



Engaged By Grace

W E E K L Y

Ministry Announcements for the week of August 30 - Sept.6, 2026

Our Confirmation Sunday Schedule

8:30 am – Morning Prayer with Communion

9:20 am – Church Fam Connect

10:00 am – Worship in Person or Online at www.engagedbygrace.org

11:15 am – Adult Faith Enrichment – The Church and Climate Care

New This Week

Interested in learning more about Holy Trinity?

An informal gathering will take place on **Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 am** for anyone interested in learning more about Holy Trinity. We'll get to know one another a little better and the ministry we share.

People interested in membership will be received at a mutually agreeable date. For planning purposes, it would be helpful to indicate your interest by emailing Pastor Steve (steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org) or Laura Hudson (laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) or by signing up at the signup table in the Gathering Space.

Adult Discipleship Training for 2026-2027

The life of faith for a disciple of Jesus includes these six dimensions drawn from the witness of the Bible: Prayer, Worship, Bible reading, Service, Church family and Stewardship. Our slate of Adult Faith Formation events on Sundays from 11:15 am-12 noon after worship will again offer topics across all those dimensions. Grab some coffee or juice, cookie or donut, and join the conversation in the Conference Room according to this schedule:

- **The Church and Climate Care** (Stewardship)
 - Sundays, August 23, 30, September 6, 13
- **Christian Response to Migration and Human Trafficking** (Service)
 - September 20, 27, October 4, 11
- **Against Christian Nationalism** (Bible)
 - November 1, 8, 15
- **Nurturing Faith Study Series** (Prayer)
 - January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7
- **Faith and Civic Life** (Church Family)
 - February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21
- **Research on the Need for Pastors** (Worship)
 - April 4, 11, 18, 25
- **Oh, the Things an Organ Can Do** (Worship)
 - May 2, 9, 16

Swimming, Pizza and Planning – Sunday, September 6

All middle school and high school students are invited to meet at Ron and Janet Benedick's house (2078 Yorkshire Road in Upper Arlington) to kick off the school year by enjoying some swimming, pizza, and planning. Come ready to swim on Sunday evening, September 6, at 5:00. We'll be in the pool from 5-6 and then have some pizza and do a little planning from 6-7. Parents are invited to be a part of the planning conversation (and pizza!) from 6:00-7:00. We're looking forward to a great year of fun and learning!

Harvesting Hope

On **Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm**, everyone's invited to meet Dr. Angelique Khalifa - toxicologist, author, and living proof that where you start does not determine where you finish.

Dr. Angelique Khalifa grew up in a small farming village in Rwanda, where medical care was scarce and the odds were stacked against her. Through education, determination, and an unshakeable belief in what was possible, she rose to become a global scientist - today serving as Director of Discovery and Investigative Toxicology at Eli Lilly.

Her memoir, *Harvesting Hope*, tells that journey: surviving hardship, chasing an education against every obstacle, and refusing to let her beginnings define her future.

Hosted by Holy Trinity and the Neighbor-to-Neighbor team, admission is free. No registration is required. Copies of *Harvesting Hope* will be available to purchase and sign on the night of the event or order ahead at Storyline Bookshop, Upper Arlington (storylinebookshop.com).

Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday, September 29

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity in partnership with the American Red Cross is **Tuesday, September 29 from 9am-2pm**. You can make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org/give or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life!

Concerts at Holy Trinity

The sixteenth concert season at Holy Trinity is the most ambitious we have attempted and we can't do it without you! An organist from Notre-Dame de Paris, two midweek half-hours (in Advent and Lent), the Messiah with our own choir and orchestra, a friendship turned into duets and a finale of organ and brass.

Friday, October 9, 2026 * 7:00 pm * Tickets \$30, Free to Patrons of the Concert Series

Vincent Dubois & Marie-Andree Jorger (organ and accordion)

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 * 11:30 am (Midweek)

Advent Concert (violin and organ)

Sunday, December 20, 2026 * 4:00 pm * Free Ticket Required

Handel's Messiah (choir and orchestra of Holy Trinity)

Wednesday, February 17, 2027 * 11:15 am (Midweek)

Lenten Concert (Joshua Brodbeck, organ)

Sunday, February 28, 2027 * 4:00 pm

Jeff Daubenmire & Joshua Brodbeck (piano and organ duets)

Sunday, April 25, 2027 * 4:00 pm

Cathedral Brass with Joshua Brodbeck (organ and brass)

Stewardship Corner

There is a phrase that states, "The mind grows by what it takes in – the heart grows by what it gives out." Interestingly, stewardship involves both taking in and giving out. What God gives us, we are to receive graciously and thankfully. Recognizing that the many God-given gifts we receive can be used to further God's kingdom, we give generously (2 Corinthians 9:11). God gives so we can give. Thus, the cycle goes: God gives, we receive, we give, and God replenishes. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at maxmbuban82@gmail.com.

News of Invite Ministries

We Celebrate With:

Malvie Bowman, who turns 100 years old on September 4

Removed from the Prayer List: (all are recovering well)

Sherry Hardgrove, heart surgery

Alice Larrimer, shoulder replacement surgery

Sara Neikirk, surgery

Katya Brodbeck, Josh Brodbeck's wife, medical procedure

New Prayer Concerns:

Dave Carothers, undergoing a kidney procedure this week

Joanne Duncan, returning home this week while continuing to deal with chronic mobility issues

Craig Sturtz, Barretts' and Wachtmans' friend, approved for experimental procedures for pancreatic cancer

Ernie Hartong, Bill and Cyndy Decker's friend, suffering from bladder cancer

Scott Houk, Susan Poling-Jones's friend, undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma

Prayers for Our Members:

Zinny Bond, being treated for ovarian cancer

Richard Boettcher, recovering from kidney surgery

JoAnn Curry, recovering from a fall and broken shoulder

Marge Markowich, recovering from a stroke

Brian Johnson, at Harrison on 5th, recovering from several falls

Wes Jones, undergoing treatments for lymphoma

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Chuck Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, recovering from major surgery

Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy

Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week

James Gildea, Shirley Boyd's friend, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck

Betty Mak, Shirley Boyd's friend, undergoing daily home dialysis

Pom, Na Brown's friend, recovering from a seizure

Sammy Cochran, Shannon & Abbey's infant son, Debbie & AC's grandson, home on anti-seizure meds

Violet, Carolyn and Clyde Cramer's neighbor's 8-year-old granddaughter, diagnosed with leukemia

Joe Stone, Genie Craven's son-in-law, dealing with the result of neck surgery

Dr. Thomas Anderson, Bill Decker's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer

Billy Edwards, bass singer in Holy Trinity's choir, who fell out of a tree and broke his wrist and pelvis

Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's

Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, battling colon cancer

Kirk Gerber, Pastor Bonnie's brother, hospitalized in Akron with an infection

Alan Greiner, Barb Keller's brother, dealing with multiple serious medical issues

Rodney Larson, Don Larson's brother, diagnosed with cancer

Randy Isaacson, Anna Lynch's father, dealing with health challenges

Mary Ortwine, Pastor Dave Markowich's sister, undergoing health tests

Ryan Dunn, Janet Maxwell's son, deployed with the Ohio Air National Guard to the South Pacific

Jan Attanasio, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with ALS

Romie Fullenkamp, Mandy Richards' uncle, diagnosed with lung cancer and in need of a new heart valve

Lois Rozenquist, Susan Setterlin's friend, battling non-operable lung cancer

Andres Torres, Juan Torres's father, having heart issues

Chloe Walker, Annika Wachtmans' fiancé Kyndall's niece, seriously burned in a science experiment at school

Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer

Michael Corey, Heidi Welch and Dan Sharpe's friend, hospitalized following a serious car accident

Those affected by natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

News of Embrace Ministries

See You at Church Fam Connect!

It's time for Church Fam Connect to start again! Our weekly Sunday morning learning time resumes **this Sunday from 9:20 to 9:50 am** (between worship services) in **Grace Hall**. Our faith is nurtured as we *connect* to Bible stories, *connect* with family, and *connect* to our church family. Come ready to connect and learn with people of all generations through storytelling, creative activity, and engaging conversations with our church family. Please join us!

News of Empower Ministries

Empowerment Shelf – September 2026

By Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor-to-Neighbor

The Carpet, *Happiness Falls*, and *Shaped by Her Hands* are Neighbor to Neighbor's books of note for this month. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

The Carpet by Azaad, Dezh

A day in the life of an Afghan refugee child and their family, where every moment revolves around love, family, and the carpet that connects them to home. For Preschool-grade 2.

Happiness Falls by Kim, Angie

"We didn't call the police right away" begins this novel about a biracial Korean American family. Mia, the irreverent, hyper-analytical twenty-year-old daughter, has an explanation for everything—which is why she isn't initially concerned when her father and younger brother Eugene don't return from a walk. What follows is both a ticking-clock investigation into the whereabouts of a father and an emotionally rich portrait of a family whose most personal secrets just may be at the heart of his disappearance.

Shaped By Her Hands by Freeman, Anna Harber

Maria Poveka Martinez learned pottery under the guiding hands of her Ko-oo, her aunt. Her new firing technique turned her pots black and shiny, and made them--and Maria--famous. This story of family and creativity illuminates how Maria's belief in sharing her love of clay brought success and joy from her New Mexico Pueblo to people across the country. For preschool to grade 2.

School Supply Collection

Many thanks to everyone that donated school supplies to the YWCA-Family Center. The supplies were delivered to the Center last week and are very much appreciated by the staff and families there. Thank you for brightening the school year for children and families in need! Here's the breakdown of what was contributed:

Clear backpacks-77

Packages of pencils- 27

Packages of crayons- 79

Packages of glue sticks- 5

Packages of pens- 25

Packages of markers- 42

Packages of colored pencils- 53

Packages of mechanical pencils- 4

Pencil sharpeners- 2

Spiral Notebooks- 98

Folders-275

Packages of paper- 11

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Monday 6:30 pm – BSA Troop 555

Tuesday 9:00 am - HTCDP Preschool Student and Family Open House

Wednesday HTCDP Preschool Classes Begin
 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
 7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V at church

Thursday No Events Scheduled

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

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 5:00 pm – MS/HS Youth Group Swimming, Pizza & Planning

Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – August & September 2026

Date	Time	Welcome Center	Assisting Minister	Lay Reader	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Livestream	Bread Bakers	Communion Team
Aug. 30	10:00 am		Tim Hudson	Dyann Taylor	Ron Benedick AC Cochran	Nancy Riley	Matt Sharp	Becky Warnement	Suellen Sharp Nancy Riley
Sept. 6	10:00 am	Benson Ross	Jody Passafume	Debbie Cochran	Skip Duncan Tom Wuichet	Carolyn Cramer Chris Pryor	Tim Rice	Chris Burton	Chris Grabenstatter Jeanette MacConnell Kris Kochheiser
Sept. 13	10:00 am		Keith Townsend	Keith Townsend	Dan Perry Mike Lamont	AC Cochran Elli Cucksey	Mark Abell	Debbie Cochran	Nancy VanFossen Lynn Anderson
Sept. 20	10:00 am		Lynn Anderson	Leslie Torres	Chris Pryor Doug Myser	Deb Bickford Peter Ward	Jared Forts	Chris Grabenstatter	Kathy Higbee Marie Tanner

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, August 30 – Matthew 22:34-40; Exodus 20:12-16 **Tuned Toward the Neighbor**

Sunday, September 6 – Matthew 22:34-40; Exodus 20: 17 **Do Not Covet**

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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