

Trinity Tempo

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To Trinity UMC,

The special called session of General Conference met February 23rd to the 26th to vote on the United Methodist Church's stance on performing marriage of same gender couples and the ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexuals. There were a few plans being discussed at this General Conference.

The **One Church Plan** was designed to let each local church and individual pastor live out their own convictions on the subject. The **Connectional Plan** was proposed to separate the United Methodist Church into three independent entities that could still relate to each other for ministry: 1) opposed to gay weddings and ordinations, 2) allow each individual to choose their own way, and 3) in favor of gay weddings and ordinations. The **Traditional Plan** maintains the current stand in the *Book of Discipline* (homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching) but provides increased accountability.

By the end of the Conference the Traditional Plan narrowly passed, 53% to 46%. However, the plan was passed with portions of it being unconstitutional. What this mean is at the end of April the UMC's equivalent to the Supreme Court will vote how to proceed. One of two things will happen. Either the plan will move forward with the unconstitutional pieces removed or the whole thing will be thrown out. If the Traditional Plan passes this next step in April then it will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

The United Methodist Church worked very hard to try and discern our path forward. Some people feel that was accomplished while others feel differently. There is joy and there is heartache. Our tomorrow is still uncertain. I ask for prayers for our denomination as we continue to seek the path to which God is calling each of us. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me. I am available to each of you.

God holds tomorrow,

Pastor Justin Judy

Good Reading during Lent

(by Beverly Piper)

On display on the table in front of the library are some good books that are especially inspiring reads for the Lenten and Easter seasons. Included are three by May Lucado: *He Still Moves Stones*, *Six Hours One Friday* and *The Angels Were Silent*. There are wonderful children's books as well telling the Easter Story. Please stop and take a look!

Easter Candy Fundraiser

Did you miss the deadline to order Easter candy? There is still time to order—online.

1. Go to <https://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com/VIEWBYCATEGORY.aspx?id=bc>
2. Enter the Group ID # 10-0582.
3. Place your order.

Trinity earns 25% profit with each online order placed using the group id listed above. The order is shipped directly to your home; shipping and handling charges apply for online orders.

Easter Egg Hunt

Trinity will host this annual indoor event on Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is open to all children in the community. Please pre-register if possible. Forms are available in the vestibule, online and through the church office.

We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy or money to purchase candy. Helpers will be needed to hide eggs on Friday, April 19 starting at 6 p.m. and to assist during the event. See Pastor Justin or Kris Peters for details or to volunteer.

Meatball Hoagie Lunch

Please stay after our morning worship for lunch on Palm Sunday. We will be serving meatball hoagies, a side, beverage and dessert. Your \$5 donation will go to Trinity's Campership Fund. Come and enjoy, and get our kids to Summer Camp.

Tenebrae Service

The Penn-Trafford Ministerium will not hold a Good Friday service this year. Trinity is conducting its annual Tenebrae Service on Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. The church will be open from 1-3 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. that day for Silent Communion. So join us and reflect on the wonderful gift given by God and the amazing love and sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ.



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Helping Hands for Trinity

(by *Thelma Johnson*)

The weather finally cooperated and we had our first meeting of 2019 on March 12. There were eight members attending. The hostesses were Evelyn Felmler, Joan Vowler, Donna Piper and Thelma Johnson. The meeting was conducted by our new president, Donna Piper. The program was given by Ora Mae Lovre. Who do you say Jesus is? "The Great I Am."

Our next meeting will be our semi-annual "Out to Lunch" at Piper Bay Café in Level Green on April 9. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will meet at the church to carpool at 11:45 a.m.



Friendship Tea

(by *Beverly Piper*)

You are invited to the second annual Friendship Tea in the Trinity social hall on Saturday, May 4 from 12 to 2 p.m. Please come, and invite your friends! The cost is \$10 and tickets must be purchased ahead of time from members of Helping Hands or Trinity Traveling Tea Party. All proceeds will benefit programs and projects of Helping Hands in our church and community.

The delightful menu will include soup, a delicious array of tea sandwiches, savories, cookies and, of

course, tea! Two of last year's favorite new tea blends were Lady Gray and Raspberry Hibiscus. (The debut of Morning Thunder was a flavorful surprise!)

Tables are set with many beautiful patterns of china. Last year's room display included a dollhouse and antique tea set. Door prizes donated by local women entrepreneurs and Helping Hands members were given away.

Please join us in this lovely occasion celebrating friendship and tea!

Mental Health First Aid

You may remember that Trinity's seminar scheduled in February was postponed due to low enrollment. Westmoreland Casemanagement and Supports, Inc. is conducting a mental health first aid seminar on Tuesday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May is Mental Health month and the organization is offering this one-day seminar at no cost (usual fee is \$35/person).

During the session you will learn how to identify, understand and respond to signs of addiction and mental health illness. The course teaches you how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. In keeping with Trinity's continued focus on nurture, you are encouraged to prayerfully consider if this course will help you use, or further develop, your God-given gifts.

The course will be held at the WCSI Conference Center in Greensburg. Register online at <https://wcsi.org/education-training/calendar>. Click on the seminar listed under May 21. A separate window will open for registration. If you would like to attend and need help registering, contact Pastor Judy or the church office.



Joys and Concerns

Please keep Trinity family, friends and neighbors in your prayers.

Pray for

- Barb Arendas (Jane Pogue's friend)
- Patty Aubele
- JoAnn Booher
- Bob and JoAnne Dixon (relatives of Jane Pogue)
- Jan Keefer
- Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
- Judy Mason
- Dale McCune (Garlan McCune's brother)
- Joan Sanford (Patty Aubele's mother)
- Noell Stultz
- David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
- Peggy Whitfield

New Address

Judy Mason
 The Palms at O'Neil
 1 Glenshire Lane
 Room 332
 McKeesport PA 15132

Also take a moment and give thanks for friends and family who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month.

April Birthdays

- 2nd Brandon Dulemba
- 3rd Bob Lovre, Morgan Plecenik, Nancy Swick
- 6th John Williams
- 7th Miranda Mallik
- 8th Haidynn Dulemba
- 9th Holly Conglogue
- 10th Bob Casper, Lori Dorko
- 12th Jonathan Aubele
- 14th Jonathan Judy
- 17th Christian Boehm
- 21st Nancy Valentine
- 25th Jeanne Ruccio, Bill Messina
- 28th Carmen Owens
- 29th Raye Lynn Yocum, John Hughes
- 30th Genny Triponey

April Anniversaries

- 10th Roger and Marlene VanRyn
- 12th John and Jeanne Ruccio

April Schedules

Greeters

- 7th Joanne Ondulich
- 14th Jeanne Ruccio and Colleen DiVito
- 21st Beverly and April Beam
- 28th Thelma Johnson

Liturgists

- 7th Bob Lovre
- 14th Roger VanRyn
- 21st Sandy Chiappetta
- 28th Joanne Ondulich

Nursery

- 7th Beverly Beam and Cindy Graw
- 14th Stephanie Judy and Donna Race
- 21st no nursery
- 28th Jane Pogue and April Beam

Altar Flowers

- 7th Larry and Becky Mallik
- 14th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
- 21st Paul and Donna Madaras
- 28th Jane Pogue



April Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	2 10 a.m. Crafts	3 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	4 7:15 p.m. Choir	5 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	6
7 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> Script Order Day	8 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	9 12 p.m. Helping Hands "Out to Lunch"	10 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	11 7:15 p.m. Choir	12 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	13
14 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service 12 p.m. Meatball Hoagie Lunch <i>Palm Sunday</i>	15 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	16 10 a.m. Crafts 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	17 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	18 1-3 p.m. Silent Communion 6:30-7:30 p.m. Silent Communion 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service	19 6 p.m. Egg Hunt Prep 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night Tempo Deadline	20 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
HOLY WEEK						
21 7 a.m. Sunrise Service at B-Y Park followed by breakfast in church social hall 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <i>Easter Sunday</i> Script Order Day	22 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	23 10 a.m. Crafts	24 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	25 7:15 p.m. Choir	26 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	27
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Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Healing Service: second Sunday of the month following the worship service

Tempo Deadline

Articles for the May issue of the *Tempo* are due on Friday, April 19, 2019.



Immersion Bible Study Series: Matthew

Trinity resumes this Bible study series by diving into the New Testament starting with the book of Matthew. Contact Pastor Justin or the church office to join us on our journey. Sessions start Wednesday, April 3 at 7:15 p.m.

