

Trinity United Methodist Church - 2019 Missional Budget

Vision

Trinity United Methodist Church is called to make disciples for Jesus Christ, to transform the community, and the world.

Mission

In obedience to Matthew 25: 31-41, Trinity's mission is to challenge both ourselves and our communities to share the Good News of the Kingdom of God through acts of mercy and justice, compassion and love, and piety and intentional faith development.



Our vision and mission are not about “meeting the budget” or “all about money.” This Missional Budget presents some of the stories, efforts and passions that develop disciples and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we move into a new year, we reflect on the blessings of 2018 and all the accomplishments made possible by the generosity of this church with its prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Trinity United Methodist Church is transforming our community and the world through our mission. For this 2019 Missional Budget, each area of ministry stemming from the core values of passionate worship, risk-taking mission and service, intentional faith

development, radical hospitality, and extravagant generosity includes a portion of Trinity's operating expenses, conference apportionments, and salaries. The Trinity Pastoral Counseling Center (TPCC) is a self-sustaining ministry unit that is a vital program of Trinity, so its operating budget is included in this budget as ministry expense and as ministry income.

2019 Minimum Total Ministry Expense: \$ 581,879

Passionate Worship

Minimum Investment \$140,096

Worship, an ongoing process of faith, was carried out in diverse ways. Worship, a key spiritual practice of Christian life, is meant to be practiced in community. The pastoral leadership engages our congregation in authentic contemporary and traditional worship experiences. Throughout Scripture, we are instructed to worship God. Members of this church invest themselves in authentically worshipping God. Through worship, we instill beliefs from our heads to our hearts in order to honor God in the way God deserves to be glorified. We worship God for who God is and what God has done for us, our church, and our community.

In 2019, we will continue to be led by our pastoral team of the Rev. Dr. Eliezer Valentín-Castañón, senior pastor, and our Associate Pastor, Suzanne Jones. We will work to keep our worship experience authentic and continue to seek new practices and fresh ideas for enriching our worship. The Taizé prayer service is another way for us to come together to worship God through prayer and meditation on the second Wednesday of every month. The budget provides for the implementation of new worship experiences that will engage the congregation in community with others leading us closer to God. We will continue with both a contemporary worship service at 8:45 am and a traditional worship service at 11:10 am each Sunday. Two Sundays are dedicated to youth led worship each year. Our Music and Media teams will continue to enrich our worship experience with their wonderful gifts for music and ingenuity. The Praise Band leader, Devin Inman, will continue to lead the music at the contemporary service, our Children's Church will continue the faith formation of our young children every Sunday, and our Altar Guild will continue to make our sanctuary an inviting and welcoming worship center that honors and glorifies God throughout the liturgical seasons of the church.

Risk-Taking Mission and Service

Minimum Investment \$103,560

For Trinity United Methodist Church Risk-taking Mission and Service refers to the projects, efforts, and work required to make a difference in the lives of others in our community and world. Risk-taking pushes us out of our comfort zone, stretching us beyond service to people we already know, experiencing people, situations, and needs that we would not ordinarily encounter apart from our deliberate intention to serve Christ. We offer opportunities for all people to make a difference in the lives of others through service projects, volunteer opportunities, lay care giving, and mission initiatives. We will engage in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the values of the Kingdom of God (*equality, freedom, inclusiveness, fairness, peace-making, humbleness, righteousness*) in our community and in our world.

In 2018, our Missions Team completed a record total of 1,163 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child with a total of over 1,050 shoeboxes completed at the packing party. A team from Trinity also went to Boone, NC, to help with Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Take-Out Tuesdays were held throughout the year to help pay shipping costs for the shoeboxes. The link between Trinity and Community Living continued to thrive in 2018 with spring and Christmas parties. The Missions Team continued with quarterly food drives for the Frederick Food Bank, a yearly collection for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), a Mother's Day collection for Heartly House, a Father's Day collection for Beacon House, a collection of school supplies for teachers and students at Lincoln Elementary School, and monthly meals to the Frederick Rescue Mission. Through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP), twelve youth, young adults, and adults went on a mission trip to Brenton, West Virginia, to serve as the hands and feet of Christ for a week. The Women's Ministry Team also collected donations for the Care Net Pregnancy Center and partnered with an International Justice Mission (IJM) field office in Mumbai, India to sponsor a rescue. The Member Care & Nurture Team sent care packages to our college students so that they know that they are loved.

In 2019, the Missions Team will continue its mission with Operation Christmas Child and Community Living. The Missions Team is planning a disaster recovery mission trip. We will continue to host the Emergency Family Shelter through the Religious Coalition. The youth will spend a week in July serving on another mission trip through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). Church & Society will communicate positions on a variety of timely issues and engage with our community to develop partnerships to strengthen our engagement in acts of mercy and justice. Our

Church & Society team will continue supporting events that advocate positive change in society with regards to civil and human rights, economic justice, environmental justice, health and wholeness, peace and justice, and women and children. The Women's Ministry team will continue with its collection for the Care Net Pregnancy Center with its baby bottle collection and continue to educate the congregation and strengthen our partnership with the Mumbai, India office of IJM for the rescue. As a church, we will continue to provide Stephen Ministry, a one-on-one confidential caring ministry, to members of the church and community.

Intentional Faith Development

Minimum Investment \$134,340

At Trinity we believe that all people should be engaged in learning opportunities allowing our faith to grow and our intellect to be challenged. We seek a growing faith. We will engage in acts of piety, through the spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer, stewardship, and Bible study. Learning is demonstrated in all ministries that help us grow in faith beyond weekly worship, such as Bible studies, Sunday school classes, support groups, Vacation Bible School (VBS) and prayer groups. We will offer opportunities for children, youth, and adults to learn at all stages of faith. In 2018, the Women's Bible Study continued on Wednesdays. A Men's Bible Study continued on Tuesday mornings led by Don Fine. We were blessed to welcome 5 new members to our church, in addition to two confirmed youth in 2018. We had a successful Vacation Bible School (VBS), reaching 95 children and parents. Kids In Action continued to present activities that makes our kids want to follow the teachings of Jesus.

In 2019, Kids In Action will continue its outreach to children and families including spiritual transformation and service opportunities. Bible studies will continue to be offered on Sundays during Grow Time and throughout the week. The Taizé prayer service constitute another way for our congregation to continue to grow spiritually, as we engage in a communal time of prayer on the second Wednesday of each month. In 2019, the Young Adult Ministry team will continue to bring young adults together with events throughout the year for fellowship and growing their faith. The Young Adult Ministry Team will be holding a night of praise and worship in the spring. The Church & Society team will continue to bring speakers and book studies to Trinity to continue to promote learning opportunities that help us engage our church and our community in acts of justice, mercy and compassion in church and society.

Radical Hospitality

Minimum Investment \$139,257

Trinity's practice of radical hospitality is evangelistic and demonstrates an active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are not only members, but also visitors and strangers so that we may all find a spiritual home and discover the richness of life with Christ. We will engage in acts of compassion and love that are inclusive of all persons regardless of age, gender, ethnic background, race, sexual identity, economic status or social class as we seek to worship the living God together. For Trinity, this core value includes pastoral care for all people.

In 2018, our Fellowship and Hospitality team managed the Trinity kitchen to ensure a clean, well-stocked facility was available to meet our church needs. They held various events throughout the year to encourage fellowship within the Trinity community including: a fish fry on Good Friday, a Confirmation banquet dinner, an ice cream social, the annual church picnic in September, two trivia nights, and the annual Cookie Walk in December. They provided food and support for several funeral receptions to assist Trinity families in their time of need. In 2018, the Trustees ensured that our church was a welcoming place with their ongoing care of our facility, believing that our mission as the church is to reach out and connect our faith and the world. The Trustees have continued repairs with the HVAC systems, the flat part of the roof above the kitchen and education wing, and numerous inspections to keep us safe. In 2018, we welcomed the District Superintendents' office for the Western Region to their new office space within our facility. The trustees have cared for our church both inside and out.

In 2019, the Fellowship and Hospitality team will continue to hold events throughout the year to encourage fellowship within our church and community. Radical hospitality also includes making our meeting spaces available to outside groups. Our church provides spaces for many groups throughout the week and month. For the past two years we have held the Martin Luther King, Jr., Beloved Community Celebration, which has brought hundreds of people to our MPR. We have held also the Religious Leaders Breakfast, which helps the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs to share its story of how God is working in our community through our combined effort. These two events are ongoing. In addition, other groups that will continue to meet in our building are The Boy Scouts, The Girl Scouts, The Sea Scouts, Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), and Alanon. The Cluster Spires Chorus regularly practices in our multipurpose room. The Potomac Valley Fly Fisher's Class, Kairos

Prison Ministry, the Frederick Interfaith Group, and Frederick for Social and Economic Justice hold meetings in our facilities, as well as many other groups.

Extravagant Generosity

Minimum Investment \$64,626

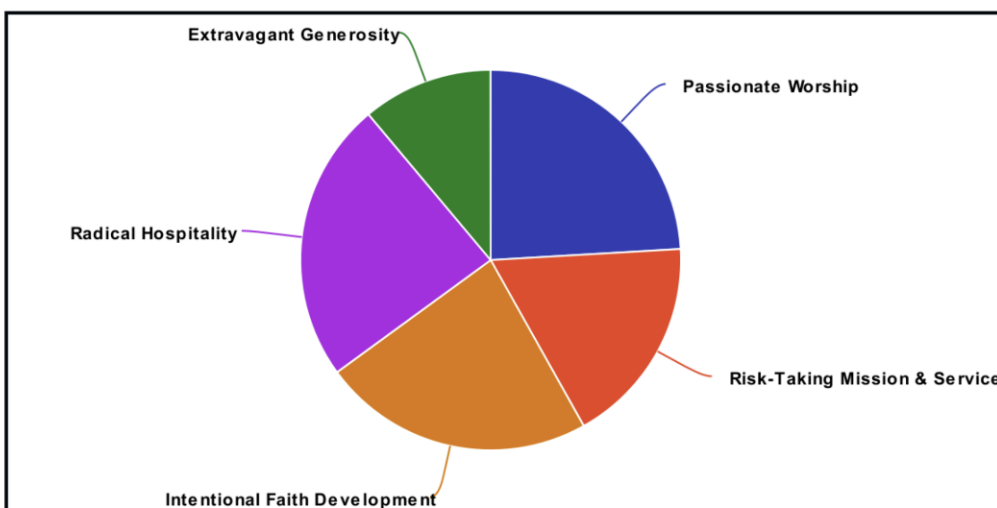
Generosity describes the Christian’s unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference in the name of Jesus Christ. We support ministries that address our spiritual needs, our material needs, we seek for people to give in ways that exceed expectations and extend to inspiring heights in order to glorify God. Our congregation will thrive because of the extraordinary sharing, willingness to give sacrificially, and with a joyous spirit, in order to show our love to God and to our neighbors. .

In 2018, we studied Enough by Adam Hamilton, challenging our community to change our lives by changing our relationship with money. We reached nearly 300 family units and received 93 pledge commitments for a total of \$313,766 for our ministry in 2019. Because of the extravagant generosity of this church in 2018, we have had significant improvement in church finances. The offerings collected on Sundays and through electronic giving were \$497,018.57. We paid our apportionments in full. We were also blessed to receive a bequest of \$211,798.58 from the estate of Dorothy Piper. We have paid off the Line of Credit debt, which has been a debt we have carried for many years. The Stewardship and Finance team will continue to prioritize fully paying our apportionment and building up our capital improvement account to fund future repairs. The team will continue to investigate various giving options to make giving accessible to everyone and to fully fund the ministries of our church.

In 2019, our Stewardship and Finance Team will continue to hold its Annual Commitment to Ministry. The Stewardship and Finance team will continue to offer quarterly question-and-answer sessions during Grow Time to keep the congregation informed of church finances and how their generosity is funding the ministries of the church to further its vision and mission. We have offered, and will continue to offer, Financial Peace University in both English and Spanish.

2019 Missional Budget Summary

Passionate Worship (24% of the budget)	\$140,096
Risk-Taking Mission and Service (18% of the budget)	\$103,560
Intentional Faith Development (23% of the budget)	\$134,340
Radical Hospitality (24% of the budget)	\$139,257
<u>Extravagant Generosity (11% of the budget)</u>	<u>+ \$ 64,626</u>
Total 2019 Ministry Expense	\$581,879
<u>Total 2019 Ministry Income (Church rental, fundraising, TPCC)</u>	<u>- \$ 67,312</u>
Total Ministry Investment Needed	\$514,567
<u>2018 Annual Commitment to Ministry (pledges)</u>	<u>- \$313,766</u>
Additional Giving Needed for Ministry	\$200,801



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