

**Real Men Cook** prepares meals for 'Aid for Friends' on Saturday and Wednesday morning as announced. By working with Inter-Faith Housing Alliance, each April, our Parish Hall becomes a shelter for local homeless families for whom members volunteer to shop, serve and share suppers, drive to work and other appointments, as well as provide child care and act as overnight hosts.



## Membership

We are all members of Christ's body, the church, by our baptisms. You are welcome to try Trinity Church for as long as you like before you make a decision about formally becoming a member. We hope that you will make Trinity Church your spiritual home.

### **Informal Membership**

The canons (operational rules of the Episcopal Church) say that a member of a church is anyone who has been baptized, attends regularly, supports the church financially, and is involved in serving God's people. When individuals or families begin coming regularly and give their money and time to the church, we group them as informal members. This means that as far as we are concerned, these folks are members but they just have not taken any steps to formal membership. There are several ways of formalizing your membership.

### **Letters of Transfer**

If you have been baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, you are already a member of the Episcopal Church. To become a member of Trinity Episcopal

Church, we will need to send a letter of transfer to your previous church. You can begin that process by speaking to any of the clergy. We write to the previous parish; they reply with a form listing the dates of baptism, confirmation and reception of you and any family members. When we return the form, you are a member of Trinity!

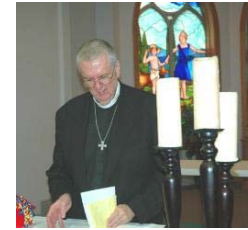
### **Confirmation/Being Received into the Episcopal Church**

One may be received into the Episcopal Church if they have already been confirmed in the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, or Lutheran churches. Individuals who have never been confirmed or have been confirmed in denominations other than those already named are confirmed. Confirmation and Reception happen at the same service during the Bishop's visitation. Both require preparation in the ministry, mission and meaning of the church. When one is received into the church, the Bishop shakes their hand. When one is confirmed the Bishop lays his hand upon their heads. Over both those confirmed and received, the Bishop prays that God's Holy Spirit will be forever with them, that they may be led by God's word, and that they may serve God in this life and dwell with God forever in the life to come.

St. Paul wrote: "Glory to God whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine...." Informal or formal, confirmed or received, St. Paul reminds us that God works God's power through us, that God makes God's love real through us, because we are the church, we are the body of Christ. Paul says that the body of Christ is made up of many different parts. All the parts are important and not one part is more important than the other. That's our goal at Trinity.

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# Welcome !



*We are a community of  
 Christian people  
 seeking to love God  
 with all our heart,  
 soul, mind, and  
 strength and to love  
 our neighbors as  
 ourselves.*

## Welcome

We are so pleased that you have taken the time to visit Trinity Church. We like to believe that we are a welcoming inclusive community. We really do desire to make each visitor feel welcomed and at home. We hope to see you again!

## Worship

Most of our worship services include Holy Communion. At Trinity, people of all ages, including children, are invited and encouraged to receive Communion. We want our worship services to be a unique blend of formality, intimacy, and even a laugh or two!

**Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I Eucharist with Sermon.** This is a quiet service with no music. Those who desire healing prayers stay at the rail after receiving communion. The length of the service is approximately 45 minutes.

**Sunday 10 a.m. Rite II Eucharist with Sermon.** Our worship is enlarged with the musical leadership of Steven Schreiber and the Trinity Choir. On some Sundays our youth choir performs and at other times the Cherubs sing. Those wishing healing prayers are invited to go to the Holy Cross Chapel after they receive communion. Before the final hymn a paper bag sermon is preached for the kids (and their parents!)

**Saturday 5 p.m. The Come As You Are Eucharist.** Everyone, including the clergy, dress casually. The service features “contemporary” music. We focus on one Bible reading followed by a discussion of that reading. The length of this service is about 45 minutes.

**Wednesday Morning Healing Eucharist** at 10 a.m. in the Holy Family Chapel. (Behind the organ pipes)  
An intimate service in which a homily is preached, prayers are prayed for the special concerns of the community and healing prayers are offered for those who wish them. The service is about 30 minutes.

**Thursday Evening Healing Eucharist** at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Chapel (to the right of the Altar)  
A casual, intimate service where the Gospel is read and discussed. Healing prayers are offered. In this service we serve communion to one another.



## Spiritual Formation for All Ages

**Nursery Care** for children 4 and under is offered at both Sunday services and for other parish events. Children play, hear stories and sometimes do simple craft projects.

On Sunday mornings, church school begins at 9:55 a.m. in the classrooms (down the stairs well just past the kitchen). Children are brought upstairs to church by their leaders where they can sit with their families at **The Peace**, and remain to share in Holy Communion.

**Godly Play** is for children ages 4 through grade 5. Broken into three separate age groupings and classrooms, kids are invited to enter the Biblical stories through wondering questions and using their imaginations.

**Middle School Students** gather with our youth minister Kelly Rupprecht. They discuss the day’s readings in the context of their own lives.

**Youth Group** for grades 6 through 12. Includes food, fun, games, times of prayer, service and outreach projects, and fun learning. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 6-8 p.m.

**Rector’s Forums** occur from time to time after the 10 a.m. service to address a host of topics from parish finances, to living wills, to prayer.

**Film, Book, and Sermon Discussions** are scheduled sometimes after the 10 a.m. services and sometimes evenings. At whatever time, the purpose is for participants to discover God’s presence through these media.

**Lectionary Discussions** are a forum where participants read and discuss the coming Sundays collects and readings.

**Men’s Bible Study** takes place (usually) one Saturday a month at 8 a.m. Men gather for breakfast and Bible study at a local diner.

**Education for Ministry** is a four-year program of study offered through the University of the South and mentored by members of Trinity Church. Year 1 studies the Old Testament; Year 2 studies the New Testament; Year 3 examines Church History; and Year 4 engages the topic of theology. Students commit to this course of study for one year at a time. Trinity hosts a Monday evening group and a Wednesday morning group.

## Mission and Outreach

Trinity Church is committed to loving our neighbors as ourselves. We strive to provide opportunities for members of all ages to serve God’s people locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. We support the following ministries with our time, talent, and treasure.

Episcopal Community Services  
The Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard  
The Inter-Faith Hospitality Network  
Aid for Friends  
Chester Eastside Ministries  
Bokamoso Youth Mission in South Africa  
Mwamba Ministries in Kenya Africa  
The Re-start Center in Pageton, WV

We seek to inspire our young people to grow in service to others through our **Summer Service Camp** for middle school students and our senior high **Summer Mission Trips**. Our service camp is done in cooperation with Chester Eastside Ministries and our missions trips have gone to Florida, New Orleans, West Virginia, and Alaska.