

# THE MESSAGE

The Newsletter of **Trinity Episcopal Cathedral** *A House of Prayer for All People* • June 2016



Some of the many people baptized and confirmed at Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock on May 1, 2016

## Second Season of INSIGHTS Announced!

A series of lectures and talks highlighting some of America's leading religious writers and theologians in the setting of Arkansas's historic Episcopal Cathedral. The Theological Enrichment Committee is pleased to announce our 2016-2017 season of Insights: A Series of Lectures & Talks Highlighting Some of America's Leading Religious Writers and Theologians.

**Barbara Brown Taylor: September 8, 2016** - Barbara Brown Taylor is a New York Times best-selling author, professor, and Episcopal priest. Her first memoir, Leaving Church, won a 2006 Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association. Her last book, Learning to Walk in the Dark, was featured in TIME magazine. She has served on the faculty of Piedmont College since 1998 as the Butman Professor of Religion & Philosophy and has been a guest lecturer at Emory, Duke, Princeton, and Yale. Taylor and her husband Ed live on a farm in the foothills of the Appalachians, sharing space with wild turkeys, red foxes, white-tailed deer and far too many chickens. Barbara's appearance is made possible by a generous donation from the Cindy Bost Wellness Trust.

**Donald Miller: October 20, 2016** - Donald Miller is a student of story. He's the author of New York Times Best Sellers: "Blue Like Jazz," "A Million Miles in a Thousand Years," and "Scary Close." He co-wrote the major motion picture "Blue Like Jazz" which debuted at the SXSW Film Festival and was listed as one of the top four movies to get you through freshman year by USA Today. He has served on The Presidential Task Force for Fatherhood and Healthy Families, a joint effort between government and the private sector to rewrite the story of fatherlessness in America. Currently, he helps people live a better story at www.storylineblog.com and helps leaders grow their businesses at www.storybrand.com. Donald lives in Nashville, Tennessee, with his wife, Betsy, and their chocolate lab, Lucy. Donald's appearance is made possible by a generous donation from Julie & Chris Keller.

Lauren Winner: April 22, 2017 - Lauren F. Winner writes and lectures widely on Christian practice, the history of Christianity in America, and Jewish-Christian relations. Her books include Girl Meets God, Mudhouse Sabbath, a study of household religious practice in 18th-century Virginia, A Cheerful and Comfortable Faith, Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis, and, most recently, a book on overlooked biblical tropes for God, Wearing God. She is completing a book called Characteristic Damage, which examines the effects of sin and damage on Christian practice.

Dr. Winner's research has been supported by numerous institutions, including Monticello, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University, and the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University. She has appeared on PBS's Religion & Ethics Newsweekly and has served as a commentator on NPR's "All Things Considered." She has written for The New York Times Book Review, The Washington Post Book World, Publishers Weekly, Books and Culture, and Christianity Today, and her essays have been included in several volumes of The Best Christian Writing. Dr. Winner, an Episcopal priest, is vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg, N.C. Lauren's appearance is made possible by a generous donation from the Cindy Bost Wellness Trust.

**Rachel Held Evans: June 3, 2017** - Rachel Held Evans is a New York Times best-selling author and popular blogger who writes about faith, doubt, and life in the Bible Belt. Her books include Faith Unraveled (2010), A Year of Biblical Womanhood (2012), and Searching for Sunday (2015). With millions of visits each year, her blog has become a renowned online hub for conversations about Christianity and culture.

Rachel has been featured on The View, The Today Show, NPR, Slate, The BBC, The Washington Post, The Atlantic Monthly, and Oprah.com. She also serves on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Her popularity as a writer also keeps her busy speaking across the country. She has spoken at The Festival of Faith and Writing, the Q Conference, Trinity Wall Street, Princeton University, Austin Theological Seminary, Eastern University, Baylor University, The Gay Christian Network Conference, The Wild Goose Festival, and a wide range of retreats, conferences, universities, and churches. In 2015, in partnership with Nadia Bolz-Weber and Jim Chaffee, she launched the Why Christian? Conference, which features fresh, diverse voices responding to the question of why they continue in the faith.

Rachel lives with her husband, Dan, in Dayton, Tennessee—home of the famous Scopes Monkey Trial of 1925. Dan and Rachel were thrilled to welcome their first child, Henry, in February of 2016. They worship at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Tennessee.

**Tickets** - Tickets to Donald Miller and Rachel Held Evans are \$25 for general seating or \$100 for patron tickets (which include an invitation to the Sponsors & Patrons reception and reserved seating). General admission to Barbara Brown Taylor and Lauren Winner are free, but tickets are still required. Tickets are available to purchase online as follows:

Each lecture will begin at 6:30 in the Cathedral, with a reception following in Morrison Hall. Books will be available to purchase and have signed. There will be a Sponsors & Patrons reception prior to the lecture.

For more information on sponsorships, please contact Annie Burton at annie@trinitylittlerock.org.

# Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Announces New Director of Music



Mrs. Victoria Harden has been named Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Victoria has served as Interim Director since January. After a nationwide search process, Victoria has been named the permanent Director of Music.

Victoria Mathis Harden began studying piano at age 8 and organ at the age of 14, taking lessons from Fletcher Trotter at First Methodist Church, Camden, AR. Two years later she began her organ studies at Henderson State University with Robert Ellis where she continued until 1972 when she received her Bachelor of Music degree, graduating magna cum laude with a concentration in organ performance. Harden then attended North Texas State University and Memphis State University to earn a Masters of Music in organ performance and a Masters of Art in musicology. During these years she served as organist-choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church, Camden, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs and associate organist at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas. Organ positions in Memphis included Barth house Episcopal Chaplaincy, Christ Church Episcopal, and guest organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral.

After moving to New York City in 1977, Harden played at St. Peter's Church, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, and held the organist-choirmaster position at Bedford Park Presbyterian Church. While pursuing a doctoral pedagogy degree at Columbia University Teacher's College, Harden was one of 35 professional choir members at St. Bartholomew's Church where she met and married her husband, Shelton. Upon returning to Arkansas in the 1990s, Harden taught at Southern Arkansas University, Southern Arkansas University Technical Branch, and in 2001 became the music faculty at South Arkansas Community College. During these years she has served as organist-choirmaster of First Presbyterian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church, Camden. The Very Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller, Dean and Rector of Trinity says of Victoria, "I am deeply pleased to announce that Victoria Harden has accepted appointment as Director of Music at the Cathedral. Victoria is musically gifted, a dynamic leader who combines love of the tradition with flair for innovation, and a delight to work with. Already, she has begun a lively choir program for our children. Her energy is contagious! Under Victoria's leadership, we expect to expand and grow the Cathedral musically as a means to spiritually enrich our musicians, parishioners, diocese, and city."

Of this appointment, Victoria says, "I am honored to be selected for the position of Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. This is a dream come true. Since I joined the staff as Interim Music Director in January, the members and staff of the Cathedral have welcomed and supported me. It is truly a joy to be around so many gifted, talented, and spiritual people. I am thankful for our excellent clergy and staff, the wonderful choirs, the beautiful bell ringing, the 4 manual organ, and the enthusiastic congregation. My goal is to lead with spiritual music of the highest quality which enhances the worship experience as we praise God with the best of our abilities."

# Trinity @ The Travs!



John us on Sunday, June S

This annual event is FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY and a great way to enjoy the fellowship of other parishioners.

Hot dogs, drinks & chip the game!

Gates open at 4:30. Food served until 6:30.

Reserve your tickets at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trinity-the-travs-tickets-25480712497 or email Annie at annie@ trinitylittlerock.org.

When: Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM (CDT) Where: Dickey-Stephens Park - 400 West Broadway Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114

**Email Addresses Needed:** Can't wait for The Message to arrive? Want to know what is happening at Trinity? Make sure we have your email address so you receive the weekly Trinity Update. It contains a brief look at the many events on the block. Send your email address to dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org and we'll make sure you are added to the update list.

Join us on Sunday, June 5 at 5:30 for Trinity @ The Travs!

Hot dogs, drinks & chips are provided in our pavilion, as well as reserved seats to

# Dean's Class for Summer: SUMMA for Grown-Ups!



As many of you know, each summer I go to Sewanee to teach high school students theological debate. The program is called: SUMMA. The premise of SUMMA is that debating leads to clearer thinking, and that, when done in the right spirit ("speaking truth in love"), clearer thinking opens pathways deeper into God.

Sometimes when I describe SUMMA to adults they will say: "I wish I could do that!"

And now you can.

This summer in the Dean's class, I will teach the basics of theological debate. Since people are often away for a week or two here and there, I will run through it twice. And, then, in the fall, from time to time we will offer those who volunteer a chance to do it. Also, in the fall, we will invite peakers to come and make their case for one side, and then another, on topics of consequence to church and society today—and we can listen as a respectful, well-informed audience.

Here is the schedule (to be repeated in the second half of sumer):

June 5: Russ and Amber Ask Each Other the Tough Questions!

June 12: "Parts of an Argument"

June 19: "Claims"

June 26: "Evidence"

July 3: "Warrants"

July 10: "Structures and Stasis"

July 17: "Lincoln-Douglass Format and SUMMA criteria"

Does it sound dry? It isn't! Come, and we'll have fun, I promise.

# **Religion in Modern and Postmodern American Literature**

Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Conference Room!

Join us as we discuss how religion permeates the selected short stories in Modern and Postmodern American Literature. Each week, we will examine the motivations of characters, the setting, the machinations of the plot, as well as the implied meaning by the author through a lens of our own religious experiences and perspectives. It's a lively discussion with a great group of folks. Email Angela Pinckard-Hale at originalang@hotmail.com for copies of stories before class. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Conference room through June 22nd. Hope to see you soon!

#### Kindling the Flame

A Self-Care Workshop for Seekers, Professional Caregivers, Healers and Hope Givers

Presenter: Jane Wolfe, director of Bog Chapel, Inc.

This workshop is designed to help you better care for yourself while you help others. In other words, burn-out is common for those in the care-giving professions. While you build resiliency in others, as a healer or caregiver, you often struggle to maintain resiliency for yourself. Kindling the Flame is your opportunity to rest, rejuvenate, and build new resiliency within yourself - not just for today, but for the long-term. This workshop is for mental health providers, pastors, rabbis, imams, Hospice workers, health care providers and ANYONE working to support mental, emotional and spiritual health in yourself and in your clients. During this one-day workshop, you will experience: time away to reflect and re-connect with your spirit, an opportunity to learn and practice simple spiritual health tools, develop your own spiritual care plan, emerge from the day with a greater sense of self and a practical plan for spiritual resiliency

6 CEs will be provided through NBCC, sponsored by Southern Sandtray Institute. Wellspring Renewal Center PLLC, J. Michael Vinson and Southern Sandtray Institute are sponsors of this program. This co-sponsorship has been approved by NBCC. Southern Sandtray Institute is an NBCC Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6650. The ACEP solely is responsible for this program, including the awarding of NBCC credit. LUNCH: Food Trucks will be on the premises. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

When: Friday, June 10, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (CDT) Where: First Presbyterian Church - 2400 Prince Street, Conway, AR 72034

# Are you interested in Education for Ministry (EfM)?



Please contact Mercedes Clements for more information or if you

have any questions - mercedes.clements@gmail.com.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 80,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

For more information, please visit the EfM website at http://efm.sewanee.edu

# **EYC Convocation Gathering!**

We are getting together with our friends from other Episcopal youth groups to play some slip-n-slide dodgeball and have fun together! Meet at St. Mark's (1000 N. Mississippi) from 3-5pm on June 26! Trinity kids are responsible for bringing **DESSERTS!** 

## **EYC WEEK OF SERVICE & CELEBRATION**

You asked for it! Here it is!

#### **JULY 5-7**

This is a great opportunity for us to hang out this summer, give back, and celebrate summer. Bring money for breakfast and/or lunch each day.

**July 5**: Meet at Botsford House at 9:30 a.m. Volunteering at St. Francis House and then off to lunch and hike Pinnacle Mountain! Pick up at 3:00 p.m. from Botsford House.

July 6: Meet at Botsford House at 6:30 a.m. Volunteering at Salvation Army to help the Feed the Hungry Program and then off to breakfast and a fun adventure! Pick up at 1:00 p.m. from Botsford House.

July 7: Meet at Botsford House at 10:00 a.m. We will clean our house and get ready for a new year of fun! We'll have lunch and head to Annie's pool for some fun and relaxation. Pick up from Annie's (43 Windsor Court) at 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE respond to annie@trinitylittlerock.org and let me know you will participate! Service Hours available!

## Summer Chidren's Musical Theater Outreach!



For more information, contact Victoria Harden, Music Director at Trinity victoria@trinitylittlerock.org

To apply, please visit the Trinity Cathedral Website!

# Please remember Trinity Cathedral in your will.

Are you interested in learning more about EfM? The Trinity Cathedral group will be taking new members to start this August. If you'd like to learn more, please consider being our guest at a meeting during May. We currently gather on Wednesday evenings.

Dates and times for meetings starting in August will depend on interest and availability of the participants.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is excited to announce a summer Musical Theatre Outreach July 5 - 9 for children who have completed grades 3 through 7. The Music department will prepare and present Disney's "101 Dalmatians Kids" during the week (10a.m. - 3 p.m.) at a day-camp with multiple performances on Saturday. The cast will be limited to 30 children and audition information will be announced soon. There will be no cost for the day-camp and lunch will be provided. Tickets for the July 9 performances will be free for children and students, \$10 for adults. Mark your calendars.

## Cathedral Camp 2016



## June 27-30, 2016

It is important to register in advance. Space will be limited. Registrations will be received on a first come, first served basis.

> Daily 5:30-7:30 p.m.

> > For children entering Pre K4 thru 5th grade (Youth needed to assist)

Last year we saw the world created....we survived the great flood.... we tried to build a tower to heaven...we counted the stars... and counted on God's Promises...Promises...Promise!

This year we follow Isaac, Rebekah, "shifty" Jacob and good ol'Joseph through their many episodes of... Tricks, Lies and Holy Scrapes: The Joseph Sagas!

#### Trinity Cathedral's 2016 Cathedral Camp

Date: June 27-30	Time: 5:30 -7:30 p.m.	Age: Childr	en entering I	Pre K4 through 5th gr	ade
Parents					
Address		_City		Zip	
Phone (H)	(W)	(cell)			
E-mail address					
Parish/Church					
Child's Name		Age	Grade*	T-Shirt Size**	

\*Grade is the grade your child will enter in the fall of 2016. \*\*T-Shirt sizes: Child:10-12, 14-16; Adult: S, M, L, XL

We are asking for a donation of **\$20.00 per child** to help cover the cost of the T-Shirt and supplies. Scholarships are available. Please return this form along with your check (payable to Trinity Cathedral) to:

Dawn Howe, Trinity Cathedral, 310 West 17th Street, Little Rock, AR 72206

Youth and Adults needed also! Name(s):

I (We) would like to be a: \_\_\_Group Leade) \_\_\_Set Up / Take Down \_\_\_Snack Provider \_\_\_\_Nursery Worker \_\_Other (you name it!)\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm volunteering and I need Nursery care for my child(ren) Number of children

## Summer Formation/Sunday School - Volunteers Needed

We will begin our summer morning Sunday School Programs for children on June 5. We will need parents & volunteers to take a Sunday or two. All curriculum will be provided. Please contact Susan Allen (slyallen68@gmail.com) or Dawn Howe (dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org) if you can take a day. Watch for more information to come.

# Camp Mitchell 2016

#### 2016 Summer Camp Schedule

June 12-17	Senior High Entering 9th through 12th grad
June 19-24	Primary Entering 2nd through 4th grade
June 26-30	Robert R. Brown I Specialty Camp*
July 1-8	*Summer Staff Week Off*
July 10-15	Junior High Entering 7th through 8th grade
July 17-22	DJCC Specialty Camp**
July 24-29	Middler Entering 5th through 6th grade
July 31-Aug. 4	Robert R. Brown II Specialty Camp*
August 7-11	Creative Arts Camp (Sunday through Thursda
August 11-14	Family Camp

\*Robert R. Brown camps are for adults with mental and physical disabilities

\*\*Dick Johnston Children's Camp (DJCC) is for youth with incarcerated parents

#### **CREATIVE ARTS CAMP:**

This camp will be geared towards youth 5th-8th grade who are interested in creative arts. Jeannie McCabe will direct this camp with a staff of experienced artists in different areas such as dramatic arts, fabric arts, music/chimes, clay, and creative writing. Campers will have ample time to learn and craft in their focus area while still enjoying traditional camp activities like swimming, hiking, sports, etc. This camp will run Sunday through Thursday and cost will be \$400.00. Please indicate area focus on Registration Form. If you have further questions, please contact Jeannie McCabe, jmccabe@stjohnfs.org or Jenny Knight programdirector@campmitchell.org.

#### Camp Fees:

\$400.00 - This fee includes all meals, snacks, lodging, supervision, programming, camp T-shirt, and all craft supplies. Balance of fees is due on or before the day your session begins.

A non-refundable and non-transferrable deposit of \$100 must be sent in with the application in order to reserve a spot for your camper.

Partial scholarships are available on a very limited basis from the camp fund. We encourage you to contact your local parish priest for further help.

#### How to Register:

Pick a camp session from the list shown based on youth's grade in school. Fill out registration and medical forms found at www.campmitchell.org Make out your \$100 deposit check (or full amount) payable to

The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas (we cannot accept credit cards).

Mail the signed and completed registration and medical forms, a copy of the camper's insurance card (front and back), a copy of a recent physical, and your check to:

#### Summer Camp Registrar

The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas P.O. Box 164668 Little Rock, AR 72216



Over the next several weeks, our parish will participate in the THVII Summer Cereal Drive which aims to provide hungry families in Arkansas with non-perishable breakfast items that are nutritious and kid-friendly. Your donations will help provide healthy breakfast options for children and families in central Arkansas who would otherwise go without the most important meal of the day.

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## Trinity's collection period will include: Sundays June 5, 12 & 19

Donation stations for the following items will be set up at the West entrance to the Cathedral and in the Cathedral House reception area:

> Dry cereal Cereal/Breakfast Bars Oatmeal Cream of Wheat

## THINK NUTRITIOUS!



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Weekly Worship Schedule: Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., & 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Healing Eucharist at 5:15 p.m.

The Cathedral is open for visitation, prayer, and meditation weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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