



Engaged By Grace

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Ministry Announcements for the week of September 20 - 27, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

9:20 am – Church Fam Connect/“Teen Takes” Sunday Hangout

10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org

11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – Christian Response to Migration and Human Trafficking

7:00 pm – Middle School Confirmation Class

New This Week

First English Breakfast Ministry

Holy Trinity will be providing a hot breakfast to our friends at First English Lutheran Church on **Sunday, September 27**, serving breakfast burritos, scrambled eggs, rice, black beans, roasted potatoes, fresh fruit and breakfast pastries. The free pantry is also open on the 4th Sunday. They are currently in need of SMALL jars of peanut butter and jelly, small cans of coffee or instant coffee jars, and canned food with easy-open pop-tops. Laundry pods and toilet paper are also in short supply. All donated items should be delivered to Holy Trinity by Sunday, September 27 at 8:00 am for transport to FELC. Or you can drop off to the Warnements' home in advance, drop to Becky's office, or bring donations directly to First English, 1015 E. Main St. 43205 by 8:15 am that Sunday. Breakfast service begins at 8:30. If you'd like to contribute items for the pantry or sign up to help serve on the 27th, click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948AAAD28A57-65773079-first#.

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 is **Tuesday, September 29 from 9am-2pm**. Make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org/give or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Save the Date

Please save the date and plan to join us **Sunday, October 18 from 4-7 pm** for Holy Trinity's Outdoor Worship and Potluck at a new location – Wyman Woods in Grandview. Watch for more info coming soon!

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)

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. In the meantime, if you want to check your voter registration or polling location, click <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>. If you need to change your address or register to vote for the first time, go to <https://www.ohiosos.gov/assets/vr-form-english.pdf>. Please consider joining us for this timely topic and invite a friend!

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.

Stewardship Corner

"What do you have that you did not receive?" asks the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 4:7). The world admires the "self-made man", one who has started with little or nothing and turned it into millions. While we should respect those who work hard and use their gifts wisely, we need to remember it is God that is the giver of those gifts and that God gives those gifts for a reason: *"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God"* (2 Corinthians 9:11). For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

The family of Jonathan Cucksey, Chad Cucksey's father, who died this week

Removed from the Prayer List:

Richard Boettcher, recovered from kidney surgery

JoAnn Curry, recovered from a fall and broken shoulder

Prayers for Our Members:

Wes Jones, at home following a recent hospitalization for pneumonia

Joanne Duncan, recovering at home from a recent hospitalization

Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer

Dave Carothers, anticipating kidney surgery

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 recently

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

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.

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:

- **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

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.

News of Empower Ministries

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.

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.

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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 6:30 pm – HTCDP Preschool Parents' Night

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – "Harvesting Hope" featuring guest presenter Dr. Angelique Khalifa

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

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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. 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 20 – Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org)

Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon (directorhtcdp@gmail.com)

Administrator: Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org)

Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck (joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org)

Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox (noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)

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