

SECURE THE FUTURE



TRINITY CHURCH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
2023

A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTORS

Dear Trinity family,

Regardless of your position, vision is always about the future. A parent thinks about their child's and their family's future. The leader ponders where the organization needs to be to secure a bright tomorrow.

The same is true for the church. The future of any congregation is as bright as its deliberate vision for its children and young families. And we are extremely excited about Trinity's future and how the Lord will secure the spiritual life and health of our next generations.

A new and dedicated space for our kids is a huge part of our vision. The new addition out back will serve as a place for our kids to experience church and be an inviting place for families in our community seven days a week. Imagine a beautiful, welcoming indoor place for children to play and Trinity families to connect with others. This will be a place of lifelong warmth and security, a space that feels like home to all kids—from their time in diapers until they receive their diplomas.

Through the faithfulness of the Lord, the future of Trinity is exciting for all of us. We thank you for joining us in investing in and securing that future.

Faithfully yours,
Pastors Paul and Ty



PAUL SARTARELLI
Lead Pastor



TY WAARDENBURG
Senior Associate Pastor

LOOKING AHEAD IN STUDENT MINISTRY



IAN NEALE
Next Gen Pastor

At Trinity, we believe that our students are not only the future of the church but also that they are the church of today and tomorrow. This is why our ministry is uniquely designed to reach students where they are and help them establish foundations for a lifelong journey of discipleship.

It is our vision to see students invest in their relationship with God beyond Sunday morning. Each Trinity Student Ministry program is intentionally designed to provide students with opportunities to hear the Gospel, connect with Christ and one another, and be active participants in their church community.

This is an exciting time for our ministry! As we see more and more students here at our regular Sunday evening Youth Group, we are also expanding our programming to meet the needs of teenagers and accomplish our mission of helping build foundations for lifelong discipleship.

ELEVATE is our high school discipleship ministry where students are called to elevate their faith as a priority in their lives. These discipleship groups meet throughout the week and are designed to help equip young people practically for life with a biblical worldview, develop a love and passion for the local church, and provide a place of healthy community that fosters spiritual growth.

Our New City class is a one-year curriculum that students begin in sixth grade. This Sunday morning class uses the New City Catechism and teaches students, through gospel-centered lessons as well as hands-on experiences, essential foundations of the Christian faith and what we believe.

Student Life is an in-house curriculum being developed with the needs of our seventh and eighth graders in mind. Launching in 2024, this Sunday morning class will help students develop skills and disciplines all Christians should learn. They will spend time reading the Bible, learn how to pray intentionally, be encouraged to keep a journal, and also be equipped to talk to their friends and family about the Gospel.

We have so many exciting things we could mention, but we only had room to give you the highlights. We didn't even mention the Student Leadership Team, the Student Praise Band, or other programs like the Mission Team and Bootcamp. As we look to securing our future, we know that that time is now with the students we have here and the many more we will see in the coming years. This new space that you are praying over and giving toward will be filled throughout the week with teenagers being led and walked beside as they begin their lifelong journey as disciples.

PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS

While our ministry to teens and college students may be called "Next Gen," it is important for us to remember that today's teens and young adults are not the future of the church. **They are the church.** Our young people are the church of today and tomorrow, and what better time to show them that we are a church and a people who are ready to invest in them.

IAN NEALE



Exterior View. The outside of the new addition will echo the Gathering Space by including stone columns and an airy vestibule. A limited-use, limited-access elevator will allow parents with strollers to more easily access the Worship Center and main church building.

This is an exciting time for Trinity! My mind keeps wondering what our church could be like with this new space. Who could we reach for Christ's glory? I ask you this: Will you be a part of the blessing of the children and families of Trinity and our local community with this Next Gen space?

KRISTEN WOLF



Interior View. Designed to be both welcoming and functional with a big dose of fun, the new Next Gen space will feature open and versatile spaces alongside activity zones for kids of all ages.

Overhead Cutaway. The seamless connection to our existing children's area is clearly visible in the rendering below. Notice how much space is gained across two floors that includes not only a new multipurpose room for programs such as Lionheart, KidsTown Live, and Youth Group, but also four new classrooms (two on each floor) that will enhance the learning and engagement process for kids and adults alike.



SUGGESTED GIFT PLANS

The gift plans listed here are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your intention. Please review the gift plans carefully and select one that fits your family's financial situation.

TOTAL PLEDGE	10% DOWN PAYMENT	90% BALANCE	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	DAILY SACRIFICE
\$200,000	\$20,000	\$180,000	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$164.38
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	\$30,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$82.19
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$41.10
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$7,500	\$1,875	\$625	\$20.55
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$18,000	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$16.44
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$250	\$8.22
\$7,000	\$700	\$6,300	\$2,100	\$525	\$175	\$5.75
\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$375	\$125	\$4.11
\$4,000	\$400	\$3,600	\$1,200	\$300	\$100	\$3.29
\$3,000	\$300	\$2,700	\$900	\$225	\$75	\$2.47
\$1,500	\$150	\$1,350	\$450	\$113	\$38	\$1.23

Reminders as you make and fulfill your campaign pledge:

- Your giving should be made over a period of 36 months or less (as you have prayerfully designated on your prayer card).
- Your pledge giving is meant to be over and above your regular tithes and offering. (The regular tithes cover the day-to-day ministries and operations of Trinity. Your pledge giving will be used entirely for the campaign.)
- Receipt of your pledge, pledge reminders, and a special offering envelope (and place for online giving) will be made available to you.
- Your signed pledge is an indication of your intention and is also important to the banking institution that will provide us a short-term (three-year) loan. (However, the pledges are not "legally" binding, nor will you get a "bill" from Trinity.)
- Of course, your pledge (like your tithes and offering) are deductible for tax purposes.

WAYS TO GIVE

Pledges Via Cash, Check, Credit Card, or Bank Draft

Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment. Make sure to select your frequency of payment (i.e., monthly, quarterly, annually, or one-time payment[s]). Please make checks payable to Trinity Church, denoting "Secure the Future" in the memo line. Contributions can also be made by credit card or bank draft at trinitymentor.com/thelink.

Gifts of Stock

You can make gifts in the form of shares of stock, mutual funds, etc. Trinity maintains an account at TD Ameritrade which will accept shares directly. You do not have to sell the shares first. Making donations in this manner *may* have positive tax benefits for you. Please consult a tax expert for advice. Contact the church office for details on where to send the shares.

Gifts of Property, Life Insurance, Annuities, Wills, or Bequests

There are different ways to support Trinity Church both today and in years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities, or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please consult your financial advisor or estate planner for more information about this option.

Gifts from Retirement Accounts

The 2010 Relief Act permits individuals age 70.5 and older to make a contribution up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to a qualifying charity. This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Depending on your circumstances, this type of donation may not be considered as taxable income and may also satisfy Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) requirements. Please contact a financial advisor for additional information regarding donations made directly from retirement accounts.



All contributions to the capital campaign are tax deductible for those who itemize deductions when filing income taxes up to IRS limits. Please consult your financial/tax advisor regarding your donations.



Because we are ages 95 and 93, we clearly see the need for more Christian teaching for our children, both young and old. So much of what reaches their ears and minds is not from God. It is crucial that Trinity Church, solidly based on the Word of God, provides more space for more children and teenagers. It is our responsibility as Trinity parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents to fill this need.

Richard and Sally Mann

If you have ever been nearly steamrolled by a pride of energetic children in the Gathering Space, chances are you have met some of our three kiddos. We apologize for that! It's only one of the many reasons we are excited for the new addition to Trinity. The space will meet the needs of our young children now as they attend Lionheart and will also be a space that we pray will be a big part of their lives as they grow and transition into youth group. We love that this space will bring families together and strengthen our sense of community within Trinity. It takes a village to raise up children and we are so excited that Trinity understands this and wants to come alongside families by creating this new space!

Joel and Jordyn Rabe
with Brayton (7), Noah (5), and Elliott Grace (2)



We are excited about having a space that will give Trinity's younger families a dedicated space to connect and build relationships with one another. It will give us the flexibility our growing programs need and a place to play and be together with other families. This new space will make a statement to our community that we love Lake County enough to build a church for those who have yet to come to Trinity! Making this decision to invest in our next generation will continue to further the gospel in our community for generations to come.

Matt and Kelsie Ozinga

THE FUTURE OF TRINITY KIDS

As we are starting to look toward the future of Kids' Ministry, let's look at what we currently offer the children of Trinity from birth to fifth grade at both our 9:30am and our 11:00am services.

At 9:30am, we offer childcare with biblical lessons for infants through pre-K. The Orange Curriculum that our ministry partners use teaches our children that Jesus wants to be their friend forever as well as key Bible verses. The first service hour also includes our Lionheart program for elementary-aged children. Lionheart is a unique curriculum developed by our Trinity staff and is geared toward families with kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. It is centered around the gospel and uses the stories of *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis to help cultivate a community and communicate biblical truths.

During our 11:00 service, all levels combine child development and theology to create a comprehensive ministry curriculum and strategy for every phase of a kid's life to influence their faith. From infant through fifth grade, every child will come away from their time on Sunday mornings knowing essential truths and understanding that God loves them and has great plans for them. Children up through third grade continue to explore the Orange Curriculum while fourth and fifth graders follow their own studies using Grapple, a curriculum developed and designed with them in mind.

Creating a new space for the next generation will allow Kids' Ministry to offer our children and their families multiple new events and activities. Some ideas include multi-generational events, parent-child relationship-building activities, new Sunday morning kids' activities, and even a Kids' Deep Dive into Pastor Paul's next message series. We would also like to use this new space as a place to benefit our community by offering it to local families during the weekdays when northeastern Ohio winters hit us hard, or our summers get too hot to be outdoors, because we know kids still need a large space to be active. Trinity's Next Gen Space could be the place that local families choose to come to—a place where Trinity can love on the community while they are here with the next generation.

We, as a staff, have spent some time dreaming about what this will mean for our children and their families as well as our local community. It really is an endless stream of ideas to help bring the next generation to love and honor Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.



Kristen K. Wolf

KRISTEN WOLF
Children's Ministry Director

BY THE
NUMBERS

Q: How was the price tag of \$1.9 million determined? What does this amount encompass?

A: The \$1.9 million includes the following:

Square footage of building	\$1,500,000
Furnishings, technology, landscaping, etc.	\$223,000
Sprinkler system (required by code)	\$77,000
Expected and unexpected overages	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$1,900,000

Q: Will our pledges alone pay for the projects of this campaign?

A: The goal is “yes.” With Trinity family pledges and a bit of accrued monies, the plan is to secure a construction/short-term loan and pay it off as close to the end of the three-year pledge period as possible.

Q: What is the target date of the Next Gen space construction?

A: At the earliest, construction would begin in summer of 2023. At the latest, we would aim to begin in spring of 2024.

Q: We already have a children’s area. Why do we need a new one?

A: Over the past two years, our children’s ministry attendance numbers have increased by 30% while our student ministry has continued to grow in both their Sunday and mid-week gatherings. This trend is combined with the changing spatial needs of today’s next gen ministry that is different now than when our current children’s space was built in the mid-1990s. These upgrades will prepare us for the growing future we are moving towards here at Trinity.



Father, we pray for the children, the teens, and the families that we will have the opportunity to serve and disciple and love. May they all find a welcome here, a purpose here, and you—their Lord—here.



From the Chairman of our Elder Board...

There are some things at Trinity that never change—namely, that the belief that the transforming power of the gospel of Christ assures our salvation, the desire to grow and mature as believers is a call on each of us, and the sharing of that gospel starts locally but extends nationally and internationally as we work with and support various mission agencies. Adhering to these truths has made Trinity a vital part of the Mentor faith community for over forty years.

Other aspects of life at Trinity, like many other churches, tend to change on a somewhat regular basis. As time goes by we see changes in the people that make up the body, changes to leadership teams, and even changes to the facility in which we worship.

In recent years, we have improved our facility by updating the Worship Center and the office spaces and restroom areas outside the main worship area. The Gathering Space expansion has created a welcoming spot for visitors as well as a large open space that invites fellowship. These recent changes have benefited, for the most part, adult worshippers and guests.

The leadership groups at Trinity believe that the time is right to invigorate our Next Gen ministry by expanding our facility. The addition would include open space, recreation areas, and classrooms. A vibrant Next Gen ministry is vital to the growth and attractiveness of a local church. A strong children’s ministry not only teaches the Word to the young, it also encourages families to grow closer to each other while growing closer to God.

My family and I started attending Trinity over twenty-five years ago. On our second week in attendance, the church had a celebration and dedication of the completed “Phase 2” addition which included the current kitchen, Fellowship Hall, and classroom areas. We have been blessed to watch our three children (and now two grandchildren!) move through the children’s and youth programs thanks to the dedicated ministry partners who serve in those ministries. An updated area for kids and those who teach them will position Trinity to help raise up the next generation...or two...or three.

I am excited about this building program and what it would mean to the future of Trinity, and I would encourage other members to also support it as you are able.

Sincerely,
Jeff Wilson



Thank you for investing in the ministries and future of Trinity. We are grateful to have you join us on this journey toward the next big thing that God has planned for the life and people of his church. Together, we can fulfill our calling as stewards and servants of the resources God has so generously blessed Trinity with for over forty years.

*One generation will declare your works to the next
and will proclaim your mighty acts.*

[Psalm 145:4]

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

[Matthew 19:14]

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