



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

*Engaged by Grace.*

WEEKLY

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Ministry Announcements for the week of December 31, 2023 – January 7, 2024

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## **Our Sunday Schedule**

10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org/](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/)

## **New Ministry Opportunities**

### **Church Council Leaders Elected**

At a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 10, the following people were elected to serve 3-year terms on Church Council: Allison Abell; Nicole Carothers; Debbie Cochran; Janice Peterson; and Liz Roth. Also, the following people were elected at December's Council meeting to serve on the Executive Committee: Chase Leibold, President; Tim Stock, Vice-President; MJ Neiman, Financial Secretary; Nicole Carothers, Treasurer; and Debbie Cochran, Secretary. We thank them for their willingness to serve. Thanks, too, to outgoing Council Partners: Ashley Griffith, Chad Cucksey, Doug Roberts and Nichole Sanghavi.

### **Course on Revelation**

Taking a page from The Ohio State University's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center and its study of ice core samples, during the month of January our Sunday morning adult class will explore core samples from the intriguing and often mystifying Book of Revelation. On January 7 we will look at Revelation 1:1-11; on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:1-6:2; on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:1-18, 14:1-5; and on the 28<sup>th</sup>, chapters 21-22. Our guide will be Holy Trinity member Walter F Taylor, Jr., emeritus professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. See you January 7 in the church library!

### **Thank You**

From the staff at Holy Trinity, thank you for the gifts you gave to us at Christmas. It is our joy to be partners with you in ministry. We look forward to new activities and opportunities in 2024!

### **Hat & Mitten Tree**

Holy Trinity is continuing its annual tradition of decorating a Hat & Mitten Tree. Everyone is invited to donate hand-made or newly-purchased hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. All contributions will be donated in January when they're needed most.

### **2024 Giving Envelopes**

Holy Trinity's 2024 offering envelopes have arrived. Please pick up yours from the table in the hallway near the church offices. Thank you for your faithful support of Holy Trinity.

### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

The next blood drive at Holy Trinity in partnership with the American Red Cross will be **Thursday, January 11**. You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or online at [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give).

## **Ministry Reports Requested by December 31**

Ministry leaders are asked to submit a brief summary of their ministry activities to the church office by the end of December for inclusion in this year's Annual Report. Please include names of leaders as well as ministry highlights from 2023 and plans for 2024. You may submit your report electronically to [laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org) or via hard copy to the church office. Thank you!

## **Stewardship Corner**

Isn't it interesting to think about those God chooses to be His stewards? Mary and Joseph, ordinary people who didn't stand out in the crowd. An innkeeper without a room who gave what shelter he could. Illiterate, lowly shepherds who heard, responded to, and repeated the Good News. Wise Men who traveled miles and miles to bring their gifts to honor the new King. You and I, also ordinary people, who have been given various gifts to use to spread the Good News and honor the newborn King. For more information about stewardship, please contact Max Buban at [maxmbuban82@gmail.com](mailto:maxmbuban82@gmail.com) or 614-771-8594.

## **News of Invite Ministries**

### **Prayers for Our Members:**

Lindsay Shaner, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery  
Elizabeth Garlock, at her daughter-in-law's home following a recent hospitalization  
Lois Spurlock, at Cranberry Park  
Norma Rauch, at home  
Tina Gray, recovering from a series of small strokes  
Josh Hudson, deployed with the USS Sterett

### **Prayers for Our Family and Friends:**

Tanner Bachman, junior at Upper Arlington HS  
Cindy and Steve Duvall, Cassi Baker's sister and brother-in-law recovering from kidney transplant surgery  
Charles Jentes, Jill Banicki's father, hospitalized with infections in his legs  
Aaron Adkins, Ron Benedick's former coworker's husband, undergoing chemotherapy  
Joe Berkemer, Matt Berkemer's uncle, undergoing chemotherapy  
Phyllis Bliss, friend of Holy Trinity, undergoing kidney dialysis twice/week  
James Gildea, Shirley Boyd's friend, recovering from a fall that fractured vertebra in his neck  
Betty Mak, Shirley Boyd's friend, beginning daily home dialysis  
Rene Geiger, Shirley Boyd's friend, suffering from an undiagnosed illness  
Pastor Mark Brodbeck, Josh Brodbeck's father, recovering from a heart attack  
Carla Neal, Catherine Canada's niece, following thyroid surgery  
Cheryl Shilling, Catherine Canada's friend, recovering from surgery  
Russ Frees, Debbie Cochran's brother, diagnosed with leukemia  
Jamie Craven, Genie Craven's great-grandson, dealing with oral aversion  
Cheryl Sohner, Cyndy Decker's friend, recovering from surgery for uterine cancer  
Suzie Porcina, Cyndy Decker's friend, facing end-stage cancer  
Nancy Case, Sue Eubanks's friend, being treated for cancer  
Tim Curry, Bev Farrell's brother and JoAnn Curry's brother-in-law, struggling with Parkinson's  
Melissa, Sue Ferguson's daughter, diagnosed with colon cancer  
Mike Garvin, Noelle Fox's friend, diagnosed with colon cancer  
Paul Hodge, Carolyn Hodge-Cramer's brother, dealing with complications of shoulder replacement  
Roy Hart, former member of Holy Trinity, diagnosed with colorectal cancer  
Marge Gray, Barbara Keller's friend, struggling with CPF and kidney failure causing a debilitating cough  
Michelle Hooley, Kris Kochheiser's friend, starting chemo treatments for cancer  
Bev Butt, Kris Kochheiser's mother, hospitalized with unknown health issues  
Eloise and Tesla Leibold, Chase Leibold's twin daughters, experiencing difficult times  
Darvin Williams, Chase Leibold's coworker, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer  
Chris Stewart, Janet Maxwell's friend, recently diagnosed with cancer  
Steve Poettker, Janet Maxwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer  
Maggie Carr Miller, Janet Maxwell's friend, diagnosed with cancer

John Hink, John & Judy McKittrick's son-in-law, recovering from back surgery  
Squire Aschinger, John & Judy McKittrick's nephew, diagnosed with cancer  
John Michael, John & Judy McKittrick's son's godson, in the NICU at Children's Hospital  
Teresa Wilson, MJ Neiman's friend, battling cancer  
Terry and Pam Reed, Dave Reed's parents, struggling with complications of Terry's Parkinson's Disease  
Daryl Richards, Drew Richards' father, hospitalized with COVID  
Kathy Sammons, Jeff Sammons's mother, experiencing fluid in her lungs  
Sammy and Sonya, members of First English, struggling with housing and health concerns  
Deanne Niedziela, Amy Schueler's former college roommate, badly injured by a falling tree limb in Costa Rica  
Linda Gleaves, Susan Setterlin's friend, diagnosed with terminal cancer  
Sharyn Larson, Barb Stock's cousin, experiencing cancer elsewhere following breast cancer  
Scott Blackford, Vicki Townsend's brother, hospitalized with heart issues  
Amy Lavoie, Becky Warnement's cousin, battling a recurrence of lung cancer  
Karen Byrd, Becky Warnement's aunt, experiencing end-stage Alzheimer's Disease  
Those affected by the global pandemic, natural disasters, the Armed forces, victims of terror, and all those on the margins of society most vulnerable to unrest, oppression and exploitation.

## 2024 Altar Flowers

Sign-up sheets are now available for 2024 altar flower memorials and dedications. You can sign up at the flower table or by contacting the church office at 614-486-9433. Checks, electronic drafts, or credit card payments can be made payable to Holy Trinity with "flowers" noted in the memo line.

## News of Embrace Ministries

### Save the Date – Let's Have a Party!

Holy Trinity's All-Congregation Birthday Party will be on **Sunday, February 4**. People are needed to serve on the planning committee. If you would like to help with food planning, decorating, activities, and/or a service project for the event, please reach out to Noelle Fox at [Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org).

## Library News

I am pleased to announce that Holy Trinity's Library is returning to active duty. The library is a treasure trove of reference materials, history, fiction, religious topics, children's and teen's books, not to mention CDs, DVDs and Holy Trinity history. To make our library successful again we need interested members to form a committee to help take the library up a notch. Please consider becoming part of this group! If you are interested, contact Noelle Fox ([Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:Noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org)) or Susan Setterlin (614-570-3936).

## News of Empower Ministries

### Empowerment Shelf by Elizabeth Sammons with love from Neighbor to Neighbor (January 2024)

*Watercress*, *Born in Blackness*, and *White Lies* are books that I've read myself or seen as books of note. This literature intends to expand our awareness, theology and/or acceptance of diverse viewpoints. We on Neighbor-to-Neighbor hope you'll discover how these writings from various generations embrace what it means to be human and to walk in spirit. ...

#### *Watercress* by Andrea Wang

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents. Caldecott Medal. For grades K-3. 2021.

#### *Born in Blackness: Africa, Africans and the Making of the Modern World* by Howard French

In a narrative history spanning six centuries, the author reframes the story of medieval and emerging Africa's role in global history. The author centers Africa in the rise of the modern world and reveals trivialization of past depictions of African history. 2021.

#### *White Lies: The Double Life of Walter F. White* by A.J. Baime

This biography explores the life and work of a little-known Black civil rights leader who passed as white in

order to enable him to investigate racist murders, help put the NAACP on the map, and plant the seeds of the civil rights movement. 2022.

### Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry - Save the Date

Capital University will present its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Learning on **Monday, January 15**. The theme of the 2024 event is “**Courage in Community**.” Join fellow students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A day filled with inspiration, reflection, and community involvement awaits as we pay tribute to the impactful teachings of Dr. King. Those who have registered are encouraged to join the keynote address, actively engage in workshops, and take advantage of service opportunities. Additionally, Kids Korner will offer activities catering to children of various ages!

The event includes keynote speeches and two 90-minute workshops through in-person and Zoom options. Members of Holy Trinity’s Neighbor-to-Neighbor team plan to join the celebration. If you are interested in participating, please contact a member of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry team. (Sharon Hamersley, David Kriska, Carl Peterson, Benson Ross, Elizabeth Sammons, Becky Warnement, and Pastor Steve)

### Ministry Calendar at Holy Trinity for December 31, 2023 – January 7, 2024

#### Sunday, December 31, 2023

10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org/](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/)

**Monday**      **New Year’s Day – Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday**      No Events Scheduled

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

**Thursday**      12:30 pm – LSS Food Pantry

**Friday**      No Events Scheduled

**Saturday**      No Events Scheduled

#### Sunday, January 7, 2024

10:00 am – Worship in-person and online at [www.engagedbygrace.org/](http://www.engagedbygrace.org/)

10:55 am – Wrap-up

### Holy Trinity Schedule of Worship Servers – December 2023

| Date    | Time     | Welcome Center | Assisting Minister  | Lay Reader          | Ushers                     | Communion Assistants          | Livestream       | Bread Bakers  | Communion Team                 |
|---------|----------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Dec. 31 | 10:00 am |                | Vicar Jaren Summers | Vicar Jaren Summers | Tom Wuichet<br>Alan Gaulke | Carolyn Cramer<br>Chris Pryor | Ben Kaffenberger | Suellen Sharp | Joanne Duncan<br>Terri Michael |

#### Sunday Worship Texts

Sunday, December 31 – Psalm 91:9-12; Mark 1:1-20 **Jesus the Messiah is good news for the world.**

Sunday, January 7 – Psalm 103:1-5; Mark 1:21-45 **Jesus welcomes us into God’s kingdom.**

#### The Holy Trinity Staff:

Pastor: Steve Wachtman ([steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:steve.wachtman@engagedbygrace.org))

Vicar: Jaren Summers ([jaren.summers@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:jaren.summers@engagedbygrace.org))

Preschool: Molly Capuano and Jackie Newlon ([directorhtcdp@gmail.com](mailto:directorhtcdp@gmail.com))

Administrator: Laura Hudson ([laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:laura.hudson@engagedbygrace.org))

Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck ([joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:joshua.brodbeck@engagedbygrace.org))

Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox ([noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org](mailto:noelle.fox@engagedbygrace.org))

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