



FIRST FRUITS IN HIS STEPS 2015

Your Opportunities to Serve A Guide to Ministries at Trinity Church

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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

One Sunday morning a 16 year old boy came to me after a worship service and wanted to talk.

He was anxious and seemed afraid. He shared his story.

His family was broken and he was living with some friends in a city far east of here. The previous Saturday night those friends told him they were taking a ride to see some other friends and did he want to go with them. He hopped in the car and went with them.

Then, in the early morning hours of Sunday, they went back home...without him.

They just left him.

And the end of telling me his story he said, "I'm lost...where am I?"

He did not even know what town they had come to the night before.

Yet...in his "lostness" he saw the church...and knew he could get help here. And I did indeed help him get back to his town.

Trinity represents a place where we all can find our way...spiritually, emotionally, relationally.

We are a community of Christian disciples who worship and serve together.

This booklet offers you a wide variety of places to connect in ministry and mission...and by participating you will not only find YOUR way better, but you will help others find their way.

Please choose to connect with your church and its ministry by saying YES to some area or areas of ministry in the coming year.

Together in Christ's service,



How To Use This Book

This booklet contains brief descriptions of Trinity's ministry opportunities. It will be an essential tool for helping you find places and ways to serve when used along with the In HIS Steps Commitment Card which will be mailed the week of November 1st.

Upon receiving this book, take a few minutes to consider how God has called you for service and review areas where you have an interest. The numbers you see on the left column correspond to the numbers on your Commitment Card. Please note the details such as length of time and frequency of service indicated for each ministry area and consider these factors as you make your selection(s). If you have questions about a particular ministry, please call the church office.

After you have prayerfully considered where God wants you to volunteer during 2015 at Trinity, check your In HIS Steps Commitment Card in the appropriate places and return your card on or before Commitment Weekend, Saturday, November 8, or Sunday, November 9.

This year we have added this information to our website at www.catchthespirit.org where you may view and discern your choices online.

Trinity Church Discipleship Path

(The following pages are excerpted from The Trinity Discipleship Path. You can find the full booklets by this title around the church campus and an electronic version on our website.)

Where are you on your Discipleship Journey?

What is your Next Step along the Path?

Discipleship? What is it and what does it have to do with me?

- **As a part of Trinity Church, YOU are a disciple!** Disciples are simply followers of Jesus Christ. One of the most basic things we do as a church is help people grow as disciples. As disciples we strive to do the kinds of things Jesus did, go the kinds of places Jesus went, be with the kinds of people Jesus was with, love the way Jesus loved. As disciples we seek to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, strength and love our neighbor as ourselves.
- **The journey we take to follow Jesus more closely is called discipleship.** That includes all of the activities we undertake to grow as Christians. Discipleship includes all of the experiences that help us to love God and others more deeply. It is the continual process of maturing in our faith. It includes coming to worship, our prayer lives, our study of the bible and the faith, the giving of our offering, serving others, the relationships in our Christian community, the small groups in which we participate, sharing love and faith with others, transforming the world into a more whole, peaceful, and just place, and more.
- **Discipleship is both a thing that God does in us through grace and a thing that we work at ourselves.** Grace is God's love for us. Grace is an undeserved, free gift to us from God. God's grace is there before we know we need it or want it. God's grace brings us close to God and aligns our hearts, minds, and lives with God. Forgiveness is rooted deeply in grace. Grace is what wipes the slate clean and allows us new beginnings. Grace shapes us into people who love as God loves. Discipleship is largely about *letting* God do these things in us. At the same time, discipleship is also about an intentional effort on our part to seek God, to be more like Jesus, do to all the good we can, to not do harm, and to do everything we can to draw close to God. Discipleship is about seeking the Kingdom of God.
- **YOU are a disciple.** And we hope that you can see yourself on a path of discipleship with the help of Trinity Church.

What is the Discipleship Path and why does it matter?

Trinity's Discipleship Path is not a new program, a new small group, or a new ministry of our church. Rather, it is a framework to help us live more fully into our call to be and make disciples for the transformation of the world and to be a fellowship seeking to share the love and word of Jesus Christ with all. ***It's a way of organizing and understanding our various ministries so that we can engage more fully with them in a way that will help us to grow and mature in our faith journey.***

We become disciples by God's grace and through intentional effort to let God's grace change us into people who love God and love neighbor the way God loves. **Discipleship is about active engagement. It's not passive. It doesn't just happen to us.** The Discipleship Path gives us something to engage with. It helps us as a church to be sure we are providing tools and steps along the path for participants to grow as disciples. It helps each of us as disciples to make use of those tools and take the steps to grow further along our path. The Discipleship Path helps us as a church to take spiritual responsibility to do what we can to help you share the love and word of Jesus Christ with all, and it helps you take spiritual responsibility to do the same.

The Discipleship Path is not a one size fits all kind of thing. In fact, one of the great gifts of it is that it helps us to see there are various spiritual types, which allow each of us to connect deeply with God in different ways. It is also not linear, meaning that our Discipleship Path is not usually a straight line from point A to point B. God often encourages us to meander a bit in order to grow in breadth as well as depth, to create a more balanced experience and expression of the love and word of Jesus Christ.

The Discipleship Path also serves as a reminder that we are indeed on a journey. Sometimes it's easy, even in very active churches, to become stagnant, to continue to do the same things over and over and wonder why we aren't growing. **Sometimes we forget what we are moving toward, what the point of discipleship is.**

In Mark 12:30-31, Jesus tells us that the two greatest commandments are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with your entire mind, and with all your strength," and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

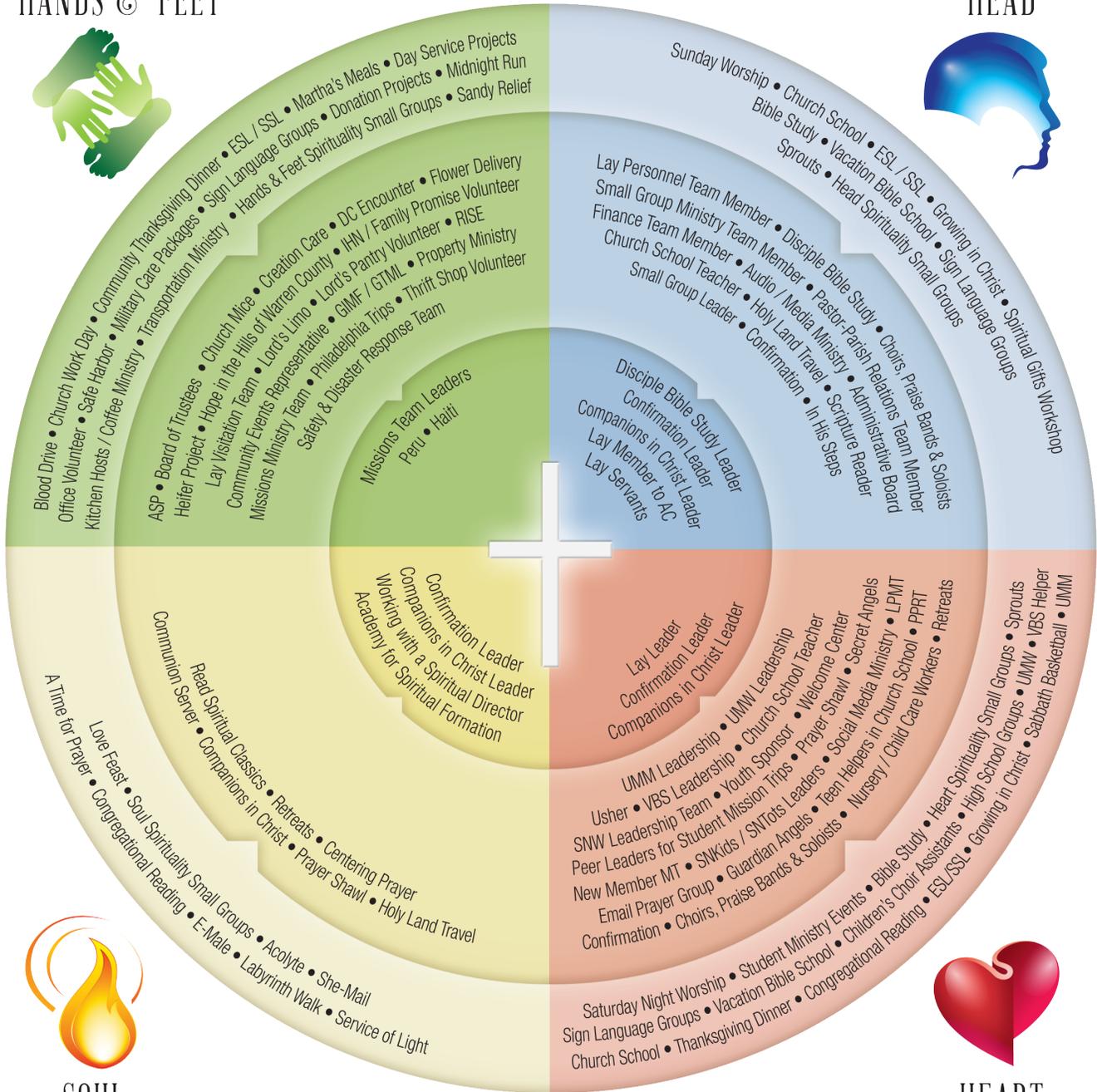
John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, called the goal of discipleship Total Sanctification or Christian Perfection, which is to love perfectly as God loves. We are called to be holy, and this happens in partnership and communion with God, the source of all grace. As we move toward the center we experience salvation more fully. We dwell more fully in the Kingdom of God. And this also happens in partnership and communion with others in your church family. As we move closer to God, we also grow closer to one another, and vice versa. We do not travel alone either. We need both God and others to grow as disciples.

THE TRINITY DISCIPLESHIP PATH

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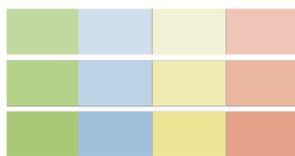
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HEART



Come & See (outer ring)

Come & Follow (second ring)

Come & Abide (inner ring)

How do I know where I am on the Discipleship Path?

There are twelve regions in the Discipleship Path, and you will likely find that you are not in just one distinct point on the circle. ***We have two exercises for you to create a picture of where you are on the Path.***

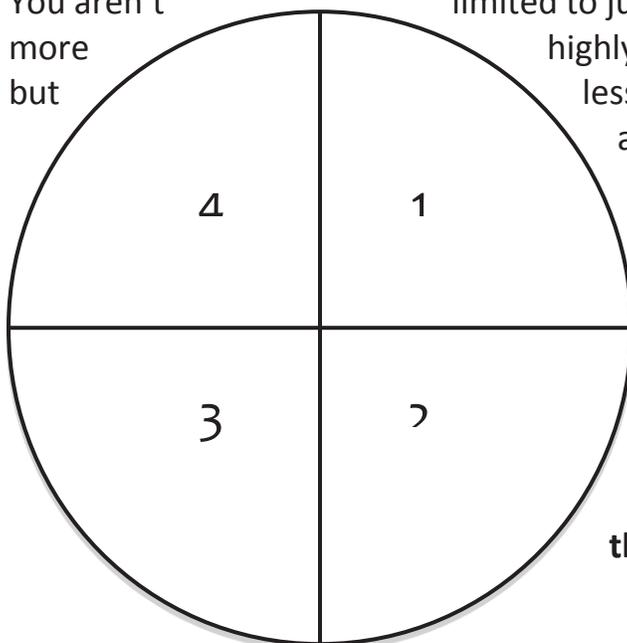
First, you are invited to discover which spiritual type(s) best describe you. What follows is a twelve-question **Spiritual Type Inventory** meant to help in this process. The full descriptions of each spiritual type can be found in the *The Trinity Discipleship Path* booklet. Second, you are invited to contemplate which ring of the circle best matches how far along the path of discipleship you are at the moment. Each ring represents one of three of Jesus' invitations to us in scripture: **Come and See, Come and Follow, Come and Abide**. Full instructions for this second exercise can also be found in *The Trinity Discipleship Path* booklet.

Spiritual Type Inventory

Based on the Selector for Spiritual Type by Corinne Ware, in her book, Discover Your Spiritual Type: A Guide to Individual and Congregational Growth. ©1995 by the Alban Institute, Inc.

Below you see a circle, divided into four quadrants, numbered 1-4. This is followed by twelve questions. For each question, choose the statement or statements that describe what you personally prefer as part of your spiritual experience. *You may select one statement or more than one for each question.* Match the number of the statement or statements you prefer for each question with the quadrant in the diagram. Draw one spoke or line going from the center to the outside edge of the circle in each of the quadrants that match the numbers of the statements that are "you." In the end you'll have a picture of which type(s) you prefer.

You aren't limited to just one! Instead you'll see that you might prefer one more highly over the others or that you are really strong in two, but less so in the other two. Or you might discover that you are quite balanced among three but much less familiar or experienced or comfortable with the fourth.



As you come to have an understanding of your spiritual type(s) and where you are on the Discipleship Path, please use this information as you move through the rest of this booklet. Allow this insight to help you take the next step in your discipleship journey.

- A. When it comes to the **order and elements of worship**, I believe:
1. A carefully planned and orderly worship program is a glory to God.
 2. A deeply moving and spontaneous meeting is a glory to God.
 3. Simplicity and some silence are important elements needed for worship.
 4. It is not a service, but ordering ourselves to God's service that is important.
- B. When it comes to the **time we spend in worship**, I prefer:
1. Sticking to announced beginning and ending times of worship services.
 2. Extending the meeting time if one feels led to do so.
 3. Experiencing a sense of timelessness in worship, because all time is God's time.
 4. Gathering whenever and as long as we need in order to accomplish the task.
- C. When it comes to the **way we pray**, the most important things to me are:
1. Using words to express poetic praise; asking for knowledge and guidance.
 2. Letting words and feelings evoke God's presence in this moment.
 3. Emptying the mind of distractions and simply BEING in the presence of the Holy.
 4. Letting my life and my work be my prayer.
- D. When it comes to **worship music**, I believe:
1. Music and lyrics express praise to God and belief about God.
 2. Singing warms and unites us and expresses the soul's deepest heart.
 3. Chant and tone bring the soul to quietness and union with God.
 4. Songs can mobilize and inspire to greater effort and dedication.
- E. When it comes to **preaching**, my understanding is:
1. The Word of God, rightly proclaimed, is the centerpiece of worship.
 2. The gospel movingly preached is the power of God to change lives.
 3. Proclamation is heard when the Spirit of God speaks to the inward heart.
 4. What we do is our "preaching" and speaks louder than anything we say.
- F. When considering our **central purpose** as Christians, I believe:
1. A central purpose is that we fulfill our vocation or calling in the world.
 2. A central purpose is that we learn to walk in holiness with the Lord.
 3. A central purpose is that we be one with the Creator.
 4. A central purpose is that we obey God's will completely.

- G. When considering various **causes** I prefer to support through the church, the most important to me are:
(if it's helpful, circle the words that apply and select categories with the most circles)
1. Support seminaries, publishing houses, scholarship, preaching to others.
 2. Support evangelism, missions, spreading the word on television and radio.
 3. Support places of retreat, spiritual direction, and liturgical reform.
 4. Support political action to establish justice in society and its institutions.
- H. When someone else **critiques** my preferred expression of faith:
1. Sometimes they say I am too intellectual, dogmatic, and “dry”.
 2. Sometimes they say I am too emotional, dogmatic, and anti-intellectual.
 3. Sometimes they say I am escaping from the world and am not realistic.
 4. Sometimes they say I have tunnel vision and am too moralistic.
- I. When it comes to the **primary themes** I prefer to focus on in my faith journey, the most important to me are:
(if it's helpful, circle the words that apply and select categories with the most circles)
1. Discernment, discipline, knowledge, order, grace, justification.
 2. Love, conversion, witness, spontaneity, sanctification.
 3. Poverty, humility, wisdom, letting go, transcendence.
 4. Simplicity, purity of heart, action, temperance, obedience, martyrdom.
- J. When it comes to **requirements for membership in the Body of Christ**, I believe the necessary things are:
1. Assent to doctrine, baptism, endorsement by other church members.
 2. A personal inward experience of God, baptism, public declaration of faith.
 3. All who face God-ward are incorporated into the Holy.
 4. Solidarity with humankind is membership in God's kingdom.
- K. When it comes to **ritual and liturgy** (formal patterns and traditions in worship, such as Holy Communion, baptism, passing the peace, saying the creeds, etc.), I believe:
1. Ritual and liturgy evoke memory and presence, teaching traditional truths.
 2. Liturgy and ritual ceremonies are not of great importance.
 3. Ritual and liturgy are ways in which God becomes present to us.
 4. Ritual and liturgy are one way we make statements about inner conviction.
- L. When it comes to my **concept and experience of God**, I believe:
1. God is revealed in scripture, sacrament, and in Jesus Christ and his cross.
 2. I can feel that God is real and that Christ lives in my heart.
 3. God is mystery and can be grasped for but not completely known.
 4. We participate in the mystery of God when we become co-creators with God in the world.

See The Trinity Discipleship Path *booklet* for further exploration.

Taking the Next Step with God’s Treasures!

We are praying that each of you will be able to commit an extra **1% of your weekly income** towards mission and ministry this year. Just imagine how many more mission teams, how many more Bibles, or how much more good Trinity will do with an extra commitment on your part. Consider also how this 1% step will benefit your own spiritual life, as we are reminded in the Bible passages on the devotion card. Please see the chart below for an easy reference.

Below is a simple chart to show how for just a few more dollars each week, our ministry can overflow, as we thankfully return to God a part of what God has blessed us with.

Here is one example of how an extra 1% can make such a difference. A pledge in the Middle Range Giver category (see below), earning \$300 per week, taking the next step from 5% to 6%, pledges an extra \$3 per week (from \$12 to \$15) or \$156 per year. It is really the price of two cups of coffee at the corner deli per week. Everyone’s situation will be different; however the chart really simplifies how easy it is to take the next step.

Your commitment to God multiples so that we can continue to keep our missions alive...because when your treasure is added to others, it has greater power to serve the Lord allowing us to fight malaria in Africa, hunger in Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, medical assistance to Haiti and so many more opportunities.

WEEKLY INCOME	Lower Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Upper Range Giving			Tithe	Beyond A Tithe	
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%
\$100	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10	\$12	\$15
\$200	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$24	\$30
\$300	\$3	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$15	\$18	\$21	\$24	\$27	\$30	\$36	\$45
\$400	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$16	\$20	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$36	\$40	\$48	\$60
\$500	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$60	\$75
\$600	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$30	\$36	\$42	\$48	\$54	\$60	\$72	\$90
\$700	\$7	\$14	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$42	\$49	\$56	\$63	\$70	\$84	\$105
\$800	\$8	\$16	\$24	\$32	\$40	\$48	\$56	\$64	\$72	\$80	\$96	\$120
\$900	\$9	\$18	\$27	\$36	\$45	\$54	\$63	\$72	\$81	\$90	\$108	\$135
\$1,000	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100	\$120	\$150
\$1,500	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$60	\$75	\$90	\$105	\$120	\$135	\$150	\$180	\$225
\$2,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200	\$240	\$300
\$2,500	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$150	\$300	\$375
\$3,000	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$120	\$150	\$180	\$210	\$240	\$270	\$300	\$360	\$450

ADULT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MINISTRY	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FREQUENCY OF SERVICE	LENGTH OF TIME
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ADULT EDUCATION

010 	Adult Education Facilitators	Facilitators offer topical events, seminars, workshops, and learning opportunities. These are usually one-session events, but could expand to more. Resources are available to help shape a topic in which you are interested or to apply your area of expertise to our Trinity Church context	As called	2-6 Hours
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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

011 	Small Group Leadership	Potential leaders/facilitators receive training in small group dynamics and leadership. After training they can lead various small groups. You are invited to employ your gifts of teaching, experience, hospitality, and care.	Varies	2 Hours per session
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ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

050 	Office Ministry	Church office is looking for members to assist staff with miscellaneous clerical tasks including photocopying, preparing mailings, preparing the Tidings for mailing, etc.	Varies	½ Day
051 	Phone Calls	Volunteers are needed to make phone calls from home or church office for a wide variety of Trinity's organizational needs	As Needed	1 Hour
052 	Family Ministry Admin Support	Assisting with filings, mailings, phone calls, printing/folding documents/flyers, preparation for Family Ministry special events and retreat preparation. Some work can be done from home.	Once to twice a week during the day	1, 2, or 3 Hour slots
053 	In HIS Steps	This is a broad-based program that includes coordination of volunteer ministries information and the stewardship campaign each fall. Help is needed in a wide variety of areas – organizing the four week stewardship campaign and maintaining communications/publicity throughout the year.	Varies from weekly to monthly	Varies
054 	Parking Ushers	Guide visitors into main parking areas and into new spaces in an organized manner during special events and at worship services when the need arises. Safety vests provided.	1-2 Times per year	1 Hour
055 	Safety and Disaster Response	Team goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment. A few of the activities are first aid and CPR training, defining emergency response procedures and other safety protocol.	4 Times per year	1 Hour

MINISTRY		DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FREQUENCY OF SERVICE	LENGTH OF TIME
056	 Property Care and Repair	Members meet each week (evening and/or days) or as needed to keep grounds and buildings in proper condition. Skills relevant to this ministry would be appreciated, but anyone with an interest in the areas of general repairs, painting or landscaping would be very welcome.	Weekly or as needed	Varies
057	 Equipment and Furniture Set-up and Breakdown	Volunteers are available to help with the set-ups and break-downs (of primarily tables and chairs) that are needed for church functions such as New Member Dinners and/or other major events.	As needed	Varies
058	 Church Mice	Sanctuary care is the focus of this group. Members are needed to insure that pew supplies are properly stocked.	Once a month	1 Hour

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

070	 Lay Visitation	Visit to shut-ins and residents in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals to share the love of Christ and to let them know that they are not forgotten by their church family.	Monthly	1 Hour
071	 Trinity Wheels	Drivers needed to take those in need to medical and dental appointments, grocery shopping or other errands.	Varies	1-2 Hours
072	 Helping Hands	This ministry is on call to do little chores to help out those who have short-term needs due to illness or injury.	As needed	Varies
073	 Martha's Meals	A ministry that provides meals for a limited time to families who are in need due to an illness, recent hospital release or crisis.	As needed	2-3 Hours

CHILDREN, STUDENT AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

100	 Church School Teacher	Prepare and present lessons each week during the school year (Sept- June) based on provided curriculum.	42 Weeks	1 ½ Hours
101	 Church School Substitute	Provide class coverage when regularly scheduled teacher cannot be present.	5-10 Times per year	1 ½ Hours
102	 Church School Support Team	Aid teachers on Sunday mornings before and during church school hour, procuring supplies, collecting attendance and offering, calling substitutes, updating teachers, and ensuring the overall smooth running of Church School.	Year round	Varies
103	 Church School Enrichment Teacher	Volunteers needed to teach "specials" – brief lessons on topics such as prayer, church etiquette, Methodism, "Bible Blast", missions, etc.	2-4 Times per year	1 ½ Hours

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104 105 	Nursery Volunteers	Provide loving, Christian childcare in the mornings during the 9:15 or 10:45 service.	Weekly	1 ½ Hours
106 	Child Care	Childcare for New Member's socials, Growing in Christ classes, small groups, and special worship services.	Varies	1 to 3 Hours
107 	Creative Activities	Volunteers are asked to have a creative mind and crafty hands to work with four to eight year olds during the 10:45 service.	1 Sunday per month	1 Hour
108 	Church School Christmas Pageant	The church school presents a Christmas Pageant each year at the 9:15 service. Each class takes part in some aspect of the production. Help is needed with planning, organization, directing and costumes.	Sept-Dec	½ Hours per week
109 	Secret Angel Program	An intergenerational program held for years at Trinity, students and adult volunteer "angels" are matched with a child age 3 years to 4 th grade. Angels send their child notes, cards, or a small memento each week for four weeks during the month of February. The program culminates with an after-church party where the children meet their angels for a snack, a time of fellowship, and the giving of a small gift.	4 Weeks	30 Minutes – 1 hour
110 	Vacation Bible School	Participate in fun theme-related activities while shepherding a group of elementary or preschool children through each half-day of Bible instruction, music, mission, and handicrafts. Usually scheduled for July – actual hours are 9-12:15. Help is needed <i>from both students and adults</i> with publicity, registration, fabricating scenery and backdrops, decorating, set-up, music, and one evening celebration.	Depends on area of assistance	Depends on area of assistance
111 	Littlest Angels Assistant	Help out in weekly children's choir rehearsals tending to their children's needs and assisting the director from September to June.	Weekly or on a rotating basis	Weekly 45 minute rehearsal
112 	Sprouts Advisor	Help lead Grade 4 and 5 fellowship group.	3 6 Week sessions	1 ½ Hours
113 	Middle School Student Advisor	Assist with monthly fellowship and/or mission opportunities, events (retreat, concerts, and summer activities), small groups, etc. with middle school students..	1-4 Times monthly	Varies
114 	High School Student Advisor	Assist with monthly fellowship and/or mission opportunities, events (retreat, concerts, and summer activities), small groups, etc. with high school students.	1-4 Times monthly	Varies
115 	Student Ministry Driver	Assist with transportation needs for Student Ministry activities.	4-6 Times per year	Varies

MINISTRY		DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	FREQUENCY OF SERVICE	LENGTH OF TIME
116 	Student Ministry Food Provider	Provide food items for various Student Ministry events such as the senior breakfast, holiday events, and/or summertime events.	1-2 Times per year	Varies
117 	Guardian Angel Ministry	Those who'd like to participate can send "care packages", write notes, phone, or think of other thoughtful gestures to stay in touch with our Trinity young adults who are off to college or military service.	1 Time per month	1 Hour
118 	Trinity College Ministry	Looking for those volunteers with a heart for college students – you can offer your home or your assistance to host a gathering. Help is needed in sponsoring two get-togethers during breaks in the academic year.	Up to 6 times a year	2 Hours

MUSIC MINISTRIES

200 	Celebration Praise Band	These musicians provide contemporary music for the 9:15 worship service. Vocalists and instrumental talents are welcome.	3-4 Sundays per month	1 ½ Hours weekly
201 	Agape Ringers	A unique instrumental ensemble experience contributing musically and spiritually to the 10:45 worship service once a month September – June plus holidays and special occasions. All are welcome.	1 Time per month	1 ½ Hours weekly
202 	Brick Church Ringers		1 Time per month	1 ½ Hours weekly
203 	Chancel Choir	Traditional choral group provides music at the 10:45 service September – June, Christmas and Easter services and on special occasions.	Every Sunday Sept-June	1 ½ Hours weekly
204 	Instrumental	Please share any instrumental talents you have with your Trinity family. Easter, Christmas, special worship events and many other opportunities exist. Let us know your area of training/interest.	Varies	Varies
205 	Americana Troupe	The Americana Troupe (AT) plays and sings a wide variety of spiritual, gospel, old-time, folk, bluegrass and country-flavored songs for Trinity worship services, area senior centers and other organizations in the surrounding community. The AT enjoys arranging favorite hymns for listeners to sing and tap their toes to. Acoustic, stringed instruments and an accordion form the basis of the group, and new musicians as well as lead and harmony singers are always welcome.	Varies	Varies
206 	Friends of Americana Troupe	Family and friends often accompany the AT to senior citizen homes, listen to the music, but in addition, they socialize with the seniors.	Varies	Varies
207 	Friends of Youth Praise Band	Occasional adult help is needed for equipment set-up/ tear down, and transportation for the Youth Praise Band.	Varies	Varies

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FOOD SERVICE MINISTRIES

300 	Sunday Coffee	Prepare, maintain and clean up coffee service on Sunday mornings.	1 Time per month	1 Hour
301 	New Member Dinner	Volunteers are needed to bring an entrée, salad or dessert for the dinner held the Saturday evening before a group of new members joins the church. Help is also needed with decorating, set-up, and clean-up.	6 Times per year	2-3 Hours
302 	Special Events Hospitality	This “on-call” ministry coordinates receptions after funeral services as its main function. Occasionally, catering and set-up services are offered for other events during the year.	5-10 Times per year	5-7 Hours

MISSION

400 	Lord’s Pantry	The Pantry provides food for anyone in need. Volunteers work one day during Pantry hours of 9 am -12 pm on Monday through Thursday. They also shop, work food drives, pick up food from NORWESCAP, and prepare holiday baskets.	Once a week or as needed	2-6 Hours
401 	Thrift Shop Main Street Shop	One of the longest running missions at Trinity, the shop provides donated clothes and household items at affordable prices. Additional help is always needed to sort and stock merchandise, accept drop-off donations and assist customers.	Varies	Varies
402 	Thrift Shop Furniture Annex	Assistance is needed with furniture pick-ups as well as assisting customers during shop hours.	Varies	Varies
403 	Prayer Ministry	Limitless possibilities exist to help individual members of the congregation or aid far-reaching concerns with prayer. Receive the Prayer Chain either by email or “snail” mail.	Daily	15-60 Minutes
404 	ESL/SSL	Join in welcoming members of our community through fellowship. Assist with Saturday morning free ESL (English as a Second Language) and SSL (Spanish as a Second Language) classes with setup, cleanup and childcare.	1 Time per week	2 Hours
405 	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Members prayerfully knit and/or crochet prayer shawls that convey God’s love, care and concern to the recipients. Instruction is provided	Monthly	1 ½ Hours
406 	Blood Drive	Trinity hosts an on-site blood drive three times a year. Donors are needed for each drive, as well as some light organizational assistance and minor duties on the day of the blood drive.	1-3 Times per year	1-2 Hours

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407 	Interfaith Hospitality Network	Volunteers are needed to serve in a variety of capacities to help homeless families with children during a designated period various times during the year. Set-up, meal preparation/service, evening hosting (5 to 9 PM), overnight stay at Trinity, and many other opportunities exist to assist those who are trying to become self-sufficient.	4 Weeks per year	2-10 Hours
408 	Thanksgiving Day Dinner	The Thanksgiving Day Dinner provides a free meal to the community and our congregation. Volunteers are needed to raise funds, purchase food, decorate, prepare food but mostly be a host or hostess on Thanksgiving Day making all feel welcome and "at home."	Once a year	1-3 Hours
409 	Midnight Run	Monthly we travel to NYC and provide bag lunches, bottled water, coffee, soup, hot cocoa, toiletry bags with new socks, and new and gently used clothing, coats and blankets. We distribute the food, toiletries and clothing beginning at 10pm Fridays or Saturdays. We return between 1AM-3AM.	Once a month	8 Hours
410 	Safe Harbor	Volunteers prepare a complete meal for approximately 30 people and deliver it to Safe Harbor, an emergency/transitional shelter and drop-in center for homeless single men and women in Easton, PA. We meet in the kitchen at Trinity that afternoon at 3PM to prepare the meal. At 5PM we leave Trinity to drive to Easton and deliver the hot meal to the shelter and serve it at 6PM. We eat and talk with the residents, and depart by 7PM.	Last Saturday of the month	4-5 Hours
411 	Hope in the Hills of Warren	Home repair projects throughout Warren County that involves both student and adult volunteers to assist elderly, disabled, and/or low-income families.	2-3 Times per year	3-4 Day events
412 	Appalachian Service Project	Weeklong home repair project that involves both students and adults working together in southern Appalachia (VA, WV, KY or TN) each summer. Areas to help with the project include two fundraisers through the year. Volunteers are needed for both the mission and fundraising events.	Once per year	7-10 Days
413 	DC Encounter	Participate with 7 th and 8 th grade students in leading a mission trip to Washington, DC. This trip traditionally takes place in November.	Once per year	4 Days plus training
414 	Philadelphia Experience	Participate with 7 th and 8 th grade students in leading a mission trip to Philadelphia, PA. This trip traditionally takes place in month of March.	Once a year	3 Days

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415 	Philly 9	Participate with 9 th -grade students in leading a mission trip to Philadelphia, PA in the fall.	Once a year	30 Hours
416 	Haiti Ministry	Provides support to Grace Children's Hospital in Port au Prince and the Light and Peace Mission, school and orphanage, in Bon Repos.	Trip plus monthly meetings	7 Days plus meetings
417 	Dominican Republic	Provides play therapy to parents of children with disabilities and community care workers. The trip usually takes place in the summer.	Trip plus other meetings	7-10 Days plus meetings
418 	Peru - Helping Hands Construction Teams	Go to Ayacucho, Peru working side by side with the Quechua people in building churches, classrooms, etc. Trip takes place during the month of February.	Yearly or biyearly depending on the needs of the people	Usually 10 days of the mission work
419 	Peru-Educational Team	Provides educational services to the deaf and hard of hearing in Lima, Peru.	Yearly at the end of June	Usually 10 days

CHURCH FAMILY MINISTRIES

500 	Advent Family Celebration	Wreath-making, advent-themed fun for an evening. Help needed in planning, gathering and organizing supplies.	Once per year	3 Hours
501 	Christmas Caroling	Songs and fun are shared each year for an afternoon night prior to Christmas with senior citizens and shut-ins.	Once per year	3 Hours
502 	Church Picnic	Annual all-church event held in June at "Field of Dreams" park in Independence. Games, food, music, and loads of family fun. Helpers needed for planning, supplies, set up, grilling, musical entertainment, game direction, and clean up.	Once per year	5 Hours
503 	Fat Tuesday	Mardi Gras fun for the family. Helpers would assist with planning, set-up and food prep.	Once a year	3 Hours
504 	Community Events	Have a booth for information at 2 street fairs and 2 annual community events. Help is needed organizing for the event and to staff the booth.	4 Times per year	4 Hours
505 	Rally Day Community Lunch	Annual all-church event held on the Trinity campus on Rally Day in September. Helpers needed for set up, grilling, various other jobs and clean up.	Once per year	4 Hours

WORSHIP – SATURDAY NIGHT

600 	Saturday Night Worship Tots	Provide loving care for our 0-4 year olds. There is a TV monitor in the room that allows all to hear and see the message. This ministry meets weekly on Saturday nights in room 402 during the SNW sermon.	Weekly, bi-weekly, once a month, or quarterly	20 to 30 Minutes
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601 	Saturday Night Worship Kids	Prepare and present a 20-30 minute lesson during the SNW sermon. SNW Kids range in age from 5 to 10 years old. This group meets weekly on Saturday nights in room 401.	Weekly, bi-weekly, once a month, or quarterly	20 to 30 Minutes
602 	Saturday Night Worship Music	Join the group of multigenerational musicians, who offer praise music at Saturday Night Worship. This group is open to 8 th graders and above. We are also looking for folks to step in on a once a month basis.	Weekly, bi-weekly, or once a month	3-4 Hours
603 	Saturday Night Worship Media	Provide sound or visual assistance at SNW. Audio equipment knowledge helpful, but team would provide training. Knowledge of a variety of software programs such as PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, and Media Shout is helpful, but team can train.	Weekly, Bi-weekly, or once a month	2 Hours per SNW
604 	Saturday Night Worship Hospitality	Provides hospitality by setting up tables and chairs, preparing the SNW snacks and coffee and greeting folks as they arrive for worship!	Weekly, Bi-weekly, or once a month	1 Hour

WORSHIP – SUNDAY MORNING

605 	Drama Team	Enhances worship themes through dramatic readings and theatrical vignettes. Events occur five to six times each year at 9:15 and 10:45.	5-6 Times per year	3-4 Hours
606 607 	Greeters	Members are needed to stand at the entries to welcome and hand a bulletin to those who attend worship at 9:15 or 10:45.	1-2 Times a year	30 Minutes
608 609 610 	Ushers	Volunteers hand out bulletins as well as help with seating, count attendance, receive offering, and collect attendance sheets. General straightening up for next service.	3-4 Times a year	2 Hours
612 	Audio Operation	Provide sound assistance at 9:15 and 10:45 worship services. Audio equipment knowledge helpful, but team would provide training. May also work with Video Team.	Once every 6 weeks	1 ½ - 2 Hours
613 	Flower Delivery	Take altar flowers to Trinity members listed in the prayer concerns, shut-ins, nursing home residents, or other special circumstances.	4 Sundays per year	1 Hour
614 	9:15am Scripture Reader	Volunteers read the Gospel at 9:15 worship service.	Once per year	Varies
615 	Video Team	Provide visual assistance at 9:15 and 10:45 worship services. Knowledge of a variety of software programs such as PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, and Media Shout is helpful, but team can train. May also work with the Audio Team.	Once per month	Varies

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616 617 	Welcome Center	Volunteers will be scheduled a month in advance to sit at the Welcome Center to meet and greet parishioners as they come and go, welcome new people, hand-out current information, and answer questions.	1,2 or 3 Times per year	30 Minutes
618 	Lord's Limo	Drivers take care of worshippers who have trouble getting from the parking lot to the church doors, those who arrive late and have to park far away, or those carrying supplies or food to the church. Service is offered at 9:15 and 10:45.	1-2 Times per month	45 Minutes

MEN'S AND WOMENS MINISTRIES

700 	United Methodist Men	Breakfast, fellowship, music, service, prayer, devotions, and spiritual growth. Meets on the 2 nd Saturday of each month at 8:00am from September – June.	Once per month	1 ½ Hours
701 	Martha Friendship Circle	A fellowship of women of Heath Village and our church community who meet for devotions, a program, and refreshments.	Once per Month	1 ½ Hours
702 	United Methodist Women	Periodic “Lunch and Learn” events are held usually on a Sunday. Each provides an opportunity for fellowship, prayer, and a program on one of a variety of issues that concern women of faith. In addition, various fundraisers are held throughout the year to support our Pledge to Mission. Funds raised go to assist women, youth, and children in need throughout the United States and around the world. The local group is connected actively through District and Conference ties with the nationwide organization which oversees nearly 300 mission projects supported.	Ongoing	2 Hours

MISCELLANEOUS

800 	Wherever the Church Needs Me	What an opportunity this could be for you! If you have looked over the Commitment Card and cannot decide where your talents or abilities may best serve the Lord, check this area. Volunteers are always needed in a number of places. Pray about this and God will lead you to the right spot.	As needed	As needed
801	Other	Do you have your own idea for a ministry? If you'd like to share an interest, or can think of something that needs to be done that the church is not doing, tell us your idea. Many ministries get their start this way!	As needed	As needed

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802 	Creation Care The Creation Care Ministry Team fosters parishioner awareness of critical environmental and eco-justice issues through reduction of energy consumption in our church, running a recycling program and providing education opportunities. As we implement environmentally friendly practices throughout our church campus, we'll be encouraging our congregation to carry those practices into their homes and community.	Monthly	2 Hours
803 	Social Media Ministry Work to increase Trinity's presence on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Google+, Instagram, etc. Collaborate to create and manage content for these sites, create online community among the Trinity family, and expand the reach of Trinity in the virtual world.	Varies	Varies

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STUDENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES (GRADE 6-12)

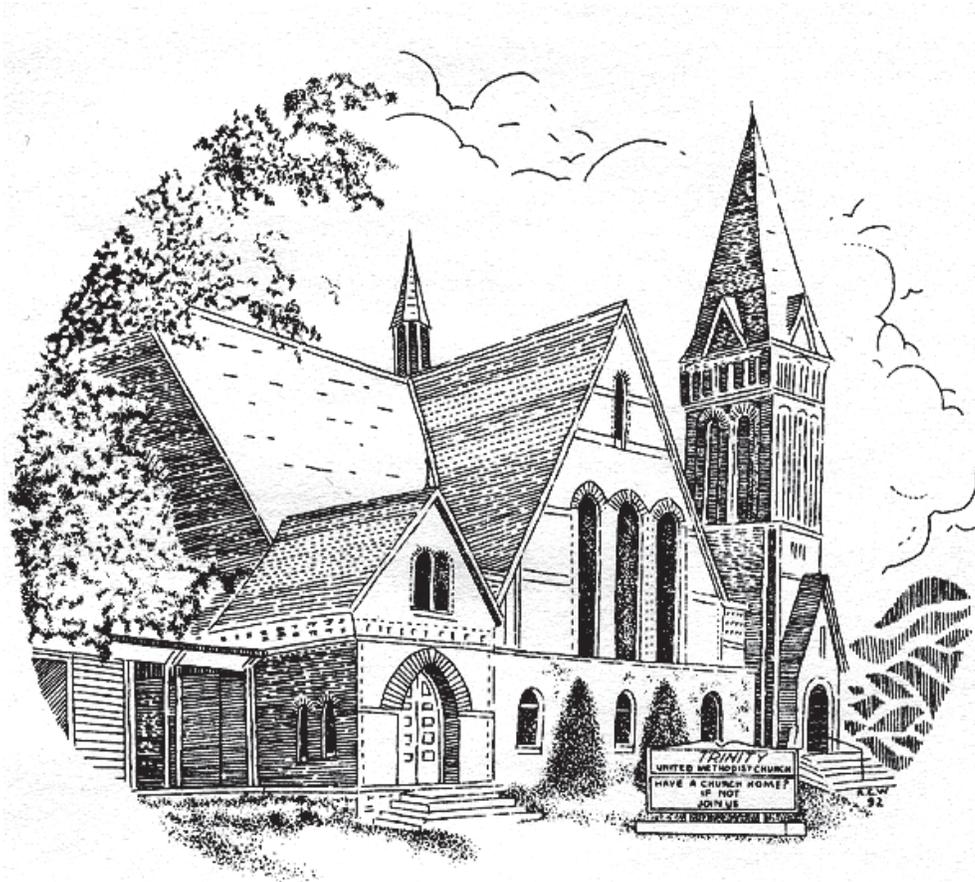
S10 	Acolyte	Participation would involve lighting the candles to begin and extinguishing them to end of our 10:45 worship service. They may also be asked to light and extinguish the candles at other special services. (Grades 4-6)	Once every 6 weeks	1 Hour
S11 	Usher	Volunteers hand out bulletins as well as help with seating, count attendance, receive offering, and collect attendance sheets and “Just Say Yes” forms. General straightening up for next service. (Grades 6-12)	3-4 Times a year	1 Hour
S12 	Greeter	Volunteers stand at the entries to welcome and hand a bulletin to those who attend worship. (Grades 6-12)	3-4 Times a year	30 Minutes
S13 	Peace Ringers	A unique instrumental ensemble experience contributing musically and spiritually to the 10:45 worship service once a month September – June plus holidays and special occasions. (Grades 3-6)	Once a month	45 Minutes weekly
S14 	Trinity Ringers	A unique instrumental ensemble experience contributing musically and spiritually to the 10:45 worship service once a month September – June plus holidays and special occasions. (Grades 7-12)	Once a month	1 Hour weekly
S15 	Music Makers	The Music Makers meet from 7:00-8:00 every Monday evening from September through June. We enjoy singing various kinds of music that make us feel good and spiritual; we also experiment with songs, harmonies, and instruments. The Music Makers share their music and message in church about every 6 weeks at the 10:45 worship service, on Christmas Eve, and at a few special events during the year. (Grades 4-6)	Once a month	1 Hour weekly
S16 	Trinity Singers	Traditional choral group, provides music at the 10:45 service once a month September – June, Christmas and Palm Sunday. (Grades 7-12)	Once a month	1 Hour weekly
S17 	Youth Praise Band (YPB)	These students provide contemporary music for the 9:15 worship service once a month from October through June, plus occasional Street Fairs and other outings. Rehearsals are weekly on Thursday evenings from September through June. Vocalists and instrumental talents are always welcome. Occasional adult help is also needed for equipment set-up/ tear down, and transportation. (Grades 9-12)	Once a month in the Sanctuary. Plus 3-4 outings/fairs yearly.	1 ½ Hours Weekly plus

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S18 	Church School Teacher	Prepare and present lessons each week during the school year (Sept- June) based on provided curriculum. (Grades 9-12)	42 Weeks	1 ½ Hours
S19 	Sprouts Advisor	Help lead Grade 4 and 5 fellowship group. (Grades 9-12)	3 6 Week sessions	1 ½ Hours
S20 	Church School Christmas Pageant	Participate in the annual Church School Christmas Pageant which is presented during a 9:15am worship service in December. (Grade 6)	Rehearsals during Church School	1 Hour
S21 	Vacation Bible School Volunteer	Participate in fun theme-related activities while shepherding a group of elementary or preschool children through each half-day of music, Bible instruction, mission, and handicrafts. Usually scheduled for July – actual hours are 9-12:15. Help is needed <i>from both students and adults</i> with publicity, registration, fabricating scenery and backdrops, decorating, set-up, music, and one evening celebration. (Grades 5-12)	Depends on area of assistance	Depends on area of assistance
S22 	Bread of Life	Assist with Saturday mission to feed and minister to homeless in Newton, NJ. Trinity will provide meals and fellowship to homeless three times. (Grades 6-12)	3 Saturdays	6 Hours
S23 	B1 Fast	The B1 Fast is a 24 hour fast designed to raise awareness about needs, both globally and locally and includes local mission during the fast itself. (Grades 6-12)	Once a year	24 Hours
S24 	DC Encounter	The DC Encounter is a mission trip for 7 th and 8 th grade students to Washington, DC to work with the homeless, learn about mercy and justice, and to begin our a journey of growing in mission outreach. (Grade 7-8)	Once a year	4 Days
S25 	Philadelphia Experience	This 7 th and 8 th grade mission trip works with the homeless of Philadelphia, PA traditionally in the month of March. (Grades 7-8)	Once a year	3 Days
S26 	Philly 9	This 9 th grade specific 30 hour mission involves assisting the homeless of Philadelphia by delivering basic toiletries and tube socks! This mission usually is held the second weekend of October each year. (Grade 9)	Once a year	30 Hours
S27 	Appalachian Service Project	Weeklong home repair project that involves both students and adults working together in southern Appalachia (VA, WV, KY or TN) each summer. Areas to help with the project include three fundraisers through the year. Volunteers are needed for both the mission and fundraising events. (Grades 9-12)	Once a year	7-10 Days

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CHILD SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES (AGE 3-GRADE 5)

C10 	Church School Christmas Pageant	Participate in the annual Church School Christmas Pageant which is presented during a 9:15am worship service in December. (Age 3-Grade 5)	One Sunday in December	1 Hour
C11 	Acolyte	Participation would involve lighting the candles to begin and extinguishing them to end of our 10:45 worship service. They may also be asked to light and extinguish the candles at other special services. (Grades 4-6)	Once every 6 weeks	1 Hour
C12 	Church School and VBS Mission Projects	Participating in Church School and Vacation Bible School Mission Projects (i.e. Haiti Ministry, UNICEF, Heifer Project, Midnight Run, Lord's Pantry)	Varies	Varies
C13 	Littlest Angels	We sing, dance, play instruments, and spread God's love! This choir meets from 5:30-6:15 every Monday from September through June. The Littlest Angels sing at the 10:45 worship service about every 6 weeks and on Christmas Eve; we also share our music and our love at two nursing homes during the year. (Grades K-3)	Once every 6 weeks	45 Minutes weekly
C14 	Music Makers	The Music Makers meet from 7:00-8:00 every Monday evening from September through June. We enjoy singing various kinds of music that make us feel good and spiritual; we also experiment with songs, harmonies, and instruments. The Music Makers share their music and message in church about every 6 weeks at the 10:45 worship service, on Christmas Eve, and at a few special events during the year. (Grades 4-6)	Varies	1 Hour Weekly
C15 	Peace Ringers	A unique instrumental ensemble experience contributing musically and spiritually to the 10:45 worship service once a month September – June plus holidays and special occasions. (Grades 3-6)	Once a month	45 Minutes weekly
C16 	Vacation Bible School Volunteer	Participate in fun theme-related activities while shepherding a group children through each half-day of Bible instruction, music, mission, and crafts. Help is needed with fabricating scenery, decorating, set-up, and music. (Grade 5)	Depends on area of assistance - Usually in July	Depends on area of assistance
C17 	Children's Sabbath	On the 5 th Sunday of the month, children are invited to serve as greeters, ushers, scripture readers, and musicians at the 10:45am worship service. (Grades 1-5)	3 Times a year	1 ½ Hours



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