

Trinity Topics

October 2025

Southern Ohio honors 150 years as a diocese with special celebration at Procter Center

Nearly 300 people gathered last weekend at our camp, farm, and conference center



Last Saturday, nearly 300 people from across and beyond the diocese gathered at Procter Center to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

The day included camp fun, like hayrides and fishing, as well as opportunities to hear and share stories of faith and discipleship in this place, whether through a 25-year time capsule and the history exhibits offered by congregations and diocesan ministries, through Beloved Community Storysharing hosted by Miriam McKenney, or over a shared meal, served up hot by Sweet Meats BBQ Food Truck.

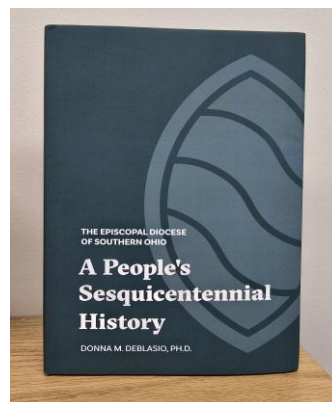
The day concluded with a festive Eucharist planned by the new diocesan Liturgy Team. Our worship centered around our theme for the day, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," and featured joyful music from the St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights drumming group, the St. Margaret's, Trotwood Gospel Choir, a drop-in choir directed by Stephen Sollars, a brass quartet, violin, organ, piano, guitar, and more! Eucharist was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Kristin White, tenth bishop diocesan, with preaching from Miriam McKenney, missionary for Beloved Community.

Miriam, who grew up and was formed in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, shared about the gifts of discipleship and faith she had received growing up at St. Andrew's, Evanston and working with Forward Movement. She called the diocese to go beyond the walls of the building to be the church in and with the world, sharing in the story of the Good News as had been taught to us.

Bishop White reflected on the celebration sharing, "In 1875, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Augustus Jaggard served as the first bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. On this 150th anniversary, it is an honor and a blessing to serve as the tenth bishop of this diocese. What a joy to celebrate the life and ministry we share!"

This event happened only due to the hard work of many people including our diocesan and Procter staff, our planning team (Jerusalem Greer, Canon Julie Murray, Miriam McKenney, Canon Katie Forsyth), liturgy team (the Rev. Jason Prati, the Rev. Benjamin Speare-Hardy, Anny Stevens-Gleason, the Rev. Sallie Schisler, and Dr. Sarah Simko), and with the original vision for our celebration shepherded by John Harris, Jr. and the Very Rev. Owen Thompson. Thank you!

The Diocese kindly mailed a copy of the commemorative 150th "A People's Sesquicentennial History" book to Trinity. It is available in the church office for read/return, there is also a letter from Canon Katie Forsyth enclosed in the book that provides instructions if a personal copy of the book is desired for ordering. Please drop by the office to borrow the book, a wonderful read with delightful history.





October is Stewardship Month

Mark 12:41-44 ⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.^[a] ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Stewardship should remind us of God's desire that we be generous. In the Lord's eye, this poor widow gave more than all the others put together, though her gift was by far the smallest. The value of a gift is not determined by its amount, but by the spirit in which it is given. A gift given grudgingly or for recognition loses its value. When you give, remember—no matter how small or large your income, your stewardship is pleasing to God when it is given out of gratitude and a spirit of generosity. *The Handbook of Bible Application: Copyright ©2000 Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved.*

November 9 Stewardship Sunday during 10:30 am Worship Service. All are invited to the joyous celebration of God's abundance for us and return of our Stewardship cards to honor His glory. Please plan on joining us after the Service for a Soup and Salad Luncheon served by our Vestry.

WARDEN'S WORLD

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND ALL THAT IS IN IT" Psalm 24:1

Dear Trinity Parish,

The Psalm above beautifully summarizes the heart of stewardship- that everything we have is a gift from God. Therefore, it is our gift and joy to give back of ourselves in thanksgiving for that which God has given us.

Jesus invites us to look ahead in Luke 14:28 when he says, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete?" We are called as a church to prayerfully consider how we spend our funds, and we cannot do that if we do not know how much will come in during a given year. Your pledge allows the vestry to "estimate the cost" ahead of each fiscal year, and for that we are immensely grateful.

Returning a portion of what we have is a recognition that we are merely stewards of our resources. God does not want all of our money. Rather, God wants all of us- heart, mind, and soul. This brings us to a reflection question to ponder: How do we live in gratitude for the blessings we have received?

Stewardship is a journey. Wherever you find yourself on that journey, please consider taking the step of making a promise or pledge. Increase your pledge, if possible, as you strive to become a proportionate giver.

Once again, the amount is not the critical decision. It is the willingness to give from the heart and not from fear. The goal is not based on a dollar amount, but to receive some commitment from everyone who considers Trinity their Parish Home.

Be Safe, Be Well, We Love You

Jim

Faith in Action

Worship Committee:

- Acolyte Training led by the generous Pfeiler family was held on Oct 12 at 10am for our younger and potential acolytes.
- Kirking of the Tartan Sunday is scheduled for November 16. Musical Director, Joel Hootman is preparing the music selections and is updating our future Taize songs in the coming weeks.
- All Saints Sunday, November 2, will also host a Baptism. Reverend Charlotte Collins Reed will be presiding. There will be a celebration in the Fellowship Hall following the service for baby Warren. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex for those who would like to commemorate loved ones who have passed for the All Saints portion of the Worship Service.
- Children's Programs Two children's school programs will be purchased with monies from the Wigmore Fund to be used by our Children's Moment Worship Group.
- Rummage Sale; Next sale will be October 25. All proceeds aid the Torrence Medical Fund.

Outreach Committee:

- The Miami County Health Department does accept donations and needs diapers.
- Committee will ask the youth of the Parish to host a non-perishable food drive for All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2. Please refer to posting in Topics newsletter and current Worship Bulletins.
- Funds remaining for Loaves and Fishes casseroles. The committee is planning another casserole preparation in the upcoming months.
- Partners in Hope and the Torrence Fund have been sent checks from the Outreach Budget. Partners in Hope sent a thank card in response.
- The committee continues to work with Partners in Hope and the Garden Manor on the Educational Meal Preparation Program. They are actively submitting grants, donating and partnering with other churches to fund this free program for registered families.

Vestry Meeting:

- Next meeting is October 15, with Reverend Melanie Slane in attendance to discuss moving forward with future Priest.
- Safe Church Training site access provided to potential Sunday School Teachers.
- Organ repair has been completed
- Kirking of the Tartans is set for November 16 with a Bagpiper present

- Supply clergy, Reverend Charlotte Collins Reed has tentatively scheduled to be with us on 11/2, 011/16, 12/7, and 12/21. Vestry and the Church Office is working to fill remaining Sundays with other supply clergy.
- Stewardship Sunday November 9, Vestry hosting a soup and salad luncheon following Worship Service.
- Other committee reports were presented.

Building and Grounds:

- Tree Maintenance – several trees require pruning or removal. Seeking an estimate from a tree service business for pruning.
- Preventive Maintenance – Boiler and AC systems have been inspected/serviced with no outstanding issues discovered.
- In-process issues – Front steps light not working-new fixture ordered. Weed problem-estimates being received by yard crews. Playground equipment upgrade-waiting for contractor. Boiler replacement-long-term plan-working with Rieck Staff for options and estimates. Annual parking lot repairs-final painting to be completed in October. Security Camera Training and Maintenance-B&G committee and office staff will be meeting with security company to evaluate system and provide input.
- Other business – Tree on east side of campus was struck during a traffic accident. A copy of the police report was obtained. Glass and debris were cleaned by church maintenance. Additional housekeeping has been necessary throughout church campus due to excess dry weather causing an abundance of spider webs in structures. Revision to church office desk completed.

FOOD DRIVE FOR FIRST PLACE FOOD PANTRY

Please bring non-perishable food to be donated to our local food pantry on October 19, 26 or November 2 and put in the box by the front door. The donations will be blessed at the altar on All Saints Sunday, November 2.

There is always a need for canned vegetables, spaghetti, canned tuna, boxed mac and cheese, and peanut butter. Other helpful items are canned fruit, cereal, and soup. With Thanksgiving coming up, stuffing mix and cranberry sauce is also appreciated.

THANK YOU TRINITY!

Blessing of the Pets Sunday was October 5

We had a wonderful service led by Reverend Charlotte Collins Reed. Please enjoy the photo's below:



Just for You

Did you know the Vestry provides us with a daily devotional booklet to use at home? The booklets may be found in the Narthex on either side of the door, with a few kept in the church office if you would like to stop by for pick-up. There are a few booklets remaining for the month of October and new ones available for the upcoming months. Enjoy God's Word here at church and in the comfort of your home. We ask that you take one booklet per household, please.

