

EQUIPPING MINISTRIES

Equipping ministries focus on helping members grow in their personal faith so that they will be better equipped to sow for Christ and to more naturally reach out in loving service to others, both within and outside the church family. Learning opportunities are more focused on knowledge and growth in Christian understanding while fellowship opportunities are more focused on making connections with one another.

Learning Opportunities

Ministry	Description	Frequency of Service	Length of Time
The Alpha Course	This study consist of a series of 15 talks dealing with essential questions of life, such as: Who is Jesus? How can I be sure of my faith? How does God guide us? How can I resist evil? What does the Holy Spirit do? And How can I make the most of my life? Each weekly gathering begins with a meal and group fellowship time. <i>Contact person: David Schneider (419-227-0800)</i>	Weekly, 10 weeks plus weekend retreat	3 hours Each week
Book Clubs	Trinity's book clubs are open to reading and discussing all kinds of books—fiction and non-fiction, faith-based and secular—but with a focus on what the selected book can teach us about God, ourselves and the connection we have with God and with one another. There are currently two book clubs at Trinity. One meets the third Friday morning 9:30-11:00, and the other meets the third Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00. <i>Contact persons: Kim Wright for Friday morning group (419-227-0800); Patty Reed for Wednesday evening group (419-227-3093)</i>	Monthly, Sept.-May	1-2 hours Each month
Couples' Journey	The focus of this ministry is to help couples understand that the marriage relationship is deeply connected with discipleship and spiritual enrichment for the individual, the couple, and the greater community. It is for couples who desire to journey through life together and who desire to share with other couples about that journey for the mutual edification and encouragement of all. This group meets the first Sunday evening from 6-8. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800).</i>	Monthly, Sept.-May	2 hours Each month
Crown Ministry Financial Study	This study combines Bible study and practical applications to help participants put their financial houses in order from a biblical perspective. This study involves daily reading and practical applications as well as weekly class sessions. <i>Contact persons: Larry Webb (419-229-9728) and Dick Schroeder (419-229-6922)</i>	Weekly, 10 weeks	2 hours each week plus personal preparation
Disciple Bible Study	This study is aimed at developing strong Christian disciples through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple I provides an overview of the Bible while Disciples II, III, and IV focus on specific themes and books of the Bible. This study involves daily reading and weekly class sessions. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright(419-227-0800)</i>	Weekly, 32-34 weeks	2 ½ hours each week plus personal preparation
Emmaus Walk	This 72-hour retreat experience is designed to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Once in a lifetime!	Thurs. evening-Sunday evening
Short-Term Study Opportunities	These study opportunities vary from year to year but usually include seasonal studies, such as those focusing on Advent and Lent or offered during the summer, as well as those geared toward specific topics, such as Introduction to the Bible, prayer, healing, or as follow-up to other events. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i>	Varies, One-day to 12 weeks	Varies, 1 hour to all-day

<p><i>Small-Group Studies and Fellowship</i></p>	<p>These opportunities use a variety of resources for Bible study and/or topical discussions, particularly in relation to how it can or should impact our daily living. Currently, such a group experience is available for men on early Monday mornings and Wednesday mornings and for women on Monday mornings, but groups on other days and times can easily be formed to provide for the needs of others. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800).</i></p>	<p>Weekly</p>	<p>1-2 hours Each week</p>
<p><i>Sunday School Opportunities</i></p>	<p>Currently, Trinity offers three Sunday morning study opportunities. The Serendipity class shares in Christian fellowship and discussion based on a variety of resources while the Bible Study class shares discussion based on selected Biblical passages. A third class, the Dust Walkers, utilizes a variety of resource for study and encouragement focused on becoming better disciples of Christ. Other classes can easily be formed to meet the needs of others. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i></p>	<p>Weekly</p>	<p>1 ¼ hours Each week</p>
<p><i>Weekend Retreat for Families</i></p>	<p>This retreat provides a concentrated time for fellowship and sharing that focuses on helping family members better connect with God, with one another, and with other families. Grandparents as well as parents and their children are welcome and encouraged to attend. <i>Contact person: Jackie Johnson (419-227-0800)</i></p>	<p>Annually, The last weekend in April</p>	<p>Friday evening through Sunday afternoon</p>
<p><i>Weekend Retreat for Women</i></p>	<p>This retreat provides a time in the midst of winter for women of all ages to get away and be rejuvenated in body, mind, and soul. The retreat is developed around three key components: the truths of Scripture, Worship, and fun. <i>Contact person: Kim Wright (419-227-0800)</i></p>	<p>Annually, The 4th weekend of January</p>	<p>Friday evening through Sunday afternoon</p>