

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Congregational Ministries deal with the planning and implementing of ministries and activities that help keep Trinity functioning so that it can continue to be a vital entity in our community.

Adult Faith Formation

Couples' Journey Team	Help plan and conduct the monthly Couples' Journey gatherings held the first Sunday of each month (Sept.-May). <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	One planning session/year and then as needed	1-2 hours
G-Force Team (Guys for Outreaching Righteous Christian Entertainment)	Help plan and conduct quarterly events that provide outreaching, righteous, Christian entertainment for men. <i>Contact Persons: Jim Martin (419-234-0487) and Jeff Wright (419-233-2779)</i>	Quarterly Planning sessions and events	1-2 hours
J-Bug Team (Just Between Us Gals)	Help plan and conduct quarterly events for women that help in the faith growth and faith fellowship of those who attend. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	One planning session/year and then as needed	1-2 hours Each session
Women's Retreat Team	Help plan and conduct the annual women's retreat held the 4th weekend of January. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Monthly, beginning in July and then Weekly in January	1-2 hours Plus weekend of retreat

Arts Ministries

Chancel Choir	Sing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service and on other special occasions. Open to all youth and adults, Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:45-9:00. Additional rehearsals occur as needed, based on scheduled performances. <i>Contact person: David Schneider (419-227-0800)</i>	Weekly, Sept.-May	2-3 hours Each week
Chancel Ringers	Play the hand bells during the 10:30 a.m. worship service one Sunday a month. Open to all youth and adults, the Chancel Ringers requires no previous experience. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 6:45-7:45. <i>Contact person: John Mulder (419-227-3297)</i>	Weekly, Sept. -May	1 hour Each week
Pianists/Instrumentalists/Vocalists	Provide special music or accompaniment during the 8:30a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services or other special services or occasions. <i>Contact persons: David Schneider (419-227-0800) or Mark Trinko (419-227-0800)</i>	Rotating Sunday schedule for pianists at 8:30 service; otherwise, as needed	Varies
Ronald W. Richards/Lloyd Geissinger Concert Series Team	Help select, schedule, and obtain the individuals/groups to perform at Trinity as part of this special concert series. <i>Contact person: Phyllis Wentz (419-222-7381)</i>	As needed	4-5 hours Each concert

Children's & Family Ministries

Help Teach and Provide Childcare during the Church Hour	Greet children and parents and to care for children ages birth through 4th grade during the 10:30 worship service. Age groups are divided into birth to 3 years, 3 years to kindergarten, and grades 1 to 4. Commitment to this ministry can be for one Sunday each month or more often as desired. <i>Contact person: Jackie Johnson (419-227-0800)</i>	Rotating monthly schedule	1 ½ hours
Help Teach and Provide Childcare during the Sunday School Hour	Care for and teach, during the Sunday School Hour, children ages birth to 4th grade to know Jesus through experiences that bring the Bible stories to life. Age groups are divided into birth to 3 years, 3-5 year olds, kindergarten to 1st grade, and 2nd to 4th grade. <i>Contact person: Ben Estes (419-339-7944)</i>	Weekly, Sept.-May	1 ½ hours
Provide Childcare for Special Events	Provide care for babies and/or children while their parents or grandparents attend special events at church. <i>Contact person: Jackie Johnson (419-227-0800)</i>	Varies	Varies
Family Retreat Team	Vision, plan, coordinate and help lead the family retreat. <i>Contact person: Jackie Johnson (419-227-0800)</i>	Annually, Last weekend of April	Varies
Lead/Help with Vacation Bible School	Lead VBS through coordinating and delegating the various responsibilities for VBS OR to assist the VBS director by teaching, providing snacks, leading recreation or music, etc. <i>Contact person: Wilma Davis (419-227-7574)</i>	Annually, In June	Varies

Fellowship/Leisure Ministries

Garden/Landscape Team	Beautify and maintain the gardens, planters, and flowerpots surrounding the church building and keep the church grounds, including Trinity Park, well groomed. <i>Contact person: Bev Beery (419-991-3893)</i>	Weekly, during season	1-2 hours/week
Help with Hospitality Hour	Prepare and host, on a rotating basis, this time of fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. <i>Contact person: Joyce Pugh (419-223-7131)</i>	Rotating schedule to host a Sunday	1 hour
Coordinate TARP (Older Adult Activities)	Help plan and organize activities for the older adults of our congregation and others who might enjoy fellowshiping with them. <i>Contact person: Pat Morris (419-227-4890)</i>	Annual planning session, plus monthly event	Varies
Over 80 Dinner Planning Team	Help plan and coordinate this special evening for our Trinity members who are 80 years old and over. Volunteers arrange for invitations, a meal, decorations, program, and transportation for these special guests. <i>Contact person: Bruce Arnold (419-227-8695)</i>	Annually, In September	Planning time plus attending the event

Service Ministries

Drive Church Bus	Assist with driving the church bus on Sunday mornings as well as to various events throughout the year. Drivers must be 21 years old, have a good driving record, and acquire a commercial driver's license (CDL). <i>Contact person: John Mulder (419-227-3297)</i>	Sunday mornings; Other events as needed	Varies
Drive Church Van	Assist with driving the 15-passenger church van to pick up and return members on Sunday mornings and as needed for various other occasions. <i>Contact person: John Mulder (419-227-3297)</i>	As needed	Varies
Money Counters	Meet on Monday mornings to count the offering and other church monies for deposit. <i>Contact person: Martha Jo Backstrom (419-645-4833)</i>	Weekly, Mondays at 9am	1 hour
Help with General Office Needs	Assist, as the need arises, with various office tasks, such as answering the telephone, stuffing bulletins and envelopes, making copies, running bulletins, doing data entry, etc. <i>Contact person: Jean Francis (419-331-7397)</i>	Rotating weekly schedule during staff meetings and as needed	Varies
Help Set Up and Tear Down/Clean Up for Special Services and Other Special Events	Assist in setting up sound equipment, screens and projectors, and moving items in the chancel area in preparation for special services and events that require a little more equipment than the Sunday morning worship services do. Or, be part of a group of people who can be called upon to help make sure all equipment, including possible use of a large tent, furniture, dishes, rooms, etc. are set up and then put back and cleaned up after bigger church events. <i>Contact person: John Mulder (419-227-3297)</i>	As needed	Varies
"Roll Up Your Sleeves" Team	Use specific "handyman" skills to help with simple repairs and projects around the church. <i>Contact person: Bruce Arnold (419-227-8695)</i>	As needed	Varies

Stewardship Ministries

Fall Campaign Team	Help plan and conduct the fall financial campaign with a focus on biblical stewardship that enables our church to function at its highest level. <i>Contact person: Larry Webb (419-229-9728)</i>	Twice monthly, Sept.-Nov.	1-2 hours
Wills & Legacies Team	Help enable Trinity to function at its highest level by encouraging and assisting members to remember Trinity in their estate planning. <i>Contact person: Larry Webb (419-229-9728)</i>	Monthly, Or as needed	1-2 hours

United Methodist Ministries

United Methodist Men (UMM)	UMM provides an avenue for the men of Trinity to strengthen their Christian faith life. These men meet on the second Saturday morning of each month for breakfast and a program. The UMM also sponsors an annual Election Day dinner and serves as a resource group for various ministries and events in the life of the church and the community. <i>Contact Person: Gene Wright (419-222-8440)</i>	Monthly, And as needed	1-2 hours
United Methodist Women (UMW)	UMW is a community of women whose purpose is to know God, experience freedom in Jesus Christ, develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and be involved in mission geared toward women and children. Meetings are offered on a variety of days and times. <i>Contact Person: Wilma Davis (419-227-7574)</i>	Monthly	1-2 hours
Worship Ministries			
A-V Team/Lights and Sound	Run sound and lights during the 10:30 worship service on a rotating basis and for special services and other occasions as needed as well as any additional A-V equipment being utilized. Training about the sound board, lights, and equipment will be conducted for those new to this ministry. <i>Contact person: Kirk Slusher (419-222-5475)</i>	Sundays; rotating schedule plus special services and events	1-2 hours
Chancel Guild	Help change paraments for worship services, weddings, and funerals. <i>Contact person: Ann Mulder (419-227-3297)</i>	Varies by season	Varies
Communion Server	Assist with the distribution of the elements each week during the closing hymn and on the first Sunday of each month when the intinction method is used for Communion. <i>Contact person: Linda Fox Miller (419-228-7531)</i>	Sundays; rotating schedule	½ hour
Communion Preparation	Prepare the Communion elements for distribution during the worship services on the first Sunday of each month AND to prepare and place the Communion elements in the chapel and the sanctuary the other weeks for those wishing to take communion at the close of the services. <i>Contact person: Buddy White (419-991-5493)</i>	1st Sunday of each month plus special worship times	1 hour
Greeter	Share your gifts of kindness and friendliness with those who enter our building for worship and fellowship. <i>Contact person: Pam Radulovich (419-227-7773)</i>	Sundays; rotating schedule plus some special services	30 minutes prior to service
Liturgist	Help lead the worship service by offering prayers, reading scripture and responsive readings, etc. <i>Contact person: Rev. Harris (419-227-0800)</i>	Sundays; rotating schedule plus some special services	1 hour
Puppet Ministry	Use puppets and perform skits to teach God's Word. <i>Contact person: Sheila Rowe (419-228-5995)</i>	Varies	Varies
Sunday Morning Breakfast Worship Experience	Provide music and worship experience for those who attend our Sunday morning breakfast. <i>Contact person: Mike Wildermuth (419-999-6461)</i>	Weekly, Sunday mornings	1 hour
Usher	Greet people, hand out bulletins, and collect the offering for one month every three months AND to assist with communion the first Sunday each month. <i>Contact person: Pam Lauless (419-222-0204)</i>	Sundays; rotating schedule plus some special services	1-2 hours

Youth Ministries

Co-Lead a Youth Discipleship Group	Be willing to grow, to be open and authentic, and to truly love the youth as the leader of a small group for youth in 7th-12th grades. These groups, which meet every other week, are geared to help the youth learn (and experience) what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	2 Sunday evenings/month, Sept.-May	2 hours
Fall Retreat Planning Team	Be part of a team which plans and coordinates the annual Fall Youth Retreat. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	Monthly, July-Nov.	1-2 hours
Coordinate Youth Fundraisers	Plan, prepare, and conduct ways in which youth can earn money to help pay for youth events, such as retreats, mission trips, and Lakeside Institute. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	Varies by season	Varies
Lakeside Institute	Attend this annual event for youth, or to encourage, promote, and help chaperone the youth institute experience. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	Prep Jan.-March, Attend last week of June	Varies
Lay Advisory Committee	Be part of a team which oversees and evaluates our youth ministry intern from Ohio Northern University. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	3-10 evenings/year	1-2 hours
Assist with Liturgical Dance	Help lead and/or participate in coordinated dance movements to music, occasionally during worship services and other occasions. No previous dance experience is necessary. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	As needed	varies
Provide Food/Meals for Youth Events	Provide all or part of the food needs for various youth events or even help in planning for the food needs of these events. Volunteers may be put into a quarterly rotation, or may help on an as needed basis. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	3-4 evenings/year	1-2 hours
Youth Mission Trip Team	Help with the youth mission trip (7th grade-graduating seniors) by attending the trip and/or assisting with details/preparations for the trip. <i>Contact person: Paul Myers (419-991-1716)</i>	Annually, usually mid-July	Planning time plus 4-7 days on the trip
Teach Youth Sunday School	Assist in the faith growth of our pre-teens and teens by sharing your own Christian faith and experiences. Teaching schedule and curriculum are agreed upon by the potential teachers and director of youth ministries. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	Sundays; possible rotating schedule	1 ½ hours
Lead/Co-Lead Yo-Yo's	Plan for and provide leadership for our 4th-6th grade Younger Youth. <i>Contact persons: Elaine Briani (419-225-7418) and Jennifer Slusher (419-222-5475)</i>	1-2 times/month	1 ½ hours
Assist with Youth Ministry Activities	Help plan events, lead group discussions, help with crowd control, and genuinely befriend and care for the youth at gatherings that are both serious and high-energy, fun, outreach events, such as Lock-Ins, Easter Egg Hunt, and Game Nights. <i>Contact person: Youth Director (419-227-0800)</i>	Varies	Varies

Other

Perhaps there are some ministries in which you are currently engaged or in which you would like to engage that are not listed here. If so, please list these on your commitment card.