

Trinity
Christian Network

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Moving from Good to *Great!*



Adult Ministries
GUIDE

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

The United Methodist Membership Vow

2009

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 2009 EnVision Initiatives)

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In order to be “fully filled” as a Christian there must be a balance found between two things: “INREACH” and “OUTREACH” activities. INREACH is that which we do primarily for our own edification, that we might be fed and strengthened 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 for the purpose of benefiting others: Evangelism, Missions and Service. Though we ourselves will certainly benefit from these activities, our primary 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-focused and self-absorbed. When engaged primarily in OUTREACH, our spirit will not receive the nourishment and stimulation INREACH provides.

Christian Network (C-Net) is an outgrowth of Trinity’s **Every Person In Ministry** Program. It 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 offerings *our* spiritual needs are met as we answer needs that exist around us. Regardless of your age or limitation, whether your God-given gifts are used for teaching, singing in a choir, acolyting or ushering, tending a garden, stuffing an envelope, leading children, serving meals or intercessory prayer, there is always a way for us to serve God through C-Net. Pooling our gifts and graces and harmonizing their use in team settings spreads the ministry needs in such a way as to enable everyone to share in their fulfillment. As we pull together, we build and strengthen the presence of Christ in God’s world.

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.

We encourage you to take the time to look within these pages and determine where you might use your spiritual gifts in service to God through Trinity.

2009 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 Chain (O)**

Engage in focused prayer (from home) when notified, for acute or emergency needs. Occasional.

3. **Prayer Vigils (O)**

Participate in ongoing "team prayers" for specific events and/or needs, either in the Chapel or at home. Occasional.

4. **Prayer Teams (O)**

Join small groups that engage in regular prayer (from home or work) for the specific needs of those on our church prayer lists.

PRESENCE

Traditional Worship & Music Ministry

5. **Worship (I)**

Attend and participate in weekly Worship gatherings.

6. **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.

7. **Welcome Center/Greeters (O)**

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

8. 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.*

9. Scripture Readers (O)

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

10. Acolyte Assistants (O)

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

11. Trinity Treasures (O)

Assist with supervision of children in the Sunday morning nursery. On rotation.

12. Communion Stewards (O)

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

13. Altar Guild (O)

Work with others to change the sanctuary paraments and decorate the altar to reflect the liturgical season or specific worship event. On rotation.

14. Pew Supply Maintenance (O)

Work with others to prepare for Worship by replenishing pew supplies.

15. Children's Worship Folders (O)

Work with others to maintain worship packets.

16. 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.

17. 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.*

18. Ministry/Stewardship Moments (O)

Participate in brief interviews led in worship by the Senior Minister, or offer personal messages in Worship regarding the ministries or stewardship of the church.

19. Special Music (Vocal/Instrumental) (O)

Contribute to an occasional musical Act of Praise during Worship.

Non-Traditional Worship & Music

20. canvascommunity Worship (I) <><

Attend and participate in the canvas offering, Monday evenings at 7 in Martin Hall.

21. Special Worship Leadership (O)

Assist the (N-T) 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.

22. canvascommunity Leader/Musician/Vocalist (O)

Assist with Worship each week by reading Scripture, serving.

23. canvaskids Leaders (O)

Assist with the Children's Time during weekly Worship.

24. canvas Support Team (O)

Run multimedia presentations and assist with set-up and breakdown. *Training provided.*

25. canvascommunity Hospitality (O)

Assist with greeting guests in worship and taking the first steps in building relationships.

Hospitality & Kinship

26. Sunday Morning Greeter (O)

Stand at entrances and in other various locations throughout the church prior to and after worship or special events, keeping an eye out for new faces and greeting those entering and exiting with a smile and a handshake, offering information when needed. Write your observations on note cards (provided at the Welcome Center), to aid us in the assimilation process.

27. “Everyone’s-A-Host” (O)<><

Informally, be on the look out for new faces in and around the Church and make an effort to welcome them. Answer questions, engage in friendly conversation, introduce them to others, and encourage them to return. When they do, seek them out and begin to build ongoing relationships.

28. Small Group Welcome/Host (O) <><

Take responsibility within a small group (of which you are already a member) for personally contacting and inviting guests recommended by the Hospitality Rep., and helping guests become fully integrated with your small group.

29. Pew Partner (O) <><

Informally, watch for new faces in the sanctuary before and after worship. Welcome, converse, encourage Registration Pad and Guest Card sign-in, and introduce guests to others. Write notes (on forms provided) concerning your observations and leave them at the Welcome Center.

30. 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.

31. Kitchen Crew: WNF Dinners (O)

Work on rotation with others assisting 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.

32. Interest/Activity Groups <><

Participate in an existing small group formed around a specific interest or activity (such as kayaking, walking or biking), or form a new group!

33. Family Life Events (I) <><

Assist with planning and implementing quarterly events to bring all who call Trinity “home” together for fellowship and fun.

34. Pairing of Adult Small Groups and SS Classes <><

In order to encourage members to expand their circle of friends beyond their current small groups, the EnVision Plan calls us to gather small groups together for occasion learning or fellowship purposes. If your group would like to engage in this initiative, we'll help you do it!

35. Nurture & Care Ministries (O)

Assist in monitoring the needs of members, and help facilitate specific Congregational Care ministries. Examples include: *Visitation* (to homebound and ill, flexible schedule), *Chaplain Care* (hospital visitation), *Writing Care Notes* (to members), contributing to the *Meals Ministry*, *Flower Design/Delivery* (Mondays, utilizing each week's sanctuary flowers, for homebound and ill), *Bus Ministry* (Sundays, driving the bus or van to pick up and drop off at local Retirement Communities, or for occasional children or youth transportation needs), *Prayer Team* (usually via email) and *Membership Tracking*.

36. Community of Hope Chaplain (O) <><

A spiritually-centered specialized visitation ministry. (Similar to Stephen's Ministry.) *Special training required.*

37. Men's Ministry (I & O)

Programs, projects, fundraisers and outings for men.

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

A community of women dedicated to expanding concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. There are several “circles” to choose from.

Discipleship (Adult Education)

39. Adult Education (I)

Participate regularly in a Sunday School Class and/or Wednesday Night Fellowship Classes.

40. Teacher/Substitute Teacher (O)

Teach an established adult class weekly, on rotation, for special occasions, or as a substitute; help begin a new Sunday School Class; teach a short- or long-term study on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings during the public school year, curriculum to be provided or approved by the Discipleship Team. *Training encouraged.*

41. Cell/Shepherding Group Leader (O) <><

Assist with the formation of age- or interest-based cell/shepherding groups for study, service and fellowship. On or off-campus. *Training encouraged.*

Children's Ministries

42. Nursery Assistant (O)

Assist with supervision of children in the Sunday morning nursery.

43. Trinity Treasures (O)

Rotate with other *nursery parents* to supervise nursery (during the Sunday School hour and worship) and preschool children (during worship).

44. 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.*

45. 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.*

46. 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.*

47. RAGTime Music Leadership (O)

Assist with music, art and game 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.*

48. Kidz Klub Chaperones (O)

Help other adults supervise groups of children (Grades 1-2 and 3-5) as they enjoy fellowship opportunities. Each group meets every other month.

49. 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.

50. Vacation Bible School Assistant/Helper (O)

Work with the teachers to present theme-based lessons for five days during the summer.

51. Children’s Special Event Leadership (O)

Work with others in planning and/or implementing special annual events for the children, such as RSVP, MAGIC, Easter Egg Hunt, and Trick or Trunk.

52. Wednesday Night Fellowship Tutoring (O)

Assist with activities for children who are not involved in RAGTime Music. This might be supervising movie time and/or helping the children with their homework after supper, during the adult class offerings on Wednesday evenings

53. Children’s Librarian (O)

Keep, update and manage the book cart for children.

54. Cross-Generational Mentors (Children)(O)

This is one of our EnVision Initiatives for 2009. Enrich the life and faith journey of a child in the church by serving as a “mentor” for someone who may not have both parents or a grandparent nearby.

55. Children's Church <><

The EnVision Plan included the development of a Children's Church for those 3 years through 1st Grade, to take place elsewhere in the church during part of the 10:45 worship hour. If you would like to work with others to organize and help lead this offering, we will work with you.

Student Ministries

56. Youth Sunday School Leader (O)

Help teach Youth Sunday School on a 4-week rotation. Plan or help facilitate an age-level discussion group following youth music at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

57. Youth Counselor/Driver (O)

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

58. "D-Group" Leader/Facilitator (O)

Facilitate small ("Disciple") groups for students. Commit to a 6-8 week session that allows students to grow in their faith and build lasting relationships in the church.

59. Gender Groups (O)

Mid-High and Senior High girls and boys are separated and paired with an adult of the same gender for discussion and fellowship.

60. Wednesday Night Fellowship Time (O)

Work with youth during the WNF hour, following supper.

61. Snack Supper Organizer/Provider (O)

Help organize and lead youth parents in providing snack suppers on Sunday evenings.

62. Confirmation Class Teacher/Assistant (O)

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

63. Cross-Generational Mentors (Youth)(O) <><

This is one of our EnVision Initiatives for 2009. Enrich the life and faith journey of a youth member of the church by serving as a “mentor” for someone who may not have both parents or a grandparent nearby.

GIFTS

64. Stewardship (I & O)

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

65. Stewardship Moments (O)

Participate in brief interviews led by the Senior Minister, or make a personal statement in Worship regarding a ministry that has been particularly meaningful to you, or as to the need for building a healthy balance in one’s stewardship efforts (to include Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness).

66. Spiritual Gifts (I & O)

Participate in a class designed to help you discover those 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 of passion.

SERVICE

67. Weekday Office Volunteer (O)

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

68. Sunday Morning Office Volunteer (O)

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

69. Monday Morning Hospitality Rep. (O)<><

Process guest Information each Monday morning, helping guests to find a small group connection in the Church.

70. Monday Morning DoorStep Coordinator (O)<><

As a part of the Evangelism Team, on Monday morning this coordinator is asked to organize address information concerning first time guests, determine which DoorStep Visitor's home or place of work is located nearest that guest, and coordinate a visit between the two.

71. 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 small groups working through the Miracle Team. Examples of projects include: working at Our House & St. Francis 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).

72. Church Librarian (O)

Help maintain Rogers' Resource Library.

73. Key Crew (O)

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

74. Maintenance Crew (O)

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

WITNESS

75. Name Tags (I & O)

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

76. Garden Guild (O)

Often the first impression others form of a church is how well the grounds are groomed. Assist this very talented group of dedicated gardeners as they beautify the church grounds and water the indoor plants.

77. Ministry/Stewardship Moments (O)

Participate in brief interviews led by the Senior Minister, or in offering personal messages in Worship.

78. DoorStep Visitor (O)

Working through the Evangelism Team, these members visit the doorsteps of first time guests, delivering a gift from the church, and engaging in a 5-10 minute conversation. The DoorStep Visitor is asked to record information (on forms provided) gleaned through the visit and leave that information in the church office or at the Welcome Center. *Training is required.*

79. External Communications (O)

Working with staff to gather information regarding upcoming events at Trinity, submitting it to the local newspaper, television stations, to the Arkansas United Methodist newspaper, and the Arkansas Conference Website.

80. Newsletter Reporters (O)

Work with the Communications Team, assisting in the collection of information regarding upcoming, current or recent events happening at or through Trinity, and submitting it in written form to the office for use in the newsletter.

81. Church Photographers(O)

Utilize your skills as a photographer by capturing church events on film and submitting them for publication in the newsletter. Other photographers are needed to take photographs of new members joining the church for use in the directory and/or the newsletter.

82. Bulletin Boards (O)

Work with the Communications Team, helping to insure unassigned bulletin boards around the church are up-to-date and festive.

83. Website Upkeep (O)

Work with a contract-webmaster in keeping the Trinity website current.

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
9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30-10:40 (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays) Holy Communion, Chapel
4-6 p.m. Youth, Youth Lounge

Monday Evening

7 p.m. canvascommunity <Non-traditional> Worship Service in
Martin Hall
5:30-7 p.m. Administrative & Ministry Meetings (Select Mondays.
See the current Church Calendar for a specific schedule.)

Wednesday Evening

5:15-6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal is served, Martin Hall
6:00–6:50 p.m. Fellowship continues, Martin Hall
6-6:50 p.m. Adult, Youth and Children’s Classes, Ragtime
5:30-6:50 p.m. Administrative & Ministry Meetings (Select
Wednesdays. See the current Church Calendar for a
specific schedule.)
7-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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