



Engaged By Grace

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Ministry Announcements for the week of September 13 - 20, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:15 am – Intro to Holy Trinity
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/Sunday Hangout “Teen Takes”
- 10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org
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- 7:00 pm – Middle School Confirmation Class

New This Week

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.

Congregational Update about Means Testing

Church council appreciates your continued participation & input as part of our collective discernment process for a future pastoral succession plan. Means testing was conducted over the summer to gather input on support for each model and financial viability if the congregation moves forward with the co-pastor model.

As a next step, based on the responses received as part of means testing, members of the executive council will be reaching out to households that indicated they would be able to financially support the co-pastor model. This step is to confirm the availability of funds needed to support this transition but is not a final decision to move forward with the co-pastor model.

After this phase is completed, Council will provide an update on the results of the means testing to the congregation as well as next steps.

Library News

Be on the lookout in The Gathering Space for a mobile bookshelf that contains timely books for adults and children. If you'd like to borrow a book, just sign your name to the card found in the back of the book and place the card in the nearby box.

You can find the display next to the sign-up table. As always, the church library down the hall (next to the drinking fountain) is available for viewing and checking out more books.

Celebration of Life

A celebration of life for Floradelle A. Pfahl will be held at the home of her son, Jay Pfahl, in Key West, FL on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 3:00 pm. Floradelle, who died in February, was a long-time member of Holy Trinity.

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).

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!

Hot Topic Happy Hour – Faithful Civic Engagement in Election Season

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 5:30-7:00 pm

Holy Trinity's next **Hot Topic Happy Hour** will be focused on how we as Christians can be faithful in a politically-charged election environment. Gathering at 5:30 pm around discussion tables in the Gathering Space at church, we'll discuss our call as people of faith to be non-partisan, rooted in love, and focused on our neighbor's well-being. This is a timely topic that is nearly everywhere we turn, please join us. Chicken wings, thighs and popcorn will be provided. Please bring a favorite beverage, a snack to share and a friend!

Stewardship Corner

Remembering that God owns everything prompts a remarkable shift in our view of stewardship. Usually when we think of stewardship, we define it as our giving to God or to the church something that belongs to us. However, stewardship is just the reverse, because it is our freely using, enjoying, and giving what already belongs to God (Psalm 50:9-12). The air we breathe, the water we drink, the land on which we live are all gifts from God. All that we have are gifts we enjoy out of God's love for us. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Wes Jones, hospitalized at OSU for pneumonia
Joanne Duncan, hospitalized at Riverside

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

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
Jane Hart, Bill & Cyndy Decker's friend, who received a cochlear implant last week
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, recovering from 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.

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 can be purchased [here](#). 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)

News of Embrace Ministries

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

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!

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity News

Our Habitat house is moving along at an impressive clip! The exterior siding has been completed and finish trim around windows and doors is almost complete. We will now be 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.

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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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 7:30 pm – Habitat for Humanity Steering Committee

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study

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

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday Wedding

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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. 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	Peg Steele	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 13 – Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 20 – Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philemon 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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



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