



Trinity Ecumenical Parish
Small Group Ministries

February 2023

Trinity Ecumenical Parish

OUR MISSION

We believe that God has called Trinity Ecumenical Parish into being to show the world that followers of Jesus Christ can come together from many backgrounds, forming a faith community where diversity is accepted and differences are not allowed to divide us.

*We are **Loving, Serving, Learning, and Growing** together as we fulfill our common calling to care for our neighbors, our community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ.*

OUR VISION

We believe that by the power of the Holy Spirit God is calling Trinity Ecumenical Parish . . .

to proclaim that we are all one in the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ
to fulfill our common ministry with a growing sense of unity in faith
to be a community where diversity is accepted with enthusiasm, joy,
and thanksgiving to God.

***We seek to carry out the Great Commission
of our Lord Jesus Christ by . . .***

proclaiming the Gospel in a unique setting of faith and worship
teaching God's truth as revealed in Jesus Christ and God's Holy Word
receiving the shaping and renewing power of God's grace through the sacraments of Baptism and
the Lord's Supper.

***We commit ourselves to fulfilling Jesus' new commandment that we
should love one another as He has loved us by . . .***

nurturing and sustaining one another through prayer, fellowship and caring
witnessing to God's love working in us, and through us to others
celebrating the variety of gifts among God's people
strengthening and supporting the use of our gifts in a
Christ-centered ministry to our community and to the world.

Trinity Ecumenical Parish
A Worshiping Community Organized for Ministry by

Staff

Rev. Dr. Philip Bouknight, Pastor

Rev. Sarah Hess

Rev. Daniel Hess

Vicar Joel Antley

Sharon Witherell, Directory of Music Ministry

Margaret Oosterman, Lay Pastoral Assistant

Sharon Sicher, Director of Family Ministry

Pidge Morgan, Tanzania Missionary

Bonita DeLooper, Director of Trinity Pre-School

Debbie Tyler, Office Manager

Karen Jeffery, Office Assistant

Parish Council is the governing body of Trinity Ecumenical Parish in its day-to-day affairs, responsible to the congregation and to the governing bodies of the three judicatories. It consists of twelve lay members, elected equally from each of the three denominations (Episcopal, Lutheran and Presbyterian) for a term of service of three years and the pastors.

Council meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 1:30pm.

2023 Parish Council

Council President:	Kathy Orth
Council Vice President:	Bob Young
Council Secretary:	
Parish Treasurers:	Karlyn Daenzer and Sue Nelson
Assistant Treasurer:	Bill Ohlerich
Recording Treasurers:	Tom Strup & John Layton

Making Connections Classes

(Preparing for membership at Trinity Ecumenical Parish)
are held in the spring and fall for those interested in learning more about
Trinity and those desiring to join Trinity.

The 1st class discusses "What Have I Gotten Myself Into?"

The 2nd class talks about "How Does It Work?"

The 3rd class is on "Where Can I Jump In?"

Ministry Groups

LOVING

Companions for the Journey	Kristie Polk Stephen Stanley	815-343-0452 540-293-3884
Dining Fellowship	Debbie O'Donnell Linda Strup	540-296-5918 703-608-2231
Greeting & Welcoming	Patty McMican Jim Morrison	703-772-5526 540-721-1991
Hospitality	Pam & Rich Cairns Pidge Morgan	540-721-2278 540-420-3708
Lazarus Ministry	Clara Ebert	540-297-1286
Ministry of Caring	Becki Fuzi	540-721-4159
Prayer Card Ministry	Deedee Bondurant	540-420-0712
Prayer Ministry	Parish Office	540-721-4330
Shepherds	Jim Morrison	540-721-1991
Stephen Ministry	Phyllis Behrer Doreen Campbell	540-520-3999 540-312-1569
Stronger Seniors	Barbara Fansler	540-871-0767
Wednesday Church Suppers	Hospitality Team	

SERVING

Bethlehem Towne Council	Les Daenzer	540-394-1863
Building and Grounds	Smith Chaney	276-340-8319
Endowment Trustees	Rich Cairns	540-721-2278
Finance Team	Les Daenzer	540-394-1863
Gleaners	Geoff Orth	540-297-4819
Global Partners	Pidge Morgan	540-420-3708
Hunger/Poverty Action Group	Cindy Decker	540-719-2308
Lake Christian Ministries	Jane Winters	540-297-3214
Landscaping Team	Al Fuzi	540-238-8972
Medical Response Team	Becki Fuzi	540-355-2468
Memorial Garden	Chris Dideon Al Fuzi Carl Oosterman	540-297-4848 540-238-8972 540-297-6579
Memorial Gifts	Chris Dideon	540-297-4848
Ministry of Service	Tom Curling	540-556-0375
Neighbors Helping Neighbors	Deedee Bondurant	540-420-0712
Parish Council	Pastor Philip	540-721-4330
Personnel Committee	Tom Fansler	540-871-8355
Safety Team	Wheeler Baker	540-488-2401
Scrappy Quilters	Karen Kesler	434-941-2084
Small Group Ministry	Jim Morrison	540-721-1991
SML Good Neighbors	Lisa Lietz	540-585-4912
Stewards of the Earth	Gael Chaney	276-340-8081
Stewardship Team	Mitch Reaves	540-297-1740
Trinity Treasures	Geoff Orth	540-297-4819

LEARNING

Adult Education		
Adult Forum/Lenten Study		
Making Connections	Pastor Philip	540-721-4330
Men's Ministry	Les Daenzer	540-394-1863
Thursday Bible Study	Ave Wenzel	540-297-1049
Preschool Ministry	Bonita DeLooper	703-623-0676
Vacation Bible School	Sharon Sicher	540-721-4330
Women's Retreat	Susan McSlarrow	434-874-0748
Youth Ministry	Sharon Sicher	540-721-4330

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WORSHIP & MUSIC

Acolyte	Gael Chaney	276-340-8081
Altar Guild	Becki Fuzi	540-355-2468
Cross & Banner	Linda Worman	540-204-6876
Folk Group	Sharon Witherell	540-721-4330
Handbells	Sharon Witherell	540-721-4330
Lay Readers	Debbie Tyler	540-721-4330
Nursery	Sharon Sicher	540-721-4330
Sanctuary Choir	Sharon Witherell	540-721-4330
Stream & Sound Team	Rich Cairns	540-721-2278
Ushers	Jennifer Thompson	540-297-3950
Worship & Music	Sharon Witherell	540-721-4330

LOVING

Caring

Fellowship

Hospitality

Companions for the Journey is a small group ministry designed to help grow an individual's relationship with God independently and in community. The role of the "Companions" is to support and assist each other as we love, serve, learn and grow together in Christ. Through prayer and discernment, sharing ideas and experiences, common threads become apparent and core values emerge within this circle of companionship. Companions for the Journey provides opportunities for spiritual formation such as Walks Together and special programming. "Walks" allow time for discussion and fellowship as well as time for reflection and meditation. Other endeavors include centering prayer groups, prayer partners and contemplative worship. Participants have experienced the work of the Holy Spirit within the creative synergy of this community and welcome all.

Kristie Polk – 815-343-0452

Stephen Stanley - 540-293-3884

Dinner Circles are small groups of couples and singles and revolve 3-4x/year to encourage fellowship. Participants may decide to host each other in their homes, meet at restaurants, or attend social or cultural events together. Participants may sign up one time or every time!

Debbie O'Donnell—301-898-2154

Linda Strup—linda.strup@gmail.com

Greeting and Welcoming Ministry Team members greet everyone at the two services on Sundays. They encourage visitors to sign the guest register at the Welcome Desk and fill out stick-on name tags; converse with the visitors, in part to see if they live in the area and should be sent a welcome letter from the pastors; tell the visitors about Trinity; encourage the visitors to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship; and try to introduce the visitors to other parishioners before and after the service. Team members work to schedule one or more team members to greet and welcome for each Sunday service. Team members attend some of the Making Connections (New Member) Classes and help with arrangements for welcoming new members on New Member Sunday. The team also works with the Shepherds Ministry in recommending repeat visitors who might benefit from being assigned a Shepherd even before they enroll in the Making Connections Classes.

Patty McMican—703-772-5526

Jim Morrison—540-721-1991

Hospitality Ministry enhances fellowship activities through Christian hospitality by volunteering on a regular basis to cook, bake, or prepare in-house food for a broad range of activities, including: Wednesday Church Suppers, Epiphany (Twelfth Night), Spring Luncheon, and Harvest Festival Dinner. Hospitality teams volunteer for set-up and cleanup in support of Hospitality events.

Pam & Rich Cairns— 540-721-2278

Pidge Morgan— 540-420-3708

Lazarus Ministry (HOSPITALITY) When one of our parishioners passes away and the family requests a reception after the funeral or memorial service, the Lazarus Ministry steps in. The ministry takes care of preparing for the reception and helps set up a Memory Table for the family.

Clara Ebert – 540-297-1286

Ministry of Caring serves members of Trinity Ecumenical Parish and Resurrection Catholic Church needing support because of illness or a death in the family.

Becki Fuzi 540-355-2468

Prayer Card Ministry provides greeting cards to send to people who are added to the church prayer list each week. Volunteers are asked to work at the Card Ministry table in the Fellowship Hall once a month, following the church services.
Dee Dee Bondurant 540-420-0712

Prayer Ministry is a ministry of approximately 100 pray-ers. Prayer needs are sent by email and are addressed privately by each pray-er. When someone is placed on the Prayer List consent is required due to privacy regulations, the person must know that their name is being shared with the entire Prayer Ministry group. For the written list every prayer request is sent by email to the pray-ers, and their name is only placed on the written list if requested. Confidential Prayers are also a part of the Prayer Ministry, with the knowledge of the person prayed for, and is held by the smaller group of pray-ers.
Office Staff—540-721-4330

Shepherds Ministry is focused on new people attending Trinity who have expressed an interest in a closer relationship with Trinity. Shepherds are assigned to these individuals to provide information about Trinity and to introduce them to Trinity members. Shepherds may include them in various Trinity events as well. Shepherds also attend the New Member Sunday luncheon with their new members. Follow-up will continue for 6-12 months as to how new members are acclimating to and becoming involved in Trinity.
Jim Morrison—540-721-1991

Stephen Ministers are trained, supervised laypersons who provide one-to-one Christian care to those facing life challenges or difficulties. They have had 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving, which incorporates listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in caregiving. Recipients of Stephen Ministers' care (care receivers) are people experiencing grief, loss of job, hospitalization, terminal illness, or other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers usually meet with their care receivers weekly for as long as the care receiver will benefit from the relationship. They expand the caring ministry of our pastors. People interested in becoming a Stephen Minister need to complete an application and interview.
Phyllis Behrer – 540-297-3569
Doreen Campbell 540-312-0596

Stronger Seniors This class is designed to strengthen core muscles, improve balance and posture, increase lung capacity and reduce stress. It is a low impact class that improves range of motion in all joints and incorporates diaphragmatic breathing techniques. Tuesday & Thursday at 1pm.
Barbara Fansler – 540-871-0767

Wednesday Church Supper (HOSPITALITY) The third Wednesday of the month we come together for food and fellowship. Church/community-oriented programs are often offered after the meal.

SERVING

At Trinity

Community

Global

Bethlehem Towne Council (COMMUNITY) oversees the planning and production of *Living the Nativity*, which is an interactive and interpretive event featuring a guided tour of five places, depicting Palestine during the birth of Christ, with live animals, music, entertainment, cocoa and cookies.

Les Daenzer -540-394-1863

Building & Grounds (AT TRINITY) helps perform or arrange all minor and major maintenance and repairs of the facility, and some of the mechanical and electrical systems.

Smith Chaney 276-340-8319

Endowment Trustees (AT TRINITY) meet quarterly and are currently in a building mode in an effort to grow the funds resources so that at some point in the future we will be able to better perform the role of the Fund as envisioned by its founders. The Fund has an investment advisor whose advice we rely upon and we meet with this individual twice a year or more often if needed.

Rich Cairns—540-721-2278

Finance Ministry (AT TRINITY) prepares the annual budget recommendations for approval by the Parish Council and congregation. Other duties include: providing monthly financial reports to the Parish Council and advice on fiscal matters; supporting the Receiving Treasurer in collecting all donations and maintaining confidential records; supports the Parish Treasurer in maintaining all income and expense accounts in accordance with accepted accounting practices; placing reserve funds in prudent investment accounts; initiating actions to sustain long-term fiscal health of the Parish; ensuring adequate insurance coverage for Parish property and operations. The Finance Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Les Daenzer - 540-394-1863

Gleaners (COMMUNITY) blessedly have no officers and no meetings. A group of parishioners mobilize by email notification to pick and glean apples, corn, peaches and the broadest variety of fruit and garden vegetables available locally. All of our gleaned produce is given to Lake Christian Ministries for their clients and, secondarily, to the Agape Center. Total gleanings are expected to reach over 20,000 lbs. Our efforts are jointly sponsored by Stewards of the Earth and the Hunger Poverty Action Group.

Geoff Orth - 540-297-4819

Global Partners build new partnerships that advance Trinity's global outreach and stewardship in the areas of emergency relief, development projects, and education for global awareness and change. They also sustain ongoing partnerships in support of Godparents for Tanzania, Door of Hope Maasai Ministry, Fair Trade Coffee Project, Hai Technical Training Center, Heifer International, Karatu Hunger Appeal, Discovery Safaris, and Alternative Christmas Tree. Global Partners meet every other month at 10:30am. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday in January, May, July, September and November.

Pidge Morgan - 540-420-3708

Hunger Poverty Action Group (COMMUNITY & GLOBAL) provides leadership to the congregation in studying local/global hunger and poverty issues. Among its activities are support to: Lake Christian Ministries “Walk to End Poverty” and “A Children’s Christmas – Angel Tree”; Souper Bowl of Caring for the Hungry along with Trinity’s youth, to collect canned goods and monetary donations for area food banks; a weekly backpack program during the school year to provide food to students at a local school who need food assistance; an annual Empty Bowls event where attendees share a meal of soup and bread and leave with an empty bowl to remind them of those who are hungry; and Bread for the World, a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger.

Cindy Decker – 540-719-2308

Lake Christian Ministries (COMMUNITY) volunteers work in food pantry, clothes closet, and household supplies, warehouse furniture and appliances. They also provide financial aid counseling. Open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to Noon, and the last Tuesday of each month from 5:00 to 7:00pm. LCM also maintains two mobile pantries for clients farther from LCM and bags of food for those brought to CVAAA lunch program.

Jane Winters—540-297-3214

Landscaping Team ("Mules") meets every Tuesday morning, weather permitting, from 8:30am-12:00pm followed by lunch. The Team plants spring bulbs, installs borders, new bushes and trees; spreads mulch; fertilizes; applies weed killer; waters and weeds; trims shrubs; removes dead trees and shrubs; and installs retaining walls. The Mules also maintain landscapes, and clean snow off sidewalks in the winter (a contractor plows the parking lots).

Al Fuzi—540-238-8972

Medical Response Team comprises parishioners who are professionally trained to provide medical assistance, such as doctors, nurses, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians. The team maintains at Trinity medical supplies for emergencies, and team members in attendance at Sunday worship services are prepared to provide medical assistance when needed during those services. The team coordinates with the Safety Team.

Becky Fuzi – 540-355-2468

Memorial Garden (AT TRINITY) Team orders, installs and maintains the various components that are part of the Memorial Garden. Team members are also responsible for preparing niches for internments. The Memorial Garden has been designed to accommodate interring the cremains of the deceased. They include: niches in the columbarium and scattering of cremains on the ground in a specifically dedicated area.

Al Fuzi – 540-721-4159

Memorial Gifts (AT TRINITY) Team serves as a steward of Memorial Gifts to the Parish and works with the Pastors and Parish Council in the appropriate use of all Memorial Gifts. They also acknowledge all gifts received.

Chris Dideon—540-297-4848

Ministry of Service (COMMUNITY) is a group that is responsible for quarterly distribution of 5% benevolence funds from Trinity to local charities. Any charity that is a main “stakeholder” must have an advocate within our congregation that is knowledgeable and involved in some fashion with the charity. Annual donations are made to Feeding America, Hunters for the Hungry, Society of St. Andrew (Gleaners) and Scruggs Fire and Rescue. These charities are required to be on the front lines of those in need. Small donations to other groups are also made.

Tom Curling – 540-556-0375

Bedford Christian Free Clinic volunteers provide physician or nursing care, or volunteer in the office to assist patients.

Franklin County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers provide advocacy for children in the courts.

Franklin County Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging (CVAAA) volunteers help to provide support services to elderly clients to enable them to live at home with dignity and independence for as long as possible. Includes Bedford Ride for residents for medical, etc. reasons.

Free Clinic of Franklin County volunteers provide intake interviews and office assistance. Pharmacists and pharmacist technicians are needed. Some dental care is also provided.

Franklin County Helping Hands volunteers provide financial aid in desperate situations, as well as assess life styles and family budgeting.

God's Provisions volunteers provide food on Saturdays to anyone who drives up on Wednesdays and delivers to shut-ins every month.

Heavenly Manna of Franklin County volunteers help provide food and other assistance to needy families.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) (COMMUNITY) is a ministry that helps residents, age 60 and older, continue to live comfortably, safely and connected to their community in their own home as long as it is practical. NHN serves the lake areas of both Franklin and Bedford counties. Services in the areas of transportation, in-home and social/educational are offered. Daily check-in calls and friendly visits are offered at the member's request. NHN offers individual and individual + one memberships. This ministry gives seniors an opportunity to enjoy the golden years without the burden of daily challenges and gives families comfort in knowing their loved ones are being checked on!

Dee Dee Bondurant 540-420-0712

Janet Pagans -- 540-685-0646

Parish Council (AT TRINITY) is the primary governing body of the parish. Members include representatives from each of the three denominations who serve a 3-year terms each, and the pastors..

Pastoral Support Team (AT TRINITY) provides individual support for the Parish's clergy, both pastors and vicars, who together are committed to serving and supporting the Trinity congregation. The team serves as an advocate for the clergy in their ministries to the parish, while simultaneously serving as liaison channels to both Parish Council and the Personnel Committee, as appropriate. The foundation of the relationship between team members and individual clergy must be one of trust and confidentiality in order to be effective.

Personnel Committee (AT TRINITY) is a Parish Council-appointed group that is responsible for ensuring that all parish staff are provided with equipment/supplies necessary to their job requirements. The Personnel Committee meets once a year with each employee to review job description/requirements and address any questions/concerns. The Personnel Committee members are available at any time to address employee needs/concerns as they arise.

Safety Team was created by the Parish Council in 2017, following the recommendation of an internal Safety Advisory Group that studied Trinity's safety and security for more than a year. The Safety Team is responsible for assessing risk and developing policies & plans addressing Trinity's response to medical emergencies, crime & fire prevention and natural disasters. The team participates in year-round training and provides safety monitors who patrol the building and grounds each Sunday. The team leaders report to the Parish Council and make recommendations concerning a broad spectrum of safety and security issues.

Wheeler Baker—540-488-2401

Scrappy Quilters (AT TRINITY & GLOBAL) is a quilt group organized to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Simple quilts are made using recycled fabric and tied with embroidery thread. Quilts go to approximately 20 countries to provide warmth, shade and/or makeshift carriers for people fleeing from danger. Scrappy Quilters also make quilts for each graduating high school senior. These quilts are blessed and given to the graduates in May. Quilters meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month 10:00am-2:00pm with a break for lunch.
Karen Kesler—434-941-2084

Small Group Ministry (AT TRINITY) maintains and offers information on small groups at Trinity and assists those interested.
Jim Morrison—540-721-1991

SML Good Neighbors (COMMUNITY) is a non-profit organization whose mission is *“To develop good neighbor’s skills and values in children through programs that nourish, educate and support them while providing life-changing experiences for college students through leadership development internships.”* Support for Good Neighbors’ mission are a four (4) week summer enrichment day camp for rising 1st - 6th graders, leadership development opportunities for college students, summer nutrition programs, in-school mentoring, after-school/out of school programming focusing on the arts, about 200 volunteer opportunities each year.
Lisa Lietz—540-721-2581

Stewards of the Earth (AT TRINITY, COMMUNITY & GLOBAL) celebrate God's gift of the Earth by leading Trinity to help heal, restore, and protect it from the effects of man's habitation of the Earth. They sustain ongoing projects including Trinity Trail as a meditative and educational part of our Parish, recycling projects, and educational projects in areas of reusing, recycling, reducing, and renewing natural resources. Stewards of the Earth also sponsor a shredding day in the spring for the community. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
Gael Chaney—276-340-8081

Stewardship Team (AT TRINITY) helps to celebrate God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure by encouraging our joyful use of these gifts for His glory. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
Mitch Reeves - 540-297-1740

Trinity Treasures (AT TRINITY & COMMUNITY) volunteers organize the annual Trinity Treasures fund-raising event held in the fall. Drivers and crew’s pick-up donations of large items (i.e.: appliances, large furniture, etc.) Others price and display items for the day of the event. A team meets Tuesday mornings to sort, clean, box and store donated items.
Geoff Orth—540-297-4819

LEARNING

Adult

Children

Youth

Adult Education helps to plan, resource, and support Adult Sunday School, Bible Study groups, Lenten Soup Suppers, Making Connection classes, book discussion groups, seminars, workshops, and forums. T

Adult Forum/Lenten Study organizes Lenten Soup Suppers and arranges for various speakers and topics that tie into the Lenten season. Various neighborhood groups and Trinity ministries provide the soup and bread for the Soup Suppers.

Making Connections (ADULT) are held in the spring and fall for those interested to learn more about Trinity and those who also desire to become members of the church. Pastor Philip – 721-4330

Men's Ministry (ADULT) meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8am for food, fellowship, and devotionals. Men are encouraged to form special interest groups and participate in service projects. Also, trips of interest are planned. Les Daenzer—540-394-1863

Thursday Morning Bible Study (ADULT) meets every Thursday morning at 10am at Trinity to study the lessons that will be the subject of the upcoming Sunday sermon.

Ave Wenzel – 540-297-1049

Trinity Preschool Ministry

Toddlers is a Christian based program for 2½-year-olds held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12pm during the school year, September to May.

Now I'm Three is a Christian-based program for 3-year-olds that is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12pm during the school year, September to May.

Pre-K is a Christian based program for 4-year-olds that is held Monday through Thursday mornings from 9am to 12pm during the school year, September to May.

Summer Camp is scheduled in early June and again in July. Ages 3 – 5 are invited to go “Into the Woods” as they explore woodland animals through stories, crafts, and music.

Bonita DeLooper – 703-623-0676

Vacation Bible School is a week-long outreach to children Pre-K through elementary school held in June. Its focus is to share the wonder of God and love of Christ with children in our community. Partnering with Trinity Youth Group, adult volunteers are trained and equipped to serve in one of the following areas: prop creation, crafts, drama, teaching, music, registration, refreshments, and recreation. Volunteers are also needed to pray for this ministry. Planning begins in January and leadership needs are communicated to the congregation by early March. Sharon Sicher – 540-721-4330

Women's Retreat Planning Team plans and organizes the bi-annual Trinity women's retreat.

Susan McSlarrow—434-874-0748

Youth Ministry Youth Leaders lead and facilitate youth ministry programs that foster spiritual growth, Christian service and fellowship for youth, grades 6-12, in our Parish and community. The team volunteers to support one or more of the following: Youth Nights, service projects, retreats, Bible study, Children's Christmas worship, recreation & fellowship, and Vacation Bible School. Youth in grades 6-12 meet every Wednesday at 6:15pm (during the school year) for supper at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, followed by fellowship, fun, devotionals, study and planning of projects, mission trips and ministry.

Sharon Sicher – 540-721-4330

GROWING

Preschool

Families

Youth

Family Ministry objective is to equip and empower parents to form their children's faith. They supply resources enabling parents to be Christian educators, opening doors for their children to see the light of God's activity in their lives. They provide opportunities that nurture the entire family: social events, group activities, family nights, and peer-to-peer conversations. This group involves the larger church family through multigenerational connections. Family Ministry works in conjunction with other Trinity ministries that nurture children's faith.
Sharon Sicher – 540-721-4330

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Sharon Sicher – 540-721-4330

WORSHIP

Worship

Music

Acolyte responsibilities include: recruiting, training, and scheduling acolyte participation in worship services. Gael Chaney—276-340-8081

Altar Guild prepares the church for worship services by an ecumenical group that meets each Friday morning at 10am. During this time, the altar guild prepares communion and prepares the Chancel area for worship on Sunday. It cleans up after every Sunday worship to maintain an atmosphere of worship. It also helps manage Celebrations of Life and weddings, manages altar flowers, and supports the Eucharistic Ministry. Becki Fuzi - 540-355-2468

Cross & Banner participates in worship by bearing the Cross and Banner during processions and recessions. Linda Worman—540-204-6876

Folk Group performs six times a year. All instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome, regardless of skill level. Sharon Witherell—540-721-4330

Hand Bells present music at selected worship services and has 4 ½ octaves of hand bells. Sharon Witherell - 540-721-4330

Lay Readers are assigned scripture passages to read during worship service as scheduled in advance by the coordinator. Debbie Tyler—540-721-4330

Nursery is staffed by both volunteers and paid workers. They strive to keep a warm, inviting environment that strikes a balance between education and child care. The Nursery is for children who are too young to sit through worship. Sharon Sicher—540-721-4330

Sanctuary Choir supports worship services by presenting music appropriate to the liturgical season. The Sanctuary Choir also presents 2-3 major works and/or programs with instruments every year. Sharon Witherell - 540-721-4330

Stream & Sound Team sets up, monitors, and adjusts the sound & internet streaming system during worship services and special events. Rich Cairns — 540-721-2278

Ushers serve at worship services by distributing weekly bulletins and assisting with the collection of communion and offerings. Jennifer Thompson—540-297-3950

Worship & Music Team meets with the Pastors and the Director of Music Ministry to provide support and visioning for the development of our worship experience. Sharon Witherell—540-721-4330



Small Groups offer Trinity parishioners many places to connect with one another. Trinity enjoys five types of Small Group opportunities: Loving, Serving, Learning, Growing, and Worship and Music

Benefits of Small Groups:

Help provide you a place to...

Use your gifts and interests to serve God and neighbors

Explore and enrich your faith

Grow, learn, and experience new things

Meet new people and develop friendships

Vision of Small Group Ministry

A culture of ministry at Trinity involving small groups where parishioners can connect meaningfully.

Check out Trinity's Website for updates on inclement weather,
church calendar, Ministry team Leaders and more!

www.trinityecumenical.org

Ministry Booklet published with the help of the Small Group Ministry Team

Contact: Jim Morrison 540-721-1991

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If you have any additions, deletions or changes to the Ministry Book,
please contact Debbie Tyler at Debbie@trinityecumenical.org or 540-721-4330

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