



GREETINGS

FROM TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity is a caring and supportive community of faith. We are proud of our history and heritage and focused on shaping our future. We are

- ✦ a welcoming community that is accepting of those who are different.
- ✦ a place to experience genuine relationships that help us grow.
- ✦ a church family who volunteers in our community.
- ✦ a congregation who values tradition, music, and prayer in their worship.

Our mission is to seek, serve, and honor God in all we do. We face many challenges now and into the future including

- ✦ strengthening our presence in Findlay and Hancock County.
- ✦ attracting new members of all ages.
- ✦ improving communication within the congregation.
- ✦ better serving our neighborhood and the community at large.
- ✦ addressing the spiritual needs of our parishioners.

In an effort to address our challenges, we have set four short-term goals.

- ✦ Improve internal communication.
- ✦ Expand the visibility of Trinity in the community.
- ✦ Improve administrative operations.
- ✦ Promote parish growth.



FINDLAY, OHIO

OUR COMMUNITY



The warm and engaging community of [Findlay](#), the county seat of [Hancock County](#), is located in Northwest Ohio, 40 miles south of Toledo. With a population of 42,000, Findlay is the second largest city in Northwest Ohio and one of a few communities in the region where the population is growing. Industry and agriculture combine to provide a well-integrated basis for Findlay's prosperity. It's this remarkable diverse economy that offers stability and one of the lowest unemployment rates in Ohio. This highly coveted economic stability results in the enrichment and growth of many aspects of our Findlay community.

Findlay was ranked the **2014 #1 Micropolitan Community** by *Site Selection Magazine* for new and expanding business facilities. The city was recently awarded a significant grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to revitalize our active downtown Main Street. Our vital downtown shopping district flourishes with a variety of restaurants, wine merchants, and specialty shopping. Marathon Petroleum Corporation is expanding their corporate headquarters by adding two new office buildings, two parking structures, and 150 new jobs. Cooper Tire & Rubber Company is constructing a Global Technology Center and adding 40 new jobs. A large McLane Distribution Center will supply 425 new positions soon. Trinity's location, one block from Main Street, is certainly an asset.

Music and the arts are alive and thriving in Findlay and there is something for everyone. The [Arts Partnership](#) organizes and supports a variety of programs, performances, and educational opportunities for Findlay and Hancock County. We are especially excited for the new [Marathon Center for the Performing Arts](#) scheduled to open within the next year. This expansive facility will allow even more and varied performances by local artists and attract world class theatrical productions. The University of Findlay's [Mazza Museum](#) houses the world's largest collection of original art from children's picture books.



Education is a life-long experience in Findlay. It is well supported by our community and committed to excellence. [Findlay City Schools](#) offers a variety of extra-curricular activities, clubs, and athletic programs for students of all ages.

- ✦ [Findlay High School](#) offers a diverse curriculum with a focus on the arts and sciences for its 2000 students on a recently renovated campus.
- ✦ [Millstream Career Center](#) offers top-notch technical training on its brand new, state-of-the-art campus.
- ✦ [Donnell](#) and [Glenwood](#) Middle Schools were newly built in 2013.
- ✦ There are four Intermediate (3-5) campuses, four Primary (K-2) campuses, and one K-5 campus.
- ✦ [Hancock County](#) is also home to a number of quality public and private schools.



The [University of Findlay](#) on North Main Street is a private liberal arts college nationally known for equestrian studies, pre-veterinary medicine, nuclear medicine, occupational/physical therapy, environmental safety, and occupational health management programs. [Winebrenner Seminary](#), [Owens Community College](#), and [Brown Mackie College](#) also offer a variety of higher and continuing education programs.

Findlay's community activities are rich and varied. Among the favorites is the [Flag City Balloon Fest](#). The evening illuminations are a photographer's dream, the colors spectacular. Other activities include an annual downtown [Art Walk](#), holiday home tours, wine tasting festival, Boogie on Main Street, [Hancock County Fair](#), weekly [Farmer's Market](#), and many more activities for adults, children, and families. The local [YMCA](#) has two newly renovated branches and partners with the [City of Findlay](#) to manage its public swimming pool and athletic programs. [Hancock Park District](#) is one of Ohio's premier districts, with wonderful indoor and outdoor facilities, fishing, biking and hiking trails, and interpretive programs throughout the county. [Van Buren State Park](#) is a favorite destination for campers, fishermen, and nature lovers.

Findlay offers a lot to anyone interested in relocating. Perhaps the most important aspect of Findlay life is the enthusiasm with which we're moving full steam ahead.



Community Outreach Tradition

The Trinity family has a long history of engaging in community support programs as a way to seek, serve, and honor God.

We are a founding parish of [Hancock Christian Clearing House](#), which was established over 20 years ago by a group of local churches to meet emergency needs of those in the community, such as assistance with rent and utility payments, food, or prescriptions.

Recently we have been involved in the planning and start-up funding of the Adult Day Center of the [City Mission](#), which provides shelter, food, and job-search resources to the homeless during daytime hours. Our members continue to donate food and supplies for this program throughout the year.

We participate in many other community programs in such as the [Backyard Mission Trip](#), Books and Blankets led by our Sunday school youth, and Christmas Giving Tree for [Chopin Hall](#), a local partnership to help anyone in need. For decades, Trinity has provided gathering space for weekly Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings. For the past 14 years we have held Taize worship for people of all faiths.



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Brief History of our Parish

An historic jewel located in downtown Findlay, Ohio, Trinity is the second oldest continuously used church building in the city.

The first Episcopal service was held in Findlay on May 16, 1881. The congregation chose the name Trinity a few weeks after Bishop Gregory T. Bedell, third Bishop of Ohio, consented to the request for a mission. Thirty-four people signed the request.

- ✙ 1882 First confirmation class presented
- ✙ 1887 Cornerstone of the first church building laid on what is now Lima Avenue
- ✙ 1893 Church building and its contents destroyed by fire
- ✙ 1893 Cornerstone laid for current building on West Hardin Street on the same day a class of four was presented for confirmation
- ✙ 1937 Parish Hall added, later becoming a very popular venue for social events
- ✙ 1960 Education and office wing built adjacent to the Parish Hall
- ✙ 2005 Nave renovated to correct structural issues and add air conditioning

With God's guidance and the help of many parishioners who maintain our church home, Trinity will continue to be a beacon of peace and hope in our community.



To learn more about Trinity's history, visit www.findlayepiscopal.org

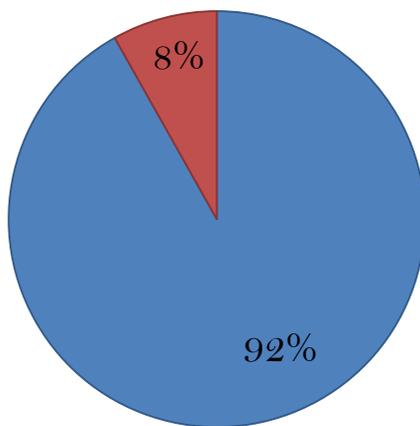


TRINITY BY THE NUMBERS

	2014	2013	2012
Households	93	100	111
Baptized Persons	171	149	198
Communicants	165	165	185
Average Weekly Attendance	67	77	85

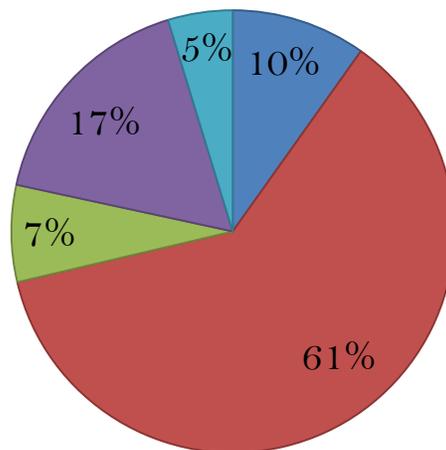
2014 Income

- Tithes and Offerings \$131,821
- Other \$11,705



2014 Expenses

- Outreach \$14,115
- Personnel \$88,245
- Operations \$10,148
- Property \$24,245
- Surplus \$6,773



	2014	2013	2012
Tithes & Offerings	\$131,821	\$116,453	\$121,370
Special Offerings	3,284	2,404	3,532
Memorials	1,502	1,430	1,354
Miscellaneous	3,511	3,295	1,957
Investments	3,408	3,504	3,806
	\$143,526	\$127,086	\$132,019

	2014	2013	2012
Outreach	\$14,115	\$13,843	\$14,418
Personnel	88,245	88,979	93,399
Operations	10,148	9,330	9,281
Property	24,245	20,700	19,663
	\$136,753	\$132,852	\$136,761

Net Surplus/(Deficit) \$6,773 \$(5,776) \$(4,742)

Assets for 2014	
Cash	\$28,671
Investments	164,178
Land	27,000
Buildings*	1,449,123
Furniture & Fixtures	14,343
Total Assets	\$1,683,315

* includes Church, Parish Hall, Education Building, & Annex

Rector We Seek

We at Trinity Church seek a Rector who is willing to engage and work with us to fulfill our mission and achieve our goals. In order to make this vision a reality we seek a rector who

- ✦ makes biblical scripture relevant to our contemporary lives through inspired preaching.
- ✦ faithfully visits shut-ins and shut-outs, is committed to healing ministry, and is skilled at crisis intervention.
- ✦ relates well to young people and children, and will be directly involved with teaching and Christian education.
- ✦ will guide us theologically and spiritually to a closer relationship with Christ.
- ✦ will participate and lead us in community outreach.
- ✦ has administrative skills and abilities to oversee the daily operation of our parish.



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