

THE MESSAGE

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



*Trinity Episcopal Cathedral's Performance of
"Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids"*

Insights: Lecture Series 2016-2017



Please make your reservations NOW to join us for our new season of INSIGHTS. Tickets are going fast.

September 8: Barbara Brown Taylor (General Admission is SOLD OUT, but there is a waiting list)

October 20: Donald Miller

February 25: Marilynne Robinson

April 22: Lauren Winner

June 3: Rachel Held Evans

For more information or to purchase and reserve tickets, please visit www.trinitylittlerock.org.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Annie Burton at (501) 588-3663.

Barbara Brown Taylor Book Study



Barbara Brown Taylor kicks off our 2016-2017 season of INSIGHTS on September 8 at 6:30. The book study of her book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, will begin on August 16.

The Rev. Canon Russ Snapp will lead the study from 12-12:45 and The Rev. Dr. Joanna Siebert will lead the study from 5:30-6:15.

There is a waitlist for general admission tickets. Patron tickets are still available.

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Our next speaker is Donald Miller on October 20. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Trinity Cathedral Announces New Assistant Director of Music



Mr. Jason Pennington has been named Assistant Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Mr. Pennington joins the Cathedral Staff, working with Director of Music Victoria Harden.

Jason comes to the Cathedral directly from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in North Little Rock where he has served as Organist-Choirmaster for the past 4 years. In that capacity, Jason has been instrumental in a successful choir program, has established multiple concert series in the church, and has been involved with diocesan wide events.

Previous to his appointment at St. Luke's, Jason served as organist-choirmaster of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in New Iberia, Louisiana, and has served as Organist at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lafayette, Louisiana, and on the organ staff of the Neupfarrkirche, the Lutheran Cathedral Church in Regensburg, Germany. He studied organ performance with D. Campbell Johnson at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and Early and Baroque organ playing with Karl-Friedrich Wagner at the Papal Church Music Conservatory in Regensburg, Germany.

Of the appointment, Jason says, "As a life-long servant of the Liturgy, I have come to know and understand well that the parochial liturgical life reflects and is modeled after the Bishop's own liturgy in the diocesan Cathedral Church. It is indeed a high honor for me to be called to present Cathedral Music to the Most High, and as a native of Little Rock, I am doubly blessed to have been selected to do that sacred work here at Trinity Cathedral under the marvelous direction of Victoria Harden, and with the inspired spiritual guidance of Dean Chris Keller."

Please remember Trinity Cathedral in your will.

Sundays at Trinity

Dean's Sunday Breakfast Class Fall 2016



Sundays 10:15 to 11:05 in Morrison Hall

Sept. 4: Dr. Snapp and Victoria Harden with a program preview: Introducing Choral Evensong

Sept. 11: Ministry Fair in Morrison Hall

Sept. 18: Insights Preview: Donald Miller

Sept. 25: Dr. Keller: "Our Past, Present, and Future at Trinity Cathedral"

Oct. 2: Dr. Christopher Tompkins, Head of Episcopal Collegiate School, will speak to us on "Episcopal Schools Sunday"

Oct. 9: Dr. Sybil Hampton (Bethel AME): "The Little Rock Central High School Desegregation Struggle: A Different Perspective"

Oct. 16: The Rev. Dr. Russ Snapp: "Summer Preview: Our Pilgrimage to England"

Oct. 23: Dr. George Harper: Wednesday Preview: "Embracing the Prophets"

Oct. 30: (Trinity Heritage Sunday) Dr. Mary Sudman Donovan. "Women's Ordination to Arkansas Connection."

Nov. 6: A Trinity Cathedral Theological Debate: "Resolved: Capital Punishment is Morally Justified."

Nov. 13: A Trinity Cathedral Theological Debate: "Resolved: Euthanasia is Morally Justified."

Nov. 20: Alternative Market: No class Today

Nov. 27: Dr. Keller with a program Preview: "An Introduction to the Anglican Tradition"

Dec. 4: The Rev. Steve Bonsey will teach about contemplative prayer.

Dec. 11: The Rev. Amber Carswell will tell us about her travels in the Holy Land.

Dec. 18: Victoria Harden: Lessons and Carols: A Preview

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas! (No class today)

Jan. 1: Happy New Year! (No class today)

Living the Questions

Living the Questions meets in the Lounge of Cathedral House at 10:15. Dr. Robert Johnston and George Harper lead the discussion. Attendees are invited but not required to participate. It is usually lively. Bring in your brunch!

Fall Inquirer's Class

The Fall Inquirer's Class meets September 25 through October 9, on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11:05 in Baker Parlor. Led by the Cathedral clergy, this is a simple introduction to the Episcopal Church for those new to Trinity and curious to know more.

The Bible Challenge

The Bible Challenge meets at 10:15 in the conference room. Take a great journey through the Bible, a year-long reading adventure, with The Bible Challenge. Each day you will be accompanied by a meditation written by a church leader or biblical scholar. More than one hundred archbishops, bishops, deans, priest and scholars have contributed essays. The Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie, founder of The Bible Challenge, believes that our lives of faith will be enlivened and expanded by a sustained encounter with God's Word. If you never thought you could read the whole Bible, The Bible Challenge is a wonderful way to embark on a holy pilgrimage joined by others from around the world!

Lead by Greg Albert & Annie Burton

Wednesdays at Trinity

Refresh, Renew, Restore

Beginning September 14, the Cathedral will begin a new formation evening for all ages. This is a time to stop; to come together as a parish and as a community; to worship, socialize, learn, and go forth in peace.

The schedule is as follows:

5:15: Service with Healing Unction in Pierce Chapel

5:15 – 6:15: Dinner in Morrison Hall (for those attending the service, there is still plenty of time for you to eat!)

6:15-7:15: Classes for all ages

The full schedule is forthcoming. Beginning September 14, you may choose from:

- An Introduction to the Bible: It's Faith, History & Interpretation (Morrison Hall)
- Painting the Stained Glass of the Cathedral (Conference Room) (Grades 6 – Adult)
- Education for Ministry (EFM) (Iona Room)
- “Change” Your Thinking about Bells: An Introduction to Change Ringing (Cathedral)

The Seraphim Choir will also meet from 6:15 – 7:15 in the Choir Room. (Grades 3-7)

An Introduction to the Bible: It's Faith, History, and Interpretation

Taught by the Cathedral Clergy, this is a class for those who might not know much about the Bible and are ready to learn more about the Bible's message, its origins and authorship, and thoughtful approaches to its interpretation.

September 14 (Dr. Keller): Genesis

September 21 (Ms. Carswell): Exodus

September 28 (Dr. Keller): Isaiah

October 5 (Ms. Carswell): The Psalms

October 12 (Dr. Snapp): Matthew, Mark and Luke

October 19 (Dr. Snapp): John

October 26 (Ms. Carswell): Paul

November 2 (Dr. Keller): The Revelation to John

Let's Debate!

Debate is a time-honored and proven method for exploring issues. This fall in the “Sunday morning Breakfast with the Dean” class we are going to hold two formal debates involving members and friends of Trinity.

On November 6, teams will debate the resolution: “Capital punishment is morally justified.”

On November 13, teams will debate the resolution: “Euthanasia is morally justified.”

We will debate in teams of three, using an abbreviated “Karl Popper” Debate format.

This August, Dr. Keller will work with all debaters to introduce and explain the format, share and discuss some research materials, and organize the teams. There will be three such preliminary meetings:

Wednesday night, August 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday night, August 24, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday night, August 31, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

After those three meetings we will organize the teams, decide who will debate which resolution, and draw straws to see which team will debate the affirmative and which the negative for both resolutions. Each team will elect its own captain.

The chief benefit of the meetings, and of the whole process, is to have a chance to reflect on how Christians make moral decisions on such fraught questions. It will also be a lot of fun!

If you have friends who might enjoy this, even those not active in Trinity, please invite them. Everyone is welcome!

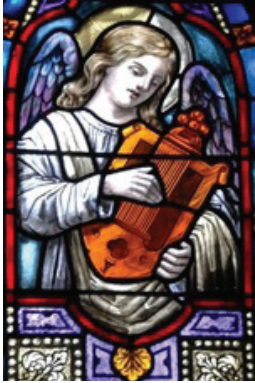
Remember this: debating leads to clearer thinking, and clearer thinking opens pathways deeper into faith, and hope, and love.

Full Breakfast Every Sunday Morning and Supper Every Wednesday Night.

Beginning Rally Day, Sept. 11, we will serve breakfast from 8:30 to 11:00 on Sunday mornings in Morrison Hall and supper on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15. The price per person is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. The maximum charge for a family is \$20.

Music at Trinity

Weekly Evensong Begins September 11th



On Sundays at 4 p.m., beginning September 11, Trinity Cathedral will offer the traditional Anglican service of Evensong. In Evensong, much of the Prayer Book service of Evening Prayer (pp. 61-73) is sung. This service includes psalms, readings, canticles, prayers, and a hymn, all of which are designed to lift our hearts to God and help prepare us spiritually for the night and week ahead. The congregation will sit on either side of the chancel, where the choir normally sits.

At 4 p.m., Evensong begins with an organ prelude, which provides time and atmosphere for contemplation. Immediately following Evensong, social time featuring British tea and other light refreshments will be held in either the Garth or Morrison Hall.

A brief liturgy of Holy Communion will also be offered in the chapel after Evensong, especially for those who did not have the opportunity to receive Communion earlier in the day.

Choir Rehearsal Times

Wednesdays beginning Sept 14th:

Cherub Choir: 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Seraphim Choir: 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Ringling Society: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays beginning Sept. 15th:

Hand Bell Choir: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cathedral Choir: 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

The first concert in the Chamber Music at the Cathedral Fall 2016 series

Thursday, September 1, 7:30 p.m.



Points of Convergence

Music by Phillip Schroeder

Violin: Margaret Jones

Piano and Electronics: Phillip Schroeder

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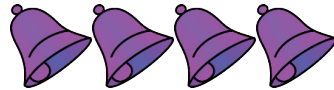
This concert is free and open to the public

Bell Awareness Dinner

You are cordially invited to join the Tower Bell Ringers and the Hand Bell Ringers
for an evening of **British food and festivity**.

Ever wonder what is that 'ringing in your ears' on Sundays?

We can and will answer that question.
(you might have to 'ring' for your supper)



Tuesday night, August 23rd, 6:00 p.m. Morrison Hall

RSVP Trinity Web Site (www.trinitylittlerock.org)

Child Care provided

Contact Victoria Harden for more info

Are you interested in Education for Ministry (EfM)?

EfM
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Are you interested in learning more about EfM? The Trinity Cathedral group will be taking new members starting this August. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Mercedes Clements for more information or if you have any questions - mercedes.clements@gmail.com. Meetings will be on Wednesday evenings from 6-8:30pm at Trinity.

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.

This is a four year program administered by the School of Theology at Sewanee. In each year you take a deep dive into a particular area - Old Testament, New Testament, Christian History, and Personal Theology. We meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from August to May, and there is a significant bit of reading each week. There is also an annual cost of \$350 that covers your reading materials.

Our meeting time is spent with some fellowship time, a brief discussion of the readings, and then a facilitated discussion called a theological reflection. Our focus as a group is going to be on theological reflection. The reading is important to build your knowledge of Christian tradition to feed these discussions, but it is not as overwhelming as a lot of people think. If you're too busy to read on some weeks, you'll still want to attend for the discussions.

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.

EYC Resumes on September 18!

EYC resumes on September 18 from 5-7 with a POOL PARTY at the KELLER'S! This party is in celebration for all of our ACOLYTES & YOUTH! All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome!

We will then begin our normal meeting time of 5-7 at Botsford House on September 25. Watch for our full fall schedule!

Blessing of Backpacks, Students, and Teachers



Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 14 for a special blessing of backpacks, students, & teachers - bring your backpacks!

Rock the Block!



Dr. Keller III and his wife, Julie, cordially invite you to ROCK THE BLOCK!

This grand event in Chancellors Hall will be held on August 19 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. to honor their son, Christoph, and his new wife, Laura, with dinner, champagne, and wedding cake; and thank you, our Cathedral family, for the many and varied ways you enrich our lives.

We will dance to the sound of "The SoulSations" the wedding band from Memphis who will return to Little Rock just for this occasion.

This party is for all ages of Trinity Cathedral. If this is your church, or you think it might be, you are invited. We are calling the party "Rock the Block!"

Please RSVP at www.trinitylittlerock.org so we know you are coming!



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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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TRINITY CATHEDRAL PRESENTS SECOND SUNDAYS in the SUMMER...



OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 14

3:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

*Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!
Festivities will conclude in time for the 5 o'clock service of Holy Eucharist.*

