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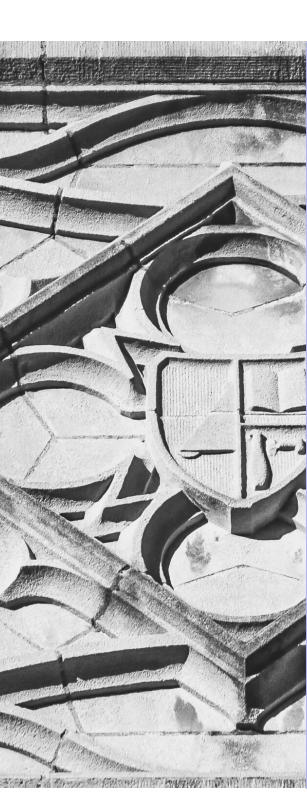
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Sunday Morning Schedule

September 10, 2023 thru May 19, 2024

8:45am-9:45am	Applicable Band & Choir Rehearsals
9:00am-12:30pm	Nursery Open
9:30am-11:45am	Refreshments in the Parlor
10:00am-11:15am	Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
10:15am-11:15am	Children & Worship and Kids Connect
11:30am-12:30pm	All Ages Faith Formation Hour

Read on for more details about each offering.

Worship

Every Sunday at 10:00am - In Person & Online

Trinity has a 10:00am worship start time. Join us in the Sanctuary, on Zoom or via YouTube for worship services featuring a diverse blend of preaching, music and prayer that appeals to a variety of ages.

The first Sunday of each month will be an inter-generational worship service that includes communion and emphasizes opportunities for worshippers of all ages to participate. About four times a year, the first Sunday will be a special "Milestone Sunday" when we celebrate milestone moments in the lives of our members.

The second to fifth Sundays of the month, children ages Pre K to 5th grade will start in the Sanctuary with their families and then have the choice to go to class upstairs: Children & Worship (Pre K to 2nd grade) or Kids Connect (3rd to 5th grade).





All grown-ups need to register their child or youth before they participate in any Faith Formation class to ensure we have their latest health & safety info. A check-in area located outside the Sanctuary near the Playground has info and paper/digital forms.



Children & Worship Faith Formation

2nd to 5th Sundays from 10:15am-11:15am | Pre K to 2nd Grade

Kiddos ages Pre K to 2nd grade attend worship with their grown-ups through the Children's Moment and then have the choice to go upstairs for Children & Worship. This class meets in the Children & Worship Room with check-out in the gathering area outside the elevator on the 2nd floor.

The Children & Worship curriculum has been offered at Trinity for many years and is a Montessori-style experience that focuses on the stories of our faith. The class is led by Sue Sundheimer, Greg Longworth, Laura Johns & other Safe Sanctuary certified leaders.

NEW: Kids Connect Faith Formation

2nd to 5th Sundays from 10:15am-11:15am | 3rd Grade to 5th Grade

Kiddos ages 3rd to 5th grade attend worship with their grown-ups through the Children's Moment and then have the choice to go upstairs for our Kids Connect class.

This class meets in the TrinityKids Room with check-out in the gathering area outside the elevator on the 2nd floor.

Kids Connect encourages older elementary students to connect with God's big story through quirky humor-filled videos, Bible exploration, and hands-on projects. The class is led by Jane Hazle, Amy Hine, Jessie Takala, Laura Johns & other Safe Sanctuary certified leaders.



Staffed Nursery

Every Sunday from 9:00am-12:30pm

The nursery is open an extended period each Sunday to allow grown-ups to participate in everything from band and choir practice to worship to Faith Formation.

The nursery is down the hall from the Sanctuary on the main floor and is designed for infants through Pre K children. It's staffed by Safe Sanctuary certified paid employees and screened volunteers. Our leaders focus on creating a safe environment for engaging our littlest friends with stories, music, art and more.

All Ages Faith Formation Hour

Every Sunday from 11:30am-12:30pm

Each week during the Faith Formation Hour there will be opportunities for kids, youth, and adults. Program offerings and room details may change week-by-week so watch your email & the website for the latest.

TrinityKids: Fellowship

Ages Pre-K to 5th Grade

Kiddos start their morning at Trinity by participating in the more structured and reflective inter-generational worship service, the Children & Worship Class, or the Kids Connect Class. TrinityKids Fellowship is an opportunity to crank up the volume and the activity level. Get ready for gym time, game time, dance parties, sing-alongs, crafts, science & more!

This program begins in the TrinityKids (formerly Sound Beat) Room upstairs at 11:30am. Just like with during worship classes, all kiddos will need to be registered ahead of time and dropped off / picked up by an authorized grown-up. The class may venture to other parts of the church during the Faith Formation Hour, but pick-up will be back in the TrinityKids Room. The program will be led by Safe Sanctuary Certified leaders.

Youth Group: Fellowship

6th to 12th Grade

Join us each week for a youth experience that focuses on relationship building – with ourselves, with each other, and with God. There will be conversation, games, activities, gym time, and more!

Youth Group meets in the upstairs Pellowe Room at 11:30am and is led by our Youth Programming Director Jeremy Farkas. Information on a self-guided Confirmation Study and other youth opportunities is on the website.

All Ages Faith Formation Hour Continued

Every Sunday from 11:30am-12:30pm

Adult Faith Formation

Ages 18 and Up

Each Sunday, there is at least one offering for adults during the Faith Formation Hour. Classes vary over the course of the year and may include everything from bible studies to DVD series to outside speakers. A few highlights for this program year include:

- Grateful Living Small Group Study
- Half Truths by Adam Hamilton Book Study
- The Chosen - Season 3 Video Screenings
- The Mister Rogers Effect by Dr. Anita Knight Kuhnley Book Study
- Courageous Conversations, Missions Speakers & More!

A detailed class schedule is released 3-4 times a year as a one-page flyer. If you have ideas about studies you'd like to try or topics you'd like addressed, contact Laura Johns, Director of Discipleship, at ljohns@grtumc.org.



Family Spaces

Every Sunday from 9:00am-12:30pm

The Playground in the back of the Sanctuary is designed to give families of all types a comfortable space to worship together. It features quiet toys, books, and activities as well as supplies for infants and breast-feeding parents. It also incorporates materials that can be taken back to a pew if desired.

In the Fireside Room, comfortable chairs and a portable Playground are available for any grown-ups that wish to find a space outside the Sanctuary to use with their kiddos. The service live-stream will be available on the SmartTV.



Refreshments in the Parlor

Every Sunday from 9:30am-11:45am

Gather in the Parlor before worship for coffee and tea. Take a lidded cup into the Sanctuary. Return to the Parlor after worship for additional fellowship time, drinks, and snacks. Sometimes we all need a little caffeine and calories to get us through our Sunday morning!

Interested in helping serve or providing snacks, please contact the office at office@grtumc.org and they'll get you in touch with the Hospitality Team.

Not Just Sunday; Everyday

Ministry Happens Monday to Saturday Too

There's always something going on at Trinity! Check out the applicable one-page seasonal flyers for information on children, youth, family, and adult offerings. We've got everything from small group studies to all-church fellowship events, walks in the park to movie nights, mission trips to music groups. Find a way to get connected today!

Current event info at: [grtumc.org/connect-grow/](https://www.grtumc.org/connect-grow/)

Seasonal One-Page Flyers in the Narthex and at: <https://www.grtumc.org/newsletters/>



Community Ministries Program

Wednesday Nights from 5:00pm-7:00pm & Beyond

Join us for our special Wednesday night after-school program for Congress Elementary students. In Kid's Club (2nd-5th grade) and Transitions (6th-8th grade), children & youth explore new opportunities meant to increase both school and basic life skills. They do fun activities like creating Lego zip lines, building underwater robots, and competing in our Egg Drop Challenge. A family style meal provides a chance to connect & build relationships.

Interested volunteers contact Matt Witkowski at m.witkowski@grtumc.org.

Community Ministries is also about building community partnerships with local groups and nonprofits. Partners include organizations that work with special needs families, ones that assist those struggling with addiction & recovery, innovative youth theater programs, advocates and supporters of LGBTQ+ folks, and neighborhood associations! Other exciting ministries include the "seen" Project and *Faith on the Fly*. For more info, check out the Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/CommunityMinistriesProgram

Music at Trinity

Wednesday Nights, Thursday Nights, Sunday Mornings & More

Trinity offers a lively and varied music program, including adult Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers handbell choir, Youth Choir & Handbells, a contemporary Worship Band, opportunities to play in the Trinity Orchestra, and more.

Contact Randy Burghart, Director of Worship Arts, at r.burghart@grtumc.org for more information.

TNT: Thursday Nights at Trinity

Thursdays from 5:15pm-7:30pm

Back this year, it's TNT: Thursday Nights at Trinity! This weekly gathering features a family dinner, children's choirs, adult choir, small groups, and nursery care. Bring your whole family out for good food, great fellowship, and fantastic music. Thursday nights are a BLAST!

TNT Schedule

September 14, 2023 thru May 16, 2024

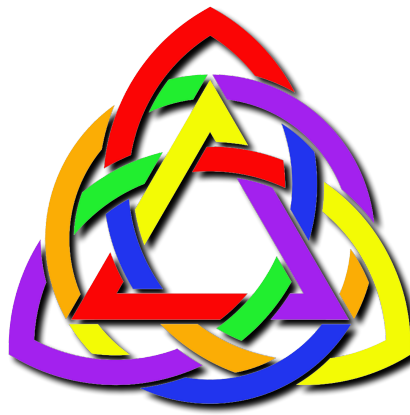
5:15pm-5:45pm	Family Dinner
5:45pm-7:30pm	Nursery Open
6:00pm-7:30pm	Children's Choir & Bells Rehearsal
6:00pm-7:30pm	Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm-7:15pm	<i>Everything Belongs</i> Small Group



TNT Details

Dinners are organized by the church ahead of time and catered by local restaurants (think pizza, subs & soup). There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person / \$35 for household of 4 or more to cover the costs. Registration & payment forms are created seasonally and available on our website.

The nursery will be open for infants and for anyone 5th grade and under who does not wish to participate in music programming. Older kids (6th-12th grade) are invited to participate in our other small groups.



QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS? CONTACT US!

Website: www.grtumc.org

Upcoming Opportunities: www.grtumc.org/connect-grow/

Newsletters & One Page Flyers: www.grtumc.org/newsletters/

Staff List with Emails & Phones: www.grtumc.org/staff/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GRTrinityUMC

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REMEMBER FRIENDS, GOD LOVES YOU & THERE'S NOTHING ANYONE CAN DO ABOUT IT!

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