



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

Engaged by Grace.

WEEKLY

Ministry Announcements for the week of October 3 - 10, 2021

Our Sunday Schedule

9:00 am – Sikhona Rescue Center presentation for Youth and families on the playground

10:00 am – In-person Worship in the Sanctuary and Remote, Live-Streamed Worship

11:00 am – Sikhona Rescue Center presentation for Adults in the sanctuary

New Ministry Opportunities

Sikhona – “I Exist”

Update on Endowment Grant to Kenyan Mission

Elli “Nafula” Wachtman will be presenting on recent developments around the Sikhona Rescue Centre for children in Kitengala, Kenya that received a grant from the Holy Trinity Mission Endowment Fund last year. Having secured and renovated a house and yard, the Centre will serve as a classroom for the community and a home for one housemother and up to two families who have survived gender-based violence. Elli will share pictures and stories of their work on **Sunday, October 3 at 9am for children and families** on the playground (or in the event of inclement weather, masked and socially-distanced in Grace Hall) and at **11am for adults** in the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

Worship in the Park

Installation of Noelle Fox as Director of Faith Formation

4250 Woodbridge Rd, Upper Arlington, OH 43220

10:00 am, Sunday, October 17, 2021

When the Columbus Marathon encircles Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 17, we will move our worship again to the Shelter House at Thompson Park beginning at 10:00 am. The service will be built around a multi-generational cast presenting a chancel drama entitled *THE Story* which reviews the story of God in four acts. This theme will serve as the primary resource for the work of our new Director of Faith Formation Noelle Fox (see intro below) who will be installed during the service. We’ll enjoy individually wrapped Cheryl’s Cookies after the service too! Please join us in-person at 10:00 am or view a video recording on our website, www.engagedbygrace.org, which will be available at 12:00 noon and after.

Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,

I am so looking forward to assuming the role of Director of Faith Formation Ministries and sharing our faith journeys with one another. God has blessed us all with the gifts of grace and faith. I will be supportive to each of you as we support one another within our community of faith and in the world.

Growing up, I attended church regularly at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley. Thanks to a supportive and loving church family, I was provided a wonderful environment where I learned about and grew in Christ.

Through Sunday School, children's choir, high school bell choir, youth group, retreats, national youth gatherings, and Bible studies, my faith was enriched as I was growing up.

I attended Capital University where I contemplated majoring in elementary education or music and had also considered attending Seminary following my undergraduate studies. I chose to major in education and have loved teaching elementary students in Columbus Public, Columbus Academy, and Upper Arlington in my 22 years as a teacher. Teaching and learning with others brings great joy to me. My Master's Degree is in School Guidance Counseling and I'm passionate about the emotional well-being of children and adults within their families and communities.

My husband, Matt, and I are the proud parents of our three children: Ben (age 14, 9th grade); Madeline (age 12, 7th grade); and Noah (age 10, 5th grade). We've attended Holy Trinity for 11 years and are thankful for God enriching our lives through the love and support you share with each of us.

Music has always been one of the most powerful ways for me to feel connected to God. As I begin working at Holy Trinity as the Director of Faith Formation Ministries, the song that rests on my heart is "Spirit of the Living God."

*Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me
Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me.*

I'm very excited to get to know each of you better as we grow and continue our faith journeys with God. I'm excited to share the Gospel together as the Holy Spirit guides as His servants.

In Christ,
Noelle E. Fox

Concerts at Holy Trinity

This past year presented many challenges for concerts around the world. While Holy Trinity had its fair share, we were able to present several concerts throughout the year, both virtually and in person. These concerts were viewed locally and across the globe and helped many people get through the pandemic. *Concerts at Holy Trinity* is pleased to announce the eleventh season for the support of the Holy Trinity Mission Endowment Fund and musical arts in the central Ohio community.

The first concert of the season will be **Sunday, October 10 at 4:00 pm**. Violinist Fred Ripley will join Minister of Music Joshua Brodbeck for a variety of duets. Hope to see you there!

Stewardship Corner

In an attempt to better understand our role as stewards, we can compare our positions as stewards to the function and responsibility assumed by the trustee of a trust. In the same manner as a trustee, a steward is a manager who has the latitude to make decisions in the best interest of the owner. As the trustee is a servant to the trust, the steward is a servant to God as the owner of all that the steward manages. Both the trustee and steward positions are full-time vocations. Being a steward is a whole life commitment, involving all that we are, and all that we possess, and all that we do. God, Who has created and redeemed us, deserves our first and best. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at 614-771-8594 or maxbuban@sbcglobal.net.

News of Invite Ministries

New Prayer Concerns:

Janet Benedick, diagnosed with a breakthrough case of COVID

The family of Clark Mount-Campbell, husband of Janet Mount-Campbell, who died last week

Prayers for Our Members:

Diane Whalen, at Reunion Rehabilitation in Dublin

Sue Roberts, struggling with back pain

Judy McKittrick, recovering from a heart procedure

Bill Lingo, in hospice care at home

MJ Neiman, recovering from hip surgery

Gail Svendsen, at home, recovering from a heart ablation

Carole Myers, ailing and confined at home

Liz Roth, recovering from hand surgery

Prayers for Our Family and Friends:

Aaron Adkins, husband of Ron Benedick's former coworker, undergoing chemo for aggressive cancer

Phillip Jones, brother of Janet Benedick, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer

Joe Berkemer, uncle of Matt Berkemer, undergoing chemotherapy

Phyllis Bliss, undergoing kidney treatments

Eleanor Boyd, sister-in-law of Shirley Boyd in hospice care

Igor Oreshin, brother-in-law of Josh Brodbeck and brother of Katya, hospitalized with medical issues

Nancy Case, friend of Sue Eubanks, being treated for cancer

Joe Glieco, nephew of Sue and Bill Eubanks, recently diagnosed with leukemia

Tim Curry, brother of Bev Farrell and brother-in-law of JoAnn Curry, struggling with Parkinson's

Rev. Dean Piper, father of Laura Hudson, being treated for bone cancer

Brian Jones, brother of Tony Jones, diagnosed with stomach cancer

Squire Aschinger, nephew of John & Judy McKittrick, diagnosed with cancer

Kathy Sammons, mother of Jeff Sammons, experiencing fluid in her lungs

Jeanette Polley, aunt of Jeff Smmons, diagnosed with bone cancer

Phyllis Podmore, mother of Susan Setterlin, who broke her hip

Lucille Buller, 93-year-old aunt of Vicki Townsend, recovering from pancreatitis

News of Embrace Ministries

Adult Learning Opportunity

An adult Sunday school event for ecological appreciation and stewardship using the video presentation

Our Planet will begin on **Sunday, October 10 at 11:15 am**, in the sanctuary immediately following worship. The six-session class will focus on our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures. Hope you can join us!

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that we have approximately \$55,000 available to disperse for the 2022 funding cycle. This figure is a significant increase in grants from last year, as we simultaneously continue to repay the organ loan. Once again, the funds will be applied across our three designated constituencies:

1. Community Outreach efforts
2. ELCA activities within synods, seminaries, colleges, or local social service agencies
3. Holy Trinity program enrichment, ministry support, or capital improvements

Application materials are available at the Info Center, and are due back by **Sunday, October 10**. People are encouraged, however, to submit their materials as early as possible. Our goal would contemplate making the number of grants that would allow each to be of measurable impact. Thank you for your interest and help. If you have questions, please contact Endowment Committee chair, Tom Grabenstatter.

News of Empower Ministries

Opportunities to Learn about Racial Justice in October

The Racial Justice team has as one of its goals to provide learning opportunities for our members and friends around racial justice issues. In a recent edition of *Engaged by Grace Weekly*, Elizabeth Sammons provided suggestions for books that explore these issues. This week we are featuring two lectures by Black speakers that provide some food for thought.

Tuesday October 5th, 7 pm – New Albany Lecture Series

Isabel Wilkerson, author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* and most recently *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* will discuss racial justice issues. Presented virtually and free and open to all. Register at this link: <https://nacf21.brand.live/c/new-albany-lecture-series-1>.

Thursday October 14th, 11:30 am – Trinity Seminary/ELCA Theology Lecture Series

Dr. Angela N. Parker will speak on Womanist Interpretation of Scripture. This hybrid event is free and open to the public, who may attend in-person or stream online. The in-person event is at Trinity Lutheran Seminary (2199 E Main Street, Columbus OH 43209). Lunch is offered to in-person participants. Register for the online event at this link: https://capital.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3fplwDmPbNyRM34. As a heads up, plans are in the works for a book discussion of *Caste*. Stay tuned for details.

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10:00 am – Worship in the sanctuary and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream
11:00 am – Sikhona Rescue Center presentation for Adults in the sanctuary

Monday 6:30 pm – BSA 555

Tuesday No Events Scheduled

Wednesday 10:15 am – Preacher's Bible Study
7:00 pm – WELCA Ruth Circle V

Thursday 6:30 pm – Handbell Choir
7:30 pm – Chancel Choir

Friday No Events Scheduled

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Sunday, October 10, 2021

9:00 am – Youth Sunday School on the playground
10:00 am – Worship in the sanctuary and online at www.engagedbygrace.org/livestream
11:15 am – Adult Learning "Our Planet"
4:00 pm – HTL Concert Series featuring Fred Ripley and Joshua Brodbeck

Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, October 3: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
Sunday, October 10: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Trinity Staff:

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