

# MAY TRINITY TOPICS - 2024

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To live simply, we must take the actual steps. We must physically clear out the excess, you must take steps to prevent accumulation. We can't do it in our heads. Simplicity is not just an idea. That means it walks around our home with us. It gets in our car and goes to work with us. It shops with us. Our body is in on the act. Our body wears the clothes. Our body eats. Our body fasts. Our body is a sacramental presentation to all who accept that this is real, healthy, and whole.

The visibility of simplicity makes it a witness and accounts for some of its influence on others. Simplicity is an inner harmony others can see.... Thinking about simplicity can occupy us for centuries. Head trips never end. People can speculate forever about what can be done or what is possible and helpful. Jesus didn't speculate. He walked the streets. He got dusty, dirty, and probably smelly. He was out in the sun. He appreciated a footwash so much that John records it.

Spiritual writer Paula Huston considers how Jesus invited people to simplicity. When adopted with a whole heart and for a lifetime, simplicity leads to an often striking tranquility.... At least some of the "good news" that Jesus brought had to do with this kind of liberation. The New Testament is filled with reassurances that this world is a safe place for us to be. Time and again, Jesus reminds us that God loves us and will provide what we need. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear," he says. "For life is more than food and the body more than clothing" (Luke 12:22-23)....

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO GATHER FOR  
WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM THROUGH THE SUMMER.**

***(PS — WE NOW HAVE AIR CONDITIONING IN THE SANCTUARY!)***



## **PENTECOST — Sunday, May 19 - 10:30 am**



Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church

## **TRINITY SUNDAY, May 26 - 10:30 am**

We believe in one God, who is a Trinity of Persons.

We believe the First Person of the Trinity, traditionally called Father, is the Creator and Sustainer of all life from the beginning of time.

We believe in Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, and traditionally called the Son. Jesus walked the earth as middle-eastern Jewish male over 2000 years ago. He was a rabbi, a teacher, who called people to follow him in the Way of Love. Jesus was crucified by Imperial Rome, died, and was buried. After three days, he rose again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit dwells within us; inviting, encouraging, and calling us to follow the Way of Love as personified in the work and teachings of Jesus.



### **LECTORS, ACOLYTES, AND USHERS**

**Rehearsal: May 18, at 9:30 am—10:30 am**

Pentecost is May 19 — 10:30 am

**Rehearsal: June 1 at 9:30 am**

June 2: Bishop White will be here.

### **From Bishop White: Discernment Gatherings**

Dear People of God in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, In my first weeks as your bishop, I have been so grateful for the opportunities I have had to meet with many of you and learn about your ministries. I feel the Holy Spirit moving powerfully in our midst, and I am eager to continue learning from you so that, together, we can shape a vision for our ministry.



To jumpstart our work, I have asked [Ministry Architects](#) to facilitate six days of discernment gatherings from April 29 to May 1 and from May 6 to May 8 in locations across the diocese and on Zoom. I hope that you will attend one of the meetings so that your voice and experience can inform the future of our ministry together. The link below will give you more information and how to sign up.

Go to the Diocese of Southern Ohio and "search" Discernment Gatherings".

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BISHOP WHITE WILL BE LEADING  
WORSHIP AT TRINITY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2—10:30 AM.**



**MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE . . . .**

Workers were here this week working on the irrigation system and cleaning the garden of leaves, etc. Progress !





# DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN OHIO NEWS

## PROCTER CENTER — SUMMER CAMPS AND MORE

Procter Center provides a safe, inviting, and spacious rural setting that cultivates spiritual formation, models sustainable living, and celebrates God's love and reconciliation through hospitality, prayer, study, work and play.

Procter Center is a ministry center of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, *with camps for children, youth, and families.* We are part of the Episcopal Church

**The Procter Center** has started sending out information about various camps and events.

If you have children who might be interested in Summer Camp, check with the office, or Jim Beerbower (our Sr. Warden), about Trinity helping with camp fees.



## SUMMER CAMP

### 2024 Camp Dates

June 9 – 14, Senior High Camp  
June 16 – 19, Middler Camp –  
June 20 – 22, Family Camp 1  
July 7 – 12, Junior High Camp  
July 14 – 16, Camp Launch – Ages 18-23  
July 18 – 20, Grown-Up Camp  
July 21 – 25, Conservation Camp – Ages 12-16  
July 30 – August 2, Family Camp 2  
August 4 – 7, Primary Camp  
August 8 – 11, Silver & Gold Camp – Young adults  
& senior adults



More info

## PROCTER FARM



### Procter Market



Online and onsite, farm-raised, fresh foods are available for purchase. Honey from our bee hives, fresh-to-frozen, humanely and pasture-raised pork and chicken, as well as eggs from our beloved laying-hens are some of the times available. All of our animals are free of hormones and GMOs.

Order Here



### Kids Garden Club

It is scientifically proven that having a positive relationship to nature makes a person more relaxed and healthier. We want to help give kids and opportunity to explore the outdoors through the safety of our garden. Each session focuses on a different aspect of a plant or food. Kids have the chance to get their hands dirty, be outdoors, rain or shine, and be reflective and in community, in nature. 11am till noon.

#### Dates

May 25  
July 2  
October 5



Financial assistance may be available. Please check with Sr. Warden, Jim Beerbower

# OUTREACH



Meals for  
foster and  
adoptive  
families

## Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes is a great way to introduce foster and adoptive ministry to your community, and at the same time, effectively serve the fostering and adoptive families in your area.

### What is it?

Loaves and Fishes participants assemble casserole style meals that can be frozen, stored, and delivered to foster and adoptive families who then bake and serve.

While a simple meal may feel like a small blessing to give, it can go a long way in providing encouragement to the families who receive it. At the end of an especially difficult day, not having to worry about one more thing is a welcome sense of relief to foster and adoptive families.

### How can I get involved?

You could host a loaves and fishes event with a church group, a group of friends, your family, or a school group. All you need is a group of people willing to serve, ingredients, a kitchen, and we will provide the rest!

If you're interested in hosting a loaves and fishes event, contact our Outreach Coordinator, Penny Hoekstra, at [phoekstra@isaiahspplace.com](mailto:phoekstra@isaiahspplace.com). She will provide guidance, recipes and trays for the meals. We will freeze the meals and deliver them to foster and adoptive families.

Call us at (937)-335-3701  
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## Still Needed



Would you like to volunteer to help with a mission of the church, without having to leave your home, or come to a meeting.

We are looking for someone who would like to be responsible for sending birthday and anniversary cards to our members.

You would be supplied with a list of birthdays and anniversaries dates for each month, cards, stamps, and labels.

If anyone would be interested, please contact Char in the office 335-7747



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH





# News to Know



Shannon Hanf (5-3)  
Javier Pfeiler (5/3)  
Casie Duchak (5/9)  
Michael Anticoli (5/12)  
Jo Stull (5/25)  
Braxton Davis (5/26)

## *Mothers Day is May 12!*

The men will serve a brunch for all ladies of the church from 9 am -10 am. All are welcome.



Ladies of the church will receive a rose as a token of our love this Mother's Day and in memory of Dale Benedict who began this tradition.

**Men -- help is needed! Contact:  
Dave Cobb (698-4708) or Jim Beerbower**

## RUMMAGE SALE

Trinity Episcopal Church  
60 South Dorset Rd., Troy

MAY 2      May 3      May 4  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
HOURS: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM EACH DAY

Treat yourself to something fanciful,  
needed, interesting, useful !  
All at great prices! All for a good cause!

All proceeds donated to the Torrence Medical Fund.

The Torrence Medical Fund, Health Partners, the Miami County Dental Clinic, and Partners in Hope operate with the shared concept that encourages recipients to reclaim charge of their own lives. The Fund provides financial assistance to meet a legitimate but unaffordable medical need in conjunction with critical life skill counseling.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Contemplative Prayer 9:15 –11:00

**Mondays:** Via Zoom:

**Zoom Meeting ID: 818 9854 4534**

**Password: 438678**

### Vestry

2nd Monday of the Month: May 13 at 7:00 pm

### Celtic Prayer

**Wednesdays: 7:00 pm in the** Workman Lounge

### Thursdays: 11:00 am Book Study

May 16 will be our last meetng

Workman Lounge

*Caste: The Origins of Our  
Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson

## ON THE CALENDAR IN MAY

Fellowship Committee — Thursday, May 2, 1:00 pm

Building & Grounds — Monday, May 6, 10:30 am

Vestry — Monday, May 14, 7:00 pm

Social Ministry/Outreach — May 16 9:30 am in the PH

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