



Engaged By Grace

W E E K L Y

Ministry Announcements for the week of September 6 - 13, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

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 Care

5:00 pm – HS/MS Swimming, Pizza & Planning

New This Week

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!

Habitat for Humanity News

Our Habitat house is moving along at an impressive clip! All the trades have finished their rough-ins, and the drywall has been installed and finished. The exterior siding has been completed and finishing up trim around windows and doors is almost complete. We will now be moving on to working on interior finishes. For the next few sessions we will be working on everyone's favorite- painting! We'll also begin installing kitchen cabinets and preparing to do interior finish carpentry. Come on out and lend a hand, we'd love to have you! For more information, please contact Benson Ross at 614-747-0930 or detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

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 contacting 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday, September 29

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity in partnership with the American Red Cross is **Tuesday, September 29 from 9am-2pm**. You can make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org/give or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life!

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)

Stewardship Corner

A little boy was fidgeting in church one Sunday morning during the pastor's sermon. Finally, he leaned over to his mother and asked, "Mom, if we give the money now, do you think he'll let us go?" If this boy expresses our idea of stewardship, we are missing the true meaning, purpose, and joy that are associated with giving. Our giving should express our thankfulness for who God is and what God does for us. Through our giving, we worship and honor God. We give not because God needs our gifts, but because we have a need to give. God in God's sovereignty chooses to bless us as we give (Acts 20:35). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Joanne Duncan, hospitalized at Riverside
Jane Hart, Bill & Cyndy Decker's friend, undergoing surgery for a cochlear implant this week
The family of Romie Fullenkamp, Mandy Richards' uncle, who died recently

Prayers for Our Members:

Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer
Dave Carothers, anticipating kidney surgery
Richard Boettcher, recovering from kidney surgery
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, undergoing experimental procedures 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 9-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia

Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, dealing with the result of neck surgery
 Ernie Hartong, Bill and Cyndy Decker's friend, suffering from bladder cancer
 Dr. Thomas Anderson, Bill Decker's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer
 Billy Edwards, bass singer in Holy Trinity's choir, who fell out of a tree and broke his wrist and pelvis
 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
 Scott Houk, Susan Poling-Jones's friend, undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma
 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 Embrace Ministries

See You at Church Fam Connect!

Church Fam Connect is underway and going strong! Our weekly Sunday morning learning time takes place on **Sundays from 9:20 to 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!

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 Care** (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

News of Empower Ministries

Harvesting Hope

On **Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm**, everyone's invited to meet Dr. Angelique Khalifa - toxicologist, author, and living proof that where you start does not determine where you finish.

Dr. Angelique Khalifa grew up in a small farming village in Rwanda, where medical care was scarce and the odds were stacked against her. Through education, determination, and an unshakeable belief in what was possible, she rose to become a global scientist - today serving as Director of Discovery and Investigative Toxicology at Eli Lilly.

Her memoir, *Harvesting Hope*, tells that journey: surviving hardship, chasing an education against every obstacle, and refusing to let her beginnings define her future.

Hosted by Holy Trinity and the Neighbor-to-Neighbor team, admission is free. No registration is required. Copies of *Harvesting Hope* will be available to purchase and sign on the night of the event or order ahead at Storyline Bookshop, Upper Arlington (storylinebookshop.com).

Empowerment Shelf – September 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

The Carpet, *Happiness Falls*, and *Shaped by Her Hands* 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. ...

The Carpet by Azaad, Dezh

A day in the life of an Afghan refugee child and their family, where every moment revolves around love, family, and the carpet that connects them to home. For Preschool-grade 2.

Happiness Falls by Kim, Angie

"We didn't call the police right away" begins this novel about a biracial Korean American family. Mia, the irreverent, hyper-analytical twenty-year-old daughter, has an explanation for everything—which is why she isn't initially concerned when her father and younger brother Eugene don't return from a walk. What follows is both a ticking-clock investigation into the whereabouts of a father and an emotionally rich portrait of a family whose most personal secrets just may be at the heart of his disappearance.

Shaped By Her Hands by Freeman, Anna Harber

Maria Poveka Martinez learned pottery under the guiding hands of her Ko-oo, her aunt. Her new firing technique turned her pots black and shiny, and made them--and Maria--famous. This story of family and creativity illuminates how Maria's belief in sharing her love of clay brought success and joy from her New Mexico Pueblo to people across the country. For preschool to grade 2.

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 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect
 10:00 am – Worship with Communion in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – The Church and Climate Care
 5:00 pm – MS/HS Youth Group Swimming, Pizza & Planning

Monday Labor Day – Office Closed

6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 1:30 pm – Library Committee

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

Thursday 6:30 pm – Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 9:15 am – Intro to Holy Trinity
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect (all ages)/Sunday Hangout (HS/MS Youth)
 10:00 am – Worship with Communion in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
 11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – The Church and Climate Care
 11:20 am – National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting
 7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – September 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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
Sept. 13	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Keith Townsend	Dan Perry Mike Lamont	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Mark Abell	Debbie Cochran	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
Sept. 20	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Leslie Torres	Chris Pryor Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Jared Forts	Chris Grabenstatter	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Sept. 27	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Celeste Chappell-Bates	Beth Myser	Mark Abell AC Cochran	Herb Maxwell Janet Maxwell	Matt Fox	Nancy VanFossen	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, September 6 – Matthew 22:34-40; Exodus 20: 17 **Do Not Covet**

Sunday, September 13 – Matthew 18:21-35; Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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 Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)
 Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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