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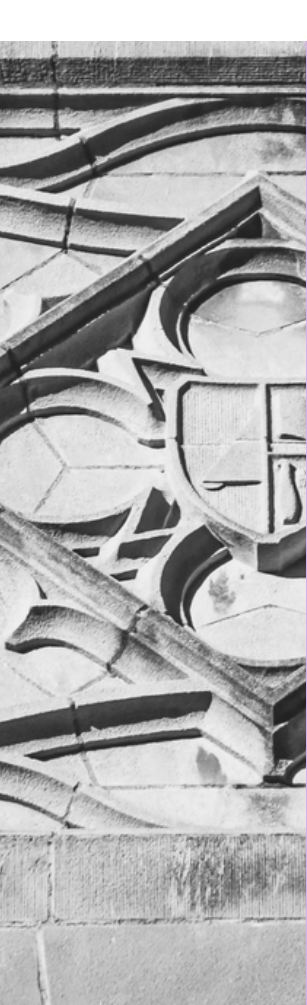
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Sunday Morning Schedule

September 13, 2026 thru May 23, 2027

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	Kids & Youth Offerings - 2nd to 5th Sundays - Children & Worship - Kids Connect - Youth Group
11:30am-12:30pm	All Ages Faith Formation Hour - Every Sunday - Youth Choir & Bells - Kinship Quest - Adult Faith Formation Class

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 three times a year, join us for a special "Milestone Sunday" when we celebrate moments in the lives of our community.

The second to fifth Sundays of the month, children and youth ages Pre K to 12th grade will start in the Sanctuary with their families and then have the choice to go to class upstairs.





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.

Staffed Nursery

Every Sunday from 9:00am-12:30pm | Infant to Pre K

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. 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.



Children & Worship

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

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

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 connect with God and each other using video, games, STEAM activities & Old Testament stories. The class is led by Jane Hazle, Jessie Takala, Laura Johns & other Protection Policy certified leaders.



NEW TIME: Youth Group

2nd to 5th Sundays from 10:15am-11:15am
6th Grade to 12th Grade

Join us each week for connection, discussion, games, activities & more! This year's theme is: Why Church? We will dive into topics together, wondering about things like why the Bible is still relevant, why worship is important, why we should choose love, and more.

Youth Group meets in the upstairs Pellowe Room after the Children's Moment and is led by our Youth Director Annie Slabaugh & other Protection Policy certified volunteers.



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.

NEW: Kinship Quest

Pre K to 12th Grade

This program year, Trinity Kids (PreK-5th Grade) is evolving into Kinship Quest! This new offering will be an opportunity for any interested kids & youth to gather for a time of fun and fellowship with the goal of finding commonality & building relationships. We will crank up the volume and the activity level. Get ready for gym time, game time, special snacks, and more! Kinship Quest also occasionally includes service & justice opportunities for kiddos and families.

This program begins in the TrinityKids Room upstairs at 11:30am and is led by Laura Johns, Annie Slabaugh, and other Protection Policy certified leaders. Kiddos can participate the whole hour or join at 12:00pm after choir.



Youth Choir & Handbells

11:30am-12:00pm | Pre K to 12th Grade

Kids and youth of all ages are invited to sing and ring their hearts out! New this year, Trinity's Youth Choir & Handbells are moving rehearsals to Sunday mornings. Interested Pre K to 12th grade kiddos will have the option to attend either choir or bells each week (the two will alternate weeks) during the Faith Formation Hour before ending their time by joining Kinship Quest in progress or heading home with their families.



For more information about Youth Choir, contact Director Andrea Gay at andrea.gay@kentwoodps.org.

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:

- The Deep End: Diving into the Book of Acts with Pastor Mike
- LGBTQ+ 101 Training with *Equality Michigan*
- Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas Advent Study
- Guest Speakers from *Together West Michigan*, the *United Methodist Community House*, and Other Partner Organizations
- Divine Flow: Reclaiming the Lost Art of Contemplation for Everyday Life Book Study & Practice Exploration

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.

Additional small group offerings for adults take place on weekdays and evenings. Read on or check the website for more about Friends of Rohr at Trinity (FoRT), God's Naturehood, justice work, book groups, and more!



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, justice work to music groups. Don't forget all the great offerings from Trinity groups & committees like United Women in Faith, Outreach & Advocacy, Friends of Rohr at Trinity (FoRT) & more! Find a way to get connected today!



Playground



Fat Tuesday: Jazz & Eats



Mugs & Munchkins
Playgroup



God's Naturehood



Family Camp

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/>



Orchard Outing



Community Ministries



Spiritalk Book Club

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.

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, 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 17, 2026 thru May 20, 2027

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

Family friendly dinners are organized by amazing church volunteers - things like pizza, pasta, baked potatoes & more. Want to help with meal prep or clean-up? Contact Randy Burghart.

The suggested per person cost is \$10 with a maximum per family rate of \$35. Subsidized options are available so never let price prevent your participation. Registration & payment forms are created seasonally and can be found on our website and in the Monday email.

On Thursdays, the nursery is open for anyone 5th grade and under.





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

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

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