



*Fellowship and study programs for Adults, Youth and Children*



**TAPC Christian Formation**

# opportunities

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- Sept. 13: Youth Group Kickoff
- Sept. 20: Hymn Sing
- Sept. 21: "Pass the Peas" Reality Dinner
- Oct. 10: Taste of Trinity
- Oct. 19: "Pass the Peas" Reality Dinner
- Nov. 11: All Saints Day observed during worship
- Nov. 16: "Pass the Peas" Reality Dinner
- Nov. 18: Thanksgiving Service
- Dec. 6: Christmas Fellowship Night
- Dec. 13: Christmas Cantata at 11:00AM worship
- Dec. 20: Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve: Children's Service at 4:30PM, Services of Lessons and Carols at 5:30 and 8:00PM

## **Children's Worship**

Children's Worship is a time of sacred storytelling with a host and trained storyteller. Following the children's message at 11:00am worship, children ages 4-7 are led from the sanctuary to the children's wing to follow a liturgy of worship that evokes wonder and creative response. This reverent time prepares children to participate in the whole of corporate worship at age 8. On Sundays without communion, parents can pick up their children after worship in the resource room. On communion Sundays, children will return to the sanctuary for the sacrament with their families. For more information, contact Corlis Wood at [cwood20144@aol.com](mailto:cwood20144@aol.com).

## **Women's Bible Study**

If you are seeking an opportunity to break from your day and study scripture, the life of faith and to grow in relationship with others, you are invited to join this women's group. Contact Sloan Nuernberger at [sloan.nuernberger@gmail.com](mailto:sloan.nuernberger@gmail.com) to learn more.

## **Presbyterian Women Circles**

Meeting monthly, two of these gatherings take place in the evening and two in the morning. Each circle meeting includes time for fellowship, study, prayer, and mission.

*Contacts are: Susan Ferguson at 596-3114, or [sfergu4127@earthlink.net](mailto:sfergu4127@earthlink.net)*

## **Men's Morning Bible Study**

This casual group gathers at the church every other Wednesday from 7-8am to provide a hospitable space for men to enjoy fellowship, study Scripture and pray together. Coffee and a breakfast treat are provided. Please contact Ralph Gunderson at [gundr@sprynet.com](mailto:gundr@sprynet.com) for more information. Visitors are welcome!

## **Bible Breakfast Bunch**

This Bible study group meets every Wednesday from 10am-11am in the Tuthill room. The "BBB" has been in place for over twenty years, and enthusiastically welcomes new members. This season's study will be on the gospel of Matthew. *Contact: Kay Williams at 919-620-0797 or [dotkfr@hotmail.com](mailto:dotkfr@hotmail.com)*

## **Centering Prayer**

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). In the midst of full schedules and busy lives, you are invited to gather Fridays from 12-12:30pm in the Chapel for Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a form of contemplative prayer that fosters intimacy with God through the practice of interior and exterior silence. No experience necessary – instruction is available when you arrive. Come and cultivate a quiet center in Christ that you can take with you out into the world.

## **Short Term Electives Classes**

Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details about special topics classes offered by our pastors, other members of the TAPC family and the Durham community.



## **For More Information**

Weekly emails go out with more information about children's and youth events. To receive these communications, or to join the team of volunteers that serve God by serving our youth and children, email Tommy at [tgrimm@trinityave.org](mailto:tgrimm@trinityave.org). It takes an entire church to raise a child in the Christian faith, and we need your help!

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# Children and Youth

## Children's Sunday School

Sunday School seeks to form our little ones to know and practice the love of Christ. At 10am in the children's wing, preK-5<sup>th</sup> graders gather for to sing, hear Scripture, and practice generosity. They then divide into classes to pray, explore Scripture, and care for one another, using the PC(USA) curriculum *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*. Your child's regular participation in Sunday School is one of the best ways to prepare them for lifelong Christian discipleship.

## Kids Club

On the first Sunday of every month beginning in October and ending in May, all third, fourth, and fifth graders are invited for spirited learning and play while engaging in service to the church and community. For more information, contact Tommy at [tgrimm@trinityave.org](mailto:tgrimm@trinityave.org).

## FaithGirlz

Girls in third grade through middle school are invited to gather on the third Sunday of the month from 12:00-2pm for a time of devotion and fellowship. The group does a wide range of activities to grow together in faith, and occasionally meets at times other than Sunday afternoon. For more information, contact Dawn Wilcox at [dawnwilcox@nc.rr.com](mailto:dawnwilcox@nc.rr.com).

*As a church, we seek to nurture the love of Jesus Christ among young people in our midst, supporting them as they grow as disciples, worship God, and serve those in need.*

## Middle School Sunday School

In a class that delves into serious study of the Bible without taking itself too seriously, youth and adults will ask questions, draw pictures, perform activities, and play games to explore Scripture and practice Christian community. In other words, it's interesting and fun – and there's often food, too! (Upstairs education wing)

## High School Sunday School

Youth and adults gather each week to share highs and lows, to open Scripture together, and to share questions and reflections about life. Usually, there's something to munch on as well. This is a space where youth can be themselves, sharing honestly and learning from one another. (Upstairs education wing)

## Youth Group

On Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, youth gather with adult advisers at the church for food, fun, and faith-formation. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome, be they spiritual savants, perplexed pilgrims, or determined doubters. Non-church friends can join the ride, too. We'll also enjoy special events nearly every month. To receive a youth calendar along with more information, email Tommy at [tgrimm@trinityave.org](mailto:tgrimm@trinityave.org).



## Boy Scout Troop 412

Young men are invited to grow in relationship with God, creation, one another and themselves through scouting. Contact Bobby Stockburger with interest at [robert.stockburger@almacgroup.com](mailto:robert.stockburger@almacgroup.com)

## Acolyte Ministry

Children ages 6 – 11 are invited to care for the congregation's worship at 11am by serving as an acolyte, tending to the sanctuary at the start and close of worship to pave the way from God's throne to God's world. Contact Laura Garrett at [lrgarrett3@gmail.com](mailto:lrgarrett3@gmail.com) for more details.

# Adult Sunday School

## Connect and Deepen

This class led by Carl Badger will be looking at and discussing the fundamental Creeds of the Church, focusing on the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, along with some attention to the rest of the Book of Confessions of our Church. The Apostles and Nicene Creeds are the most universally accepted creeds throughout the Church's history and throughout the Church today, and we will investigate their origins, their Scriptural basis, the meaning of the different elements, the controversies that gave rise to different phrases, and the impact such formulations have had on forming the Church's faith and its challenges for us today as we continue to confess that "Jesus is Lord". (Upstairs education wing)

## Life and Faith Class

This class meets each Sunday morning to discuss the intersection of current events and the life of faith. Using the Wired Word and other media outlets as conversation starters, they explore the biblical, theological, and practical dimensions of the week's news stories. (Bridal Parlor)

## First-Hand Faith

This class of adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s enjoys growing deeper in faith and relationship together. Each morning allows for some fellowship and sharing; laughter comes easily and new faces are always welcomed. Then these students of scripture turn their attention to the intersection of Word and world. This fall, class leaders will facilitate conversation around the Wired Word resource and Trinity Avenue's practice of Word-Share-Prayer. (Upstairs education wing)

## George Mathis Class

This adult class has for many decades been highly regarded not only for its good lessons, but also for its music, hospitality, and great fellowship. We use the quarterly publication for Christian teaching interspersed with learning through a series of lessons focusing on Biblical history. Teaching rotates among four different leaders. We also have regular fellowship activities (quarterly luncheons and a Christmas party). You are cordially invited to join our class where you will be warmly welcomed! (Upstairs education wing)

## George Watts Class

Members enjoy studying the Word, singing old hymns, and one another's fellowship in this long-established Sunday School class which enthusiastically welcomes new adult members of all ages. We have a rotating "faculty" of five teachers. We meet in the Tuthill Room, on the first floor next to the parlor.

## Sola Scriptura

Led by Tom Robinson, this class strives to study the Holy Scriptures amid lively conversation. The class is open to all ages. One need \*not\* have significant knowledge of or background in the Scriptures to participate in the discussion. As far as possible, each Sunday session is self-contained. At least through December, we will read and discuss one---sometimes two---Scripture passages appointed weekly within the Revised Common Lectionary. While class members will have advance notice of the Lectionary choice or choices for the upcoming class, no specific preparation is required. (Upstairs education wing).

