

# **Trinity Episcopal Church**

## **The Woodlands, Texas**

### **2016 Narrative Budget**



### **Trinity's Vision**

We believe Jesus Christ calls us to be His true disciples. Trinity chooses to use the unique gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit to become a shining example of God's love to each other and our community.

### **Trinity's Mission**

Grounded in Christ's love and surrendered to the Holy Spirit, we provide a safe and positive environment for spiritual growth of all, to welcome and serve others, to reach out to those in need and to share the Gospel.

## **We are Companions on the Journey**

Trinity is known for its Christian witness, its outreach, its passion for good liturgy and welcoming hospitality. People gather faithfully in this sacred space to worship God, to be strengthened in community, and to be empowered for work in the world. Our Christian stewardship in this parish requires each of us to examine prayerfully our commitment of time, talent and treasure to this important ministry.

# ***At Trinity, We Are Companions***

***... in Worship***

***... in Christian Formation***

***... in Evangelism***

***... in Outreach***

***... in Pastoral Care***

***...in Fellowship/Inreach***

**THROUGH YOUR CHURCH**

***Trinity Episcopal Church***

“Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in your love for us—see that you excel in this gracious work also.”

2 Corinthians 8:7

## **We are Companions... in Worship**

“Come let us sing unto the Lord and with our hearts rejoice in our salvation.”

Psalm 95

The Ministry of Word and Sacrament is central to our congregation’s witness in our parish. We are blessed with a beautiful sanctuary as our Church home and a rich heritage in our parish life. Music is an important component of our worship. We have a presentation of music that is expressed in both a traditional way with organ, piano and choir as well as in a contemporary way with guitars, keyboards and vocalists. We have a tradition of worship that is lively, inclusive and preaching that is relevant to our journey together.

### **There are many opportunities for Worship...**

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	Rite I Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Rite II Eucharist with contemporary music
	11:00 AM	Rite II Eucharist with choir and hymns
	5:00 PM	Rite II Eucharist with hymns
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Rite II Eucharist
<b>Weekdays</b>	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (in the Chapel)

### **This area of ministry includes:**

- Liturgies designed to facilitate meaningful and relevant worship
- Thoughtful insight into God’s word, through sermons and presentations
- Church staff and volunteers who prepare the weekly order of service
- Organization of those who read lessons, lead prayers, bring forth gifts, serve as acolytes, vergers and administer communion and serve as ushers at all services
- Maintenance of building and property
- Priest and pastoral visitors who visit and bring communion to shut-ins
- Enthusiastic choir and contemporary band

### **A member of the choir ministry says...**

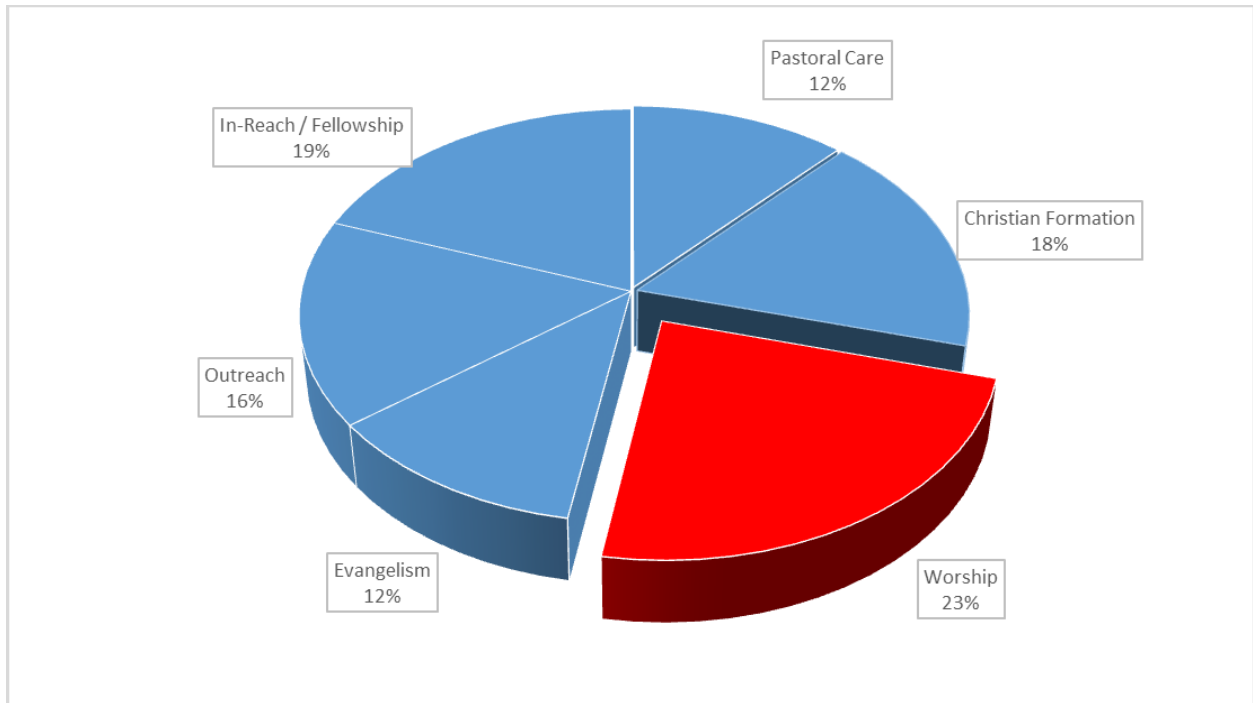
“Singing becomes more than just words and notes on a page. The feeling of belonging transforms the music into a deeply spiritual experience that everyone listening can feel.”

### **A new family says...**

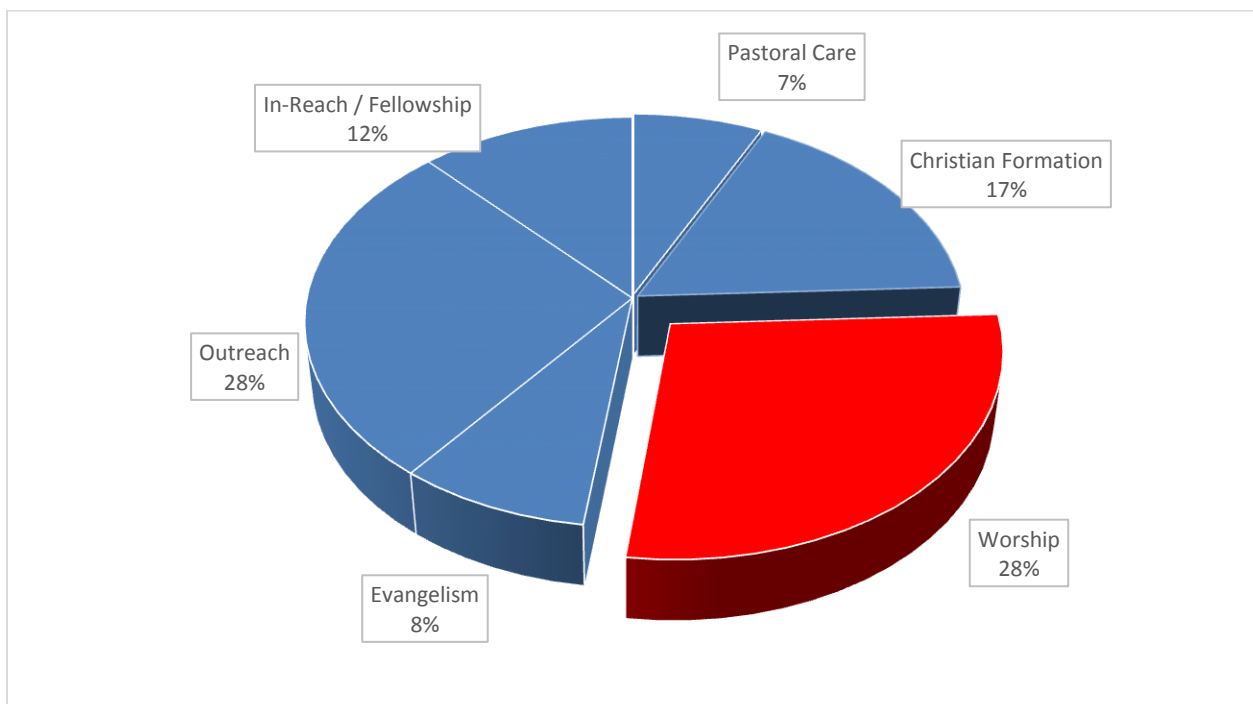
“The messages delivered by Father Gerry, Father Sean and Mother Vivian are truly wonderful!”

## Trinity Episcopal Church--Worship

Share of 2016 Operating Budget --\$427,000



Share of Annual Volunteer Hours—14,600 Hours



## **We are Companions... in Christian Formation**

“Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation.”

1 Peter 2:2

At Trinity we believe growth in our knowledge of God and our faith is an essential aspect of life. Opportunities for education, fellowship, sharing and service provide the environment for the development of each person's individual faith. Thus we become better equipped to share our journey with others.

### **This area of ministry includes:**

- Sunday School for children—Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Formation as a Family—Intergenerational Discussion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month), Teens 'N Training (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month), Kids for Christ (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month), Online Sunday School (updated weekly)
- Vacation Bible School—held during June for children ranging from 4-year-olds thru 4<sup>th</sup> graders
- Youth Community and Coffee Talk—teenagers meet at night on Wednesdays and Sundays for a meal or snack, fun and age appropriate studies
- Junior Daughters of the King—a religious order for girls that allows them to experience life that is filled with prayer, service, community and fun
- Adult Christian Formation—two adult Sunday morning classes and nine weekday classes, including Bible study classes
- Prayer group meetings
- Preparation for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and Marriage
- Special children's events celebrating church festivals
- Daily readings and meditation for personal use

### **A family new to Trinity says...**

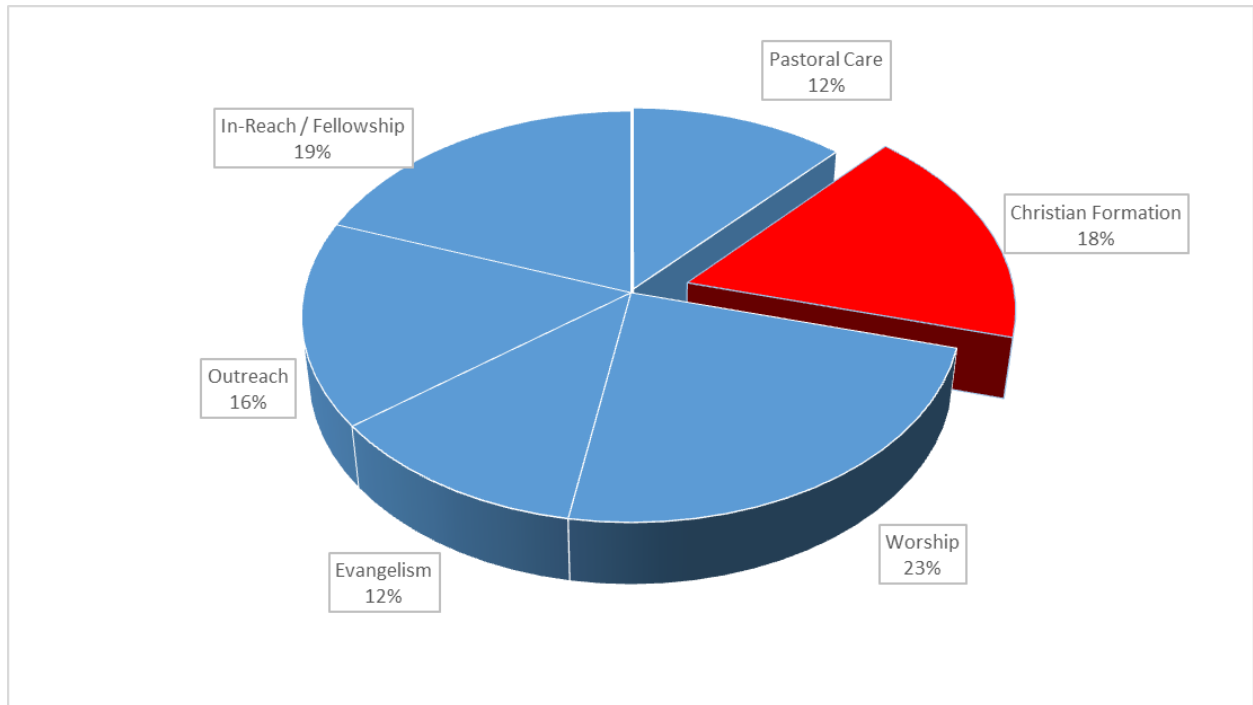
“We have been hugely impressed by the youth ministries—Junior Daughters of the King and Youth Community have gathered our children in.”

### **“A young family says about the Sunday School programs for children...**

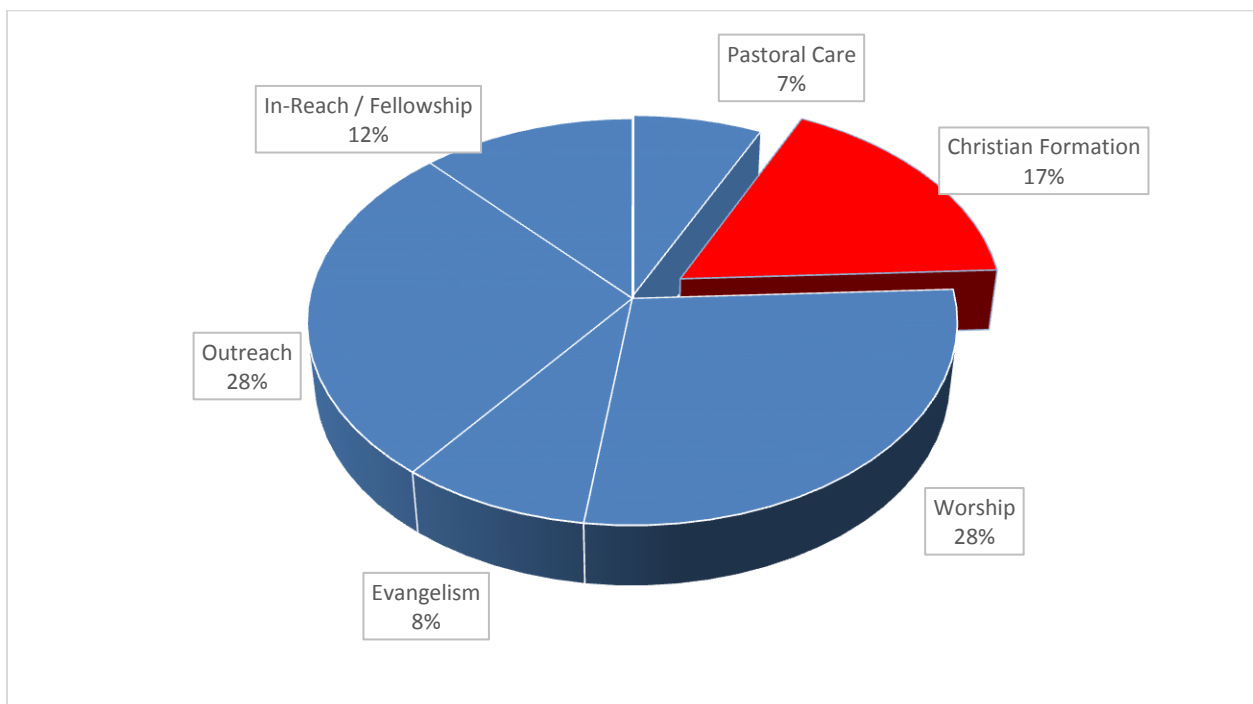
“It has been an inspiring and faith strengthening experience planning and watching our most precious advocates and Lights to the World shine, as they listen and participate in the Sunday School lessons.”

## Trinity Episcopal Church—Christian Formation

Share of 2016 Operating Budget --\$318,000



## Share of Annual Volunteer Hours—9,000 Hours



## **We are Companions... in Evangelism**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

At Trinity we are passionate about the faith we share. We want our church and its members to be a visible and relevant example of God’s reconciling love and justice in the world. What goes on outside the walls of this church are more important than what goes on within them. We also want to provide opportunities for those who are here to grow in an understanding of what it means to be a Christian witness on the Journey.

### **This area of ministry includes:**

- The Greeters Ministry welcomes all who attend worship services, identifies newcomers and visitors, and provides them with information as necessary
- Table Talk of Sunday School is a 5 week program for visitors and newcomers
- Trinity Veterans Fellowship provides books and sundries to VA Hospital patients and helps fund the Fisher House veterans’ ministries
- Monthly Connections dinners to welcome people who are considering making Trinity their home church
- Bread Ministry delivers home baked bread loaves to those who have visited Trinity
- Youth community meeting at Starbucks to discuss life and faith
- Developing parish brochures and welcome packets
- Advertisements of church service schedules
- The Kids Corner provides a safe environment for children so that parents can explore connecting with various programs on the Trinity campus. On average, The Kids Corner ministers to 1,400 children per month.

### **A mother from a new to Trinity family says...**

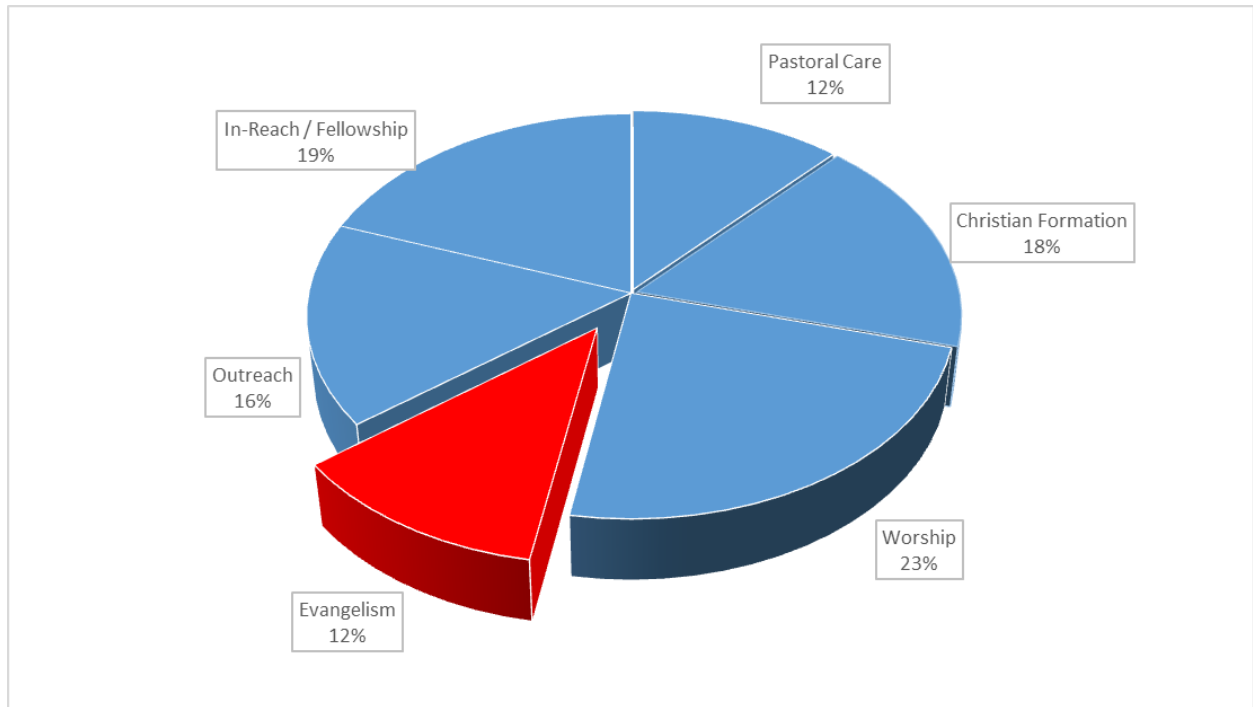
“The Connections dinners are so enjoyable! The camaraderie between the church leaders and the members is obvious. This is especially important to me.”

### **A mother says...**

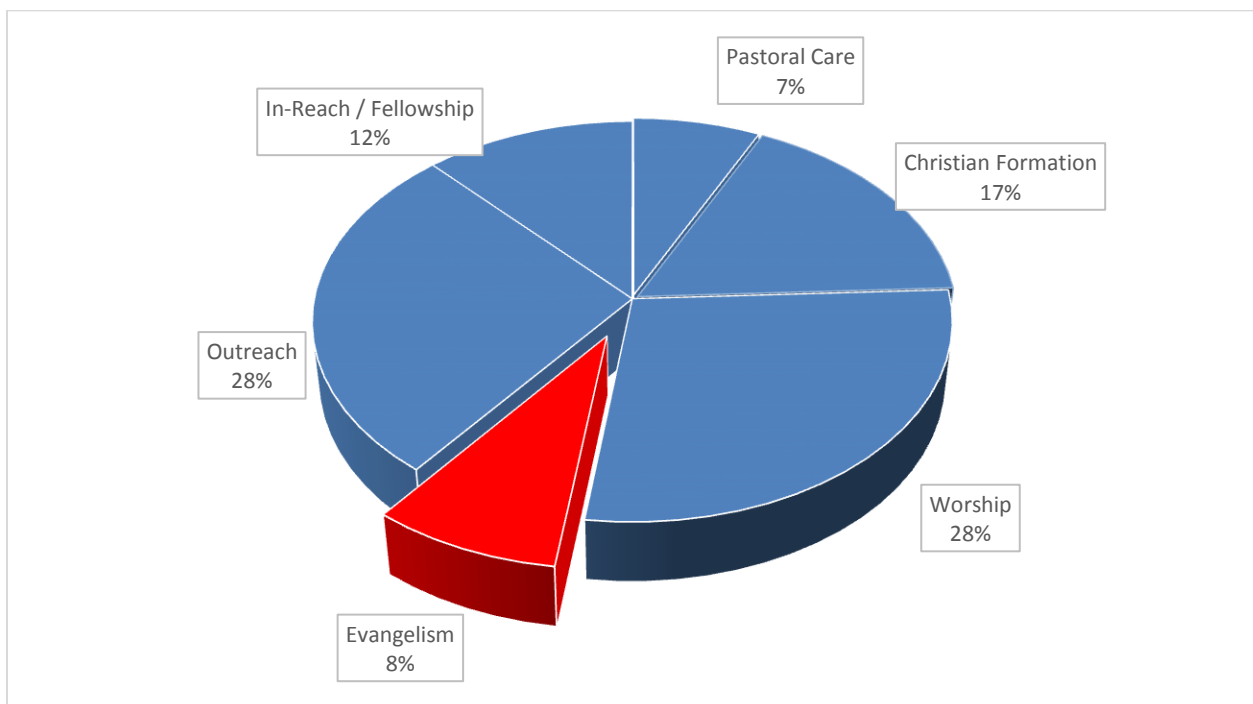
“It is amazing how often childcare is made available to parents. Any time there is something going on that we want to attend, childcare is offered. Availability of childcare has made it possible for us to attend Newcomer class and dinners.”

## Trinity Episcopal Church—Evangelism

Share of 2016 Operating Budget --\$215,000



Share of Annual Volunteer Hours—4,500 Hours





## **We are Companions... in Outreach**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” Matthew 25: 35-36

Following the example of Christ, we are a Church committed to serve and care for those who may not have any connection to our church at all. The people of Trinity strive to live out our baptismal covenant to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” in a variety of ways. We engage in outreach projects that are local, diocesan and global in focus; providing food, clothing, toys, money and many volunteers.

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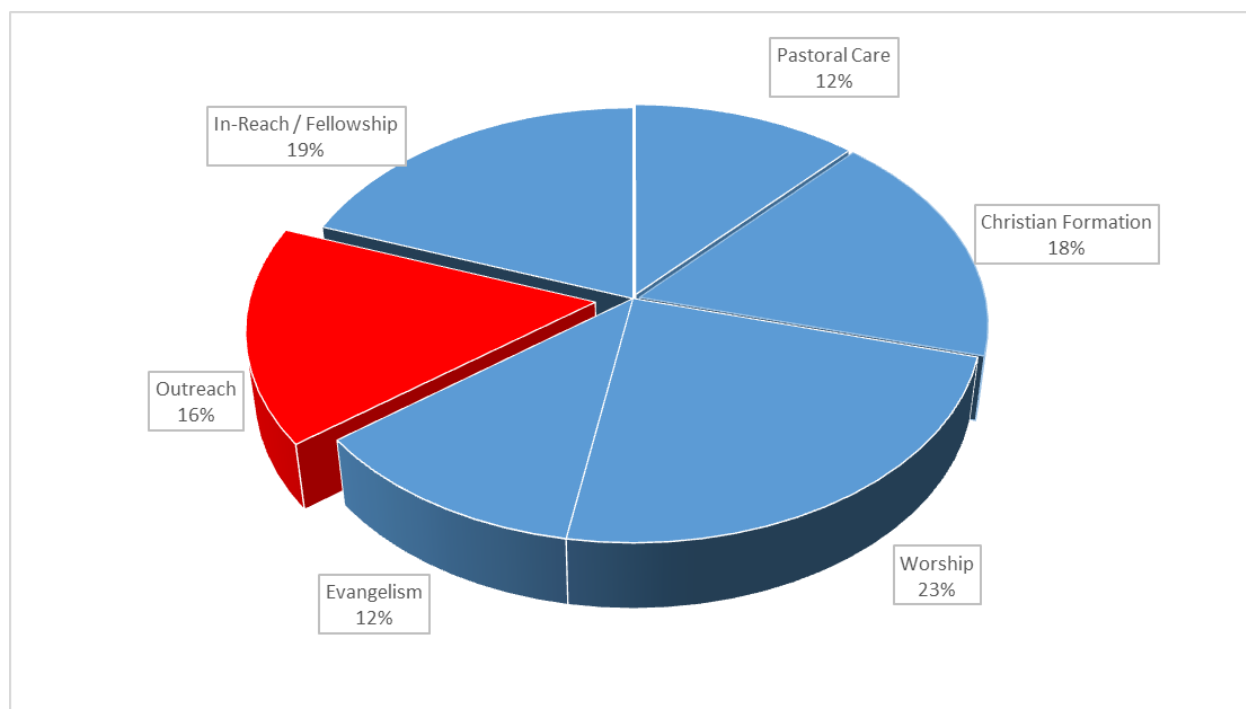
- Providing facilities for AA and other 12 Step type recovery programs
- Provide volunteers and materials to help those are hungry through programs such as Conroe Soup Kitchen, Lord of the Streets, and Interfaith Food Pantry
- Provide housing, food and support for homeless families with children through Family Promise
- Help those in prison through Montgomery County Jail Ministry
- Mentor children at risk through Kids Hope USA
- Provide volunteer labor, arts and life skills programs to St. Thomas Church at the Spirit Lake Nation reservation in North Dakota
- Church youth help those in need by doing volunteer work during youth mission trips
- Support global relief efforts through Episcopal Relief and Development
- Provide personal financial management training from a Christian perspective through Financial Peace University

### **A letter from a Family Promise family reads...**

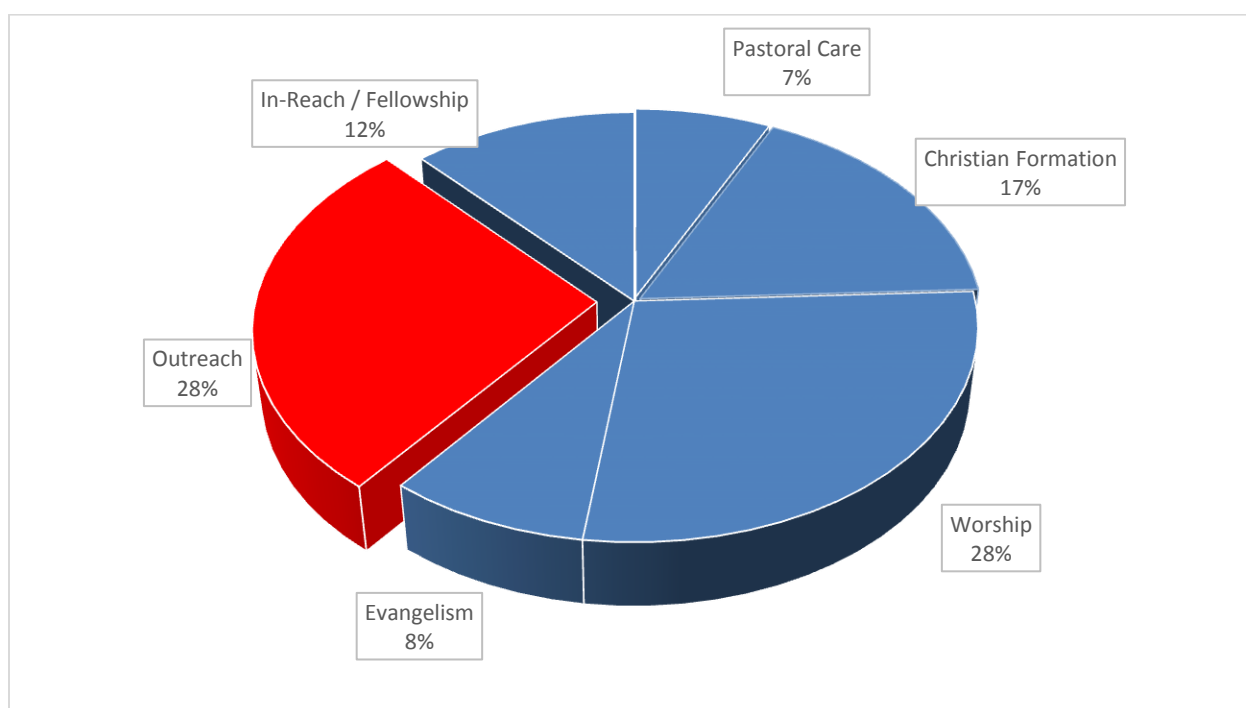
“To all the Family Promise Volunteers at Trinity, we would like to say thank you for your prayers and support. My children and I have truly seen the goodness of God within each of you. We appreciated the Bibles you allowed us to read while we were here. We are grateful for your warmth and your desire to share the love of God. I know that God has big things in store for us and it was a pleasure to have been able to spend this week with all of you.”

## Trinity Episcopal Church—Outreach

Share of 2016 Operating Budget --\$294,000



Share of Annual Volunteer Hours—14,400 Hours



## **We are Companions... in Pastoral Care**

“As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.”

Ezekiel 34:12

Pastoral care includes a variety of ministry activities. Often it entails being with people in the church office, their homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and jails—wherever people with special needs are to be found. It can be comprised of crisis management, counseling, encouraging, and offering practical assistance and comfort. More than anything else, it is bringing the person of Jesus Christ into the cares and concerns of people’s lives. Ongoing spiritual guidance and support are made available to all who are open to it in whatever circumstance.

### **This area of ministry includes:**

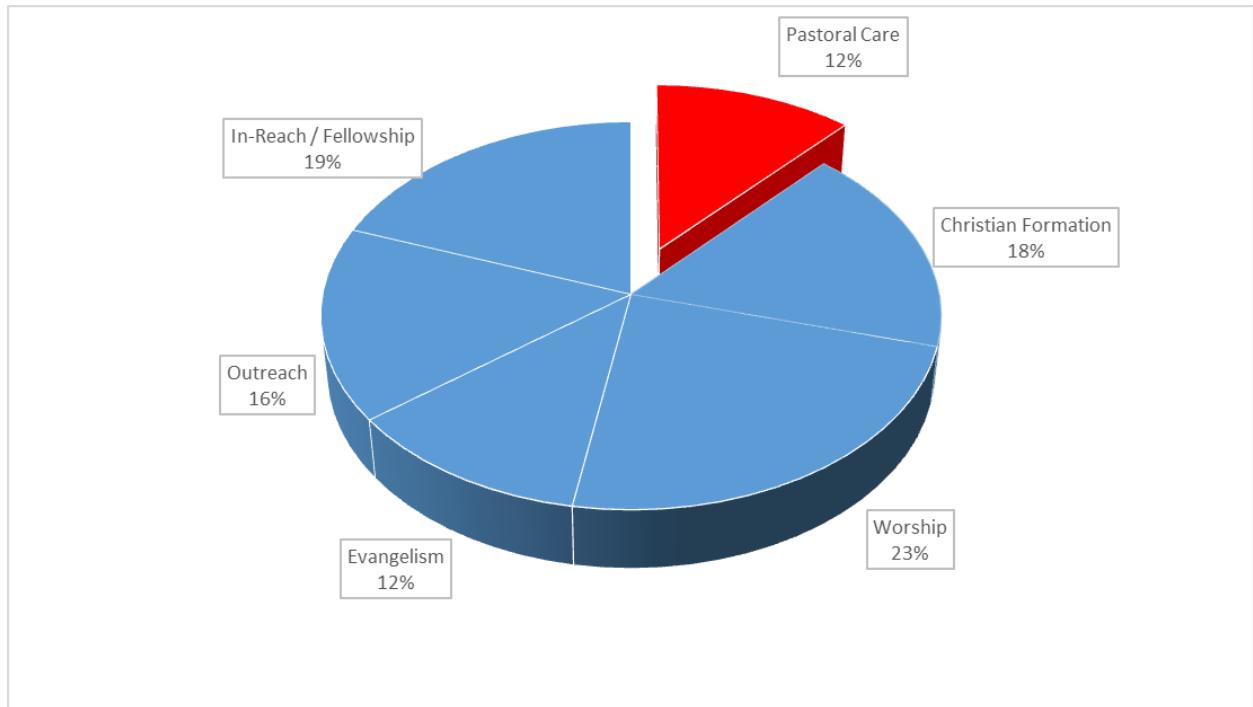
- Clergy and lay visitation for those shut-in or hospitalized
- Clergy counsel and direction on family, marital and vocational issues
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors who take communion out of Sunday service to the homebound
- Loaves and Fishes volunteers who take meals to families dealing with new babies, illnesses and hospitalizations
- Stephens Ministry volunteers provide one-on-one caregiving relationship to parishioners undergoing personal stressful situations
- Walking the Mourner’s Path provides a program for those who have lost a love one
- Prayer Chain to support with prayer those who have requested prayer for their particular situations

### **A woman whose husband recently died says...**

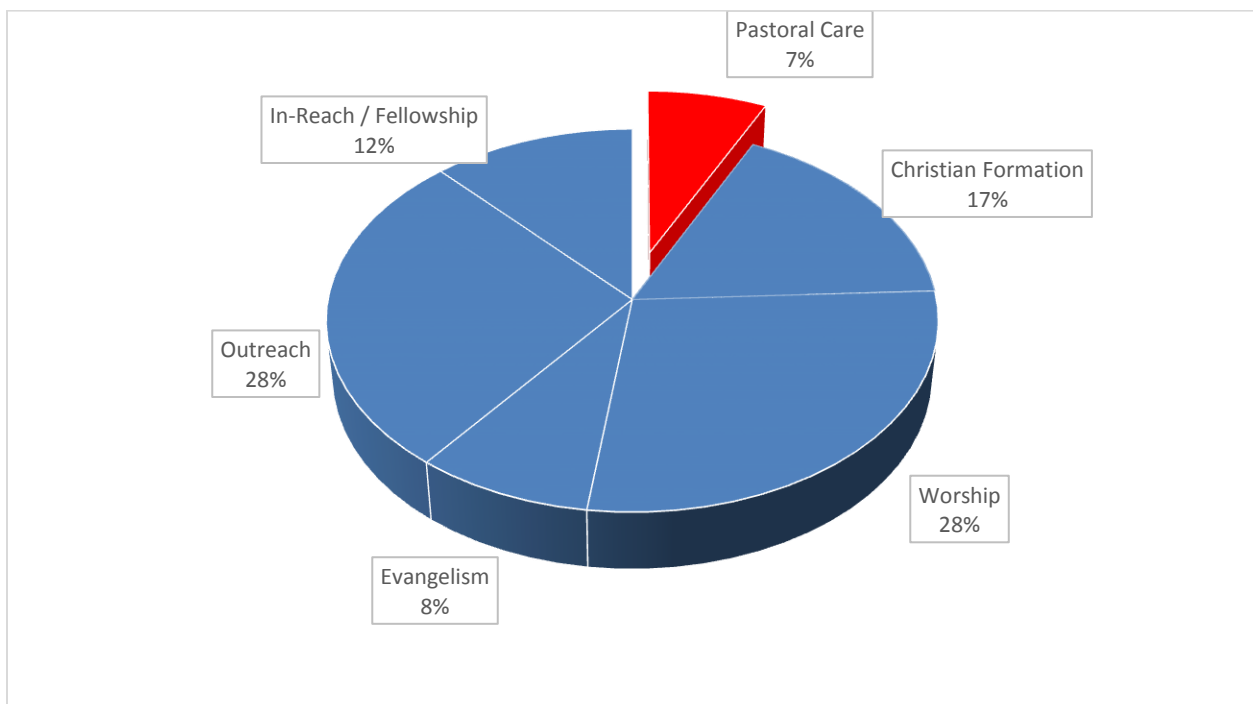
“If not for the care, friendship and leadership I received from Trinity and my Stephen Minister, who walked with me for the next year, I would have crumbled. Yes, God works through Trinity but I also know on a much deeper level that God is in Trinity—His love, His word, His people.”

## Trinity Episcopal Church—Pastoral Care

Share of 2016 Operating Budget --\$215,000



Share of Annual Volunteer Hours—3,800 Hours



## **We are Companions... in Fellowship/Inreach**

“And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.”

Acts 2:44-47

### **This area of ministry includes:**

- Coffee Ministry provides coffee and snacks before and between services
- Parish communications supports community through Tidings, website, Facebook, other social media
- Holy Smokers provide monthly breakfasts and special occasion dinners
- Foyers provide fellowship over meals at parishioners' homes
- Prime Time Guys are retired men who meet monthly for fellowship and study
- St. Anne's Guild are ladies who gather monthly for fellowship and to perform service projects
- TGIF is a men's group that meets monthly for fellowship and mutual support
- Intergenerational events such as 50+ Wedding Anniversary Celebration, 80+ Birthday Celebration, Easter Egg Hunt, and pot luck dinners

### **A new family says...**

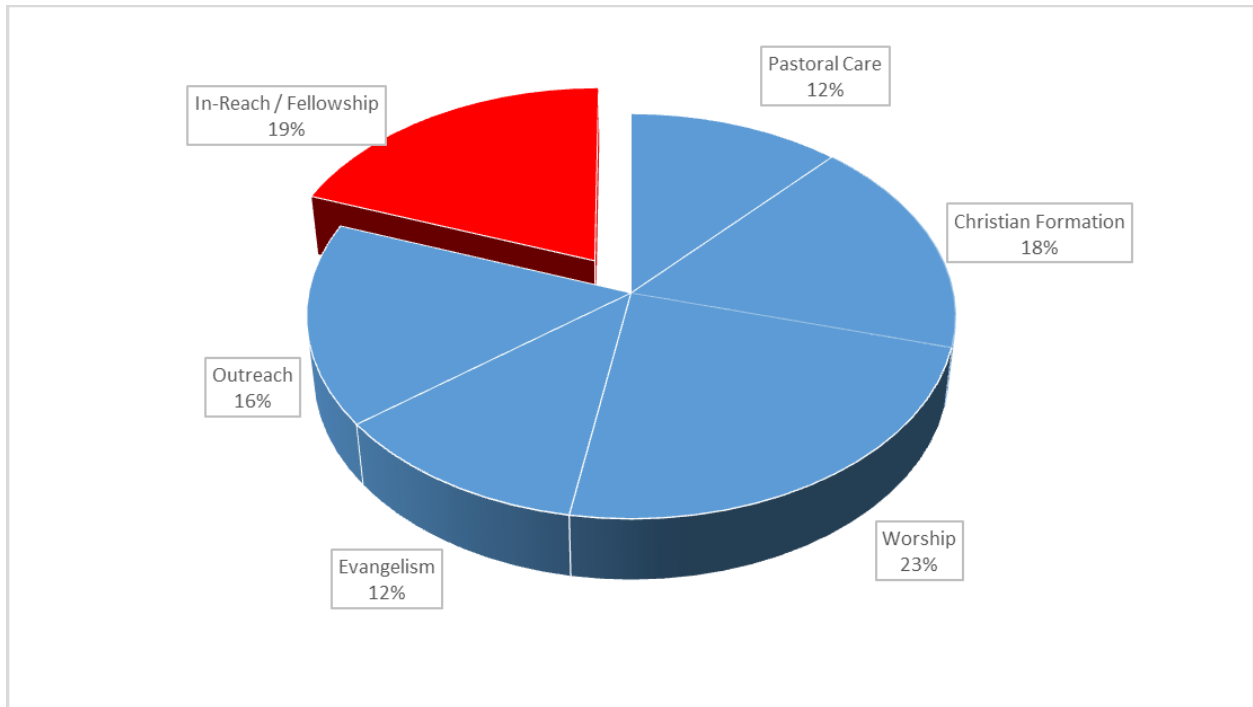
“The people of Trinity have been truly welcoming. When we started going, we would see smiling faces at the church entrance. We also noticed that the folks we saw at church seemed truly happy to be there and you couldn't mistake the friendliness among the members.”

### **A young mother says...**

“Do you know how many times we have been referred to as a “visitor” at Trinity? Never. That's pretty cool. It's always “newcomer.” I love how everyone from ushers to Vestry members to newcomers wears name tags.”

**Trinity Episcopal Church—Fellowship/Inreach**

**Share of 2016 Operating Budget --\$352,000**



**Share of Annual Volunteer Hours—6,200 Hours**

