

# the BRIEF

## Trinity kicks off fall ministry season with focus on serving others

The return of fall with cooler temperatures and schools starting often marks a return to church for many families. This year, we're excited to kick off a new ministry season with a focus on serving others. And we want every Trinity disciple to join in the day of service.

### The Church Has Left The Building

On **Sunday, Sept. 27**, Trinity will NOT hold worship services. Instead, we will use the bodies, time, and talents our God has gifted us to serve

others in our community and around the world.

Team sign ups will be held after service this Sunday and again between services on **Sunday, Sept. 20**. Families with younger students are encouraged to serve together on teams designated as student-friendly. Teens who attend church solo will be assigned to their team leaders as guardians for the day.

After a morning of service, everyone is invited to report to the sanctuary at 12:15 PM for a brief time of sharing about our experiences. Where did you see God at work? Who did you meet or get to know better during your time of service? We hope everyone will take the time to participate in this post-work activity to close out the day.

Excited to sign up for a team? While details of some jobs won't be known until the week of **Sept. 27**, you can read basic job descriptions on page 2. Everyone committing to serve will receive a T-shirt. (While supplies last.)



## Looking to connect this fall? We've got you covered!

Beyond school starts, fall is also when Trinity returns to a full ministry schedule. Small groups and Music Ministries that break for the summer resume regular meetings and rehearsals, making it the perfect time to join a short-term study, try something new, or seek new friendships and connection with a small group. Check out pages 3-5 which outlines our Discipleship Garden as well as small groups to explore and upcoming studies!

**BACK FROM KENTUCKY!**—At left, our Adult Mission Team recently returned from Henderson Settlement where they completed two construction projects and provided support to on-campus ministries. Welcome back (from left, front row) Tammy Friedrich, Gary & Mary Anders, Missions Team Lead Tami Roth, and Karen Reichley. Back row, from left: Dave Hollen, Nate Reichley, Ben Hill, Catharine Wise, Mel Kelley, Jim Leeser, and Roxanne Hollen. See more from the team's adventure on page 8.

## From Pastor Rob: Fall is time to up your faith game

Summer has a way of scattering us in different locations. Vacations, lazy Sunday mornings, kids' sports schedules, and catching up with family are just a few things that keep us busy in the warmer months of the year. But September has arrived, and with it, a chance to return to some normalcy.



*Pastor Rob*  
rkazinski@tumchtown.org

This Sunday we're kicking off our fall programming at Trinity as we continue our learning series, "Games of Life." We continue learning that faith, like most games, is not a solo sport. It needs others. Some games even require a team. Like in various games we play, in faith, we get cheered on together, get passionate together, and yes, sometimes confront the unpredictable, together.

Think about what makes a good game. It needs people who show up. It needs people who encourage you when it feels like you keep losing, and it needs that spark of joy, that reminder that we were made to be together, to connect, and to laugh, not just to grind through life alone. That is exactly what we are building this fall.

So, here's my standing invitation. Whether you've been gone for a season or simply feel like you've drifted to the sidelines, **Sunday, Sept. 13**, is our kickoff day and a chance for you to get off the sidelines and join the game once again.

Join us Sunday for one combined worship service at 10 AM followed by our free indoor picnic and all-ages Bingo Blast! Come for the fellowship, come for the fun, come to shout "Bingo!" at the top of your lungs. And stay for the reminder that this community was built for you. Bring a friend, bring your kids...bring your competitive streak if you have got one.

I cannot wait to see you then as together we learn more about this Game of Life; a game best played in community at Trinity UMC, Hummelstown.

*See you Sunday,*

*Pastor Rob*

# THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING



It's taken a lot of work to line up various sites and jobs for disciples to choose from for our day of service on **Sunday, Sept. 27**. While details of what we will be doing at certain sites were not available as of press time, where we will be serving is known. Below are the teams we seek to fill.

Team signups will be held in the lobby on **Sundays, Sept. 13 and 20**. The first three projects are recommended for families or for youth attending church solo. (Solo teens will be assigned to team leaders for the day.)

- **Rise Against Hunger**—Held in Fellowship Hall, needs 45+ disciples, begins at 8:30 AM, and is great for families. Requires standing/walking as we gather supplies for meals.
- **Prayer Walk**—Meets in the parking lot at 9:30 AM, needs 12-disciples to walk the streets, praying at key points for our community. This is an all-weather event and great for families. Requires ability to walk 2 miles.
- **Flashmob Worship**—We hope at least 40 disciples will surprise a smaller, local church to share our presence, gifts, and prayers. Details of time and location to come. A \$10/head donation to the offering plate is suggested. Great for families.
- **Comfort Sewists**—Thread a needle and help with simple stitching to finish projects that benefit those in need. Ten disciples (ages 18 and up) are needed to meet in room 411 at 10 AM.
- **Wildheart Ministries, Allison Hill**—Ten disciples, ages 18 and up, are needed for this hands-on worksite. Details of report time, carpool options, and duties to come.
- **Humane Society of Harrisburg**—Twelve disciples, all ages, are sought to assist at the Humane Society. Details of report time, carpool options, and duties to come.
- **Homebound Visitations**—Ten disciples, ages 18 and up, are invited to spread joy to our homebound members by visiting in pairs with our homebound disciples. Details of time and locations to come.

Your team leader will be in touch before the service date with details. If you receive a service day T-shirt, please wear it on that day. If not, please wear any gray shirt.

# TRINITY'S DISCIPLESHIP GARDEN



GROW your faith. Cultivate your purpose.  
Find your place at Trinity.



As part of Trinity's Vision to **KNOW** Jesus and **GROW** our faith, we encourage all disciples to "tend" their Discipleship Garden. Unlike a pathway to discipleship, we believe our faith is not linear with an end point but more like a year-round garden that requires nurturing in order for us to grow. Our Discipleship Garden is full of opportunities for disciples to draw closer to God through learning while building the kingdom here on earth in fellowship with others.

The Discipleship Garden Team met over the summer and have several events in the works. From welcoming small groups to seeker-friendly classes, each disciple can cultivate something new in their garden this season. Below is a brief explanation of our Discipleship Garden, the four "plots" we experience in faith, and the next two pages share ways to **GROW** this fall.

## PREPARING PLOT



In the **PREPARING PLOT**, disciples work at belonging to Jesus and his church. Everyone is encouraged to attend a worship service as often as you can. Christianity Explored will be offered in the spring and Discipleship Explored in the fall. PLACE is offered in both the fall and spring, and New Member Class will be held as needed. Below are offerings that fall in the **PREPARING PLOT** of your garden.

Worship Attendance  
Christianity Explored  
Discipleship Explored  
3 Simple Rules  
PLACE Workshop  
New Member Class

## PLANTING PLOT



Becoming more like Jesus is the focus of the **PLANTING PLOT**. Consider joining an adult Sunday School Class. Several long-term small groups are open to having new members this fall. Short-term small groups for specific study will be held during the year. Try using your gifts in one or more of the many ministries Trinity has.

PLACE Workshop  
Long -or short-term small groups  
Sunday School  
3 Simple Rules  
New Member Class  
Gifts Utilization  
(join choir, Hospitality Team, assist Kids & Youth Ministries, etc.)

## GROWING PLOT



In the **GROWING PLOT**, disciples use their time, talents, and gifts in service. You can use your gifts in a ministry that fits your schedule and interests. Trinity Serves is a program where twice a year we go into the community for a service project, usually in the fall and spring. Watch for announcements of the studies listed here as they are offered occasionally.

Bethel Bible Series  
Financial Peace  
University  
Short-term studies  
Spiritual Disciplines  
Trinity Serves  
Long -or short-term small groups  
Sunday School  
Gifts Utilization  
(join choir, Hospitality Team, assist Kids & Youth Ministries, etc.)

## HARVESTING PLOT



Trinity Disciples in the **HARVESTING PLOT** share the good news of Jesus with others in a variety of ways. These disciples might take on a position of leadership (with administrative council, trustees, etc.), train to become a small group facilitator, or participate in an Adult Mission Trip, or any of the other activities below.

Facilitator Training  
Trinity Serves  
Mission Teams  
Faith Sharing  
Hospitality  
Leadership Role

# CARING FOR YOUR DISCIPLESHIP GARDEN



Opportunities to GROW your faith this fall



Small groups whether long- or short-term always provide an opportunity for growth and connection with fellow disciples. Below are long-term groups that are welcoming new participants this fall. If a group from the list interests you, simply contact the person listed to get connected.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

The following Sunday School classes for adults are always open to new members:

**SEEKERS** – 8:15 AM in room 413.

Karen Hoerner, wag430@aol.com

**COVENANT** – 9:30 AM in room 307.

Trixie Rine, gloquilt@verizon.net

**SOJOURNERS** – 9:30 AM in room

301. Rick Shertzer, nash-

ertz@verizon.net

**CELEBRATION CONVERSATIONS** –

10:45 AM in room 307. Kay Baxter,

kbaxter571@gmail.com. Childcare

provided.

## SMALL GROUPS—MEN

**EARLY RISERS** is a Bible and book study for adult men and meets every Friday from 7-8:15 AM in room 307. Contact Tod Shutt at Tshutt@szelesre.com or Joe Popp at jpoppCL9@gmail.com.

**BURNING EMBERS** is the local gathering of a national movement for men which generally meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Scoutland, starting at 6 PM. Go to the Wild at Heart website and click the fire for more info. Or contact Joe Popp at jpoppCL9@gmail.com or Tod Shutt at TShutt@szelesre.com.

## SMALL GROUPS—WOMEN

**WOMEN OF FAITH** meet every Monday from 7-8:30 PM in room 301.

The group's goal is to "meet women where they are, just as Jesus meets each of us, and to support one another." Women of any age are welcome. Contact Jean Cummings at ilive4jc@comcast.net or Tina Wallish at tinawallish@hotmail.com.

**MOMS GROUP** is for all family and career-aged women looking for a place of connection, laughter, play and spiritual deepening. "Sometimes we are serious; more often we are playful; always we are open and authentic, looking to build real friendship with one another." The group will meet Oct. 4 from 6:30-8 PM in the Youth Room. Childcare provided. Regular meetings the first Monday of each month. Contact Karyn Kazinski at kkaz8@yahoo.com or Melissa Madara at mmadara@susumc.org

**MEDITATING FAITHFUL FRIENDS** (MFF) meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month from 1:30-3 PM in room 307. This group uses the discipline of meditation (first 30 minutes) and group study (last hour) to ground them in faith and growth. The first fall meeting will be Sept. 21 when they will begin a five-session study of *Every Thought Captive*. Contact KathyCarter, bluehoo@comcast.net, or Mim Moyer, grammim@gmail.com.



*Our Celebration Conversations class is a multi-generational group that gathers Sunday mornings at 11 AM in room 307 to dive deeper into the morning's sermon. Childcare is available for the duration of the class, which runs until noon.*

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## SMALL GROUPS FOR ALL

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP** is for anyone who has experienced a loss of any kind (loved one, pet, relationship, job, etc.) or is now “losing” a loved one to a dementia-related disease or an extended terminal illness. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month from 10 AM to around 11:30ish AM in room 307. Contact Karen Hoerner at [wag430@aol.com](mailto:wag430@aol.com).

**CREATIVE CHRISTIAN CRAFTERS (C3)** is for anyone who likes to do handcrafts. The group makes things for themselves, for Trinity’s homebound, and for gifts in addition to helping with items needed for Pottercamp, MAD camp, and Ignite Soccer. Children are welcome, accompanied by an adult. The next meeting will be **Oct. 13**, from 5:30-7:30 PM in room 413. Thereafter the group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Contact Sarah Ordille at [sordille@tumchtown.org](mailto:sordille@tumchtown.org) or Kay Baxter at [kbaxter571@gmail.com](mailto:kbaxter571@gmail.com)

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is for anyone who likes to knit or crochet, or who would like to learn. Participants make prayer shawls, lap blankets, and pocket prayer squares that Trinity disciples can distribute to those who are homebound, in the hospital, grieving, or just need a “pick me up.” They meet the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning **Sept. 22** from 5:30-8 PM in room 413. Contact Michelle Proitte at [mproitte@icloud.com](mailto:mproitte@icloud.com) or Lisa Engle at [lajbear1748@gmail.com](mailto:lajbear1748@gmail.com).

**COMFORT SEWISTS** originally began as a part of a national group know as Binky Patrol. They make home-made blankets for children of all ages, sweaters, caps, and bibs for babies, and adult-size hats and scarves. These items are then donated to various places such as Morningstar Pregnancy Center and Mission Central. First meeting will be **Sept. 22** from 10 AM-12:30 PM in room 411. Contact Sue Waters at [bluzeynut@verizon.net](mailto:bluzeynut@verizon.net).

**FRIENDS IN FAITH** is a weekly Bible study for adults using guides and/or video series. Interested persons may join at any time. They meet Wednesdays from 10-11:30 AM in room 301. Anyone may join at any time. Contact Cindy Gould at [cindygould@ymail.com](mailto:cindygould@ymail.com)

## Don't wait! GROW your faith

*Short-term classes offered this fall*

### DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

It’s easy to list what Christians should do—go to church, read the Bible, pray, and share the gospel—but that list doesn’t fully describe what following Jesus is like. That’s where Discipleship Explored comes in.

As part of the Preparing Plot of the Discipleship Garden, this eight-session study is for all who are looking to grow in their love for Jesus and to understand what it means to follow Him today.

Facilitators Tod and Karen Shutt will lead sessions on Mondays, **Oct. 5** through **Nov. 23**, from 6:30-8 PM in room 307. Sign up on the Connect Card, use the QR code, or contact Kay Baxter at [kbaxter@tumchtown.org](mailto:kbaxter@tumchtown.org) or text 717-612-8346 by **Sunday, Sept 27**. Childcare is available.



### PLACE WORKSHOP

What do you have in common with a lion, otter, beaver, or golden retriever? These animals can be used to symbolize different personality traits, and you can find out which you match with this fall at the PLACE Workshop!

In addition to discovering your personality, you’ll learn about your spiritual gifts and environments in which you feel competent and fulfilled. You’ll also explore things you care deeply about and how you demonstrate that care and more. All these aspects blend together to make you a unique and wonderful child of God for whom He has a special purpose.

Every disciple is encouraged to participate in PLACE as a step along your faith journey. The workshop is part of the Preparing and Planting plots of Trinity’s Discipleship Garden. Facilitators Kay Baxter and Donna Friedrich will lead the five-session workshop on Tuesday evenings, **Sept. 22 & 29** and **Oct. 13, 20, & 27**. The group will meet in room 301 from 6:30-8 PM, and childcare is available.

To register contact Kay Baxter at [kbaxter@tumchtown.org](mailto:kbaxter@tumchtown.org) or 717-612-8346, sign up on the Connect Card in worship, or scan the QR code. Deadline to register is **Sept. 20**. Please indicate name and age of child(ren) if requesting childcare.



## Mission Focus: Vickie's Angels

Vickie's Angel Foundation's is our September Mission Focus. The local charity's mission is to provide a temporary financial bridge to help individuals and families battling cancer. In 24 years, VAF has paid bills totaling more than \$5 million for local patients as well as parents of children unable to work during active treatment.

The foundation provides financial support in the form of direct payment for essential bills, non-medical needs such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, transportation, and food. Its goal is to remove the toxic stress of unpaid bills so individuals and their families can focus on what matters most: healing.

Vickie's Angel Foundation began in 2003, following the passing of founder Mickey Minnich's wife, Vickie, as a result of cancer. In her honor, her family and friends set out to help others facing similar challenges. What started as a small community effort has grown to a regional foundation touching thousands of lives over nine counties.

The annual Vickie's Angel Walk, set for **Saturday, Oct. 10**, brings hundreds of supporters to New Cumberland and Harrisburg. The event honors everyone touched by cancer, those on the journey, those who have been healed, and those whose memories continues to inspire. Scan the QR code for more info.



Vickie's Angel Foundation gives 100 percent of donations to families in need. Guided by the values of love, faith, and hope, the foundation not only provides financial relief but compassion and encouragement during some of life's most difficult moments.



*Founder Mickey Minnich at a Vickie's Angels Walk.*

To make that 100 percent promise possible, VAF is supported by a special group of Guardian Angels. Their donations fund daily operations, like staffing, office and website maintenance, insurance costs, and annual audit, so every other dollar can go straight to families. Many give monthly, providing steady support throughout the year, while one-time gifts are always appreciated.

For years, Charity Navigator has rated the foundation a four-star charity.

To learn more about Vickie's Angels Foundation, visit their website at [vickiesangelfoundation.org](http://vickiesangelfoundation.org)



## Music Ministries invite new members for fall

If you've considered joining Trinity's Music Ministries, there's no better time! Below is a list of all we offer—for adults, children, and youth—as well as when the groups meet. Contact the director listed with any questions.

### **Trinity Ringers Bell Choir**

Rehearses Thursdays, 6-7:15 PM, Kaye Miller director, [kmiller@tumchtown.org](mailto:kmiller@tumchtown.org)

### **Sanctuary Choir**

Rehearses Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 PM, Matt Dickinson director, [mdickinson@tumchtown.org](mailto:mdickinson@tumchtown.org)

### **Children & Youth Choir**

Rehearses Sundays, 8:50-9:30 AM before Sunday School, Kaye Miller director, [kmiller@tumchtown.org](mailto:kmiller@tumchtown.org)

### **Intergenerational Bells**

Elementary age to adults, rehearses Sundays, 10:30-11 AM, Kaye Miller director, [kmiller@tumchtown.org](mailto:kmiller@tumchtown.org)

## Pathway to Membership: New class coming

Beginning this fall, the pathway to membership at Trinity will consist of three steps:

### **PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR**

This will be held as needed throughout the year. The purpose is for interested persons and Pastor Rob to get acquainted with each other. Participants will also learn a little about the United Methodist Church in general and Trinity Church specifically while enjoying some yummy pizza!

### **NEW DISCIPLE CLASS**

Disciples Dan Ebright and Ruth Anne Otto will lead this class once or twice a year as needed. In 3-4 sessions, participants will cover topics including what it means to be a United Methodist, Trinity's Mission and Vision, what it means to be a disciple, and opportunities to GROW Your Faith.

### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Held during worship following the completion of the New Member Class.



*Our December 2025 Membership Class.*



## Students enjoy summer MAD-ness at Trinity

Our Music, Art, & Drama (or MAD) Camp lived up to its name in August as 75 campers made music and art, and learned and presented the musical drama, "Treasure Island." Students learned to play hand bells and ukelele in addition to presenting the show. Many thanks to Kaye Miller and Faith Matthews and all the disciples who helped make this event possible. The kids LOVE it!



## September Learning: Games of Life

Archeologists believe board games have been part of human history since at least 3000 BC with the oldest game discovered dating back to 2500 BC in ancient Mesopotamia. There's something almost all humans enjoy about a little friendly or (if someone's a poor loser) unfriendly competition.

Games also speak to our human condition on many levels. From the greed necessary to win Monopoly to the cooperation required in Jumanji, board games test our wits as well as our personality traits as people.

We've started our fall season with a focus on some of our favorite board games and the scriptural truths we can see through their play. We hope you enjoy this playful series!



**Sunday, Sept. 13—Clue**  
1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Sunday, Sept. 20—Sorry**  
Luke 17:1-4

**Sunday, Sept. 27—The Church Has Left the Building** event  
No onsite worship at Trinity.



# Summer Memories



*Trinity was out and active in our Hummelstown community during August. Above, Kids Ministries Director Sarah Ordille was joined by Catherine, Wesley, and Dylan Siris as a welcoming presence at our booth for National Night Out. Many thanks to the Siris family for helping out!*



*Above, Team Trinity at the Tunnel to Towers 5K run/walk held in honor of the 25th anniversary of Sept. 11 poses for a post-event photo. The team raised more than \$800 for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation which aids first responders and their families across the country. Great job, everyone! Way to represent Trinity!*



*Our Adult Mission Team made the most of a four-day trip by building a storage shed for one Frakes resident, replacing worn carpet with a needed new floor for another, and helping the Henderson Settlement Thrift Shop sort bags of clothing donations! Under Missions Team Lead Tami Roth and direction of local contractor Mel Kelley, the crew was able to accomplish great things—even in 90+ degree heat! At top left, the shed crew celebrates getting footers in and building a platform on day one. Center left, the shed was framed and ready for siding and a roof in under 48 hours. Bottom left, the flooring crew on the new floor with the happy homeowner. Above center, team member Tammy shows the incredible number of donations received in the settlement's thrift shop. Above right, the two construction crews united on the final two days to hang siding, install roofing, and build and hang doors on the shed. More than anything, the crew learned of the Appalachian community's needs and came home with a greater appreciation for the blessings in their lives.*