Dear Trinity Church and friends,

Grace and Peace! As you will see in this mailer’s graphic, we now turn the calendar toward our 2023-2024 Program Year that begins on Sun., Sept. 10.

Drawn from Ephesians 2:19, our Program Year’s theme – “Companions In The Household Of God” – will shape our 2023-2024 programming. As “companions,” we walk alongside each other within the life of our congregation and with our partners in the wider community. In these companionships, we devote ourselves to one another as members of a common household—a loving family of God—ministering with the gifts and graces unique to each of us, all in service of Christ’s hopes for Trinity Church and for the world.

In support of our theme, we will read a portion of Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians during Sunday services through Thanksgiving. Other liturgical highlights this fall will include our September sermon series exploring Christians’ call to care for God’s creation; the Requiem mass and our commemoration of All Souls on Sun., Oct. 29; festival worship on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5; and Nigerian Thanksgiving on Nov. 26.

Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

See you Sunday,

The Rev. Morgan S. Allen,
Rector
Small Groups

Our theme will also bring an emphasis on small-group opportunities. On Sundays Sept. 17 and 24, and Oct. 1, we will convene for small groups at 11:15 am and 6:15 pm in response to our Creation Care sermon series. Inviting deeper relationships among parishioners, these small groups will remain the same for each week of the series (with “open” groups available for those who cannot commit to all three Sundays).

To participate in a small group, scan the QR code or visit trinitychurchboston.org/news.

Formation

Our theme will also inform our Formation programs. From Oct. 16 through Nov. 19, we will focus our 11:15 am lecture series on the Ephesians epistle. Another set of small groups – these to convene on-campus and off-campus, on different days and at different times – will meet in response to our learnings during this time. Registration for these groups will open October 1.

The Ephesians Forum series will also be livestreamed to the Undercroft at 6:15 pm where we will convene for dinner and fellowship — our kickoff for the Program Year! Trinity staff and vestry will also be in attendance to meet and mingle with members of T-n-T.

Get the 4-1-1 for T-n-T by emailing Katrina Leslie, kleslie@trinitychurchboston.org. Get more details to come!

Welles You Forum Series

Sundays, 3:45 pm, Forum

Join with newcomer and long-tenured alike on Sun., Sept. 17 as we orient ourselves to the Christian faith, finding our place as the latest (but by no means the last!) in a billions-long line of Jesus’s disciples. On Sun., Sept. 24, we will trace the twists, turns, and affections of our Episcopal tradition, from its Anglican roots to the faithful cohort of nearly 2 million Episcopalians in over 6,000 congregations today.

And, on Sun., Oct. 1, having traced our Christian and Episcopal roots, we will come home to Trinity Church in the City of Boston, exploring from our founding in 1733, to our present-day, Beloved Community.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, 10 am

Calling all feathered and furry, scaled and stuffed friends to join their humans for our annual Blessing of the Animals! This year we will celebrate St. Francis during our 10 am service, inside the Sanctuary, and bless our animal companions immediately following that service on the Clarendon lawn. As we give thanks for all God’s creation, pets and their people will receive blessings, enjoy special treats, and share lively, community-building activities following the service. We will have special animal guests joining us!

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Every Sunday

Nursery Care from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Parish House

Children’s Homily at 10 am downstairs in the Chapel

Church School starting Sept. 17 in the Parish House classrooms

Discounted parking: ask at the Parish House Front Desk

T-n-T Fall Kickoff Dinner

Sunday, 6:15 pm

Join with other Twenties and Thirties (T-n-T) for Holy Eucharist at 5 pm and then make your way downstairs to the Undercroft at 6:15 pm where we will convene for dinner and fellowship — our kickoff for the Program Year! Trinity staff and vestry will also be in attendance to meet and mingle with members of T-n-T.

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