

# Trinity Episcopal Church



**Fall Booklet  
2017**



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# Worship Schedule

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. Healing Service

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
6:30 p.m. Healing Service

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Rite II\*\*

\*\*Nursery care available





# Formation Venues

**Christian Formation for Children**  
Sunday, September 17 – May 20

All children come together in the Children's Chapel located downstairs in our Children's Formation wing at 9:45 a.m. for a gathering song and a prayer. All will proceed to their classrooms at 10 a.m. All children and youth will rejoin their parents in the church at the exchange of the peace. Some will be beginning their faith formation journey with Godly Play. Many will return to explore the stories and traditions that make us God's People. Welcome and thanks to new as well as returning students, teachers, and door-keepers.

A list of the classes and a brief description of the curriculum utilized by each follows:

## **Godly Play** **Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance for children. The Montessori-based curriculum values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships through stories and response time - deepening their understanding and knowledge of God. Godly Play I is for children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Godly Play II is for students in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

## **Faith Foundation** **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

Faith Foundations is a lectionary-based program building bridges between church and life for students.

## **Faith Building 6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up**

Faith Building invites students to think about their life holistically, as they begin to tie their health and wellness to their faith, using faith as a living compass, which guides their daily decisions, in heart, soul, strength and mind - all of it. Faith Building is for students in grades 6 and up.

**Other formation opportunities include . . .** inter-generational projects, events and pageants. Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2018 will take place June 26 – 30. Summer Church School takes place June - July.

## **Youth Group Sunday Night Fellowship**

This is our regular weekly Youth Group meeting from 6-8 p.m. which includes games, movies, food and other social activities for all students grades 7-12. We take excursions throughout the year and perform community service. Friends of students are always encouraged to attend. The goal for our fellowship is to develop relationships, build community, and experience God's love with one another and the larger community. Join our Facebook page – Trinity Ambler Youth Group – to keep up with what's happening!

## **Mission Possible!**

We seek to inspire our young people to grow in service to others through our senior high Mission Trips. Locations have included Boston, Kentucky, Florida, New Orleans, West Virginia, Alaska, New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and Cape May.



## Christian Formation for Adults

### Contemplative Prayer

For those who desire silent prayer in the company of others. We meet in Mary's Office every four to six weeks on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. We begin with a centering exercise, spend twenty minutes in silence, and do *Lectio Divina* (reflection on scripture). For more information, contact Mary at [mary@trinityambler.com](mailto:mary@trinityambler.com). Stay tuned for dates in the weekly jingle.

### Spiritual Practices

Interested in deepening your spiritual relationship with God and others? If you are, consider this. Beginning in October 2017 through May 2018, for one month at a time, a group of us will commit to engage in a particular prayer practice. We meet for the first time on Thursday, October 5 at 7:15 in Mary's office for about an hour and then on the first Thursday of each month thereafter to process how the practice went for us and to learn what the new practice will be for the month ahead. This monthly meeting is a source of spiritual friendship, encouragement and the way we support one another in our life in Christ as we discover new ways of getting closer to God. Contact Mary with questions - [mary@trinityambler.com](mailto:mary@trinityambler.com).

## Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry is a four year theological study designed by the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. A small group meets weekly to dig deeper into the Christian faith, studying the Bible, Church history and theological ideas and to reflect on connecting faith with life experiences. Trinity currently meets on Thursday mornings. Weekly EfM meetings begin in September and go through May. If you are interested in participating, or if you have questions about the program, you may contact Fr. Dave ([rector@trinityambler.com](mailto:rector@trinityambler.com)).



## Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is a worldwide group of Christian women striving to fulfill the promise of their Baptismal Covenant through the adoption of a Rule of Life, which includes prayer, study and service. Trinity's chapter was founded in 2003 and chose the name Anam Cara, which is Celtic for "soul friend". Meetings are a time for prayer and study. One of our service projects is to deliver Welcome Baskets to new families who have visited Trinity Church on a Sunday morning. For more information about Daughters of the King, contact Diane Powell ([dianepowell@verizon.net](mailto:dianepowell@verizon.net) )



## Girls Friendly Society

“Girl’s Friendly begins its 6th year at Trinity Church!!”

Girls’ Friendly Society (GFS) is an international, non-profit organization associated with the Episcopal Church. The purpose of GFS is to support girls between the ages of 5 and 21 through a program focused on faith, friendship, outreach, and activities.

Our group meets twice a month for 1½ hours after Church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, beginning October 1. Come see what we are doing this year!

For more information, contact Pam Olshefski.



## Choirs

Trinity enjoys the music of two choirs:

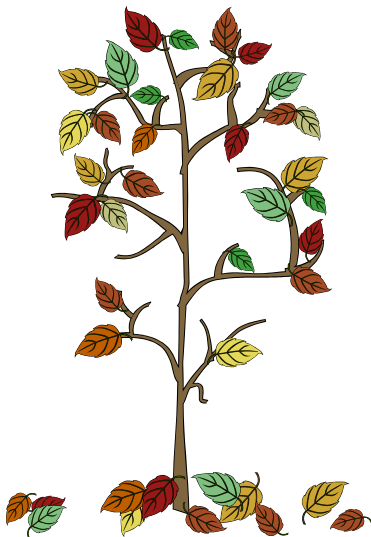
*The Canterbury Singers*, which includes 8 - 15 year olds; rehearsals on Sunday mornings following 10:00 a.m. worship.

*The Trinity Choir*, the adult choir. The basic responsibility of the choirs is to assist the rector in leading the congregation through the musical liturgy of the worship service. Their presentation of anthems and other music enhances the



worship service and inspires the congregation. The choir occasionally performs concerts.

No auditions are necessary and everyone is welcome regardless of musical ability. If you can carry a tune, you are welcome to join us. Those people who are instrumentalists and perhaps do not wish to sing in a choir are always welcome to play during the service. It's a great way to offer a ministry to the parish! Contact Steve Schreiber, Music Director, at [rns89@aol.com](mailto:rns89@aol.com) or call the church office at 215-646-0416 with any questions.



## Special Events At Trinity



- **Welcome Back Luncheon and Festivities - Sunday, September 17th 11:15 a.m.** Join in fellowship, food and fun immediately following the 10 a.m. service!
- **Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 8, 10:00 a.m.** worship in the Parish Hall Bring your pet to church to receive a blessing.
- **Daughter's of the King Women's Retreat** The 14th Annual Women's Retreat sponsored by the Daughters of the King will be held **October 13-15** at St. Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham, NJ. This year's theme: "What Happens When Life Throws You a Curve? Explore the Process of Hope". If you are interested, please contact Diana Powell, Treasurer of DOK.



## Mark Your Calendars!

September 3	Blessing of the Backpacks	10:00 a.m.
September 17	Children's Chapel & Church School Resumes	9:45 a.m.
	Welcome Luncheon & Festivities	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group Begins	6:00 p.m.
September 21	EFM Begins	10:30 a.m.
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October 7	'Italian Night' Fundraiser	6:00 p.m.
October 8	Blessing of the Animals	10:00 a.m.
October 13-15	Daughters of the King Retreat	
October 29	Blessing of the Creation Quilt	10:00 a.m.
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November 3-4	Diocesan Convention	
November 5	All Saints Day & Pledge Sunday	
November 12-15	Rummage Sale Collection	
November 17	Wine and Cheese Rummage Pre-Sale	
November 18	Rummage Sale	
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December 17	'Christmas w/ St. Francis' Pageant	10:00 a.m.
	'A Celebration of Christmas w/ Steve Schreiber and Friends'	4:00 p.m.
December 24	Morning Service in Parish Hall	9:00 a.m.
	Children's Christmas Eve Worship Service	4:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Liturgy	7:00 p.m.
	Carol & Anthem Prelude	9:30 p.m.
	The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord	10:00 p.m.



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