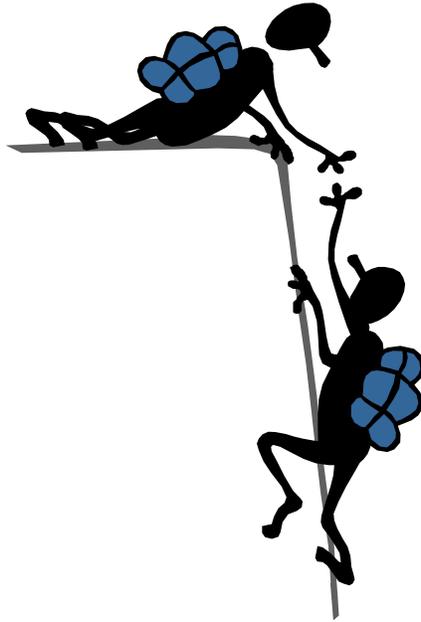


Ministries and Contacts



Altar Guild

Contact: Laura Lowndes (931) 691-0225

The duty of the Altar Guild is to prepare all things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist or any of the other sacraments and offices of the church. The preparations are done in a manner so that any service may be conducted in decency, order and beauty for the worship of God and Jesus Christ, our Lord. Members of the altar guild should always be mindful of the high privilege of serving God in the sacred sanctuary. Altar Guild members should be baptized members of the Episcopal Church; regular in attendance at worship; and faithful in the execution of their duties. The work of the Altar Guild is under the direction of the priest and is open to both women and men.

Readers

Contact: Mark Northcutt (931) 308-7957

Readers, in conjunction with priests and deacons, proclaim the Word of God to the assembled People of God. Through training and preparation readers bring the words of scripture to life. The beginning of the Holy Eucharist is titled **The Word of God** and the Readers are central to that part of the liturgy as they read the lessons appointed for the day. In addition to reading the scripture readers may also read the Prayers of the People. Readers are expected to prepare carefully and attend training workshops when offered.

Servers

Contact: Mark Northcutt (931) 308-7957

Servers assist at the altar during Holy Eucharist and may administer the chalice during Communion. Sometimes called Lay Eucharistic Ministers, the ministry of administering the chalice requires licensing by the Bishop and training by the Priest. Servers may act as crucifers during the procession. Servers should be confirmed members of the Episcopal Church.

Acolytes:

Contact: Mark Northcutt (931) 308-7957

Acolytes are typically youth who assist the priest during the service. Acolytes, when present, light and extinguish the candles used in the service, act as crucifers and torch bearers, and may do the work of servers as well.

Ushers/Oblationers

Contact: Mark Northcutt (931) 308-7957

Being an Usher is a ministry of hospitality. The Usher is often the first person a visitor meets and is responsible for greeting all who enter the church and seeing that they are welcomed, made comfortable and receive a bulletin. Ushers usually oversee the bringing forward of the Bread and Wine (known as **Oblationers**) and the collection of the offering. Ushers may assist in the orderly movement about the church during Communion and assist in helping people find seats if the service is crowded. Ushers are responsible for getting information from visitors and introducing them at coffee hour.

Choir

Contact: George Fikjes (931) 308-1481 or The Rev. Judith Hirsch-Fikejs (931) 526-2681

Choir members support the congregation in the singing of the music used during worship, as well as expand and enrich the liturgy. In addition to singing the hymns, the choir sings anthems and other special music during the year. Choir members make a commitment to attend weekly choir practice and be present on Sundays as well as special services such as Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, and the Great Vigil of Easter. The ability to read music or a large background in choral music is not required. As our choirmaster says, "If you can hear music, you can sing music."

Hospitality

Contact: Mark Northcutt (931) 308-7957

This ministry coordinates parish events as we come together in celebration and fellowship. Members of the Hospitality Committee share responsibility for coordinating events such as Sunday Coffee Hour, special meals, church receptions. Members do not need to provide food and snacks at every occasion but simply see that there are people signed up and then assist as needed. The Hospitality Committee embraces the radical hospitality of Jesus who welcomed everyone to the table.

Children's Christian Formation

Contact: Fr. Scott James: (931) 967-6587

Teachers in Christian Formation, also called Sunday School, have the responsibility and privilege of teaching our children about the love of God through the sharing of Bible stories and activities. There are few activities in the church which are more important than the shaping and sharing of a child's journey to a Christian life. Children's Christian Formation takes place on Sunday morning and preparation is essential. The curriculum is not complex but knowledge of the material is critical. Teachers are required by the Diocese to complete the child abuse and prevention program known as **Safeguarding God's Children**. It is available on line at no charge. A background check is also required which is paid for by the church.

Adult Tuesday Bible Study

Contact: Sylvia James (931) 967-6587

Every Tuesday from 12:05 to 1pm there is a brown bag Bible study in the Parish Hall. Bring a lunch and we provide the coffee. No prior experience is needed and you don't have to commit to attend every week. Each week we look at the readings for the coming Sunday, usually with an emphasis on the Gospel and engage in conversation as our interests and the Holy Spirit moves us. This Bible Study is informal and questions and conversation are welcome.

Centering Prayer Group

Contact: Laura Ellen Truelove (615) 881-2492

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. Trinity's Centering Prayer Group meets every Tuesday from 11:40 to Noon in the Community Room just off of the Parish Hall.

Vestry

Contact: Mark Northcutt (931) 308-7957 or any member of the Vestry

The Vestry's primary responsibilities are to maintain the church property and the parish finances, and act as an advisory council to the Rector or Priest-in-Charge. Additionally the Vestry elects the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. Vestry members are lay persons who are confirmed members of the church in good standing. They are elected by the members at the annual Parish Meeting and may serve two 3 year terms. The Vestry is central in seeing to the temporal affairs of the Church. Vestry members are required by the Diocese to complete the child abuse and prevention program known as **Safeguarding God's Children**. It is available on line at no charge.

STEM Council

Contact: Laura Lowndes (931) 691-0225; or Sylvia James (931) 967-6587

The members of the STEM Council represent Trinity on the 8 person council made up of representative from each of the STEM churches. They attend the periodic meetings of the council and plan for joint STEM events as well as work with the Vicar of STEM on the yearly calendar. It is the work of the STEM Council to imagine and assist in implementing ways in which the regional ministry of STEM may grow and flourish.

Clergy:

The Rev. Dr. Chris Bryan

The Rev. Dr. Jerrie Lewallen

The Rev. Stephen Eichler

The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker

The Rev. Tom Ward

The Rev. Scott James

Service times:

Sunday Holy Eucharist 11:00 am

Centering Prayer Group 11:00 Tuesday

Brown Bag Bible Study 12:05 noon Tuesday

Evening Prayer 6:00 Wednesday

Choir Practice 6:30 pm Wednesday

Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday, 9am-2pm

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