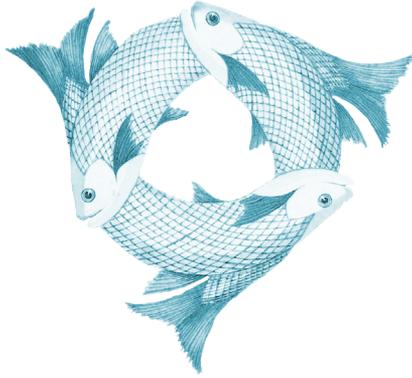


Adult Formation

Sundays - Fall 2018



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Love is the Way

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As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminded us at his royal wedding homily heard 'round the world, Christ is the way, and Christ's way is love. This year during adult formation, we will be exploring what it means to really live the reality that Love is the Way. Christian love isn't simply a private emotion but a personal, public, and societal commitment. It is a way of life, a way of being, and a way of going into the world bearing the Good News that we are loved and we are to love others. So, this year during our adult formation hour on Sundays, we will explore all the many ways we at Trinity have and are loving our neighbors. Trinity has a long, deep history of gathering in worship to be sent into our community to make deep and lasting relationships and impact for the common good. We'll also dream and imagine new ways we might love our neighbors, both here in Asheville and throughout God's world.



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Forum, 9:30 - 10:30

- Aug 26 **Elizabeth Bleynat**, our young adult missionary in Hong Kong, returns to share with us her experience of ministering and finding God among the Mission to Seafarers. (Undercroft)
- Sept. 2 **Word for Today**, join us for prayer and reflection as we dive into the lectionary readings for this Sunday. (Undercroft)
- Sept. 9-16, 30: **A Portrait of Paul: The Apostle on the Move.** Fresh from his sabbatical, our rector Scott White will share his insight, wisdom, and learning from pilgrimaging in Paul's footsteps as well as other insights from his experiences this summer. (Undercroft)
- Sept. 23, Oct. 7-21 **Reimagining Mission at Trinity:** Each Sunday, we will explore a new way we are engaging and discerning 'mission' at Trinity, exploring new relationships and partnerships both near and far. (Undercroft)
- Sept. 23 **Racial Reconciliation and Beloved Community.** For the past year and a half, the Rev. Dennis Fotinos has led a monthly series on racial reconciliation at Trinity on Sunday afternoons. Today, he'll report back some of his experiences, the vision for the group, and it's future.
- Oct. 7 **Being a Downtown Neighborhood Church.** For the past 6 months, as part of a Vestry goal, a team of Trinitarians have been exploring the changing, thriving neighborhood of downtown Asheville. Where does Trinity fit in? How do our neighbors think we are? How can we engage more meaningfully with our very literal neighbors?
- Oct. 14 **From Global Missions to Global Partnerships.** For the past 10 months, as part of a Vestry goal, Trinity has been exploring what faithful, meaningful adult mission trips would look like. What possible long-term partnerships and relationships around the region and the globe might be on the horizon for Trinity and what's your place in them?
- Oct. 21 **Doing Mission!** Ultimately, mission and community partnership requires action. Today, as part of a parish-wide event, we'll finish our month of mission with a hands-on mission project: Rise Against Hunger (Formerly Stop Hunger Now). All ages welcome! All hands-on deck! (Tuton Hall)
- Oct. 28: **Sophronia Scott and son Tain:** Why raise children in church in an increasingly secular age? Because eventually, the rains and the floods come and we all need an ark to stay afloat. As a way to kick off our stewardship season, come hear the inspirational story of Sophronia and how her Episcopal church was an ark in the aftermath of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, where her son Tain was a student at the time. (Tuton Hall)

- Nov. 4-25 **Living Next Door to Dementia** with Mary Donnelly: Some 50% of all people will experience some form of memory loss illness in their lives, which means most of us will be touched by it in some way, whether friend, family, or self. Come learn how to spot memory loss, cope with it, and care for those experiencing it. (Undercroft)
- Nov. 4-25 **Holiness in the Modern World:** Join our rector Scott White exploring what Christian holiness looks like in our modern world and why it's important not just for our individual spiritual lives but for the future and fabric of our communities, both local and global. (Oak Hallway Room)
- Dec. 2 **Advent-Wreath Making:** Join us for an all-ages beloved annual event making Advent Wreaths. Don't want a wreath for your own home? No problem. Come make one for us to deliver to our many parishioners living in care facilities who can't make it to church each week. (Undercroft)
- Dec. 2 **Loaves and Fishes Market:** An alternative to the 'stuff' of the season, come purchase a gift in the form of support to one of Asheville's difference-making organizations and nonprofits. (Tuton Hall)
- Dec. 9-23 **Short Stories for the Season:** A parish favorite full of rich meaning. Join Lynne Diehl to explore how God shows up in short stories for the season. No homework or reading to do before the class. (Conference Room)
- Dec. 9-23 **Love is the Way:** Since we are reminded each Advent of the voice in the wilderness calling us to prepare the way for the Lord, we will spend three weeks exploring the Presiding Bishop's stirring vision laid out in his royal wedding homily heard 'round the world and in his "Love is the Way" rule of life which he released during General Convention. (Undercroft)

Parents in Conversation, 9:30 - 10:30

- Aug. 26 **Elizabeth Bleyнат** (see Forum description)
- Sept. 2-30 **Overused, Misused, or Just Plain Missing.** Each week, we'll rethink the Bible verses everyone and their cousin quote (including some that aren't actually in the Bible). You may be surprised that some of these beloved verses actually mean the opposite -- or something quite different -- than how they are typically used. And some beloved verses aren't even in the Bible in the first place! (Clark Room)
- Oct. 7-21 **Why Bother Raising Kids Religious?** With our upcoming guest speaker Sophronia as a guide and reference point, we will explore why raising kids in religion is important and how we as parents really are our children's primary 'ministers' throughout their childhood and into adolescence (Clark Room)

- Oct. 28 **Sophronia Scott and son Tain:** (See Forum description)
- Nov. 4 **Sacramental Parenting: Baptism.** We do it every All Saints Sunday, and on a handful of other Sundays throughout the year. But what does it actually mean, for us, for our children, and for our parenting? (Clark Room)
- Nov. 11-25 **The Lost Art of Disagreeing.** Join us for a conversation about how to disagree with each other well, whether that's spouses, kids, relatives, or the other side of the political aisle. What are the harbingers of conflict gone awry? How do we bridge unbridgeable divides? (Clark Room)
- Dec. 2 **Advent-Wreath Making** (See Forum Description)
- Dec. 9-23 **Unreasonable Expectations and Advent:** How do you navigate myriad expectations during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season? Through a few guided activities over these weeks, we'll examine the unspoken and unexamined expectations during this busy season. (Clark Room)

Trinity Connect: New to Trinity? Have questions? Join lay and ordained leaders from Trinity on these Sundays in the Conference Room for an introduction to our thriving, vibrant downtown parish. Aug. 26, Oct. 14, Nov. 25, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Becoming Beloved Community

First Sunday of the Month at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

Led by the Rev. Dennis Fotinos and using The Episcopal Church's resources to address racism in American culture, this group represents not so much a set of programs as a journey, a set of interrelated commitments around which Episcopalians can gather our many efforts to grow as a community of reconcilers, healers, and justice makers.



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