

Trinity United Methodist Church
Christian Network



“C-Net”

We're Moving from Good to Great!

Student 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>

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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.

The What and Why of C-Net

While a healthy diet and regular exercise will certainly affect the final outcome, human physical growth is mostly *involuntary*, influenced by our gene pool. If our mom, our grandfather and all our uncles are nine feet tall, there's a good chance we'll be tall, too. But that's not at all the case when talking about *spiritual* growth. Because God gave each of us the freedom to choose such things, once we get past young childhood, whether or not our spirits are mature enough to handle the challenges in life is entirely *up to us*.

To become spiritually prepared for life, we have to *want* to be; we must *choose* to spend the time and make the effort to **study our Bibles**, regularly **attend Sunday School & worship**, and to keep our connection to God strong through **prayer**. We also must **build relationships** with our church family so that when the storms of life begin, God will already have people in place to work through in order to help us; people who will share their umbrellas and stay with us until the rain stops.

While studying, praying and building relationships are a crucial part of our experience as Christians, there is another factor in growing our faith -- without which we can't hope to enjoy all of the blessings God intends for us. **Christian Service**. We need to be able to *express* our faith, our *gratitude to God* in real ways; *ways beyond ourselves*.

That's what C-Net is about. It is a church-wide program for all ages that organizes ministry in ways that make it easy to find things we can do that will encourage both our own spiritual growth *and* our service to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

We hope you'll take the time to study this little book. Ask God to help you choose activities that will help you balance out your faith experience between those things you do to help yourself, and those things you do to help others. Then commit to your choices, and watch God's blessings flow!

2011 C-Net Ministry Opportunities

PRAYERS

1. Personal Prayer

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

2. Prayer Vigils

Participate in occasional “team prayers” for specific events and/or needs, either in the Chapel or at home.

PRESENCE

Worship & Music Ministry

3. Worship

Attend and participate in weekly Worship.

4. NEW! Readers' Theatre

As was offered during Lent and Easter 2011, read or act out a skit or narrative during worship.

5. Ushers

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. *Special training required.*

6. Scripture Readers

Offer leadership in Worship by reading the Scripture. *Special training offered.*

7. Acolyte

Mid-High: assist the Ministers during Worship, i.e. lighting the candles, and during the Offering; **Senior High:** assist with Baptisms and Holy Communion. *Special training required.*

8. Sound Booth/Audio-Visual Tech

Senior High: assist the adult Technicians during worship to monitor the sound and record the (10:45) service for use on the website. *Special training required.*

9. Nursery Assistants

Assist with supervision of children in the Sunday morning nursery, or for special church events.

10. Communion Servers

Senior High: Assist Ministers by serving Communion.

11. Children's Moments

Senior High: Lead the children in a 1-3 minute lesson on the day's Scripture during Worship services. *Special training required.*

12. Ministry Moments

Be willing to speak to the congregation from the pulpit on a Sunday in order to tell them about a ministry at Trinity that is particularly meaningful to you, and to thank them for supporting it.

13. Special Music (Vocal/Instrumental)

Contribute to a musical Act of Praise during Worship.

14. Chancel Choir

Senior High: Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.. This choir sings on Sundays at 10:45, and special events throughout the year.

15. Youth Praise Team

Offer vocal or instrumental leadership during Youth and for special events.

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.

Hospitality & Kinship Ministries (Welcome & Fellowship)

16. Name Tags

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

17. Welcome Team

Plan and implement creative ways to reach out and connect with youth visitors in worship and church-wide events, and at youth meetings and youth events. Work with the Minister to Families with Youth to follow up and record.

18. Fellowship Dinner Helpers

Work with adults on the Kitchen Team, helping to clean-up after a fellowship meal on Wednesday, or at a special occasion meal.

Discipleship Ministries (Education)

19. Wednesday Night Classes & Activities

Participate regularly in the classes and events that take place from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesdays during the School Year.

20. Student Ministry Participants

Attend regularly, and actively participate in Sunday School, Sunday evening Youth activities, retreats, special events, and trips.

21. Gender Groups

Boys and Girls (age-level) are kept separate for these small-group fellowship/fun gatherings with an adult mentor/facilitator. You will build relationship skills and learn how to live-out your faith in everyday life.

22. Sunday School Class Helpers

Help your class by calling, Face Booking or sending postcards to absent members, encouraging their attendance the next week.

GIFTS

23. Stewardship

Build a practice of good personal stewardship as you give a financial offering in worship each week.

24. Spiritual Gifts

Participate in a class designed to help you find out which spiritual gifts God has blessed you with, and learn how to use them in the ministries He has called you to.

SERVICE

Mission, Administrative & Evangelism Ministries

25. Student Missions

Participate in Youth Mission projects and trips.

26. Miracle Team

Senior High: serve a three-year rotation as a Youth Liaison/Representative on the church-wide mission team. Participate in their work, and/or engage their direct support for youth mission efforts

27. Communications Team

Senior High Leadership/All Youth Participation:
Photograph/video various events. Compile video and pictures for scrapbook, internet, worship and various other presentations. Promote the youth program through media/website, work with Webmaster of church-wide website and with the Publisher of the church-wide newsletter to include up-to-date youth information.

28. Youth Facilities Team

Work with Minister to Families with Youth, Youth Council and Trustees on upkeep (ie: cleaning, purchasing new equipment, caring for and updating the look of the Youth Lounge, etc.

29. Administrative Ministries

Mid- or Senior High: Serve on the Youth Council or as a Youth Representative on the Family Council. **Senior High:** Serve as a Youth Liaison/Representative on the Evangelism, Hospitality, Kinship or Discipleship Team, or as a Youth Reporter for the Communications Team.

WITNESS

30. Reach-Out

Show others what it means to love and honor Christ by your own words and actions. Be intentional about inviting non-members to Youth Activities, Youth Sunday School, and Traditional or Non-Traditional Worship.

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

Galatians 6:4-10 (The Message)

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (New Living Translation)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NRSV)

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