



# The Trinity Guide

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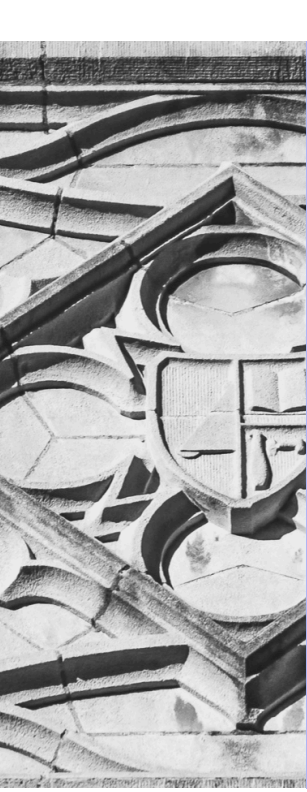
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# Sunday Morning Schedule

September 14, 2025 thru May 17, 2026

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, join us for 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).





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## Protection Policy & Annual Registration Paperwork

Remember friends, Trinity has a Protection Policy in place to ensure the safety of our children, youth & vulnerable adults. As part of that, we ask all grown-ups to complete **annual registration paperwork** for their child or youth before they participate in any Faith Formation class to ensure we have their latest health & safety info. Forms are online and in the check-in area located near the Playground.



## 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 is a Montessori-style experience that teaches the stories of our faith through art, music, prayer, reflection, and more. The class is led by Greg Longworth, Vicki Blubaugh & Laura Johns with other Protection Policy certified leaders.

# 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.

This year, Kids Connect students will use games, crafts, activities, books, and online resources to learn about 36 people of diverse faiths who have worked for love, justice, and compassion around the world. The class is led by Jane Hazle, Amy Hine, Jessie Takala, Laura Johns & other Protection Policy 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 is coordinated by Kristen Gifford and staffed by Protection Policy certified paid employees and 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

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 & more!

This program begins in the TrinityKids Room upstairs at 11:30am. The program is led by Protection Policy certified leaders and is a great way to get involved with Children's Ministries without a long term commitment!

## Youth Group: Fellowship

6th to 12th Grade

Join us each week for a youth experience that focuses on asking the questions that the youth want answered! Our program series this year, titled "What's YOUR Story?," explores a new theme each month through scripture, powerful stories from the book Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints, inspiring guest speakers, discussion, games & more! Come be part of a community where your questions matter and your voice is heard!

Youth Group meets in the upstairs Pellowe Room at 11:30am and is led by our Youth Director Annie Slabaugh & other Protection Policy certified volunteers.



# 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:

- Exploring the Enneagram: Understanding Yourself & Others Better
- The Deep End: Diving into the Gospels with Pastor Mike
- Keep Watch with Me: An Advent Reader for Peacemakers Book Study
- Unafraid by Adam Hamilton Book Study
- Courageous Conversations, Missions Speakers & More!

A detailed class schedule is released twice 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 [l.johns@grtumc.org](mailto:l.johns@grtumc.org).





# Refreshments in the Parlor

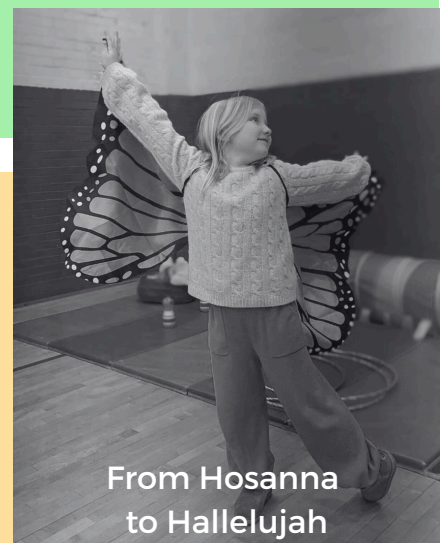
**Every Sunday from 9:30am-11:45am**

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!

## 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. 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.



## Not Just Sunday; Everyday

**Ministry Happens Monday to Saturday Too**

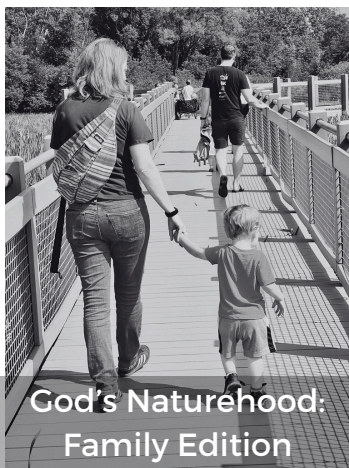
There's always something going on at Trinity! Check out the applicable one-page seasonal flyers for information on children, youth, family, and adult offerings. We've got everything from small group studies to all-church fellowship events, walks in the park to movie nights, mission trips to music groups. Don't forget all the great offerings from Trinity groups & committees like United Women in Faith, Missions, Congregational Care & more! Find a way to get connected today!

# Not Just Sunday; Everyday Continued

Not sure what opportunities exist or where to get started? Grab a coffee with Trinity Staff - we'd love to connect with you and help you find your place here! You can also get the latest info on all our programming online or by signing up for our Monday Weekly Update Emails. Seasonal One-Page Flyers with more details are in the Narthex and at: <https://www.grtumc.org/newsletters/>



The Greatest  
Advent(ure)



God's Naturehood:  
Family Edition



Community  
Ministries



God's Naturehood:  
Adult Edition

## 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 learning and basic life skills. They do fun activities like building Lego zip lines, creating art projects, and competing in STEM challenges. A family style meal provides a chance to connect & build relationships. Interested volunteers contact Matt Witkowski at [m.witkowski@grtumc.org](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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, choirs, 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 4, 2025 thru May 14, 2026

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

## TNT Details

Family friendly dinners are organized by amazing church volunteers - things like pizza, pasta, baked potatoes & more. The suggested per person cost is \$10. A discounted family rate of \$35 is available for those in a household with 4 or more people. Subsidized options are also available. Registration & payment forms are created seasonally and can be found 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.





## **QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS? CONTACT US!**

**Website:** [www.grtumc.org](http://www.grtumc.org)

**Upcoming Opportunities:** [www.grtumc.org/connect-grow/](http://www.grtumc.org/connect-grow/)

**Newsletters & One Page Flyers:** [www.grtumc.org/newsletters/](http://www.grtumc.org/newsletters/)

**Staff List with Emails & Phones:** [www.grtumc.org/staff/](http://www.grtumc.org/staff/)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/GRTrinityUMC](http://www.facebook.com/GRTrinityUMC)

**Office Hours:** Monday to Wednesday from 9:00am-4:00pm

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

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