; however, some previous pledging units are not giving at this time.
- New budget includes a deficit of \$40,827.

### **Physical Resources discussion:**

- Suggestion made to use \$50,000 from the capital campaign to renovate the kitchen. Physical Resources chair is consulting with the architect and will present a preliminary report to vestry.
- Sacristy will be rearranged to make room for the stream team. Cameras and wiring have been installed, and cabinets have been moved out of the sacristy.
- Now that the budget has passed, Physical Resources chair will work with insurance company to settle a claim for wind damage
- In preparation for in-person services with COVID restrictions, additional hand sanitizer stations and four ionization units will be added to the sanctuary; and two additional portable air units will be added to the elevator and office.

### **Worship plans:**

- Kenton County is in the “orange zone” for COVID cases. In-person services will begin on March 21 with a maximum of 80 people (25% capacity). There will be an online system for reservations. All parishioners will have their temperatures checked before the service and will be asked to use hand sanitizer and sit in a designated pew for worship.
- There will be Easter services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and drive-through communion will be offered after the services.
- In April and May there will be services at 10 a.m. with some of the services taking place outside.

## ONGOING BUSINESS

### **Vestry listening session follow-up:**

- How does the vestry share the information from the retreat listening sessions with parishioners? Each group or commission will discuss these topics in upcoming issues of the *Chimes*.
- What will the vestry do with this information? The vestry will wait until April and May to have this discussion.
- When will small group meetings be allowed to return to the church? Peter will ask the Bishop.

**Next meeting: April 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Gina Russ, Clerk of the Vestry**

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## **College students: Check your mailboxes for a surprise care package!**

You will find fresh homemade cookies, healthy (but mostly unhealthy) snacks, a survival kit for remote students, and chocolate-covered pretzels featuring your school colors. Also look for a card featuring our prayer for each of you. Thank you to the following who baked cookies, donated snacks, and helped pack boxes:

Jean Brann	Emery Schmidt
Diane Gabbard	Gay Smith
Gary Gabbard	Mary Ann Weiss
Brenda Israel	Karen Wells
Janet Robinson	



*Diane Gabbard, Mary Ann Weiss, Janet Robinson, and Brenda Israel (not pictured) pack boxes of goodies.*

## MUSIC AT TRINITY

### Final concert of virtual 40<sup>th</sup> season

Pianist Jiao Sun is our performer for A Midday Musical Menu concert on Wednesday, May 19 at 12:15 p.m. Jiao will perform a Haydn sonata, the first movement of a Brahms sonata, and selections from Prokofiev *Visions Fugitives*. The recital will be live streamed and then available afterwards for viewing on Trinity's website and YouTube channel.



Jiao has earned an Artist's Diploma with Soyeon Kate Lee at CCM (College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati), where she is currently completing a Doctoral of Musical Arts degree in piano performance.

She has received a Master of Music degree in piano performance and literature with Douglas Humpherys and a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance with Rebecca Penneys at the Eastman School of Music.

She has also worked with Paul Schenly, Ann Schein, Bernadene Blaha, Amy I-Lin Cheng, and Guangren Zhou.

**John Deaver, Director of Music**

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**“Sun shared more than musical notes...she gave her heart and more...her playing reveals that passionate and imaginative spirit.”**

***The Chautauquan Daily***

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Jiao Sun was born in Harbin, China, and grew up in Beijing, where she was admitted to the Central Conservatory of Music at age nine as a national first prize winner. She debuted with orchestra at age eleven. Jiao has captured top prizes at the Memphis Repertory Orchestra International Concerto Competition, A Step Towards Mastery International Piano Competition, two Chautauqua Piano Competitions, the CCM Concerto Competition, the Rising Star Piano Competition, and the Golden Bell National Piano Competition for young musicians. She has performed in Russia, Britain, Hong Kong, and extensively in the United States and Mainland China.

Her highlights this season include winning the 3rd prize at the Ohio Tuesday Musical Scholarship Competition, winning the CCM Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award, being chosen as one of the twelve Semifinalists of the Washington International Piano Competition, which will be held this June. Recently she has been featured in the CCM Etude Project and in the emerging Chinese Magazine *ALONG*.

#### ~ Thank you ~

Special thanks for the people who continue to share music for our services.

Thank you to Soprano Amy Kelley, Mezzo-Soprano Elise Hyder, Tenor Jack Cox, and Soprano Anna Mosoriak who provided music for the live streams in April. Hopefully, it will not be too much longer before we can sing as a congregation again.

I appreciate all of our soloists who continue to give our worship a sense of normality in a time of transition.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### **Returning to normalcy: Anticipated summer events will be happening!**

#### **Trinity's annual picnic is back**



Trinity will host our annual picnic on June 6, 2021, and the location will be the lawn of the Children's Home of

Northern Kentucky. This event will start at noon since the service that day will be streamed at 10 a.m. from the church.

Please bring a salad or dessert dish to share; meats will be provided. Also we request that you wear a mask. Restrooms will be available in the Hannaford building, and we will have a tent to shelter us from the elements.

So we can have an idea of attendance, please RSVP to [info@trinitycovington.org](mailto:info@trinitycovington.org), preferably by May 31.

#### **Trinity Nursery reopens in May**

For our families with young children, we will be reopening the nursery for our 10 a.m. service beginning May 2.

Ms. Alison Moore, who has been with our nursery for many years, is excited to be back with our Trinity families.

The nursery is open to children ages 6 months to 3 years old. For more information, please contact Shannon Gemeinhardt at [familyministries@trinitycovington.org](mailto:familyministries@trinitycovington.org).

#### **Share your lockdown stories, news**

Visit Trinity's website to share stories about your life and activities during the lockdown, or just to send a greeting.

On the website click on Ministries > Parish Life, then scroll down to the Nurture icon and click on "Share Your Story." Or visit [trinitycovington.org/share-your-story](http://trinitycovington.org/share-your-story).

**Claire Outten**

#### **Punch in the Garden returns in May**

Trinity will begin Punch in the Garden on May 2 and will continue this social activity through the summer.

Since we will need volunteers for this after-church event, please feel free to volunteer by emailing [info@trinitycovington.org](mailto:info@trinitycovington.org).

The Nurture Commission will oversee Punch, so you can also contact one of us.

**Claire Outten**



#### **Mystery book discussions to continue in summer months**

TOMB will meet at 7 pm on May 17 to discuss *Fortune Favors the Dead* by Stephen Spotswood. Jane Owen will take the lead. In June we will be reading *Murder She Barked* by Krista Davis. Amy Kelley will be leading the discussion.



**T.O.M.B.**  
TRINITY ONLINE  
MYSTERY BUNCH

If you would like to join us, please send an email to Paula Wolfe at [teela1313@gmail.com](mailto:teela1313@gmail.com), and she will send you a zoom link.

**Paula Wolfe**

#### **Morning Prayer recommences**

We will gather for Morning Prayer beginning on Tuesday, May 4 at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings.

#### **Let's keep in touch**

Leave a message, greeting, prayer, or Bible verse on our Trinity Community Tree banner. The banner is on the fence in front of the courtyard. Or send an email to [nurturetree@trinitycovington.org](mailto:nurturetree@trinitycovington.org) and someone will add your message for you.

## FOCUS ON MISSION

### Diocese of Lexington Virtual Reading Camp Receives \$12,000 UTO Grant

United Thank Offering (UTO) has announced that the Diocese of Lexington will receive a \$12,000 grant for Virtual Reading Camp. The focus of the granting process this year was *Recovering with Love and Gratitude: An Episcopal Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Local Contexts*.

In March 2020, the COVID-19 crisis forced Reading Camp to put their typical in-person programs on hold and look for new ways to help struggling readers.

#### **Pandemic has slowed progress in reading**

While better-resourced families were able to access private help, underserved students did not have these opportunities and were quickly falling even further behind. Students who speak English as their second language were particularly disadvantaged. As families struggled to feed their families, education oftentimes ended up as a lower priority.

Virtual Reading Camp has helped these students catch up with their peers by distributing hundreds of free books, supplies, and pen-pal letters. A virtual literacy support program, Reading Camp Book Buddies, allows campers to meet remotely in a small group to work on reading skills, while Crafts with Counselors focuses on social and emotional wellness.

#### **Intense demand for virtual reading camp program**

The demand has been intense. Within hours of opening registration for the spring Reading Camp Book Buddies, all 45 slots for the program were filled and dozens more were placed on a waiting list.

The UTO grant will ensure that Virtual Reading Camp can continue to serve struggling students from Central and Eastern Kentucky. The funds will support a part-time staff position to focus on coordinating the virtual program, a pro Zoom subscription, and sets of books and instructional materials to ensure all have the same learning experience despite the virtual format.

#### **Reading Camp Buddies new session fall 2021**

A new session of Reading Camp Buddies is planned for fall 2021. It is hoped that the summer of

2022 will see the return of the familiar summer camp format for Reading Camp.



In an effort to respond quickly to communities impacted by the pandemic, UTO divided the 2020 ingathering funds into two separate granting cycles. Reading Camp applied for and received funding in the second granting cycle.

St. Martha's Episcopal Church, in partnership with Word of Hope Lutheran Church, received a COVID-19 pandemic grant in the first granting cycle of 2020 for their food ministry, A Caring Place.

Trinity has generously supported UTO for many years. A spring in-gathering will be held in May. If you have questions about how UTO funds grants, contact Diane Gabbard, Diocesan UTO Coordinator.

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As part of this, we will continue to have online coffee hour, even as we re-introduce "Punch in the Garden" on Sunday mornings so that parishioners can mingle outside after church.

My suspicion is that part of what is driving some of this impatience is unrecognized grief. Coming back in for worship, people find it is not the same as it was, and not what they imagined it would feel like when they came back. It's feeling let down mixed with a fear that things may never feel the same way they did before the pandemic.

At some point, in the not-too-distant future, I hope, we can return to "normal" worship with singing and people in pews close to each other, and we can give thanks to God that we have come through a difficult time guided by God's grace and love.

In Christ,  
*Peter*

# Liturgical Notes

## May 2: Easter 5

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Prayer Cycles: Anglican: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Diocesan: St. Alban's Church, Morehead: The Rev. Gretchen Weller, Priest-in-Partnership

## May 9: Easter 6

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Prayer Cycles: Anglican: The Anglican Church of Kenya

Diocesan: The Church of the Ascension, Mount Sterling: The Rev. Rob Slocum, Priest-In-Partnership

## May 16: Easter 7

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Prayer Cycles: Anglican: The Anglican Church of Korea

Diocesan: The University of the South: Reuben E. Brigety II, Vice-Chancellor; The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving, Chancellor; The Rev. Canon James F. Turrell, Ph.D., Dean, School of Theology

## May 23: Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Prayer Cycles: Anglican: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Diocesan: Trinity Church, Danville: The Rev. Steve Hines, Interim Rector

## May 30: Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29 or Canticle 13

Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Prayer Cycles: Anglican: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Diocesan: The Anglican Communion: The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, 105th Archbishop of Canterbury; The Most Rev. Michael Curry, 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

# May Birthdays

5/1 Keith Johnson  
5/2 Gail Kruempelman, Don Neff  
5/5 Gabe Escobedo, Joey Wells  
5/6 Ben Anderson  
5/7 Bill McKim; Josh Mitchell,  
Beth Carleton Scheper  
5/8 Violet Dickerson, Katheryn Grayson  
Clifton Jordan  
5/9 Maddie Adams, Claire Garamy,  
Jackson Kirstein  
5/10 Paul Wilson  
5/12 Paul Christoff, Betty Mitchell  
5/13 Paggy Lietzenmayer, Karl Schmitt

5/14 Rodney Hill  
5/15 Larry Kraft  
5/16 Gena Hill  
5/17 Diane Mohney  
5/19 John Otten  
5/20 Aiden Moore  
5/23 Katheryn Lindeman  
5/24 Cheryl Colby, Andrew Garamy  
5/28 Vincent Jordan, Ralph Wolff  
5/29 Landon Smock, Debra Taylor  
5/31 Joan Bullock





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**Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Covington serves a diverse community. We are committed to the celebration and worship of Jesus Christ in a parish nurtured by education and fellowship. As Christ's servants, we strive to share God's love, and our resources, in the greater community.**

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