



OPPORTUNITIES

FOR EDUCATION MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP



THE MISSION OF TRINITY CATHEDRAL IS TO PROCLAIM IN WORD AND ACTION GOD'S JUSTICE, LOVE AND MERCY FOR ALL CREATION.

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Dear Fellow Trinity Member or Friend,

Our Cathedral is a thriving urban community of faith. We are committed to inspiring worship, thought-provoking education, dedicated service and determined advocacy. As we begin Trinity's third century, we invite you to explore the many ways you can become further engaged in our vital and diverse community.

Becoming involved in one of Trinity's many ministries is one pathway to deepening your faith and commitment. It is part of our efforts to create a better world! This *Opportunities for Education, Ministry and Fellowship* booklet is your resource guide to the 35 ministries that Trinity Cathedral offers its members and friends. *Opportunities* was prepared by Trinity's Cathedral Council, which oversees and supports the ministry program.

Cathedral Council is a distinct governing body of Trinity. It is responsible for advising the Vestry on matters concerning the mission, outreach/community ministry and congregational life. We are a body of twelve elected congregational members, supported by clergy and staff. We meet regularly and welcome your comments and questions.

We invite you to join us in faith service and help Trinity fulfill its mission--*to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation*. On behalf of Cathedral Council, we thank you for your interest and support.

Yours in faith,

2017-2018 Cathedral Council

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In alphabetical order

Acolytes. Youth and adults are trained to serve in this ministry that assists the clergy at the 9:00 a. m. and 11:15 a. m. services and the monthly 5:00 p. m. Solemn Sung Eucharist. They participate in the procession and assist at the altar. Acolytes are scheduled on a rotating basis.

Ministry Contact: Rev. Kay Rackley, 216-774-0418 or krackley@trinitycleveland.org

Angel Tree. This group coordinates a Christmas gift collection for local children with a parent in prison. Volunteers are needed to contact families, purchase requested gifts, wrap and deliver gifts.

Ministry Contact: Allison Hauserman, abhauserman@yahoo.com

Anti-Death Penalty Group. This group advocates for repeal of Ohio's death penalty. Volunteers are needed to write letters and cards to death row inmates, help with petitions, participate in vigils and pray for inmates, and families of murder victims and those on death row. Volunteers coordinate with Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE) in Columbus and Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC) in Cincinnati. Group members may also sponsor community forums on the death penalty.

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APATT (A Place At The Table) is part of Trinity Cathedral's Hunger Ministry, a Community Outreach program that serves food to anyone in need of a hot meal every Sunday. Volunteers gather in rotations of 6-7 different teams. The meals are prepared and delivered to us from Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries (LMM). The gathered volunteers serve the food and assist in the clean up afterwards. Lunch is served from 12-1 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Volunteers are encouraged to come at 11:30 a.m. to prepare for serving.

Ministry Contact: Lawrence Edem, e_larry7@yahoo.com

Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival is a volunteer-based celebration of the birth of Christ, done in Elizabethan costume. Lasting about an hour, the BHF is presented twice, usually the Saturday following Christmas. (December 30 in 2017. The BHF is a series of vignettes celebrating the Light of Christ entering a darkened world. Singing is valuable but not necessary- one large rehearsal.

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Campus Ministry. CSU students, faculty & administration gather together at Trinity Cathedral to engage in opportunities to engage in a multi-faith conversation. Trinity Cathedral, in partnership with CSU, holds several community building events and educational forums, a multi-faith prayer space for quiet reflection, in addition to providing hospitality for several student organizations on a daily basis.

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Cathedral Life Committee. This group plans and organizes intergenerational social activities for the congregation (e.g. *Mardi Gras*, Advent Wreath-Making). Do you have ideas for community events? We also welcome extra hands for set-up, decorating and clean-up.

Ministry Contact: David Lawrence, dallenlawrence@gmail.com

Children's Programming (Sunday School). Children ages 3-Grade 5 are invited to join our teachers during the 10am Formation Hour in The Youth & Family Ministries Center for an hour opportunity to explore and strengthen their faith through various hands on and interactive curriculums. Children in these grades not only strengthen their faith but, are provided a developmentally appropriate space for them to play with various materials and build friendships with other children from across Northeast Ohio.

Ministry Contact: Kate McFadden 216-774-0478 or kmcfadden@trinitycleveland.org

Choir. The Trinity Cathedral Choir was established in 1907 and has a rich and varied history of performing from the vast repertoire of liturgical music spanning more than 40 years. The choir is composed of both professional and amateur vocalists and sings at the 11:15 service and selected 6pm Evensong services during the liturgical season which begins in early September and runs through mid-May. Choir rehearsal is held on Wednesday evenings 7:30 – 9:30pm. (Note: Summer choir does not require an audition, Wednesday evening practice, or weekly commitment. It is an informal drop-in choir that meets at 9:15 to warm up for occasional 10:00 Summer Services.)

Choir members are required to audition for Todd Wilson, Director of Music, be able to read music, and commit to attending the majority of Sunday services and Wednesday evening rehearsals.

Contact: Todd Wilson, 774-0421 or TWilson@TrinityCleveland.org

Community Gospel Reflections (*formerly known as Bible Study*). Members of Trinity and interested visitors convene on Sunday mornings between services to offer personal reflections on that day's Gospel reading. We carefully listen to each other as we engage with the Biblical text from several different translations. No knowledge of Scripture necessary. Spiritual enrichment guaranteed!

Ministry Contacts: Jane Freeman, jfreemanlisw@gmail.com and Bill Fuller, bfuller@judsonsmartliving.org

Daughters of the King (DOK). An Episcopal Order for women having a sincere desire to draw nearer to God and to help others do the same. We are a group of Christian women who adopt a Rule of Life based on the promises of our Baptismal Covenant and living a Rule of Prayer and Service. Seekers are always welcome at our monthly (third Sunday) meetings.

Ministry Contact: Debbie Hunter, hunterd16@roadrunner.com

Docents/Tour Guides. Trinity's docents lead tours of the Cathedral for church members and visiting groups. Docents provide hospitality to all, sharing information about Trinity's history, architecture, art, and programs. Training and reading materials are provided for new docents.

Contact: Ginger Bitikofer, 216-774-0407 or gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org

Education for Ministry (EfM). EfM is a four-year study of the Bible, church history and theology to help prepare adults for their ministry as baptized Christians. In weekly small group meetings, members worship together, study, and discuss the interplay between their faith and everyday lives.

Ministry Contact: Toni Ponzo, amp1of5@gmail.com

Flower Guild. Flower Guild is about having fun, being creative, and worshiping God. Teams of 2 or 3 people gather Saturday morning from 8:00 AM -11:00/12:00. We are all untrained florists; all you need is a creative spirit to join. We love what we do and love learning together. Come, join us.

Ministry Contacts: Jon Logan, jonslogandpm@aol.com and Diane Hexter, dianehexter@howardhanna.com

Food for Families is part of Trinity Cathedral's Hunger Ministry, a Community Outreach program that serves the hungry in the Central neighborhood. We provide additional food for the families/individuals at nearby Marion-Sterling School through a partnership with the Greater Cleveland Foodbank and Marion-Sterling School. Food distribution takes place in the school gymnasium throughout the year. Twice a month (2nd and 4th Fridays) we serve an average of 150-200 families through this program. Volunteers are involved in the setup, distribution and final cleanup. Setup includes the sorting, bagging (if needed) and arranging of food for distribution. Distribution includes interaction with families/individuals, i.e., assisting and suggesting ideas for the preparation of the food being distributed. Final cleanup includes the breaking down and disposing of empty boxes and the wiping down of tables.

Ministry Contact: Dale Murphy, dale.murphy@sbcglobal.net

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC). The Greater Cleveland Congregations Trinity Core Team expresses its faith through determined advocacy for social justice. For example, we have succeeded in getting the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion in Ohio; reforming the Cuyahoga County Criminal Justice system's charging and sentencing practices; and participating in the educational reform of the Cleveland Public Schools. We work with about 40 other congregations of many faiths to bring fairness to people who live in the Greater Cleveland area. We develop relationships with

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other advocates across the region and attend events and meetings in many faith venues all over Northeast Ohio as well as at Trinity. GCC is part of a national network known as the Industrial Areas Foundation. You can find more information at www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org

Ministry Contact: Gary Benjamin, garyabbenjamin@aol.com, study, and discuss the interplay between their faith and everyday lives.

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Eucharistic Ministers. Members administer the chalice at the service of Holy Eucharist. They are scheduled on a rotating basis. Each minister must be a confirmed member of the Cathedral, approved by the Dean and the vestry, and licensed by the Bishop. Attendance at a training session is required before beginning this ministry. Members may occasionally take Eucharist to people who are homebound.

Periodic training is required.

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Green Team. “Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees” (Revelations 7:3) The Green Team gathers to develop and support activities that promote the health and welfare of our Mother Earth. We want to develop projects ourselves, and also collaborate with existing environmental organizations to help engage the congregation in the education and developing awareness of how to sustain our environment for future generations.

Ministry Contacts: Gail Smith, gailmsmith@cox.net and Linda Lee, eriesprite2@yahoo.com

Knitting Pearls. Knitting Pearls is a group meeting weekly for fellowship, prayer and knitting. All are welcome, even if you don’t know or craft at all! Members are encouraged to bring friends. At any meeting, you can expect to find a friendly and open group, usually three to eight people that is lay-led and may include a reading or a prayer. We make blankets for infant baptisms and prayer shawls for those suffering illness or grief. Some members work from home and do not attend weekly meetings. At any meeting, members bring any project to work on including their own and receive assistance, advice and encouragement from each other (not always about knitting!). Yarn, needles and hooks are available from our group “stash” for teaching and projects to be donated.

Ministry Contacts: The Monday evening group meets in Café Ah-Roma and is led by Toni Ponzi, amp1of5@gmail.com. The Friday morning group meeting in Trinity’s Board Room and is led by Beth Billings, billings13@gmail.com

Labyrinth. The labyrinth is an ancient meditative practice. Walking the labyrinth, alone or as a group, is a form of prayer. It is also a sacred place set aside for you to reflect and seek spiritual insight, guidance and inspiration. The rhythm of walking, placing one foot in front of the other, empties the mind, relaxes the body, and refreshes the spirit. Trinity’s canvas labyrinth is placed in the Nave of the Cathedral for public walks each week from Monday through 3:00 pm on Friday. All are welcome, and while there is no formal introduction needed to walk, we are happy to provide you with a personal introduction. Trinity also offers several community labyrinth walks throughout the year. Please consult the calendar for specific dates and times.

Ministry Contact: Cynthia Ries, cynthiaries@gmail.com

Lectors. On a rotating basis, members read the scripture lessons and the Prayers of the People at Sunday morning services, Evensong, and special services. Periodic training is offered.

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LGBT. The LGBT Outreach Team focus is to inspire and educate all people within Trinity Cathedral and the Episcopal Church in God's all-inclusive love for LGBT people. We provide fellowship and support through social and community events for Trinity LGBT members and Allies.

Ministry Contacts: Mark Malloy, bmw4mpm@gmail.com and Todd Ruth, truthonthelake@gmail.com

Lunch Groups. Lunch Groups met once a month following the 11:15 a.m. service or after the morning Forum hour (for the 9:00 a.m. service) to help congregants get to know each other better and build a warm and welcoming community here at Trinity. Participants take turns picking local restaurants and notify their group members of the details. Sign up occurs on Discovery Days but anyone attending Trinity services is welcome to join in.

Ministry Contact: Linda Lee, eriesprite2@yahoo.com

Marion-Sterling School Partnership. *“The mission of Marion-Sterling, in partnership with the community, is to provide a high quality education where all scholars experience success in a safe and nurturing environment that respects individual differences, develops strong character and citizenship, and instills a love of learning that lasts a lifetime”.* Trinity supports Marion-Sterling’s Mission statement with volunteers to tutor students, assist teachers and co-ordination of Trinity’s annual collections of school supplies, warm hats/gloves and Thanksgiving baskets. All volunteers are required by the CMSD to have a background check completed and Trinity requires “Safeguarding God’s Children” course completion.

Ministry Contact: David Cratty, dcratty1@sbcglobal.net

Nooks and Crannies. Volunteers in this group help “spiff up” the Cathedral, normally for Christmas, Easter and other special occasions, by cleaning and polishing various items within the Chancel, Chapel and Nave. Participate when you can --- supplies are “joyfully” provided.

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Prayer Tree. Members of the Prayer Tree Ministry believe strongly in the power of prayer. This is a confidential ministry of intercessory prayer for those who have requested them for an extended period of time. Names/lists are received and updated from clergy.

Ministry Contact: Debbie Hunter, hunterd16@roadrunner.com

Refugee Family Support. This group collaborates with the Migration and Refugee Services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland, serving as mentors and tutors for newly-arrived refugee families, and occasional transportation for asylum hearings. Training and background checks are required and provided. As an evolving ministry, growth into other opportunities for “welcoming the stranger” is anticipated.

Ministry Contact: Jeff Spiess, jspiess@wowway.com

Sacred Space is a small group that meets on the first Tuesday of each month to explore a variety of forms of contemplative practice. The purpose is to support one another’s growth in prayer and spiritual practice. New participants are welcome at any time.

Ministry Contact: Charlotte Nichols, cdn216@gmail.com

Sacristans/Altar Guild. The Altar Guild ensures that the Cathedral is readied for worship. They order all sacristy supplies, bread and wine, and care for all altar linens and clergy vestments. Volunteers ages 12 and above are welcome to assist in the preparation of the altar and worship space for all services. Members receive on the job training and are scheduled on a rotating basis.
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20s/30s. A group for Trinity folks and friends in their 20s and 30s. The group gathers for social meet-ups and occasional discussion. Second Sunday Socials occur monthly. Meet under the organ after the last church service of the morning and together we will choose where to have lunch! “We’re a spiritual group, with a social focus.”
Ministry Contacts: Michael Drivas, michaeljdrivas91@gmail.com and Audrey Hudak, audrey.hudak.11@gmail.com

Urban Farm. The Trinity Cathedral Urban Farm, part of the Hunger Ministry, is located at East 35th and Cedar Ave. It provides healthy, nutritious vegetables, fruits and herbs for the hungry population of downtown Cleveland. In 2016, we raised 3,000 lbs. of food used in Trinity’s hunger ministries and other hunger programs downtown. All volunteers are welcome – no training required.
Ministry Contact: Scott Blanchard, scottwblanchard@roadrunner.com

Ushers. Ushers welcome members and newcomers each Sunday at all worship services and at special Diocesan events. No experience is necessary; training is provided. Serving as part of this worship ministry is an integral part of Trinity’s commitment to radical hospitality—one of the Cathedral’s core values. Ushers distribute leaflets, provide direction during communion and are often the “first face” of Trinity to newcomers. By keeping an eye out for visitors, ushers ensure that no one feels like a stranger at the Cathedral. Teams are scheduled on a rotating basis.
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Vergers Guild. Vergers ensure that all worship participants are in place, all vessels needed for the service are available and that the service begins on time. Vergers regularly consult with the clergy to organize worship, and serve at the pleasure of the Dean. Training is required.
Ministry Contacts: Anthony Kastellic, afk5206@aol.com or the Rev. Kay Rackley, 216-774-0418 or krackley@trinitycleveland.org

Women’s Group. Trinity’s Women’s Group meets periodically for shared meals, devotions, conversation, service projects and outings. All women are invited to join the group for fellowship or for an activity.
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Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12). Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join our Junior High (Grades 6-8) and Senior High (Grades 9-12) Youth Groups. There are weekly Sunday meetings at 10 a.m. in the Youth & Family Ministries Center, where current events and multimedia are discussed and used to help define and build faith. Youth also participate in service projects, mission trips and social events within the congregation, Diocese and wider Episcopal Church.
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