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Celebrating Jackie Robinson Day

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first African American to play Major League Baseball in the modern era and achieved Hall of Fame status. He later became the first African American to hold an officer-level position at a major corporation, served as an advisor to top politicians, actively promoted economic empowerment by co-founding a bank and a housing development company, and of course was a key figure in advancing equal justice and first-class citizenship from the 1950s until his death in 1972. Hailed a "...freedom rider before freedom rides," Robinson's name has become synonymous with breaking barriers.

Jackie Robinson Day is a traditional event which occurs annually on April 15 in Major League Baseball (MLB), commemorating and honoring the day Jackie Robinson made his major league debut. Celebrated at MLB ballparks, on that one day, all players, coaches, and managers on both teams, and the umpires, wear Robinson's uniform number, 42.

Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life.

~ Jackie Robinson

The **Jackie Robinson Museum** celebrates the enduring legacy of one of the most important Americans of the 20th century, chronicling his trailblazing achievements against the backdrop of United States history. Invoking Robinson's role as a champion for racial, social, and economic equality, the Museum's programming places an emphasis on dialogue around critical issues that continue to challenge our society.

We at the Cathedral were excited to participate in a group outing to the Jackie Robinson Museum in December of 2023, graciously hosted by our own La'Tonya Johnson, current Chair of the Bishop George E. Cuncell Memorial Golf Outing Committee and former Senior Warden of our Cathedral. La'Tonya is the Vice President and Chief Operating officer of the Museum.



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The flyer in our newsletter showcases the events of Jackie Robinson weekend that will be featured at the Museum, including fun-filled events for fans of all ages featuring special museum tours, film screenings, hands-on activities, games, and more! The Museum will be open for special hours 11AM – 6PM on Monday, April 15. For more information, you can go to www.jackierobinsonmuseum.org

Your Friend and Dean,



The Very Rev. René R. John, Dean



I hope this tribute to my beloved Jack ignites the humanitarian spirit in all of us, not only when we convene around sport, but in all of our interactions. May it spark dialogue that leads to better understanding ourselves, our shared experiences, and the plight of others.





SPECIAL OFFER

MLB stadium Jackie Robinson Day ticketholders, get 20% off museum admission for the rest of the season!



FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Celebrate Jackie Robinson Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
OPEN 11AM-6PM
ACTIVITIES 12-3PM

MONDAY, APRIL 15
OPEN 11AM-6PM

Join us for Jackie Robinson Day weekend! Fans of all ages will enjoy movie screenings, museum tours, & hands-on activities plus special museum hours on Monday, April 15!



SCAN FOR TICKETS

Jazz Up Friday

A cabaret of music, food & fun

Featuring The Maci Miller Quintet with

Glenn McClelland, Mike Boone, Mekhi Boone & Larry Price



FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

Doors open at 6PM 🌀 **Music begins at 7PM**

Trinity Cathedral's Synod Hall 🌀 801 West State Street 🌀 Trenton, NJ 08618

\$25 donation includes food!

Proceeds benefit Trinity's Community Outreach Ministries

Info: (609) 392-3805 ext. 100



Creation Care Corner

By Dcn. Christopher Cox

This month's Creation Care Corner features an update on recent activities and a look ahead to what's coming next:

- **“Green” practices:** The Cathedral is replacing traditional cleaning products used in our bathrooms, kitchens and elsewhere with environmentally friendly alternatives. This affects products such as traditional bleach, disinfecting spray, glass cleaner and floor cleaners. After completing a trial period with new eco-friendly alternatives, our sexton Al Shaw is fully onboard with the upgrade, and we look forward to this permanent improvement in the Cathedral's environmental footprint.
- Larry Spears is championing the use of **ceramic tea and coffee cups** during our Sunday morning coffee hour to replace cardboard (or worse, Styrofoam) coffee cups, which mostly go to landfill after use. Larry provides an adequate supply of ceramics cups each Sunday, and our dishwasher can easily handle the load. Please support Larry and our Creation Care efforts with this small ask. (The coffee and tea tastes better too!)
- The **Cathedral's grant application** to the Episcopal Church's Task Force on Creation Care and Environmental Racism was successfully submitted prior to the deadline on March 22nd. If funded, the grant will support a joint project with Isles Inc¹ to address the inequitable and systemic impacts of environmental racism and social injustice in the underserved community of Trenton. Updates will be provided when available.
- Monday April 22nd is **Earth Day**. The global theme this year is “Planet vs. Plastics”, with a goal of reducing plastic production by 60% by 2040. Plastics are a danger to both humanity and all living creatures. According to Earthday.org², 95% of all plastics in the US will not be recycled. As plastics break down into microplastics, they release toxic chemicals into our food and water sources and circulate through the air we breathe. The rapid phase-out of single use plastics is urgently needed.

Please look out for related activities at Trinity Cathedral, and an Earth Day theme on Sunday, April 21st.

¹<https://isles.org/>

²<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/>



Highlights of the Trinity Cathedral Vestry Meeting of March 18, 2024

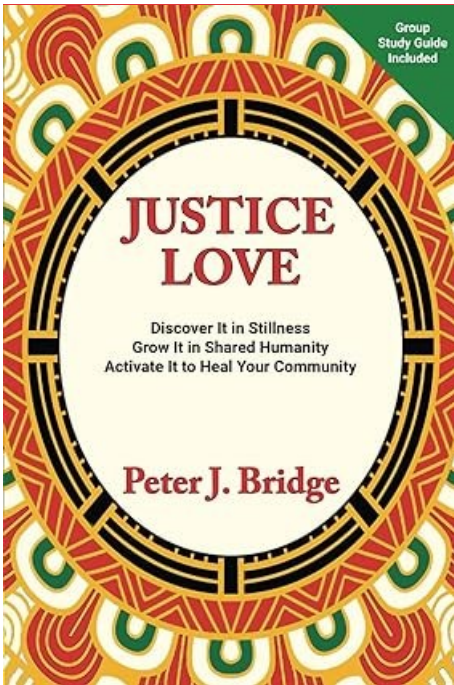
Eleven of the fifteen members of the Vestry met virtually on Monday, March 18, at 6:30 pm, with the Dean presiding and offering the opening prayer. Treasurer Ron Zilinski presented a summary of the Cathedral's operations for the first two months of 2024. \$49k of budgeted income was due but not yet received. This largely explains why the bottom-line deficit is \$39k greater than the budgeted \$33k to date. The good news is that pledge income is \$22k more than planned. Total expenses were \$8k over budget, due mainly to the fact \$9k was paid in advance for the employee Fringe benefits for the month of March. Cn. Paul Cooper reported that the Cathedral's investments at the end of February total \$2.3 million, which is 4% greater than it was at the end of 2023. 20% of the total is mostly bequest money residing in a brokerage account, and \$307k of this amount is now being managed by the *Endowment Board*, which currently has charge of \$1 million or 44% of our total invested funds.

Senior Warden Gil Williams reported on Property & Maintenance as follows: Heaters have been installed in the bathrooms in the entrance hall to the building, and pipes have been replaced in the boiler for the school heating system. Technicians will be brought in to find and repair the leak in the wall in the area of the high window on the south side of the cathedral sanctuary. Also reporting on the Food Pantry for Lourdez Hernandez, Gil said that the numbers are up lately. He and other others such as Sam Richards load 115 bags on the Thursday afternoons preceding the Saturday distribution – serving 141 families. Enough food is provided by *Mercer Street Friends* to fill about 150 bags; so, they provide some of them to the Cathedral's Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) satellite volunteers for distribution to soup kitchen clients along with TASK's dinners.

The Dean said that this year will be the 20th anniversary of the Cathedral's Community Day/Golf Outing major fundraiser. Also, the *African Festival* is planned for October of this year. Bobbie Powell announced *CAST's* Jazz Concert on Friday, April 12 from 7 to 10 pm. The Dean reported further as follows: a) On social justice issues, he said that Episcopal Community Services sponsored the *Poor People's Campaign* rally marching to the State House on March 2nd; b) Also on March 2nd, Fr. Jeffrey Roy conducted the Vestry Retreat helping us plan for "what would make 2024 right." The impetus to organize the *Greeters* was one great result. Another has been the work of Andrea John and Hilary Cox getting young people involved as acolytes. More of us can do this kind of thing. In this regard, he thanked Georgia as well. c) He spoke of several funerals, one being for Hibbert Duncan, husband of Cn. Noreen Duncan; another being for Kendall Walton, Ruth Perry' daughter. d) He announced that Cn. Art Powell is taking over the flowers responsibility from Sue Remmers. e) Princeton Seminarian Angela de Joseph wants to serve at the Cathedral as part of her preparation for ministry. f) A team consisting of Althea Muse, Larry Spears, et al, will create and work in a program with the residents of Hamilton Grove Rehabilitation Center. Also, Larry and Joyce Spears do a great job with the *Fellowship Hour*.

Under the leadership of Deacon Chris Cox, the Creation Care Committee is promoting green cleaning products; wants to stop using paper cups; and is working on a grant with *Isles* to help neighborhood people learn about vegetarian cooking in the kitchen.

Respectfully submitted by Chinweze Ahaghotu and Paul Cooper



A Published Author in our Midst!

Did you know that our very own Peter Bridge has published a book? And did you know that this very book is available on Amazon.com?? Entitled Justice Love, it's described as, "Acclaimed by leaders, teachers and grassroots justice-seekers from multiple faith traditions, Justice-Love invites us to probe our own thoughts and emotions on the way to more loving and healing connections with others. Fourteen brief readings address the attitudes we must assume and personal obstacles we must overcome if we truly seek justice for and healing between individuals and groups. Each reading is followed by questions for reflection and creating one's own personal action plan for Justice-Love."

Pssst! Of course we'd love it if you would purchase a copy of Peter's new book! But Peter suggests Cathedral members wait until we have copies available (soon) in the Altar Guild Shop. They'll be discounted and also 50% of the proceeds will go to support Cathedral Youth Ministries.

Congratulations, Peter!

We are re-starting our Lay Eucharistic Ministry to Hamilton Grove Care & Rehabilitation Center

We will lead worship and administer communion every first and third Sunday of each month to the facility's geriatric, infirm, and convalescing patients. Service leaflets are provided and we make every effort to send folks in pairs so they have assistance. Flu shots and TB vaccines are mandatory for anyone participating (must provide proof). COVID shots are welcomed but not mandatory. Please speak to Larry Spears or Dean John if you are interested in serving this community.



SAVE THE DATE!



The 2024 Bishop George E. Councill Memorial Golf Outing will be our 20th Anniversary event!

Please save October 14th to join us for Golf, Pickleball, or the celebratory dinner following. This year we'd like to offer a fabulous array of prizes and other fun activities at our dinner, to commemorate our 20th anniversary! Please think about what you might be able to contribute, or consider contacting a local business you know to request their support.

Stay tuned for more details . . .



Need a Mother's Day or Bridal Shower Gift?

Trinity Cathedral Cookbooks are still available & **have some delicious recipes waiting for you to try or share!** Proceeds from the sale of the books are going to provide **fresh produce** to the Cathedral Food Pantry. This also helps the farming communities. A win, win for all!



Even if you do not cook any more or don't have a particular person to gift it to, you can still assist by purchasing books and we'll donate them to the Food Pantry guests. **Get yours today** at the Cathedral Altar Guild Shop for just \$10 **or** contact Lucy Adams at trinitycathedralags@gmail.com. Also, if you are interested in selling the books, let Lucy know. **Thank you in advance for your support!**



*Spring has Sprung at the
Cathedral Altar Guild Shop!*
Stop in and see the new arrivals!



Mother's Day & Graduations are just around the corner!
FREE Gift Wrapping!

Don't need a gift? Check out our new **reusable** beverage containers, garden pots, prayer books & beads, aprons, children's books, jewelry for all ages, inspirational home décor and much more!

Shop will be open April 7th & 21st

If you need something before those dates: Contact Lucy Adams for an appointment or on-line ordering at: trinitycathedralags@gmail.com



It was an egg-stra good time at the Cathedral Easter Egg Hunt this year! Many thanks to Rose Cooper and Deborah McConnaughey for gathering the donated goodies, providing so many lovely prizes for the kids and for organizing the hunt. Thanks to all who contributed Easter goodies and baskets this year!



Stay tuned for more photos of Holy Week and Easter in next month's issue!



Share some Hospitality!

We are once again setting up a schedule for folks to bring an item to share for Sunday hospitality hour (beginning April 7th.) There is a sign-up sheet on the literature table in the main hallway, just outside of Synod Hall. Ideas for items include bagels/cream cheese, fruit, baked goods, breakfast casseroles, cold drinks, etc. Please let us know what you can bring, and how often (weekly, 2x's/month, monthly, etc.) If you have any questions, please speak with Larry Spears.



Models Wanted!

We are planning a FUNdraiser for the Cathedral for June 8th, entitled "Fellowship and Fashion . . . from Your Closet"! Part of the evening's festivities will include a Cathedral fashion show, where our models will wear two outfits from their closet: one casual, and one dressy or "semi-formal". We are looking for male and female models of *all ages*. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Margaret Nartey or call Patrice in the office. More details and tickets for the event will be available soon!



Tré' Devon Lane Foundation

Supporting other families during these difficult times.

GRIEF

Support Group

SATURDAY

April 13, 2024

10:00am

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Church

801 West State Street Trenton, NJ

Please use parking lot in the rear

Please bring a photo of the person you lost

For more information please contact Regina at 609-209-2500



Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help lift and pack food for our Food Pantry!

We're working on a schedule of who will help and when, to avoid having too many (or not enough) people present on any given day. You can still volunteer! Please call Lourdez "Cookie" Hernandez at (609) 902-8282.



1	Lowanda Martha Joseph	Birthday
2	Kerry Heimann	Birthday
2	Sunday Gustin	Birthday
2	Abraham Miller	Birthday
2	Peter D. Cooper	Birthday
4	Elle Ahaghotu	Birthday
8	John Gummere	Birthday
8	Hannah Rose Sopko	Birthday
11	Paul & Therese (Terry) Cooper	Anniversary
12	Jeffrey H. Cooper	Birthday
14	Ronald L. Stockham	Birthday
15	Ellen Heath	Birthday
18	Jah'mere Miller	Birthday
21	Mason Dunn	Birthday
21	Cheryl Nagy	Birthday
22	Benny Barksdale	Birthday
24	Rose Cooper	Birthday
25	Leslye & Fatima Scipio	Anniversary
27	Samuel B. Richards, II	Birthday
28	Frank Castellon	Birthday
28	Malcolm Emmanuel Newman	Birthday
28	Cyrus Ketter	Birthday
28	Rachel Mathis	Birthday
29	David Monte	Birthday
29	Jennifer Ahaghotu	Birthday
30	Sewon Bestman	Birthday

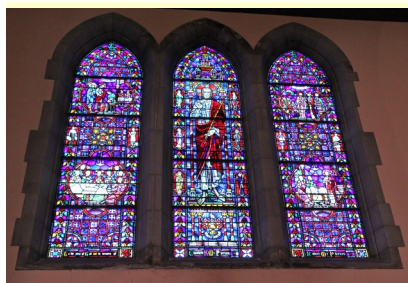
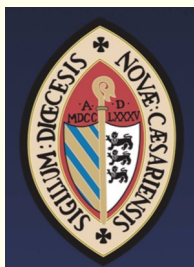
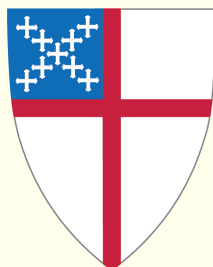
1	Matthew McDermott	Birthday
1	Nanette R. O'Brien	Birthday
1	Kumeiwo Ngwayah	Birthday
2	Debbie Raab	Birthday
4	Lauretta Ketter	Birthday
4	Samuel Richards	Birthday
5	Mary Hopkins	Birthday
5	Hibbert Duncan	Birthday
6	Lawrence Monte	Birthday
9	Carolyn Ford	Birthday
10	Barbara Tweh	Birthday
10	Zoe Ahaghotu	Birthday
12	The Rev. Chris Cox	Birthday
17	Regina Zilinski	Birthday
17	Ron & Regina Zilinski	Anniversary
17	Ekele Onyenwe	Birthday
21	Dr. Paul Cooper	Birthday
21	Diane Nancekivell & Tom Basket	Anniversary
22	Brenda Whiteman	Birthday
22	Sam Stephens	Birthday
23	Robin Bridge	Birthday
23	Ariana Jakub	Birthday
23	Vallerie M. Samuels	Birthday
25	Bernard McMullan & Sam Stephens	Anniversary
25	Robert C. Gibson	Birthday
26	Aweon A. Richards	Birthday
26	Melani A. Lewis	Birthday
26	Sally L. Fineburg	Birthday
26	Kurtis Perry	Birthday
26	Junius Ketter	Birthday
26	Cyrus & Lauretta Ketter	Anniversary
27	Thelma Tunstall	Birthday
28	Ellen Wry	Birthday
28	Evangeline T. Smith	Birthday
28	Patti Castellon	Birthday
29	Hillary K. Sopko	Birthday
29	Tammy J. Samuels	Birthday
31	Janice Borrella	Birthday
31	Nathaniel McMullan	Birthday

*Please join in sharing good wishes
for our fellow parishioners
on their special day!*

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Our Vision:

A visible agent of God's love, joyfully embracing all people.

Our Mission:

God is here. Jesus loves you.

We are a welcoming, diverse community sharing God's love, spreading the Gospel and caring for all people and God's Creation. Come join us.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sundays: 10:00 am - Rite II
In-person and livestreamed

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday:
8:30 am - Rite I
In-person only

Wednesdays: 12:10 - 12:45 pm
Healing Eucharist
In-person only

Please go to
www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org
for information on how to join us
via livestream!

CATHEDRAL CLERGY

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