

Trinity

August 2019

Tempo



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have been guilty these past couple weeks of having us sing Christmas and Easter songs during the worship service. I think it may be that we are in that holiday gap in the calendar. After July 4 it seems like there are no holidays. Our next one will be Labor Day. I guess I have been wanting to celebrate something.

If I think about it, this phenomenon happens in my life more often than I realize. Life marches forward without

too much going on or there are just way too many challenges to count. I start to wonder—when was the last time I celebrated something? My shortcoming is that I look to the calendar for a reason to celebrate. But Jesus has given me so many reasons to thank him, so many blessings to rejoice about.

The charge relationship has begun between Manor First and Trafford Trinity. It has been a challenging transition in some ways. Trying to keep the schedule straight being the most difficult. But I have met some amazing people who love and are loved by God. I have seen opportunities for fellowship between the churches blossom. I celebrate with God for this arrangement and look forward to what it may bring.

I ask each of you to stop reading this letter for a moment and find something in your life that God is doing or has done that you can celebrate (*pause for reflection*).... I hope that celebration brought you joy and strength.

God is with us and for that I pray we continually rejoice.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings



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bodies. The book is an easy read; short chapters with practical, helpful advice and encouragement to keep caring and giving out of love. Highly recommended (excerpt from back cover).

The church library also contains excellent books about dealing with grief, depression, surviving cancer, being a friend to someone dying of cancer, loss of a child, regaining hope after a trauma. All beautifully and honestly written by people who have lived it.

Blessing of the Backpacks

(by Jane Pogue)

It's that time again! On Sunday, August 18 Pastor Judy will be blessing all the backpacks of our students—young and old—during our 11:15 a.m. worship service. So all you students, make sure you bring your backpacks to church and start your new school year with God's blessing.

Immersion Bible Study

The group will be starting the book of *Luke* in the Immersion Bible Study series on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:15 p.m. If you would like to join us and dive into the New Testament, contact Pastor Justin at 724.594.4073 or the church office at 412.373.0835.

Library News

(by Beverly Piper)

Hope for the Caregiver by Peter Rosenberger

"Millions of caregivers are out there plodding through mundane routines with hardly the strength to look up, let alone read a book" (excerpt from Foreword by Ken Tada). Let this be that book. Caregivers need hope that they can make it and need to know how much it counts. God, Himself, is waiting to pour His strength into their weary minds, hearts and

Super Summer Sunday School

(by Beverly Piper)

We are enjoying Sunday School outside! Our theme this summer is "listen to what Jesus says!" In the Bible, we are meeting people who met Jesus—like Mary and Martha, Zacchaeus, the ten lepers, the woman at the well, fishermen and children! We are meeting Jesus and listening! We have chosen three Bible verses for the summer.

June: Love each other. John 15:17

July: Let your light shine and bring glory to God. Matthew 5:16

August: Come follow me and I will send you out to fish for people. Matthew 4:19

Hope you've seen the chalk drawing messages of love we've left on the ramp and sidewalk and heard the happy singing and laughter! You are welcome to join us for breakfast, make a craft and sit at Jesus' feet and listen!

Don't Forget the Church Picnic!

(by Jane Pogue)

We all have things going on during the summer, and many of us are already thinking of going back to school. So why not have one more evening of fun and relaxation before the fall grind begins!

The annual picnic is again at my home on Friday, August 16 starting at 6 p.m., and everyone knows when Methodists get together, the food is fantastic.

We still have our bonfire with s'mores, couples corn toss game, adult and kid trivia games, and many comfortable chairs for those whose expertise is observing! And kids, bring your bathing suits for the hot tub.

Join us Friday, August 16 for Trinity's annual church picnic, hosted by Jane Pogue. Call 724.864.2848 for directions.

We don't get enough opportunities to hang out with church friends, so make a point of joining us this year. Please sign up in the vestibule for the picnic. Don't worry about what you will bring to eat—there is always a wonderful assortment. Take care, and see you there!

If you need directions, just call me at 724.864.2858.

UMCOR Kits

(by Linda Yocum)

During August, Trinity continues to collect items for School Kits and Hygiene Kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Copies of both supply lists are



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available on the mission bulletin board located in the sanctuary.

There are a few changes to the item descriptions from previous years, so read over the lists before purchasing anything. UMCOR cannot accept items that are not on the lists.

If you don't have time to shop or can't get out to shop, then donate funds through the offering plate (mark "UMCOR kits" on the envelope) and I will do the shopping for you. A complete school kit costs about \$11 and a hygiene kit costs about \$12. If you have any questions about the kits or their contents, don't hesitate to contact me (412.372.6808).

Rural Life Sunday

Sunday, August 11 is Rural Life Sunday. This is an opportunity to remember our rural heritage, to reflect on our interdependence, and to consider how we can help strengthen witness, nurture and outreach in rural areas of Western PA. Your gifts on August 11 help the Western PA Conference carry out these goals.

Helping Hands for Trinity

(by Thelma Johnson)

The group will not meet until September for the semi-annual "Out to Lunch." The location will be announced at a later date. Have a nice summer, everyone!

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
JoAnn Booher
Family of Brian Hetrick (coworker of Jane Pogue)
Christine Kosuth (coworker of Linda Yocum)
Joan Sanford (Patty Aubele's mother)
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
Peggy Whitfield
Dorothy Yocum

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

August Anniversaries

6th Caleb and Corrie Baker
12th Bob and Mary Ann Casper
13th Tom and Carmen Owens
15th Bill and Joan Vowler
22nd Larry and Becky Mallik

August Birthdays

4th Larry Mallik
5th Jennifer McCune,
Julie Sippel-Silowash
8th Jace Beam
10th Angel Spell
12th Lynn Antoon, Rob Hainsey
13th Mary Henry
14th Carol Piper
15th Bill Vowler, Amy McLaughlin
16th Cindy Graw
19th Bill Fenton
21st April Beam, Joanne Ondulich
22nd Beverly Piper
24th Dan Musser
26th Mike Kitchen
28th John Musser, Rebecca Hughes
31st Alvin Lafferty

August Schedules

Greeters

4th Thelma Johnson
11th Cliff and Evelyn Felmlee
18th Matt Knopf
25th John and Jeanne Ruccio

Liturgists

4th Joanne Ondulich
11th Beverly Piper
18th Stephanie Judy
25th Jane Pogue

Nursery

4th April Bean and Stephanie Judy
11th Joan Vowler and Beverly Beam
18th Donna Race and Cindy Graw
25th Noell Stultz and Stephanie Judy

Altar Flowers

4th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
11th open
18th open
25th Larry and Becky Mallik
Yocum Family

August Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
28 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	29 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	30 10 a.m. Crafts 10-11 a.m. Story Time	31 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	1	2	3
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11 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Healing Service <i>Rural Life Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day	12 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	13 10 a.m. Crafts	14 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline	15	16 6 p.m. Church Picnic	17
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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the
September issue of
the *Tempo* are due
Wednesday, August
14, 2019.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.



Planning Meeting

Each year, Trinity holds a meeting to determine our focus and discuss plans for the upcoming year. This year, we will meet on Saturday, August 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Les and Donna Race have graciously offered their home for the session. So mark your calendars! If you have ideas or suggestions, but are unable to attend, speak with Pastor Justin or contact the church office.