

About this Booklet

This booklet contains brief descriptions of most of the ministry opportunities at Trinity United Methodist Church. It is a **valuable tool** in helping you find ways to grow in your personal faith, to connect more meaningfully with one another, and to reach out in service to others and to our community.

As you **prayerfully read the descriptions**, open your mind and heart to where it is God may be leading you to join God in God's work in this earthly kingdom. Please use the form on the back of this booklet to indicate your interest in commitment and bring to worship with you on Sunday, **May 7** or return to the office by **May 8**.

In addition to the ministry opportunities available at Trinity, be sure to consider other volunteer activities in which you might engage which are motivated by your love for God and your desire to share Christ's light and love with others. These might include such activities as volunteering for a local agency, coaching a youth sports team, tutoring at a local school, regularly helping your neighbor in need, etc.

If you have any questions about the information or opportunities presented in this booklet or would like to talk with someone about how your strengths, gifts and passion might best be used in ministry, **please call the church office or contact any of the staff members**.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sunday School – Classes for all ages that meet from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings, September thru May

Join a Small Group/Bible Study – Anyone interested in meeting with a group of people weekly or monthly for study and discussion

Current Small Group/Bible Study – Commit to continue to participate in a Small Group or Bible Study

Couples' Journey Team -- Help plan and conduct the monthly Couples' Journey gatherings held the second Sunday of each month (Sept.-May).

United Methodist Women – Women who meet monthly for programs & mission projects

United Methodist Men – Men who meet occasionally for mission projects.

Lead Class or Bible Study

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

Worship Planning Team - Meet seasonally to gather ideas and plan worship experiences, through the year.

Chancel Choir –Sing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service and on other special occasions. Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:45-9:00, September through May.

Chancel Ringers – Play the hand bells during the 10:30 a.m. worship service one Sunday a month. Chancel Ringers rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:45-7:45, September through May. No previous experience required.

Acolytes -- Train and coordinate scheduling of children and youth serving as acolytes.

Communion Server -- Assist with the distribution of the elements each week during the closing hymn and on the first Sunday of each month when the intinction method is used for Communion.

Communion Prep -- Prepare the Communion elements for distribution during the worship services on the first Sunday of each month.

Chancel Guild -- Help change paraments for worship services, weddings, and funerals.

AV Team/Lights and Sound -- Run sound and lights during the 10:30 worship service on a rotating basis and for special services and other occasions as needed as well as any additional A-V equipment being utilized.

Liturgist -- Help lead the worship service by offering prayers, reading scripture and responsive readings, etc.

Usher -- Greet people, hand out bulletins, and collect the offering for one month every three months AND to assist with communion the first Sunday each month.

Puppet Ministry -- Use puppets and perform skits to teach God's Word.

Children's Music – Children interested in sharing their gifts of music through choir, band or occasional special music

Youth Band – Youth with a variety of instrumental or voice experience who would like to share their musical gifts in the form of a band.

Drama – Acting, make-up and costume help throughout the year.

Vocalists/Instrumentalists -- Provide special music or accompaniment during the 8:30a.m. and 10:30a.m. worship services or other special services or occasions

Praise Team - Small ensemble offering praise music for our worship

CARING MINISTRIES

Caring Lead Team - Coordinate our caring ministries.

Care Package Team -- Help plan and prepare care packages for various ministries, especially mailings to college-age members and military personnel

Flower Delivery Team -- Deliver flowers from Sunday services to local hospitals or to the homes of homebound members after worship or on Monday morning.

Follow-up Care Team – Contact persons after they return home from a hospital stay to offer care and assistance in the form of a visit, errands and/or a meal or prepare meals for others to deliver.

Funeral Meal Team -- Provide food and help set up and clean up meals held at the church for families after a funeral.

Nursing Home Worship Team -- Read scripture, share devotional messages, or provide music at a worship service at local nursing homes

Prayer Chain- Please indicate preference of phone or email.

STUDENT & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Nursery Care – Provide care for babies and/or children while their parents or grandparents attend church, once or twice a month.

G.R.A.C.E. Teachers (God's Really Amazing Children's Education) – Lead activities for children 3 yrs - 4th grade during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Teach Sunday School -- Care for and teach, during the Sunday School Hour, children ages birth to 12th grade to know Jesus through experiences that bring the Bible stories to life.

Youth Ministry Volunteer – Be a part of a team of adults who care about youth and want to provide fellowship, faith forming and service opportunities for 6th - 12th graders.

Faith/Fun Events Volunteer – A team who care about children and want to provide fun faith forming and service opportunities for children and families.

Vacation Bible School– Help create and implement a summer ministry geared at children in our church and community.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Hospitality Hour -- Prepare and host, on a rotating basis, this time of fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Welcome Center -- Provide assistance on Sunday mornings, before and after the worship services, to those in attendance who are seeking information, wanting to sign up for study opportunities or special events. etc.

Greeter (Sunday Morning) -- Share your gifts of kindness and friendliness with those who enter our building for worship and fellowship.

Greeter (Special Events) – Share your gifts of kindness and friendliness with those who enter our building for special events.

Lima Symphony Concert Volunteers - Scheduled for January 20, 2018

Ron W. Richards Concert Series -- Help select, schedule, and obtain the individuals/groups to perform at Trinity as part of this special concert series.

Connect with Visitors – Write personal notes or call those who visit on Sunday mornings in order to make them feel welcome and connected. Provide friendship and food at Welcome events and New Member classes.

RISK TAKING MISSION/SERVICE

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Cooking
Free Store
Children's Activities
Worship

Churches United Pantry (CUP) -- Serve a shift each month-- morning, afternoon, or weekend--helping record pertinent information, and, if necessary and willing, helping stock shelves.

Family Promise -- Host homeless families by providing meals and fellowship at the church while families are working to acquire permanent housing.

Free Store Trinity/YMCA-- Help collect, sort, and distribute clothing, household, and miscellaneous items to those in need of such items. Volunteers can work behind the scenes preparing these items for distribution or help assist persons at Trinity's Free Store on Sunday mornings. Or at the old YMCA on Tuesday's and Friday's.

Habitat for Humanity – Help build affordable housing for local families or provide food and devotions for the work crew. All skill levels welcome and needed.

Mission Trip All Ages -- Help with the adult mission trips by attending the trip and/or assisting with details/preparations for the trip.

Soup Kitchen -- Help prepare and serve food at Our Daily Bread one or more mornings each month.

Roll Up Your Sleeves — Use specific “handyman” skills to help with simple repairs and projects around the church.

Book Bag Bonanza – Help set up supplies and greet and assist children and their parents as they collect donated school supplies in August in preparation for the new school year.

Landscape Team – Assist with beautifying and maintaining the gardens, planters, and flowerpots surrounding the church building and keeping the church grounds well groomed.

Cookie Outreach – Bake cookies for periodic outreach opportunities such as Kairos and Christmas Eve first responders.