



Engaged By Grace

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Ministry Announcements for the week of September 27 – October 4, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

8:00 am – First English Breakfast

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 Ministry Opportunities

Fall Festival Potluck and Square Dance – Sunday, October 18, 4-7pm

Wyman Woods Park Shelter House (1520 Goodale Boulevard)

How long has it been since you’ve square-danced?! Have you ever square-danced?!? Would you love to reminisce about the great times you’ve had square-dancing?!?!

With those questions covering pretty much everyone, **the whole congregation** is invited to this Fall Festival as an additional community event on Marathon Sunday, October 18 when roadways are blocked around the church in the morning.

Here’s the schedule:

4:00 - Potluck Setup

4:15 - Opening Devotion

4:30 - Potluck Supper

5:15 - Square Dance for all ages

6:45 - Blessing and Dismissal

(Playground will be available throughout.)

Pulled pork, pulled chicken and apple cider provided. Please sign-up at the Collection & Signup Corner of the Gathering Space to bring your favorite fall salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

Yeehaw!!! Grab your favorite plaid shirt and see you there!

Columbus Marathon is Sunday, October 18

The Columbus Marathon, a showcase for the city, can sometimes be an obstacle for people trying to get to Holy Trinity. Because the racecourse encircles the church, it's a good idea to build in a little extra time to get here and anticipate possibly speaking with a police officer stationed along the route directing traffic. For more information and a map of the course, go to www.columbusmarathon.com/marathon or pick up a hard copy of the map at the reception window. If you can't make it to church that morning, please consider watching the

worship service online at www.engagedbygrace.org or join us Sunday evening for our Fall Festival Potluck and Square Dance (see corresponding article above for details.)

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.

LSS Food Pantry Update

A loyal group of helpers from Holy Trinity continues to serve at our Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry twice a month. We work on the first Thursday of the month, 12:30-4pm, and third Monday, 3-6pm. The next dates to serve are **Thursday, October 1 and Monday, October 19**. If you are recently retired or have spare time on either of those dates, we would gladly welcome you into the fold. The LSS Food Pantry is located at 1460 S. Champion Avenue. We can pick you up at church or you can drive yourself to their parking lot. We serve between 180-220 patrons every time. Jobs are simple but important and greatly appreciated by the pantry staff and patrons. Can we include you in our team? Cyndy Decker, deckerwilliam@att.net

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!

Stewardship Corner

Several times in his letters, the apostle Paul talks about the Body of Christ and the gifts that God has given God's stewards who *"are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10). As we serve together with fellow members of the Body, let us give thanks to the giver of the gifts, as well as the gifts. God gives gifts and the believers who employ them for God's glory and the building of the Kingdom. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

We Rejoice With:

Ron & Janet Benedick, at the birth of their granddaughter, Gabrielle Jean Catherine Benedick
Peter Ward & Deb Bickford, at the birth of their granddaughter, Lydia Clare Birmingham

New Prayer Concerns:

Deb Rockenbaugh, Kris Kochheiser's sister-in-law, diagnosed with breast cancer and lymph node cancer
Celeste Chappell-Bates, in need of prayer
Alexis Lilly, Celeste Chappell-Bates' friend, in need of prayer

Prayers for Our Members:

Wes Jones, at home following a recent hospitalization for fungal 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.

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.

News of Empower Ministries

Habitat for Humanity News

Our Habitat house continues to move along! We are mostly finished with the interior painting and are working on completing the installation of the kitchen cabinets, stair handrails and other details before we move on to finish trim. This week we will be working on kitchen countertops and beginning to install flooring. We are also trying to get work done outside including putting up fence posts, rails, and finishing the shed, as well as the conductor lines that carry downspout water out to the street. Pray for enough dry weather so we can accomplish those items!

We work Thursdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm with lunch provided. We'd love to have your help, come on out and lend a hand! For more information, please contact Benson Ross at 614-747-0930 or detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

Empowerment Shelf – October 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Benny on the Case, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*, and *Inharmonious* are Neighbor-to-Neighbor's books of note for October. 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.

Benny on the Case by King, Wesley

Benny lives in a retirement home that his mother runs, he has an eighty-six-year-old best friend named Mr. Tom, and he has Mosaic Down syndrome. When Benny transitions to a mainstream classroom, the other students tease him, except for Salma, who speaks Arabic, plays basketball, and isn't afraid to eat lunch with Benny. When Salma's grandmother and several other residents in the retirement home are robbed, Benny asks Salma to help him catch the thief. For grades 3-6

A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies by Casas, Bartolomé de las

In 1542, this missionary priest wrote an indictment against European exploitation and mistreatment of the native peoples of the New World. The document was published in 1552. It carries all the urgency of a moment in history when it still seemed possible to reverse the tide.

Inharmonious by Huf, Tammye

When three young Black men enlist in the US Army, their lives are forever changed. Able to pass as white, Benny reports for duty only to realize he's been mistakenly enlisted as a white man in a racially segregated military. Lee has been friends with Benny ever since he was a troubled teenager. Meanwhile, family friend Roscoe offers to marry Cora to ensure that she and her mother -- who both remain home -- will be provided for should Benny not make it back. Benny does return, but his new white identity leaves him struggling to find his place in between. As America promises postwar prosperity to white veterans through the GI Bill, black soldiers are excluded.

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 7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 9:00 am – Red Cross Blood Drive
 6:30 pm – Theme Team Meeting

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study

Thursday 12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry
 6:30 pm – Bell Choir
 7:30 pm – Sanctuary Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday 5:00 pm – Y-Family Center Dinner

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Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – September & October 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
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
Oct. 4	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Dyann Taylor	Tom Wuichet Skip Duncan	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Jared Forts	Dyann Taylor	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Oct. 11	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Ron Benedick	Leslie Torres	Dan Perry Mike Lamont	MJ Neiman Jeff Sammons	Matt Sharp	Becky Warnement	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, September 27 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
 Sunday, October 4 – Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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