



Engaged By Grace

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Ministry Announcements for the week of October 25 – November 1, 2026

Our Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
- 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
- 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect (all ages)/"Teen Talks" Sunday Hangout (HS/MS youth)
- 10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org

New Ministry Opportunities

On **Sunday, November 1**, we will light a candle and remember in prayer all those members of Holy Trinity who have died in the past twelve months. We would like to include any of your deceased loved ones as well. Please sign up at the Collection & Signup corner or contact laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org with the name(s) of the person(s) to be remembered.

Council Seeking Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for a slate of candidates to serve 3-year terms on Church Council. All confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to serve. Church members are invited to suggest candidates (including themselves) to Council President Lynn Anderson lynnanderson1873@gmail.com, Pastor Steve Wachtman steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org or the office email@engagedbygrace.org or 614-486-9433.

ThankFULL Bags

Holy Trinity is once again supporting Lutheran Social Services Network of Hope in their upcoming "ThankFULL Bag" project. Grocery bags filled with specific food items are being collected so that families can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. In recent years, local church partners have provided food for over 2,800 families. Please see the list below or the [flier linked here](#) for specific food items that are being collected in reusable grocery bags. ThankFULL Bag donations can be placed just outside the Holy Trinity sanctuary until **Sunday, November 15**. If you prefer to make a cash donation, the Holy Trinity Tweens will be shopping for the grocery items. Reach out to Noelle Fox at noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org if you have questions.

Contents should be assembled in reusable shopping bags and contain (only):

- * 1 box of mashed potatoes (13.75 oz)
- * 2 cans of fruit (peaches, applesauce, pears, etc.)
- * 3 cans of green beans
- * 2 cans of corn
- * 2 cans of pumpkin
- * 1 can of cranberry sauce
- * 1 box or bag of stuffing mix
- * 1 turkey gravy packet
- * 1 boxed yellow cake mix

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study is just getting started with a discussion of the Parables using the book *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place* by Josh Scott. The group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month with the next session happening **Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00pm**. All are welcome! Let Noelle Fox know if you'd like a copy of the book. Hope to see you on the 28th!

Attention Holy Trinity Children and Families

It's time to start preparing for the Christmas pageant! Any child 5th grade or younger is invited to sing and share the story of Jesus' birth. Everyone who wants to participate will get to sing and be part of the pageant (and it's even fine if they don't sing!) Please let us know if your child(ren) wishes to participate as well as if they would like a speaking part or not.

Rehearsals will be on **Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19, and December 3, and 10 from 6:00-6:30pm**. The pageant will be shared with the congregation during the **10:00 worship service on Sunday, December 13**.

Supper will be served each Thursday at 5:30 prior to rehearsal. While it's not necessary for you to RSVP for dinner, letting us know you are planning to eat is helpful in meal planning. [If you are interested in providing dinner \(homemade or catered\), please sign up here](#). Please contact Josh Brodbeck or Noelle Fox for more info.

Stewardship Corner

God has given us the freedom of choice. We were not created to act as robots who behave in a predictable and certain way. With our free will, we all choose our own answers to this stewardship question: "How will we use the resources that God has entrusted to us?" Some of us will be interested only in serving ourselves. In essence, we are all stewards. We will either be stewards for the Lord or for ourselves. When we spend time in God's Word, God will show us how to strengthen our faith so we can fulfill the responsibilities God gives us. May God empower us to say as Joshua said, "*But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord*" (Joshua 24:15). For more information, please contact Max Buban maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Sue Ferguson, undergoing shoulder surgery on October 28

The family of Alan Witten, former member of Holy Trinity, who died recently. Alan's funeral will be conducted at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, October 28 at 1:00 pm with calling hours from 12 noon-1:00 pm.

Prayers for Our Members:

Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer

Wes Jones, being treated for lung cancer

Jon Scheiderer, dealing with a respiratory illness

Bill Decker, who broke his wrist

Abbey Bates, in need of prayer

Joanne Duncan, at home

Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5th

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

Alexis Lilly, Abbey Bates' friend, in need of prayer

Sammy Cochran, Shannon & Abbey's infant son, Debbie & AC's grandson, 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
Deb Rockenbaugh, Kris Kochheiser's sister-in-law, undergoing treatment for breast and lymph node cancer
Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer
Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges
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

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. (We'll take this Sunday off and resume meeting Sunday, November 1.) Grab some coffee or juice, a cookie or donut, and join the conversation in the Conference Room.

- **Against Christian Nationalism** (Bible) – November 1 & 8
- **Disability Welcoming** (Church family) – November 15

News of Empower Ministries

Endowment Fund Seeks Requests for Grants

Holy Trinity's Mission Endowment Fund Committee is excited to announce that we have funds available to disperse for 2027. What is an Endowment? An endowment fund is a permanent pool of invested assets where the principal remains intact, and only the investment earnings are used to support a non-profit organization's mission for perpetuity. In simple terms, it provides additional support to the church and community beyond the annual budget. It also reassures donors that legacy gifts will be well-managed for the long term.

Holy Trinity's Endowment funds will be awarded across three designated areas:

- Community outreach efforts
- ELCA activities within synods, seminaries, colleges, or local social service agencies
- Holy Trinity program enrichment, ministry support, or capital improvement

Written directions to apply are available at the ministry info table or at www.engagedbygrace.org. Tell your favorite 501(c)3 organization that applications are due to the church office by **Sunday, October 25**. If you have questions, please see Tony Jones, Matt Sharp, Matt Schumacher, Vicki Townsend or Dan Perry.

Habitat for Humanity Update

We continue working on interior finish carpentry, putting in doors and trimming out the casing as well as installing the baseboards and flooring. We work Thursday mornings and Saturdays from 9am-3pm. All are welcome! Contact Benson Ross for more information or to get involved at detailsdetails96@gmail.com.

Building a Caring Community – A Dinner of Support

Peace Lutheran Church is extending an invitation to the congregation to attend a dinner they are hosting in support of a dear friend and neighbor, M, who has called Columbus home for more than 20 years. Originally from Honduras, she has worked hard to provide for herself and her family. Circumstances beyond her control have made that increasingly difficult. With help from others, we can support her and her two school-aged daughters as they continue to be a part of and contribute to our community.

Some members of Holy Trinity's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Team plan to attend and invite you to join them for a homemade dinner that Miriam will lovingly prepare and share a conversation about her immigration journey. You will also learn more about other neighbors facing similar circumstances. Please contact Becky or Jeff Warnement if you are interested in carpooling from Holy Trinity to the dinner in Gahanna.

October 28, 2026 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Peace Lutheran Church 455 Clark State Rd Gahanna, OH 43230

Tacos, rice, salad, veggies, dessert, drink

You can RSVP at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4AACAB2AA7FA7-66043434-copy>

(Suggested donation of \$20 per dinner will go directly toward supporting M's family's living expenses)

Thank you for being part of a community that supports and lifts one another. Miriam is grateful for your kindness and looks forward to giving back to her community through her skills and services.

LSS Food Pantry

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 date to serve is **Thursday, November 5**. If you are recently retired or have spare time at either of those times, 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? Please contact Cyndy Decker, deckerwilliam@att.net, for more information.

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.

Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for October 25 – November 1, 2026

Sunday, October 25, 2026 - Reformation Sunday

8:00 am – First English Breakfast Ministry
 8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect (all ages)/“Teen Talks” Sunday Hangout (HS/MS Youth)
 10:00 am – Worship with Communion in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555
 7:00 pm – Theme Team

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher’s Bible Study
 1:00 pm – Funeral (Alan Witten)
 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, November 1, 2026 – All Saints Sunday

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion
 9:20 am – Church Fam Connect (all ages)/“Teen Talks” 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 – Against Christian Nationalism
 7:00 pm – MS/HS Youth Group

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – October & November 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Oct. 25	10:00 am		Abbey Bates	Karen Larson	Adam Wagenbach John Gray	Chris Pryor AC Cochran	Tim Rice	Debbie Cochran	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner
Nov. 1	10:00 am	Bob & Barb Campbell	Tim Hudson	Mary Jane Neiman	Chris Pryor Peter Ward	Elli Cucksey Keith Townsend	Mark Abell	Chris Grabenstatter	Chris Grabenstatter Janette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
Nov. 8	10:00 am		Jody Passafume	Keith Townsend	Doug Myser Matt Sharp	Peter Ward Deb Bickford	Matt Fox	Dyann Taylor	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Nov. 15	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Beth Myser	Dan Perry Ron Benedick	Janet Maxwell Herb Maxwell	Jared Forts	Suellen Sharp	Terri Michael Joanne Duncan

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, October 25 – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36
 Sunday, November 1 – Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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 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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