



MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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ADULT EDUCATION TEAM — our team of clergy and lay persons who dream, vision and plan for adult formation opportunities at Trinity Church. The team meets four times a year and is responsible for our Sunday morning adult formation opportunities, our Lenten program and more. The convener of this team is Scott White. You can reach Scott at the church office.

ART GUILD — a dedicated group of persons who work to promote and encourage the expression of our faith through art. The group is responsible for highlighting the art found throughout Trinity's building through reproductions, prints, paintings and more. Each Christmas Season they host a sale and in 2016 hosted a Trinity Art Show. Dianne Weaver heads the group and she can be reached at 828-274-9282 or weaverzdw@gmail.com.

AA MINISTRY — four different Alcoholics Anonymous groups meet at Trinity each week. There are at least two meetings a day, one in the early morning and one in the evening. Each year a member serves as our liaison to our AA groups to ensure the meetings happen with ease. Spencer Atwater currently serves as our liaison to the AA ministry. Spencer can be reached at 828-274-2678 or spenceratwater@gmail.com.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TEAM — this team consists of a large number of members who work to care for the entire Trinity physical plant and our grounds. The team meets monthly and works to be on top of our facility needs. They work to keep our grounds safe and in good repair at all times. Paul Dismukes convenes the team and Paul can be reached at the Trinity office.

Garden Guild — a group of nearly fifty persons have come together to care for the Trinity grounds. Persons choose a specific garden to care for. With a few guidelines and ground rules, members are free to care for their appointed space in a way that gives them joy and provides beauty to our community life. The Garden Guild is overseen by Mary Bruce Woody and Barbara Setzer. You can reach Mary Bruce at 828-274-0530 or swwoody@earthlink.net. You can reach Barbara at 828-254-2136 or bcsezter@charter.net.

BUDGET COMMITTEE — a team appointed by Trinity's Vestry to help prepare a financial budget for Trinity's upcoming fiscal year. The budget is presented to the Vestry for approval in December of each year. The team works closely with Trinity's financial assistant, staff and rector to project financial needs that meet the hopes and dreams of God for Trinity Church. Those interested in assisting should contact Trinity's Senior Warden, Todd Cross.

BOOK CLUB — meeting every other month, this group comes together to discuss a mutually agreed upon book. The group is led by Barbara Fotinos and she can be reached at 828-676-6883 or bfotinos@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATIONS —

Print — the Sunday Times and Tidings newsletter. The Times is a weekly publication of news and events at Trinity, available every Sunday morning during worship or online. Tidings is Trinity's monthly newsletter, which contains both information on upcoming events and services and spiritual reflections from clergy, staff, and parish leaders. Ken Wilson edits and designs both and can be reached at ken@trinityasheville.org or by calling the church office.

Online — Trinity's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages, which allow for communication to parish members and community members active on social media as well as for low-cost direct advertising campaigns for special events and services of interest to the general Asheville community. Our online pages are managed by Amy Kelso, Ken Wilson, and David Henson. Amy Kelso can be reached at 828-281-2424, akelso@gmail.com, Ken can be reached at ken@trinityasheville.org, and David can be reached at david@trinityasheville.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM — assists the Director of Children's Ministries with overall visioning of ministries with and for nursery through 5th grade children at Trinity. The team also assists the director with envisioning the yearly children's programming. The team is convened by staff member Beth Chestnut and she can be reached at the church office.

THE CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE — a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. It is a worshipping community of the diocese composed of all persons, with a special focus toward being present for the homeless of Asheville. The community meets in the Undercroft of Trinity and each Sunday holds a Eucharist service and serves a meal. Community groups across the city and Episcopal Churches throughout the diocese also assist with serving meals. Trinity is intimately involved in the Church of the Advocate in a multiplicity of ways and your participation is welcome. Trinity's liaison with the Church of the Advocate is Spencer Atwater and he can be reached at 828-274-2678 or spenceratwater@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM — the purpose of the Congregational Development Ministry Team is to help grow disciples at Trinity Church by helping make Trinity known in our city and beyond. They seek to make the experience of a newcomer to Trinity the most welcoming and hospitable as it can be and to help newcomers become fully incorporated at Trinity that they might move beyond membership to participation, as God is calling them. The team convener is Carlyn Pheil and she may be reached at 828-505-2666 or carlyn@pheil.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY —

The Chancel Choir (adults) — is made up of adult volunteers and paid section leaders. The choir sings each Sunday and for many special services. Rehearsals are at 7:00 on Wednesdays.

The Jubilate Singers (3rd-8th grade) — follow the Royal School of Church Music goals, which promotes excellence in church music and choral singing. This choir is for 3rd through 8th graders. It meets each Wednesday at 5:30. A meal is available at 5:00.

The Alleluia Choir (4-2nd grade) — is a training choir for ages 4 through 2nd grade. It teaches the basics of singing, note reading and counting. This choir meets on Wednesdays at 5:00, and includes a meal following rehearsal.

The Handbell Choir — is open to anyone of any age who has a basic knowledge of music. The choir meets on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30.

The Funeral Choir — is for anyone who would like to sit in the choir loft to support congregational hymn singing at funeral/memorial services.

Contact our organist and choir director, Sharon Carleton Boone at 253-9361 or sharon@trinityasheville.org, for more information.

FRONT DESK/OFFICE VOLUNTEERS — lay persons volunteer to assist in the Trinity office. They answer phones, fold bulletins, stamp envelopes and other essential tasks that are an immense blessing to Trinity's staff. You can volunteer on a certain day of the week on a week or monthly basis or whatever schedule suits you. Please contact Ken Wilson our administrative assistant to learn more.

OUTREACH TEAM — a group of passionate lay persons form Trinity's Outreach Team. The team has a mission to foster opportunities for outreach and mission among Trinitarians. The group is also responsible for disbursing over 10% of the congregation's annual budget (a tithe) to organizations and groups in the community that seek to do justice and love mercy. A complete list of the ministries supported by Trinity can be found on Trinity's website and the Outreach Team invites new members to join in their mission. Liz Trask is the convener of the Outreach team and she can be reached at 828-277-7678 or ejtrask@charter.net. The Outreach Team leads many ministries. Signature ministries include:

Room In The Inn — is a community-driven faith-based initiative involving 40 Asheville congregations and mobilizing more than 2000 volunteers annually. The mission is simple: to provide approximately 12 women with safe shelter from the streets, a temporary "Inn," while they work toward permanent housing. Twice a year Trinity has the privilege to be that "Inn." Volunteers cook, spend the night, drive Trinity's van for pickup and drop off and fill a number of other capacities. Bill and Deb Myrick oversee the ministry and they can be reached at 262-203-2670 or 4wmharris@gmail.com.

Red Bag Sunday — is an initiative of the Outreach team. Four times a year we hand out red reusable grocery bags at Sunday worship with a list of items to be purchased, placed inside and then returned to church the next Sunday or sometime during the week. We often net 5000 lbs of food each quarter of the year. We partner with local organizations to stock food pantries and other hunger ministries. Though the Outreach Team leads the ministry we welcome and individual to oversee the process. Please contact Liz Trask at 828-277-7678 or ejtrask@charter.net.

PARISH LIFE TEAM — the Parish Life Team seeks to lift up and promote fellowship among all members of the parish through events, meals, and receptions. Parish Life works to strengthen social and spiritual ties within the members of Trinity Church. Our goal is to foster bonds that hold Trinitarians together, regardless of differences in age, background, or depth of faith. The convener of the Parish Life Team is staff member Debbie Cox and she can be reached at the church office.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM — the Pastoral Care Team is comprised of the clergy of Trinity and lay members who meet each month to review all pastoral care concerns at Trinity and to continually assess how our overall pastoral ministries continue to be the most helpful in our mutual care. You are welcome to become a part of our Pastoral Care team as we seek to care for one another. The rector leads the team and he may be contacted at the church office. A number of ministries are included in the Pastoral Care team. They are:

Lay Eucharistic Ministers — lay persons who take communion from the Sunday altar to those who are unable to attend because of health, maternity and other concerns. Trinity's deacon, Peggy Buchanan oversees the LEM ministry and she can be reached at the church office.

Trinity Meals — lay persons who prepare and/or deliver meals to members who are returning home from surgery, have a new child, care for a loved one long-term, moving into a new home and other concerns. Chris Dismukes oversees Trinity Meals and she can be reached at 828-231-2897 or chdismukes@gmail.com.

Encouragement Ministry — a group of Trinitarians take time each month to write a note of encouragement to those who need an extra word and prayer of support. It is often for those who are sick or caring for those who are sick, yet also words of joy for those who have a new child at home or other life-moments of happiness. This ministry can be done from anywhere and even includes those who are homebound themselves. Jennine Hough leads the team and she can be reached at 970-309-4481 or studio@heartart2003.com.

Healing/Prayer Station — see description below at "Ministers of The Service."

Prayer Shawl — a group of Trinitarians knit prayer shawls and other items that are shared with those who are homebody, in the hospital or otherwise unable to attend worship. Please contact Trinity's Deacon, Peggy Buchanan for more information.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE (SUNDAYS):

Acolytes — those who assist in worship at our 8:00 and 10:45 service. They lead processions with crosses, candles, banners and flags and assist the clergy in preparing the table for Eucharist. Children from third grade through twelfth grade are welcome to participate and we also have a few adults who serve as well. Anna Whisnant is our acolyte mistress and she can be contacted at ansa914@gmail.com or 828-658-2125.

Altar Guild — a dedicated group of persons who serve to care for the altar of Trinity by preparing all elements for worship. The Altar Guild sets altar hangings, cares for vestments, polishes brass, prepares the Eucharistic vessels and so much more. Our Altar Guild leader is Jan Hildebran and her assistant is Jane Exner. You can reach Jan at 828-253-6300.

Flower Guild — is a group of dedicated persons who design and arrange Trinity's altar flower arrangement each Sunday. They also prepare altar flowers for funerals and for receptions that take place at Trinity. The group is led by Tina McGuire and all are welcome, even those who want to learn! You can contact Tina at 828-274-2227 or tinamcgu1946@gmail.com.

Intercessors — lay persons who assist in worship by reading the Prayers of the People at services. Intercessors assist at 8:00, 10:45 and 5:30. Intercessors are organized by the rector. Those interested should contact him at the church office.

Lectors — lay persons who assist in worship by reading the scripture lessons during the 8, 10:45 and 5:30 services. Please contact the rector.

Linen Guild — lay persons who assist in worship by preparing the linens used for our Eucharistic services. Mary Bruce Woody leads the Linen Guild and she can be reached at 828-274-0530 or swwoody@earthlik.net.

Chalice Bearer — lay persons who assist in worship at our 8:00, 10:45 and 5:30 services by serving the chalice of consecrated wine during communion. Please contact the rector if you are interested in assisting.

Healing/Prayer Station — lay persons who assist in worship at our 8:00, 10:45 and 5:30 services by administering the laying on of hands (anointing) and private prayers with individuals. This is a sacred and unique ministry to which many are called. If you have, or even if you think you may have, the gift of prayer and would like to explore this ministry please contact the Rector.

Ushers — lay persons (men and women) who assist with both welcoming people to services and assisting in helping people find seats, bathrooms, and other important and vital logistical matters at worship services. Joe Sechler leads our usher team and he can be contacted at 828-225-3124 or f105driver@gmail.com.

Welcomers — lay persons who welcome people to worship at Trinity. Trinity is a 100-year-old building that has been added to a number of times. Welcomers not only help people feel welcomed, but also show them where to go and how to access any information about Trinity that they wish to have. The team is led by our Congregational Development Team. Please contact Carlyn Pheil at 828-505-2666 or carlyn@pheil.com.

Worship Team for Celtic Eucharist (5:30p) — a group of lay persons make up the Celtic Eucharist team. They set up for the 5:30 service and assist as readers, chalice bearers, lectors and prayer station leaders. If you enjoy a more reflective worship experience and would like to be part of making it happen you are welcome to join the team. The team is organized by Catherine Metzger and she can be reached at 828-684-5012 or catherine_metzger@uhc.com.

INVESTMENT TEAM — the Investment Team supervises, monitors and reviews the investment assets of Trinity Church. The team makes recommendations to the Vestry based on income needs of the church, the liquidity requirements and the investing time horizon. They meet quarterly to review statements, financial reports and performance of Trinity's investments. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Fred Groce at fgroce@charter.net.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM — is a leadership team that seeks to teach Christian Stewardship and to lead our stewardship efforts for our Annual Giving Campaign. The team meets monthly throughout the year to ensure a smooth and effective process of education and implementation. The members of the team do not ask for money or donations directly; they merely ensure a process of education and a process of implementing our Annual Campaign. The team is led by Trinity's rector and he can be contacted at the church office.

VESTRY SERVICE — is the leadership governing team in any Episcopal congregation. The Vestry at Trinity is comprised of fifteen persons and is led by the rector. Each year five persons are elected for a three-year term at Trinity's Annual Meeting in the month of November. The Vestry oversees Trinity's budget, buildings and grounds, as well as working with the rector to set Trinity's vision and mission. The team prays for each other, studies the scriptures and does the business of the church. Those interested in serving should contact Trinity's Sr. Warden. The current members of the Vestry are listed on Trinity's website.

WEDDING COMMITTEE — lay members serve as wedding coordinators for weddings at Trinity. The team assists the clergy in being sure that weddings happen in good order. Gay Coleman leads the team and those interested in joining should contact her at 828-277-6094 or sail2gwc@aol.com.

WORSHIP TEAM — seeks to coordinate worship at Trinity by including all stakeholders in our worship experiences. Leaders of our usher team, acolytes, flower guild, music ministry and more gather on a quarterly basis to review upcoming worship to coordinate all aspects. The team also considers larger questions concerning the overall effectiveness and impact of worship at Trinity. The team is led by the rector. There are "at-large" members of the congregation on the team as well and those interested in joining should contact the rector at the church office.

YOUTH MINISTRIES TEAM —the objective of the youth ministry team is support and advocacy for the youth ministry of Trinity Church. The role of the team is to support the youth coordinator in planning and implementing programs for youth ministry to the leadership of the parish and the greater congregation. The Youth Ministries Team is convened by staff member Debbie Cox and she can be reached at the Trinity Office.

EDUCATION/FORMATION AND SMALL GROUPS

PARENTS IN CONVERSATION — is an ever-evolving group of parents (young, old, married, divorced, single) with ever-growing children (newborns, toddlers, elementary school, middle school, high school, and beyond). Through open-ended dialogue and honest, intentional conversations, we can all learn from each other about the Christian faith and journey in the midst of daily life and parenting. Like life as parents, the schedule might change. Like the soccer carpool, anyone is welcome to join us and we'll always make room. A full schedule can be found on Trinity's website.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS — each Sunday there is one, sometimes two or three opportunities for exploring Christian faith. The opportunities include a wide array of offerings that focus at times on studying the scriptures, theology, current events and more. Trinity's website includes the full schedule.

SUNDAY FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH — each Sunday there is a intentional opportunity for Christian formation with our children and youth. Trinity's staff includes full-time persons dedicated to ministry and education with youth and children. The programs are dynamic and engaging. A full listing of offerings is found on the Trinity website.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING — is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. Reaffirming the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a lifelong program of prayer, service and evangelism. She receives support in this commitment from a worldwide community of like-minded women. The Daughters have a specific ministry of prayer and service. Trinity's chapter of DOTK is currently on hiatus and desires more participation. Please contact Trinity's Deacon, Peggy Buchanan, for more information.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM) — is a program of study and theological reflection produced by the School of Theology of the University of the South. This is a sustained and in-depth program that is equal in measure to any introductory process one finds in a seminary or divinity school. Participants are immersed in biblical studies, church history, theology and a unique process of theological reflection. Trinity's group meets on Monday evenings. See efm.sewanee.edu for more information and contact Trinity's Deacon, Peggy Buchanan, to be a part of Trinity's group.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Nursery — Trinity's nursery is open and staffed each Sunday from 9 a.m. until after our 10:45 a.m. service. The nursery serves ages 0-3 (not potty trained). The room has two different areas, one primarily for infants/crawlers and the other for toddlers. The nursery is served by a highly qualified staff of three. All are trained through the Red Cross and through the Episcopal Church's training to keep all children safe. Background checks are conducted for all nursery staff. Beth Chestnut oversees the nursery and she can be contacted at the Church office.

Family Fridays — is an opportunity for families with children from infants through elementary age to come together to socialize and build a community of friends at Trinity. Activities include swim parties, baseball game outings, movie nights, and more. Nursery care is provided for infants through 3 years old. Staff member Beth Chesnut leads the group.

Club 345 — is a junior Youth Group for 3, 4 and 5th graders that meets once a month after church for fun, fellowship and outreach to the wider community. A full schedule of events is found on Trinity's website. Staff member Beth Chestnut can be contacted for more information.

Vacation Bible School — children from five other area churches join Trinity and First Presbyterian Church to create a fantastic 4-day summer experience for children ages three through rising 6th graders. The atmosphere of a Judean marketplace from Jesus' time is created through crafts, games, stories, music and drama. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. The week takes place at both Trinity and First Presbyterian church. Contact Beth Chestnut for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRIES —

Jr. EYC — is youth group for our 6, 7 and 8th graders. The group is focused on building fellowship among Trinity's pre-teens and teens and includes fun, and outreach activities on a monthly basis. The usually meets after the 10:45 service on Sundays and the schedule can be found in Trinity's publications and on the website. Contact staff member, Debbie Cox for information.

EYC — is youth group for 9-12 graders. The group is focused on building fellowship among Trinity's pre-teens and teens and includes fun, and outreach activities on a monthly basis. The usually meets after the 10:45 service on Sundays and the schedule can be found in Trinity's publications and on the website. Contact staff member, Debbie Cox for information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — each Wednesday morning at 9:30 women gather in Trinity's Conference room for community, prayer and bible study. The upcoming Sunday readings are discussed, time is set aside for the sharing of prayer concerns and prayers and a strong community is formed. Our former Assistant led the group for many years and the current clergy will lead the group beginning in the Fall of 2016. All women are welcome are welcome to attend. No registration is needed. For questions please contact the Rector.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — each Friday morning at 7:30 a group of men gather in the Clark Room of Trinity for fellowship and bible study. The upcoming Sunday readings are discussed and members support each other in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend and no pre-registration is needed. The group is led by Bill Myrick and he can be reached at 262-203-2670 or 4wmharris@gmail.com.

SENIORS AT TRINITY — a monthly meeting of Trinitarians 65 and above. Trinity's Deacon, Peggy Buchanan, leads the group and they meet from April to November. Their meetings are fellowship oriented and often include field trips. You are welcome to join and to help lead. Please contact Peggy at the church office.