

Trinity Tempo

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Dear Trinity UMC,

2018 has come to a close and 2019 is upon us. An old tradition for this time of year encourages us to make a New Year's resolution. We are to reexamine our lives and, if we find something we don't like, we make a promise to change it for the coming year. I can't rightly tell you when this started or where it came from. I do think, however, that it exists because the start of the New Year feels like a new beginning. It seems

like a time we can rewrite our stories into something we can be proud of.

But the New Year isn't a new beginning for us. We can't ignore all that happened in 2018. In fact, many of those events helped us to grow, gave us strength, or at least taught us something. If anything, it is a new chapter. We take all we encountered in 2018 and seek to live in such a way that builds on the previous chapter of our life and continue to walk down our path.

What were some moments this past year that challenged you to the breaking point? How did you endure? What did you learn? Have you changed because of it? For good or ill? What were some moments of great rejoicing? Did you celebrate them? Who has encouraged you this past year? Have you thanked them? Where have you seen God at work in your life? Has it been difficult to go where God has been leading? What do you hope to accomplish in 2019? What do you hope to leave in 2018? Are you ready for whatever is next?

We will face challenges in 2019. Some challenges will seem easy to handle and others will seem nearly insurmountable. But God will see us through; leading us, holding us, and strengthening us. And we have each other. I end with an old AA closing I am fond of, "Abandon yourself to God... Admit your faults to God and to others. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the road of happy destiny. May God bless you and keep you— until then." (Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 164)

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



The Nose Knows

Winter is peak season for the flu. To help out our neighbors we are collecting boxes of facial tissue for the Trafford/Level Green food bank. Contributions are due by Sunday, January 13. Place your donation in the box set up in the vestibule.

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

(by Jane Pogue)

This year our coat drive has been pretty limited! We have had several other outreach programs going on, and so our coats have been donated to other great services. The last day that coats can be dropped off at Burlington is January 19, 2019. On that day I will take the remaining coats over to the Monroeville store. By now you should have taken stock of your winter wardrobe and know which coats don't fit or aren't worn! So please let us help some more needy folks in our area and drop off your coats in the box in the church library area. Thanks in advance for your kindness.

Financial Statements

(by Jane Pogue)

Your 2018 financial statements will be available in the vestibule on January 13, 2019. Those statements not picked up by January 27 will be mailed to the respective addresses on file. If you need your statement before then, please contact me and I will send it to you right away.

Altar Flowers

Trinity's florist (Rose Flower Shop) closed its doors at the end of December. Lea's Floral Shop of East McKeesport will be providing altar flowers for Trinity starting in January 2019. The cost of altar flowers has risen slightly. So new for this year, you will have the option to reserve one vase (\$12.50) or both vases (\$25) for any given Sunday.



The 2019 calendar (in the vestibule) has space for reservation by vase. Table arrangements may be ordered only after both altar vases have been reserved. The cost of a table arrangement starts at \$25.

If you would like to reserve flowers for a Sunday, fill in the calendar in the vestibule or contact Linda Yocum in the church office by phone: 412.373.0835 or email: office@tumctrafford.org.

Mental Health First Aid Course

Trinity is hosting this course in two 4-hour sessions on Saturday, February 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, February 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. Over the two days, 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. The cost is \$35 per person. The cost per person will drop to \$25 if 15 or more people participate in the course.

To register for the course contact Pastor Judy or the church office. Registration deadline is February 15, 2019.

Church Nursery

(by Jane Pogue)

I want to thank so many of you who have stepped up and helped cover the nursery this past year. Also, I want to thank those who have “substituted” at the last minute when someone wasn’t able to be there. According to Trinity’s Safe Sanctuary policy there must be two adults, not related, with clearances in the room. As you can imagine it can be a challenge to find coverage, and several of our regulars have moved away or have been unable to attend. So if you would like to help out and join our fun time in the nursery please contact me! The more help we can get, the less often your service will be needed. Thank you!



Library News

(by Beverly Piper)

***Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption* by Katie Davis**

“What would cause an eighteen-year-old senior class president and homecoming queen from Nashville, Tennessee, to disobey and disappoint her parents by forgoing college, break her little brother’s heart, lose all but a handful of her friends (because they think she has gone off the deep end), and break up with the love of her life, all so she could move to Uganda, where she knew only one person and didn’t even speak the

language? A passion to follow Jesus.”—excerpt from back cover of book.

Read her amazing story of how she completely trusted God, adopted 13 orphaned children in Uganda and established Amazima Ministries. Her story continues in *Daring to Hope*.

***Daring to Hope: Finding God’s Goodness in the Broken and the Beautiful* by Katie Davis Majors**

After an unexpected tragedy rocks her family, Katie continues to turn to God in her doubts. She encourages readers to seek God in painful places and there you will hear God’s whisper of love, His filling of peace and surprising gifts of joy.

Helping Hands for Trinity

(by Thelma Johnson)

Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 11, and was hosted by Traveling Tea Party members Beverly Piper, Carol Piper and Patty Aubele. Everything was delicious! The table was set with Christmas china, stemware and candles. The beautiful 30-inch centerpiece contained holly, mums and roses. The table looked like the royal family was coming. Thank you, ladies.

We had seven members and two guests attend. The program was presented by Donna Piper and it was the

Christmas story with a message of peace on earth.

We all received a grab bag gift, dues were collected along with a free will offering and the pastor’s white gift. Our next meeting will be held on January 8, weather permitting.

Bible Studies

The Immersion Bible Study Series and the Women’s Bible Study resume on Wednesday evenings starting January 9 at 7:15. If interested in participating in one of these groups see Pastor Judy or Beverly Piper respectively.



Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
JoAnn Booher
Bill Ebner
Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
Dale McCune (Garlan McCune's brother)
Jay and Vicki Stokes
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
Peggy Whitfield

Contact Info Updates

Jan Keefer is now in room 233 at Independence Court.

Judy Mason's phone number has changed to 412.245.7383.

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

January Birthdays

1st Kayla Eiseman
3rd Bob Chiappetta, Joshua Keefer, Eric Zigarovich
4th Sebastian Silowash
10th Erin Kennison
11th Marlene VanRyn
12th Brett Lloyd
18th Donna Race
19th Brittany Yocum
23rd Aiden Johnson
25th Scott Ebner
26th Drew Dulemba, Jeff Johnson
27th Art Loutsenhizer III, Kevin Beam, Jr.
28th Gina Lloyd
30th Elijah Judy, Chris Kerrigan

January Anniversaries

5th Harry and Marjorie Little

January Schedules

Greeters

6th Jeanne Ruccio
13th Jeanne Ruccio
20th Jeanne Ruccio
27th Jeanne Ruccio

Liturgists

6th Youth
13th Sandy Chiappetta
20th Joanne Ondulich
27th Beverly Piper

Nursery

6th April Beam and Cindy Graw
13th Jane Pogue and Joan Vowler
20th Noell Stultz and Donna Race
27th Stephanie Judy and Beverly Beam

Altar Flowers

6th open
open
13th open
open
20th Matt Knopf
open
27th open
open



January Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 <i>New Year's Day (office closed)</i>	2	3 7:15 p.m. Choir (tentative)	4	5 10 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens
6 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	7 1-2 p.m. It Ain't Easy Getting Old!	8 12 p.m. Helping Hands Lunch Meeting (weather permitting)	9 7:15 pm. Immersion Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	10 7:15 p.m. Choir	11 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	12
13 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Scrip Order Day	14 1-2 p.m. It Ain't Easy Getting Old!	15 10 a.m. Crafts 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council	16 7:15 pm. Immersion Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	17 7:15 p.m. Choir	18 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night Tempo Deadline	19
20 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Human Relations Day	21 1-2 p.m. It Ain't Easy Getting Old! <i>MLK Jr Birthday observed</i>	22 10 a.m. Crafts	23 7:15 pm. Immersion Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	24 7:15 p.m. Choir	25 6 p.m. Trustees Meeting/Table Set-up 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	26 4-6 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
27 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	28 1-2 p.m. It Ain't Easy Getting Old!	29 10 a.m. Crafts	30 7:15 pm. Immersion Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	31 7:15 p.m. Choir		

Action Needed!

Starting with the February issue, there is a strong possibility that Trinity will stop sending the *Tempo* by mail. To continue to receive this newsletter, send your email address to office@tumctrarford.org. Trinity will mail the newsletter to shut-ins and those living out of the area unless otherwise notified. Copies of the *Tempo* will be available in the church as well.

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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
February issue are
due Friday,
January 18, 2018.



Spaghetti Dinner

Come and invite your friends to the Spaghetti Dinner to be held in Trinity's social hall on Saturday, January 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy warm fellowship on a chilly January day and tasty pasta, sauce, meatballs, bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under. All money raised will go to our church campership fund to send children and families to camp.

