

*Trinity
Christian Network*

“C-Net”

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We're Moving from Good to *Great!*



**Prayers, Presence, Gifts
Service & Witness
Adult Ministries
GUIDE**

**“Will you support the ministries of this church
your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
by your service and your witness?”**

The United Methodist Membership Vow

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The VISION

We live with such passion
the Light of Christ shines through us into the world.

Our MISSION

Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to:

- ...being soaked in prayer...
- ...welcoming all people...
- ...learning and applying the truth of God's Word to our lives...
- ...growing spiritually...
- ...sharing God's love...
- ...practicing our faith authentically every day...

What we most VALUE

Vibrant Worship

John 4:23

With gratitude for His many blessings, we gather to express our praise and to glorify God through word, prayer and song.

Serving Spirit

Romans 12:1

We put our faith to work as servants of God in the service of others.

Loving Relationships

Romans 5:2b-5

We find hope, and we persevere together as a diverse community walking with Christ through life.

Spiritual Growth

Matthew 22:34-40

Our lives are being transformed through ongoing conversation with God in prayer, small groups, Bible study and daily practice of Christ's teachings.

Passionate Faith

James 2:14-17

We love God with such strength of conviction, we are compelled to outwardly express that love.

Our EnVision Ministry Plan Goals

All programs & ministries are intended to address one or more goals:

Goal #1: Building and strengthening our relationships with God through shared celebration in worship and spiritual growth.

Goal #2: Building and strengthening our relationships with others.

Goal #3: Building and strengthening relationships with our community through mission and service.

(Look for the "<>" to find the EnVision Initiatives

The What & Why of Christian Network

To be fulfilled as Christians there must be a balance between two things: “INREACH” and “OUTREACH” activities. **INREACH** is that which we do primarily for our own edification; to feed and strengthen us in our faith. Learning, Worship and Fellowship are examples of INREACH. These are vitally important to a well-rounded faith journey.

OUTREACH is that which we do to benefit others: Evangelism, Missions and Service. Though we will benefit from these activities, our motive in their engagement is to be of use to others. These are also vitally important to our experience as Christians.

When engaged disproportionately in INREACH, we risk becoming self-absorbed. When engaged primarily in OUTREACH, our spirit does not receive the nourishment and stimulation it needs.

Christian Network (C-Net) serves as a delivery system for ministry, organized to enable us to find a healthy balance in our Christian experience. Through our participation in church ministries *our* spiritual needs are met as we answer needs that exist around us.

Regardless of our age or limitation, whether our God-given gifts are used for teaching, singing, ushering, tending a garden, stuffing an envelope, leading children, serving meals or intercessory prayer, there is a way for us to serve.

Pooling our gifts and graces and harmonizing their use in teams spreads the needs out in such a way as to enable everyone to share in their fulfillment. As we pull together, we build and strengthen the light of Christ that shines through us.

Within United Methodism, Prayers, Presence, Gifts,

Service and Witness are five simple ways we may honor God; five ways we may find balance in our expression of love and gratitude for the blessings He has placed in our lives.

Please take the time to read this booklet and determine how you might serve God at Trinity.

2011 Adult Ministry Opportunities

(I) - "Inreach", (O) - "Outreach"

PRAYERS

1. **Personal Prayer (I)**

Take time to nurture your relationship with God through regular personal prayer and devotion. Daily.

2. **Prayer Team (O)**

Engage in focused prayer (from home) for the specific needs of those on our church prayer lists. Daily & Occasional.

PRESENCE

Worship & Music Ministry

3. **Worship (I)**

Attend and participate in weekly Worship gatherings.

4. **Special Worship Leadership (O)**

Assist the Worship Ministry Team with the planning, publicity, decorations and execution of special worship events, such as: Advent, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, All Saints' Sunday, and One-Service Sundays.

5. **Welcome Center Host (O)**

Serve on the Hospitality Team by greeting guests, answering questions, handing out Guest Bags and written information at the Welcome Center before and after worship. On rotation.

6. **Ushers (O)**

Assist in Worship, ie: handing out bulletins, greeting, watch for and attend to guests, collect offerings, collect and replace registration pads, straighten between services, assist with Communion. On rotation. *Training necessary.*

7. **Scripture Readers (O)**

Offer leadership in worship by reading the Scripture.
On rotation. *Training necessary.*

8. **Acolyte Assistants (O)**

Assist with Acolyte training and scheduling, and help to ensure an Acolyte presence in worship. Ongoing.

9. **Communion Stewards (O)**

Work with others to prepare Communion elements for worship. On rotation.

10. **Altar Guild (O)**

Help to change the sanctuary paraments and decorate the altar to reflect the liturgical season or special worship event. On rotation.

11. **Pew Supply Maintenance (O)**

Help to replenish pew supplies.

12. **Children's Worship Folders (O)**

Help maintain worship packets.

13. **Chancel Choir (O)**

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. This choir sings on Sundays at 10:45, and special events throughout the year.

14. **Children's Moments (O)**

Lead the children in a 1-3 minute lesson on the day's Scripture during both Sunday morning worship services. *Training required.*

15. **Ministry/Stewardship Moments (O)**

Offer brief messages in Worship regarding the ministries or stewardship of the church.

16. **Special Music (Vocal/Instrumental) (O)**

Contribute to an occasional musical Act of Praise during worship or for a special event.

Hospitality & Kinship

17. Sunday Morning Greeter (O)

With others, stand at entrances and other locations prior to and after worship or special events, watching for new faces and greeting all who enter and exit with a smile and handshake, and offering information. Pass along your observations to the church office to aid us in the assimilation process.

18. “Everyone’s-A-Host” Adult Welcome Team (O) <><

As individuals commit to be on the look out for new faces in and around the church and make an effort to welcome them. Help them find their way around the campus, answer questions, engage in friendly conversation, introduce them to others, and encourage them to return. Pass along information about your encounters to the church office to enable assimilation.

19. Small Group Hospitality (O) <><

Take responsibility within a small group (of which you are already a member) for contacting and inviting guests and helping them fully integrate with your group. Pass along information regarding each guest to the church office to enable further assimilation.

20. Pew Partner (O) <><

On an Informal basis, watch for new faces in the sanctuary before and after worship. Welcome, converse, encourage Registration Pad and Guest Card sign-in, and introduce them to others. Pass along any names and information to the church office to encourage assimilation.

21. Solid Grounds Café Helper (O)

Assist in providing the opportunity for fellowship in Martin Hall on Sunday morning before and during the Sunday School hour.

22. Kitchen Crew: WFN Dinners (O)

On rotation assist Lu Elliott in coordinating, setting up, executing and/or cleaning up after meals during the School Year. Meals are served continuously each Wednesday evening 5:15-6:00.

23. Family Life Events (I) <><

Assist the Family Life Council with planning and implementing quarterly church-wide events (ie: the fall Tailgating Party, a spring Family Festival, etc.).

24. Nurture & Care Ministries (O)

Help monitor member-needs and facilitate ministries to address them. Examples include: Writing *Care Notes*, contributing to the *Meals Ministry*, *Flower Design/Delivery* (Mondays, utilizing sanctuary flowers), *Bus Ministry* (Sundays, driving the bus or van to pick up and drop off at local Retirement Communities, or for occasional children or youth events), *Prayer Team* and *Membership Tracking*.

25. Chaplains (O) <><

A spiritually-centered visitation ministry (for the homebound, the ill, and hospitalize; flexible schedule).

26. UMMen's Ministry (I & O)

Suppers, programs, projects, fundraisers and outings for men.

27. United Methodist Women (UMW) (I & O)

A fellowship of women dedicated to expanding concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. There are a number of age or interest-related "circles" to choose from.

Discipleship (Adult Education)

28. Adult Education (I)

Participate regularly in a Sunday School Class, week-day studies and/or Wednesday evening classes.

29. Teacher/Substitute Teacher (O)

Teach an adult class weekly, on rotation, for special occasions, or as a substitute; teach a short- or long-term study, curriculum to be provided or approved by the Discipleship Team. *Training encouraged.*

30. Small Group Ministry Leader (O) <><

Start a small group based on something that is of interest to you. This might help fill a niche in the church and share a special talent, too.

31. Prayer Shawl Ministry (O) <><

This group gathers on Wednesdays after the WFN Supper to knit or crochet shawls for those who are ill or incapacitated, in an effort to remind them how much they are loved. Beginners and experts are invited to join.

32. Holy Smokers Ministry (O) <><

If you enjoy smoking meat on a grill, join the Holy Smokers. This is a small group of dedicated men who help raise money for the youth with their special cooking talents, and who feed the church during special events.

Children's Ministries

33. Nursery Assistant (O)

Help supervise infants and children in the nursery on Sunday mornings.

34. Pre-K Sunday School Teacher (O)

Teach weekly in God's Garden of Angels (Nursery 2-4) during the Sunday School hour. Consistency is crucial for children this age, therefore a year-long commitment is strongly encouraged. *Training provided.*

35. Believers' Village Rotation SS Teacher (O)

Teach one of the Grade 1-5 classes on rotation with other adults. Flexible curriculum is provided. *Training offered.*

36. Village "Believer Buddy" or Grade Level Assistant (O)

Assist teachers working with groups of children (Grades 1-5) on Sunday during SS hour. *Training offered.*

37. kidSing Music Leadership (O)

Assist with music, arts & craft leadership for groups of children (ages 4 years-2nd grade and grades 3-5). Children present a Christmas program annually and sing at various times of the year during worship. *Training offered.*

38. Children's Special Event Leadership (O)

Work with Mr. Paul and the Children's Council in planning and/or implementing special events for the children, such as RSVP, MAGIC, Easter Egg Hunts, and Trick or Trunk.

39. Vacation Bible School Teacher (O)

Teachers work as a team with assistants and helpers to present theme-based lessons for VBS, which takes place over a five-day period during the summer.

40. Vacation Bible School Assistant/Helper (O)

Assist VBS teachers.

41. Children's Librarian (O)

Keep, update and manage the book cart and children's library in Believers' Village.

Student Ministries

42. VIP! Youth Sunday School Leader (O)

Help teach Youth SS on a 2-4-week rotation. Plan or help facilitate an age-level discussion group.

43. Youth Counselor/Event Chaperone (O)

On rotation, assist with Sunday evening youth activities, retreats, special events, missions and trips.

44. Snack Supper Organizer/Provider (O)

Organized and led by youth parents, provide snack suppers on Sunday evenings for the youth.

45. Confirmation Class Teacher/Assistant (O)

Serve on rotation with other youth parents and the Confirmation Leaders in assisting with Confirmation classes and activities.

GIFTS

46. Stewardship (I & O)

Pledge to give weekly to the financial support of the Church, with the intention of working toward a full tithe.

47. Spiritual Gifts (I & O)

Participate in a class designed to help you discover the spiritual gifts God has blessed you with for ministry, discover where your passions for ministry lie, and put your gifts to work in those areas.

48. Weekday Office Volunteer (O)

Answer phones and work with the office staff to ensure data entry, mailings, guest and membership info is up-to-date, in addition to other office-related tasks. On rotation, a few hours, one day a week. *Training is required.*

SERVICE

49. Sunday Morning Office Volunteer (O)

Assist with office duties (such as answering phones) before and during Worship. *Training is required.*

50. Miracle Team (O)

Help to plan the activities, organize mission work and/or help fulfill important local and regional mission needs.

Work individually as part of the Miracle Team, or as part of a small group working through the Miracle Team.

Examples of projects include: working at Our House

(Occasional) Brady Elementary School <>< (various needs throughout the school year), the Arkansas Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic (held annually), regional mission trips or foreign mission trips through the Volunteers in Mission (organized through the Arkansas Annual Conference).

51. Church Librarian (O)

Work with others to maintain Rogers' Resource Library.

52. Key Crew (O)

Assist with locking and unlocking the physical plant for various church events and Sunday morning worship.

53. Maintenance Crew (O)

Utilize your handy-man skills by making small repairs to the church.

54. Church Photographers(O)

Capture church events on film and submit them to the newsletter. Other photographers are needed to take pictures of new members joining the church for use in the directory and/or the newsletter.

55. Bulletin Boards (O)

Help to insure unassigned bulletin boards around the church are up-to-date and festive.

56. Newsletter Reporters (O)

Assist in the reporting of information regarding upcoming, current or recent events happening at or through Trinity.

WITNESS

57. External Communications (O)

Work with staff to gather information regarding upcoming events at Trinity; submit it to the local newspaper, television stations, to the Arkansas

United Methodist newspaper, and the Arkansas Conference Website.

58. Name Tags (I & O)

Help guests and other members get to know us better by wearing your name tag every Sunday.

59. Garden Guild (O)

Assist this very talented group of dedicated gardeners as they beautify the church grounds and water the indoor plants.

60. Website Upkeep (O)

Work with our webmaster to keep the website current (tumclr.org).

61. DoorStep Visitor (O)

Visit the homes of first time guests, delivering a gift from the church, and engaging in a brief conversation. Pass along the information to the church office.

62. “Trinity Presents” (O)

Serve on the Trinity Presents Board or work in its support
As they plan and execute four free Music/Arts programs offered to the Little Rock community.

NEW!

63. Readers’ Theatre (O)

Perform special skits and/or narratives occasionally in worship.

At a Glance...

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Services, Sanctuary

9:10-10:40 a.m. Solid Grounds Fellowship, Martin Hall

9:20 & 11:50 a.m. (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays) Holy Communion,
Chapel

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

4:30 p.m. kidSing, Believers' Village

5:30 p.m. Youth, Martin Hall

Monday Evening

5:30-7 p.m. Administrative & Ministry Meetings (Select Mondays.
See the current Church Calendar for a specific schedule.)

Tuesday Schedule

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Crossroads

8:00 a.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study, Library

9:00 a.m. Bible/Book Study, Searchers

9:30 a.m. Strong Women, Triune (also Friday @ 9:30)

7:00 p.m. Intergenerational Bible Study

Wednesday Evening

5:15-6:15 p.m. Church Family Night Meal is served, Martin Hall
(Public School schedule)

6:15-6:30 p.m. Fellowship continues, Martin Hall

5:30/5:45/6-6:30 p.m. Adult, Youth & Children's classes/events

5:30-6:30 p.m. Administrative & Ministry Meetings (Select
Wednesdays. See the current Church Calendar for a
specific schedule.)

6:30-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal