

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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BAPTISM POLICY

Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the sign and seal of our common discipleship. Since baptism is God's gift, the Holy Spirit is called to be upon the water and those being baptized. The act of baptism also marks the beginning of new a life of discipleship with Christ, the human response to that gift.

Baptism is a personal celebration in the lives of the individual candidates and their families. It is also a celebration within the local church family and a recognition of its commitment. For this reason, baptism is celebrated in the presence of the community gathered for worship. If circumstances require baptism to take place outside of corporate worship, members of the local church, if possible, may participate in the ceremony with the pastor.

Baptism within the United Church of Christ can be celebrated for infants, children, youth and adults. For infants and children, as well as for youth and adults who have never been baptized before, baptism marks their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of God's grace and forgiveness, and the beginning of their Christian faith and life.

MINISTER

The current called pastor of Trinity UCC officiates at all baptisms whether conducted at Trinity or another location. Additional clergy may be included at the request of the family and at the invitation of the called Pastor.

It is the desire of the Pastor to meet with the family of the one to be baptized in order to share the sacredness of this sacrament and to plan for the celebration within the worship setting. If desired the parents or guardians may include God Parents or Sponsors for their child/children. If needed, the Pastor will provide advice and resources which will be helpful for properly preparing and planning for this special time of baptism.

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