

# Servant Ministries

**Serving Jesus Christ in and through the ministries of Trinity Church**

*Trinity Church has many opportunities to serve. This brochure gives you an overview about what is involved in each ministry and how you might contribute. If God has given you the gifts of time and talent to serve in one or more of these ministries please indicate your desire to participate. If you have been gifted in some way for which we have not provided an opportunity to serve, please describe what and how you would like to minister in this parish by using 'Other...' on the attached response form..*

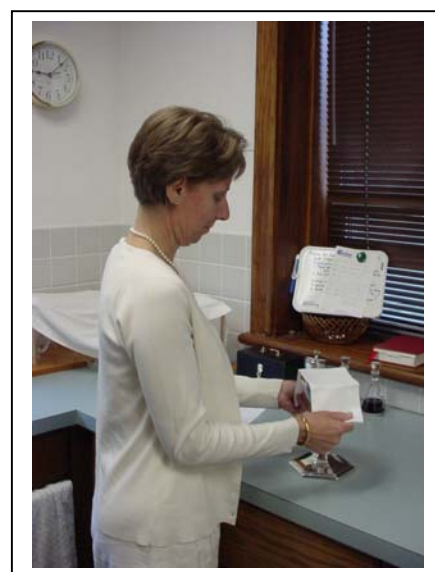
***Worship: "Ascribe to the Lord, the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts" Psalm 96:8***

***8 AM Worship Focus Group*** A focus group that meets with the Rector to discuss ideas about the way worship is conducted at the 8 a.m. service.

***10 AM Worship Focus Group*** A focus group that meets with the Rector to discuss ideas about the way worship is conducted at the 10 a.m. service.

***Acolyte.*** Open to anyone above grade three. Serve Christ by assisting at his altar as crucifer, torch bearer, or the one who carries the gospel book. Training is provided.

***Altar Guild.*** Preparing the altar is for many a real spiritual connection with our Lord. Open to men and women, members prepare the altar and church for Sunday or weekday liturgies. You will be trained to work with a partner and be scheduled about once per month. You don't have to iron! Opportunities available to set up for Wednesdays or Thursdays only!



**Altar Guild  
prepares for  
the Eucharist**

***Eucharistic Minister.*** Any baptized member 16 years of age or older may serve the sacred wine and bread at the Holy Eucharist. Training is provided. Eucharistic Ministers often assist the acolytes in their duties.

***Healing Prayer Team.*** Any baptized person may participate in this ministry. Teams pray with people in the chapels after they take communion. You would probably be scheduled about once per month, and you are always part of a team.

***Lectors.*** Assist in the leadership of worship at Trinity by reading the lessons or leading the prayers of the people. Anyone grade 7 or above is welcome! Coaching is provided. You would be scheduled about once per month.

***Cherub Choir Staff.*** Adults who work with the Godly Play children who will sing monthly.

***Adult Choir.*** It consists of over 30 amateur and professional singers that provide anthems and leads congregational music for the 10 a.m. Eucharist. If you can carry a tune, you are welcome to join us, and prior choir experience is not required. The Trinity Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the Parish Hall.

***Youth Choir.*** Under the able direction of our Music Director, Steve Schreiber, girls and boys, ages 8 and up, meet every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:00 for rehearsal. The Youth Choir vests, processes, and usually sings once a month at the 10 a.m. Eucharist as well as the other major festivals of the Church Year.

***Ushers.*** Women or men who serve in this ministry distribute bulletins at the 10 a.m. service, gather the offering, provide a count for and see that the bread and wine for communion are brought forward, and assist the congregation in moving to the altar rail at communion time. Ushers also warn the young ones in Christian formation that it is about time to come to the service. Ushers are scheduled about once per month.

***Parish Life: “Let love be mutual, do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”***

Hebrews 13:1-2

***Greeters.*** One of the most important ministries in any church is to make visitors and newcomers feel welcomed. The greeter’s primary task is to welcome visitors as they arrive. Greeters serve about once every six weeks.

***After Worship Hosts.*** Following worship the rector directs visitors to the hosts who ask the visitor to give us information about themselves. The host engages in friendly conversation and introduces the visitor to other parishioners. You leave worship during the last hymn so that you are at the back door to receive the visitor.

***Sunday Evening Pot Luck.*** Pot Luck dinners occur four times a year. This team plans, promotes, and does the setup.

***Coffee Hour Hosts.*** Having a time of informal conversation so that long-time and new members can chat informally is invaluable to the life of congregation and a cup of coffee and a nibble or two makes it happen. Hosts make the coffee and hot water for tea, provide the simple goodies, set the service table and clean up afterwards. You serve less than once per month.

***Kitchen Crew.*** If you would like to be on a list of folks who may be called to assist with cooking, set-up, or clean-up for special dinners and other food-related events, please check off kitchen crew. It’s just a lot of fun getting ready or cleaning up after a great occasion, and working together is a great way to build new friendships.

***Youth Group.*** Youth Group is open to kids grades 6 and up for a variety of fun activities, learning experiences, and service to the church and the community. A schedule is sent to each participant of the various events.

***Youth Group Leaders.*** Men or women over 21 years of age who love God and love kids can have an immeasurable impact on the spiritual formation of young people and have a whole lot of fun doing it.

***Christian Formation: “Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise both for the present life and the life to come.” I Timothy 4:8-9***

***Nursery Assistants.*** Assist with the care of our youngest members so that their parents may attend church. Most of the time in the nursery is free-form, but there is a simple curriculum for these children. Assistants do not attend 10 a.m. worship, but may go into church when communion is served or they may stay in the nursery where the Celebrant brings communion to them and the kids. The nursery is staffed every Sunday and major holy days. Assistants would serve one Sunday a month.

***Godly Play Storytellers.*** Godly Play is for kids ages 4 through 8. They meet weekly, except the first Sunday of the month, from 10 a.m. until the Peace in the church service each. The heart of Godly Play is the story and the story teller who will be trained in the Godly Play method. The story teller should expect to spend several hours preparing each story.



***Godly Play Assistants.*** These folks assist the story tellers by supervising the children so that the story tellers attention might be focused on the story.

**Godly Play Storyteller  
& Assistants**

***Seasons of the Spirit - Leaders.*** This great group of 8-11 year olds leave worship at the beginning of the recessional (about 11 a.m.) each Sunday except the first Sunday of the month.. The curriculum is very easy to use and is based on the Sunday’s readings. Leaders would probably need about an hour of preparation for each session they lead.

***Stewardship Team.*** This team includes a cross-section of the parish and is responsible for planning and implementing the annual pledge campaign but most importantly it is charged with providing creative, year-round opportunities for learning about stewardship as the offering of our whole selves to God. No experience necessary. The group meets about once a month and more often during pledge season.

***Baptismal Preparation Team – Sponsors*** Assist in the preparation process by being a parish sponsor that makes three visits to a family preparing to have an infant or young child baptized. There is an orientation session.



***Baptismal Preparation Team – Celebration*** Assist in organizing the post Baptismal celebration that follows in the Narthex and Parish Hall. The group meets four times a year.

**Baptismal Preparation  
Team - Celebration**

***Pastoral Care: “In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”*** Matthew 7:12

***Pastoral Care Committee.*** This committee oversees the pastoral care ministries and meets on an ‘as needed’ basis.

***Take flowers to our homebound.*** Until you have been confined to a hospital bed or to your home, you will never know what joy flowers from the altar bring. You can provide this joy to Trinity’s shut-ins by delivering flowers after the service on the first Sunday of the month.

***Pastoral Care Givers.*** Pastoral Care Givers are trained by the chaplaincy office of Episcopal Community Services and minister under the direction of the Rector. They are assigned to homebound members who would benefit with a visit from the parish about every other week. Pastoral Care Givers also make hospital calls as assigned by the Rector.

***Eucharistic Visitors.*** In the very first churches, the sacrament was taken immediately from the service to those who could not be at worship. After some training, these ministers take the sacrament from the altar, even before the final hymn, to our sick and homebound members. Eucharistic Visitors are appointed by the Rector, trained through the Diocese, and licensed by the Bishop.

***Food for Friends.*** If you would be willing to be called from time to time to prepare a meal for a family in need, please sign up for this ministry!

***Provide a Ride. Sundays*** - It’s a fact that sometimes people cannot get to church because they cannot drive. Individuals who have an extra seat in their car could provide the wonderful gift of transportation to and from church for someone. ***Weekdays*** - Provide rides for parishioners who temporarily need transportation.

***Mission and Outreach: “Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food.”*** Matthew 25:34-35

***Mission and Outreach Committee.*** Oversees many projects and makes outreach allocations from the parish budget and funds raised from events like the carnival and rummage sale.

***Community Cupboard.*** Drivers are needed to carry the food donated at Trinity on Sunday mornings to the Food Cupboard on Butler Pike in downtown Ambler on Monday mornings.

***Ministry with St. Mary’s.*** Over the years we have participated in a number of different ministries with St. Mary’s Villa for Children, the children’s home across the street from the church. This past year we provided Easter Baskets. We need people to organize the candy, gifts, books and baskets for Easter. All of these opportunities bring joy to these kids through sharing in these projects, please check it on your ministry form.

***Real Men Cook.*** There are currently three teams of men that gather once a month to prepare frozen meals to be delivered to homebound persons, through Episcopal Community Services, to people in Philadelphia. A weekday driver delivers the meals to the ECS distribution location.

***ECS Christmas Gifts.*** A coordinator plans the parish's involvement with this annual program of providing gifts to children in need in Philadelphia through Episcopal Community Services. The coordinator gets a list of names of kids and their likes, puts each name on a tag that is then hung on a Christmas tree in the Narthex. Parishioners take those tags, purchase the gift and return the gifts with the tags attached. The gifts are brought to the altar and blessed, and the coordinator then arranges for them to be delivered to ECS.

***Quilts for Children.*** A group of Trinity quilters make quilts for children. Currently they are making quilts of different sizes and designs for the children at St. Mary's Villa.

***Prayer Shawl Ministry.*** Trinity knitters pray as they knit prayer shawls that when completed are brought to the altar for blessing. They are distributed to people for spiritual and physical comfort.

***Interfaith Housing Alliance.*** A team of members of Trinity have an opportunity one week a year to serve as overnight hosts, to provide meals, to provide transportation, to do laundry for folks living at Trinity or a buddy church.

***Delaware County Housing Coalition.*** From time to time throughout the year members of Trinity have an opportunity to do hands on work alongside future homeowners building or rehabilitating low income housing. Men and women of all ages are able to participate.

***Carnival.*** This event is a major ministry of the parish that raises funds for outreach projects and the Sylvan Handley Fund. The past two years we have raised almost \$28,000. This ministry involves all kind of skills. The areas needing your service are: set up tents/tables/chairs, tear down, food preparation, food distribution, food selling, ticket selling, security, hospitality, attendants for Parson's Porch, raffles, white elephant sale, setup for white elephant sale, and organizer of stage entertainment. In addition to raising funds it is a great opportunity to get to know other people in the congregation.



**The Carnival needs many hands.**

***Communications and Administration: "I left you behind in Crete so that you should put in order what remained to be done." Titus 1:5***

***Folders, stuffers, labelers, staplers.*** Assistants are needed from time to time to mail the newsletter, prepare special mailings or prepare other printed materials. Folks have a great time talking and laughing as they do this work. Those who sign up will be called as needed.

***Office Assistants.*** Assistants work in the parish office answering phones and doing other light clerical duties.

**Telephone Chain.** Every once in a while information needs to go out to the congregation more personally than first class mail or a bulletin announcement. If you agree to be a part of the telephone chain, you will be assigned no more than 12 members and their telephone numbers to contact when the chain is activated. The need to use the telephone chain probably would not exceed three times in a year.

**Tellers.** Each Sunday following the 10 a.m. service, teams of two or three people count the offering, record the envelopes and prepare the bank deposit. Teams serve about once per month.

**Chimes Assistants.** Assistants are needed for photography, and article writing for Trinity's monthly newsletter. If you have interest in any of these areas, sign up NOW!!

**Sign Board Messenger.** Studies suggest that church sign boards attract the most attention when they include witty messages which are regularly changed. You would be provided messages to put up every other week. It takes about 20 minutes.

**Communications Committee.** Do you have experience ... skills ... interest ... in communications within our parish and to the community? This committee decides policy on the website, newsletter, and bulletin boards.

**Human Resources Committee.** A team with the responsibility of seeking ways the church can improve its employment practices, both to comply with laws and to create a positive, professional environment for staff. Specifically, this ministry oversees the major activities of: Employment Law, Hiring Process, and Human Resource Policies.

## ***Property and Grounds: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" Psalm 24:1***

**Love a Lot.** Beautify the church grounds by adopting a small flower bed. Plant what you like, weed and feed it and all to the glory of God!

**Grounds Committee.** This group oversees the Love a Lots and the care of church grounds.

**Grounds Workers.** Several times a year workers assemble to clean up the grounds or tackle special projects like regrading and seeding.

**Property Committee.** This group plans for the care and maintenance of the church, the rectory, the sexton's cottage. People who have knowledge of these issues can provide an invaluable service to the congregation.

**Honey-do-Club.** Men and women are invited to join a group who save the parish thousands of dollars each year by performing small repair and maintenance projects around the church.



**Grounds Workers moved  
heaven (rain runoff) & earth**

## ***Your Other Special gifts or talents***

*If you have been gifted in some way for which we have not provided an opportunity to serve, please describe what and how you would like to minister in this parish.*

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### ***Worship***

*N C I* 8 AM Worship Focus Group

*N C I* 10 AM Worship Focus Group

*N C I* Acolyte

*N C I* Altar Guild

*N C I* Eucharistic Minister

*N C I* Healing Prayer Team

*N C I* Lector

*N C I* Cherub Choir Staff

*N C I* Adult Choir

*N C I* Youth Choir

*N C I* Ushers

### ***Parish Life***

*N C I* Greeters

*N C I* After Worship Hosts

*N C I* Sunday Evening Pot Luck

*N C I* Coffee Hour Hosts

*N C I* Kitchen Crew

*N C I* Youth Group

*N C I* Youth Group Leaders

### ***Christian Formation***

*N C I* Nursery Assistants

*N C I* Godly Play Storytellers

*N C I* Godly Play Assistants

*N C I* Seasons of the Spirit – Leaders

*N C I* Stewardship Team

*N C I* Baptismal Preparation Team - Sponsors

*N C I* Baptismal Preparation Team - Celebration

### ***Pastoral Care***

*N C I* Pastoral Care Committee

*N C I* Flowers to homebound

*N C I* Pastoral Care Givers

*N C I* Eucharistic Visitors

*N C I* Food for Friends

*N C I* Provide a Ride - Sundays

*N C I* Provide a Ride - Weekdays

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### ***Mission and Outreach***

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| <i>N C I</i> Mission and Outreach Committee | <i>N C I</i> Quilts for Children               |
| <i>N C I</i> Community Cupboard             | <i>N C I</i> Prayer Shawl Ministry             |
| <i>N C I</i> Ministry with St. Mary's       | <i>N C I</i> Interfaith Housing Alliance       |
| <i>N C I</i> Real Men Cook                  | <i>N C I</i> Delaware County Housing Coalition |
| <i>N C I</i> ECS Christmas Gifts            | <i>N C I</i> Carnival (area) _____             |

### ***Communications and Administration***

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| <i>N C I</i> Folders, stuffers, lablers | <i>N C I</i> Sign Board Messenger      |
| <i>N C I</i> Office Assistants          | <i>N C I</i> Communications Committee  |
| <i>N C I</i> Telephone Chain            | <i>N C I</i> Human Resources Committee |
| <i>N C I</i> Tellers                    |  |
| <i>N C I</i> Chimes Assistants          |  |

### ***Property and Grounds***

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| <i>N C I</i> Love a Lot        | <i>N C I</i> Property Committee |
| <i>N C I</i> Grounds Committee | <i>N C I</i> Honey-do-Club      |
| <i>N C I</i> Grounds Workers   |                                 |

### ***Your Information***

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone* \_\_\_\_\_