

THE MESSAGE

The Newsletter of **Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**
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*Trinity Heritage Sunday:
Welcome Back Bishop Donovan and Mary*

Insights: Lecture Series 2016-2017



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

October 20: Donald Miller

February 25: Marilynne Robinson

April 22: Lauren Winner

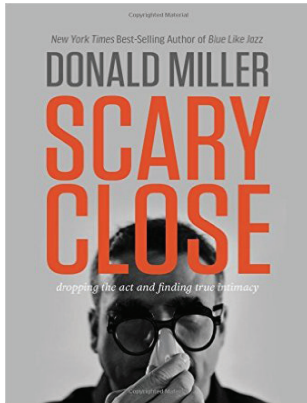
June 3: Rachel Held Evans

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.

Donald Miller Book Study

In anticipation of Donald Miller's upcoming lecture on October 20, we are offering a book study of his bestselling book, *Scary Close*.



After decades of failed relationships and painful drama, Donald Miller decided he'd had enough. Impressing people wasn't helping him connect with anyone. He'd built a life of public isolation, yet he dreamed of meaningful relationships. So at forty years old he made a scary decision: to be himself no matter what it cost.

From the author of *Blue Like Jazz* comes a book about the risk involved in choosing to impress fewer people and connect with more, about the freedom that comes when we stop acting and start loving. It is a story about knocking down old walls to create a healthy mind, a strong family, and a satisfying career. And it all feels like a conversation with the best kind of friend: smart, funny, true, important.

Scary Close is Donald Miller at his best.

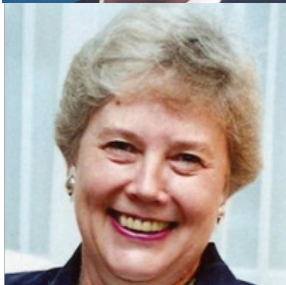
The book study continues for the next three weeks, concluding on October 18. Annie Burton will lead the study. It will meet in Baker Parlor Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

Welcome Back Bishop Donovan and Mary!



October 30 is Trinity Heritage Sunday, and we are thrilled to welcome back as special guests the Rt. Reverend Herbert Alcorn Donovan and his wife Mary.

The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan is the XI Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas. The highlights of his tenure include the founding of new congregations in Little Rock (St. Margaret's), Bella Vista and Hot Springs Village, and the innovative revitalization of mission work and congregational development. Bishop Donovan served in Arkansas from 1981 to 1993, at which time he accepted a call to become vicar at Trinity Church, Wall Street, in New York City. He has remained vital and active, holding numerous posts throughout the Episcopal Church and Worldwide Anglican Communion.

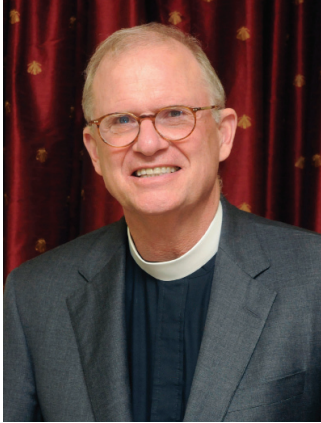


Dr. Mary Sudman Donovan. Mary Donovan is an historian, published author, and serves as the president of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society. She earned a Ph.D. in American history at Columbia University and has taught American and world history most recently at Hunter College, CUNY. Her most recent book is *George Washington at Head Quarters, Dobbs Ferry*. On October 30, she will lead the Dean's Class titled "Women's Ordination: the Arkansas Connection."

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

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: "Coming This Spring: A Program Preview"

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

Dec. 11: The Rev. Amber Carswell "In Jesus' Footsteps: Travels in the Holy Land."

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

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

Living the Questions

Living the Questions meets in the Lounge of Cathedral House each Sunday 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 basic introduction to the Episcopal Church for those new to Trinity and curious to know more.

The Bible Challenge

The Bible Challenge meets Sunday mornings 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!

Wednesdays at Trinity

Refresh, Renew, Restore

The Cathedral has started 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:

- 4:30 - 5:15 Cherub Choir (Choir Room, Ages 4-7)
- 5:05 Service with Healing Unction in the Cathedral
- 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
- 6:15 - 7:15 Seraphim Choir (Choir Room, Grades 3-7)

Classes you may choose from are:

- An Introduction to the Bible: Its Faith, History & Interpretation (Morrison Hall [see description below])
- Coloring with Jane Hankins (starting October 5) (Staff Lounge, Ages 12-122)
- Education for Ministry (EFM) (Iona Room)
- What's That Ringing in Your Ears?: An Introduction to Change Ringing (ends Oct. 5) (Cathedral)

An Introduction to the Bible: Its 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.

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

Insights Presents Donald Miller on October 20 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

General tickets: \$25
Patron Tickets: \$100

Available at www.trinitylittlerock.org

Episcopal Schools Sunday



On Sunday, October 2, "Episcopal Schools Sunday": our preacher for the 9:00 and 11:00 services is the Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Dean of the School of Theology, University of the South. Dean Alexander is the former Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta.

Our celebrants at 9:00 and 11:00 will be ECS chaplains the Rev. Sandra Curtis and the Rev. Rob Leacock.

We are delighted also to have the Episcopal Collegiate School Choir with us for the 11:15 service. The ECS Head of School Chris Tompkins and Chaplain Leacock will be presenters in the Dean's Class.

Full Breakfast Every Sunday Morning and Supper Every Wednesday Night.

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 Continues



Join us every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral for the beautiful service of Evensong. If you'd like to sing in the Schola Choir, meet in the Choir Room at 3:15 p.m.

The Seraphim Choir

The Seraphim Choir will be robed to participate in worship each Sunday. They will be presenting the Anthem on October 2 at 9:00 a.m. along with the Cherub Choir. All children are welcome to sing in the choir. Rehearsals for ages 4-7 are held in the Choir Room from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Seraphim Choir (Grades 3-8) rehearses in the Choir Room on Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 7:15. Supper with child-friendly food is available for purchase between choir practices and child care is available for younger children during the Seraphim Choir rehearsal.

Choir Rehearsal Times

Wednesdays:

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

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

Ringin' Society: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays:

Hand Bell Choir: 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Cathedral Choir: 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Chamber Music Series: A Schubertiade



Friday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.

A celebrated group of musicians from the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra will present an elegant performance by a piano quintet which will highlight the ASO's focus on the music of Franz Schubert. Included in this concert will be the "Trout" piano quintet.

A reception to meet and greet the performers will be held afterward.

Tickets will be \$20 open seating and are available for purchase at www.trinitylittlerock.org or at the door.

Ordination of Six Priests on October 1

By the grace of God and the consent of the people

The Right Reverend Larry R. Benfield
Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas

will ordain

Jay Bruno
Hannah Hooker
Patricia Matthews
Michael McCain
Toby Rowe
Ragan Sutterfield

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church

Saturday, October 1 at 11:00 a.m.
at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock, Arkansas

Clergy to wear red stoles.

Reception to follow.



Are you interested in Education for Ministry (EfM)?



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 in October

Youth in grades 6 – 12 are welcome to join our Episcopal Youth Community for any and all of our activities in October!

For more information, contact Annie Burton, Director of Youth Ministry, Adult Formation & New Members at annie@trinitylittlerock.org.

October 2	Fall Reflections & Crafts (Botsford House)
October 9	ACH Dinner on the Grounds (EYC serves)
October 14-16	AYE at Camp Mitchell Register at eycarkansas.org
October 16	NO EYC (AYE Weekend)
October 23	Paintball!
October 30	Trunk or Treat (5 - 7 p.m.)

Youth will also meet on Sundays during the formation hour (10:10 – 11:05 a.m.) in lower Mitchell House. We will be following the lectionary and using the curriculum from “Feasting on the Word” to guide us.

New Members

A new member welcome dinner will be held on October 16. If you have been thinking of joining our parish family, now is the time! Contact Annie Burton at annie@trinitylittlerock.org for more information on joining and the upcoming dinner.

Blessing of the Animals



Join us at 4:45 on October 2 in the Cathedral garth for the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your cats, dogs, snakes, gerbils, hamsters, ducks... whatever you consider a pet to be blessed as we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will be collecting items for the Humane Society of Pulaski County. Please bring toys, treats, collars, leashes etc. Contact Dawn Howe at dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org for more details.



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Weekly Worship Schedule:
Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:15 a.m., Evensong 4:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
(9:00 a.m. Friday)
Wednesday
Healing Eucharist at 5:05 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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Treats, games, food, crafts, bounce house, & music!

Prizes: Best Decorated Car, Best Costume- Child, Best Costume- Adult



**Come join us for a safe and fun
family event!**

**Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
310 W 17th Street**

**Sunday, October 30
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

To sign-up your trunk, please email:
ecep@trinitylittlerock.org or dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org

Can't come, but want to help?
Drop off candy/toys etc. at the church office.