



Engaged By Grace

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Ministry Announcements for the week of August 23 - 30, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
- 10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
- 11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – The Church and Climate Crisis
- 7:00 pm – Tweens Campfire at Wachtman's

New This Week

Calling All Tweens (3rd-5th graders)!

Pastor Steve will be hosting a campfire in his backyard on **Sunday, August 23 from 7-8 pm** to kick off the new school year. All 3rd-5th grade students and their parents are invited to attend for s'mores and planning.

Director of Faith Formation Noelle Fox and Pastor Steve are excited to get the group together so we can hang out and get to know one another better. We'll also spend some time talking about ways we can serve Christ together in the upcoming ministry year. In recent years, the Tweens have supported the *ThankFULL Bag Project* which provides bags of food for families at the LSS Food Pantry, we've crocheted hats in the winter for people in need and collected books for schools in underserved communities. Maybe you have some new ideas, too!

Plan to join us on Sunday, August 23 at Pastor Steve's home, 1702 Cardiff Road. We can't wait to see you!

Interested in learning more about Holy Trinity?

An informal gathering will take place on **Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 am** for anyone interested in learning more about Holy Trinity. We'll get to know one another a little better and the ministry we share.

People interested in membership will be received at a mutually agreeable date. For planning purposes, it would be helpful to indicate your interest by emailing Pastor Steve (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org) or Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) or by signing up at the signup table in the Gathering Space.

Swimming, Pizza and Planning – Sunday, September 6

All middle school and high school students are invited to meet at Ron and Janet Benedick's house (2078 Yorkshire Road in Upper Arlington) to kick off the school year by enjoying some swimming, pizza, and planning. Come ready to swim on Sunday evening, September 6, at 5:00. We'll be in the pool from 5-6 and then have some pizza and do a little planning from 6-7. Parents are invited to be a part of the planning conversation (and pizza!) from 6:00-7:00. We're looking forward to a great year of fun and learning!

See You at Church Fam Connect!

It's time for Church Fam Connect to start again! Our weekly Sunday morning learning time resumes **this Sunday from 9:20 and 9:50 am** (between worship services) in **Grace Hall**. Our faith is nurtured as we *connect* to Bible stories, *connect* with family, and *connect* to our church family. Come ready to connect and learn with people of all generations through storytelling, creative activity, and engaging conversations with our church family. Please join us!

Thank You

Thank you everyone for the beautiful cards, letters and messages. I'm truly blessed to be part of this community. – Zinny Bond

Adult Discipleship Training for 2026-2027

The life of faith for a disciple of Jesus includes these six dimensions drawn from the witness of the Bible: Prayer, Worship, Bible reading, Service, Church family and Stewardship. Our slate of Adult Faith Formation events on Sundays from 11:15 am-12 noon after worship will again offer topics across all those dimensions. Grab some coffee or juice, cookie or donut, and join the conversation in the Conference Room according to this schedule:

- **The Church and Climate Crisis** (Stewardship)
 - Sundays, August 23, 30, September 6, 13
- **Christian Response to Migration and Human Trafficking** (Service)
 - September 20, 27, October 4, 11
- **Against Christian Nationalism** (Bible)
 - November 1, 8, 15
- **Nurturing Faith Study Series** (Prayer)
 - January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7
- **Faith and Civic Life** (Church Family)
 - February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21
- **Research on the Need for Pastors** (Worship)
 - April 4, 11, 18, 25
- **Oh, the Things an Organ Can Do** (Worship)
 - May 2, 9, 16

Contact Pastor Steve with questions/suggestions. Plan to participate and invigorate your faith for daily living!

School Supply Collection

Many thanks to everyone that donated school supplies to the YWCA-Family Center. The supplies were delivered to the Center on Monday and are very much appreciated by the staff and families there. Thank you for brightening the school year for children and families in need! Here's the breakdown of what was contributed:

Clear backpacks-77
Packages of pencils- 27
Packages of crayons- 79
Packages of glue sticks- 5
Packages of pens- 25
Packages of markers- 42
Packages of colored pencils- 53
Packages of mechanical pencils- 4
Pencil sharpeners- 2
Spiral Notebooks- 98
Folders-275
Packages of paper- 11

Concerts at Holy Trinity

The sixteenth concert season at Holy Trinity is the most ambitious we have attempted and we can't do it without you! An organist from Notre-Dame de Paris, two midweek half-hours (in Advent and Lent), the Messiah with our own choir and orchestra, a friendship turned into duets and a finale of organ and brass.

Friday, October 9, 2026 * 7:00 pm * Tickets \$30, Free to Patrons of the Concert Series
Vincent Dubois & Marie-Andree Jorger (organ and accordion)

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 * 11:30 am (Midweek)
Advent Concert (violin and organ)

Sunday, December 20, 2026 * 4:00 pm * Free Ticket Required
Handel's Messiah (choir and orchestra of Holy Trinity)

Wednesday, February 17, 2027 * 11:15 am (Midweek)
Lenten Concert (Joshua Brodbeck, organ)

Sunday, February 28, 2027 * 4:00 pm
Jeff Daubenmire & Joshua Brodbeck (piano and organ duets)

Sunday, April 25, 2027 * 4:00 pm
Cathedral Brass with Joshua Brodbeck (organ and brass)

Impacting Community

Everyone's invited to join the Impacting Community discussion on **Sunday, August 23 from 4:30-6:00 pm** at First English Lutheran Church. The event will feature guest speaker Michael Wilkos, Vice President of Community Engagement, United Way of Central Ohio. Future topics include the MidOhio Workers Assn. on Sunday, September 27 and the League of Women Voters on October 25. The discussion series is presented by First English Lutheran Church and Urban Connections. For more info, email: info@urban-connections.org.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Visit to Lailaty Café

On Sunday, August 2nd, several members from Holy Trinity enjoyed a visit to Lailaty Café, owned by Ramy and Eman Badawy who are immigrants from Egypt. Like many, their story is complex and illustrates both the challenges and opportunities immigrants encounter when coming to the United States. Ramy came on a student visa to study Electrical Engineering and received his master's degree from Iowa State. He was fortunate to be offered a job here in Columbus, so he moved here with Eman. She had a background in Education so she decided to complete a master's degree in education at Ohio State. But there were few opportunities for her to work in her field, so she and Ramy decided to reach back to their life in Egypt where they owned a restaurant.

As you can imagine, starting a restaurant is a steep hill to climb, and it took more than a year to find a location they could afford, get the necessary permits, design the menu, and open the restaurant. It's been open for just over a year now.

So what is unique about Egyptian food and Lailaty Café? As Eman explained, Egypt sits at the crossroads of many cultures and food traditions, so the food they prepare pulls from all these resources. Some food will look familiar, but other dishes are unique. The second thing that is special about Lailaty Café is its emphasis on building connections over food. In fact, the word "Lailaty" in Arabic means "home" or "homelike." There is an extensive game room with both board and electronic games, and patrons are encouraged to extend their time together to learn more about their companions.

The members of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor team highly recommend a visit. Dishes are plentiful and very tasty. If you have a sweet tooth, sample the many treats prepared by Eman. We did not try the coffee but if you are a coffee lover, it's worth exploring.

Lailaty Café is located at 3869 South High Street in the Great Southern Shopping Center. They are open Tuesday – Sunday from 9 AM – 9 PM. Why not try something different and support our immigrant community? It will definitely be worth your time.

Stewardship Corner

There is a phrase that states, “The mind grows by what it takes in – the heart grows by what it gives out.” Interestingly, stewardship involves both taking in and giving out. What God gives us, we are to receive graciously and thankfully. Recognizing that the many God-given gifts we receive can be used to further God’s kingdom, we give generously (2 Corinthians 9:11). God gives so we can give. Thus, the cycle goes: God gives, we receive, we give, and God replenishes. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Billy Edwards, bass singer in Holy Trinity’s choir, who fell off his roof and broke his wrist and pelvis
Katya Brodbeck, Josh Brodbeck’s wife, recovering from a medical procedure

Prayers for Our Members:

Sherry Hardgrove, recovering from heart surgery
Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer
Alice Larrimer, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
Sara Neikirk, recovering from surgery
Richard Boettcher, recovering from kidney surgery
Joanne Duncan, at Dublin Post-Acute Care Center, undergoing physical therapy after a fall
JoAnn Curry, recovering from a fall and broken shoulder
Marge Markowich, recovering from a stroke
Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5th, recovering from several falls
Wes Jones, undergoing treatments for lymphoma

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki’s father, recovering from major surgery
Craig Sturtz, Barretts’ and Wachtmans’ friend, exploring new treatments at Mayo Clinic for pancreatic cancer
Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer’s uncle, undergoing chemotherapy
Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week
James Gildea, Shirley Boyd’s friend, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck
Betty Mak, Shirley Boyd’s friend, undergoing daily home dialysis
Pom, Na Brown’s friend, recovering from a seizure
Sammy Cochran, Shannon & Abbey’s infant son, Debbie & AC’s grandson, home on anti-seizure meds
Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer’s neighbor’s 8-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia
Joe Stone, Genie Craven’s son-in-law, dealing with the result of neck surgery
Dr. Thomas Anderson, Bill Decker’s friend, recently diagnosed with cancer
Tim Curry, Bev Farrell’s brother and JoAnn Curry’s brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson’s
Melissa, Sue Ferguson’s daughter, battling colon cancer
Kirk Gerber, Pastor Bonnie’s brother, hospitalized in Akron with an infection
Alan Greiner, Barb Keller’s brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues
Rodney Larson, Don Larson’s brother, diagnosed with cancer
Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch’s father, dealing with health challenges
Mary Ortwine, Pastor Dave Markowich’s sister, undergoing health tests
Ryan Dunn, Janet Maxwell’s son, deployed with the Ohio Air National Guard to the South Pacific
Jan Attanasio, Janet Maxwell’s friend, diagnosed with ALS
Kathy Poling, Susan Poling-Jones’s friend, diagnosed with cancer
Lucas, Susan Poling-Jones and Tony Jones’ nephew, recovering from seizures and a brain bleed
Heidi McCarthy, Susan Poling-Jones’ friend and mother of 3 children, undergoing radiation for breast cancer
Ben Souders, Susan Poling-Jones’ friend’s son, diagnosed with bipolar disorder
Romie Fullenkamp, Mandy Richards’ uncle, diagnosed with lung cancer and in need of a new heart valve
Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin’s friend, battling non-operable lung cancer
Andres Torres, Juan Torres’s father, having heart issues
Chloe Walker, Annika Wachtman’s fiancé Kyndall’s niece, seriously burned in a science experiment at school

Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer
Michael Corey, Heidi Welch and Dan Sharpe's friend, hospitalized following a serious car accident
Those affected by natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

News of Empower Ministries

Empowerment Shelf – August 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Great Black Hope, Makena: See me, Hear Me, Know Me, and Accountable, are Neighbor to Neighbor's books of note for this month. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

Great Black Hope by Franklin, Rob

An arrest for cocaine possession leaves Smith, a queer Black Stanford graduate, in an absurd but dangerous situation: his class protects him, but his race does not. He flees to his hometown of Atlanta, only to buckle under the weight of expectations from his family of doctors and lawyers. Smith goes on a dizzying journey through the nightlife circuit, anonymous recovery rooms, Atlanta's Black society set, police investigations and courtroom dramas, and a circle of friends coming of age in a new era. This is a story about what it means to exist between worlds, to be upwardly mobile yet spiraling downward, and how to find a way back to hope.

Makena: See me, Hear Me, Know Me by Patrick, Denise Lewis

Makena has a passion for fashion and clothes are a way for her to connect with others--especially when she shares her OOTD (outfit of the day). But some people don't see Makena for who she is. They only see her as a Black girl and make unfair assumptions. When she experiences a racist incident in her own neighborhood, she decides to use fashion to speak up about injustice. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

Accountable by Slater, Dashka.

A young adult nonfiction book on how Albany High School handles a racist social media incident that incurs lasting and devastating consequences. For senior high and older readers.

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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
7:00 pm – Evening Bible Study

Thursday No Events Scheduled

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 30, 2026 - Confirmation

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
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11:15 am - Adult Faith Enrichment – The Church and Climate Crisis

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – August & September 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Aug. 23	10:00 am		Elli Cucksey	Karen Larson	Dan Perry Mike Lamont	Jeff Sammons MJ Neiman	Ben Kaffenberger	Suellen Sharp	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan
Aug. 30	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Dyann Taylor	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Nancy Riley	Matt Sharp	Becky Warnement	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Sept. 6	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Jody Passafume	Debbie Cochran	Skip Duncan Tom Wuichet	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Tim Rice	Chris Burton	Chris Grabenstatter Jeanette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, August 23 – Matthew 22:34-40; Exodus 20:3-11 **Tuned into God**

Sunday, August 30 – Matthew 22:34-40; Exodus 20:12-16 **Tuned Toward the Neighbor**

Holy Trinity Ministry in Action



Collecting, sorting and delivering school supplies to the YWCA Family Center



Learning about the immigration experience and unique culture of Ramy and Eman Badawy, Egyptian immigrants and owners of Lailaty Cafe.

For mobile giving options, scan code below with your phone's camera or go to <http://www.engagedbygrace.org/offering>



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