

Trinity

July 2019

Tempo



A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I look out my window I am reminded of a very popular Bible story. Most of us are familiar with the story of Noah's Ark. Here is a quick refresher: God was unhappy with the way humanity was behaving. They had started to live only for themselves and had forgotten about God's role in life. All except for one man. Noah remembered God and devoted his life to God. God decided to start over with Noah. On God's instructions,

Noah built a large boat, collected the necessary animals and his family, and boarded it just as the water began to rise. After many days the boat rested on a mountain and Noah was able to release the animals into the world.

I have often thought about that boat and what it must have meant to Noah and his family. That boat represented God's call in his life, safety, new beginnings, familiarity, and hope. We have similar arks in our own lives. Places that we have built or invested in that are safe to us: our houses, churches, family, friends, jobs, even certain beliefs.

That ark was home to Noah's family and the animals for a long time. But it was never meant to be a permanent dwelling place. The ark was a place that would help them get to a new place in life. It was always meant to be a means for God's plan, never the end of the plan.

Over the years I have found that I have made some of my arks the end and not the means to an end. As I think about the point of my life I see that I owe everything to Jesus. So I want to live in such a way that glorifies Christ to the fullest. But I have, too often, limited God's plans for my arks. I have been content with the friends I have, instead of opening my heart to invite others to friendship. I have hoarded too much of my personal time instead of inviting others to join me.

Are there other arks in our lives that we have refused to come out of? Has church become an ark that we won't leave? Is Church a vehicle or a destination? My prayer is that we are able to be challenged in life to go where God sends us and use what we have for the glory of God, not just for our own plans.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings



Story Time Returns!

(by Beverly Piper, 412.372.3971)

We had such a great time last summer, and are very excited to share this program again with Trinity's children and those in the community. Every Tuesday morning in July from 10-11 a.m., Trinity is hosting Story Time! We will meet in the library area to listen to a story, make a craft project and enjoy a snack.

We have a wonderful selection of Christian children's books to share! The books will be geared toward children ages 4 to 8 but older children are welcome.

Please bring your children and grandchildren. Invite your neighbors! If you can help provide light fun snacks (we have ideas) or can help on a Tuesday morning, please let me know.

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!

Summer Picnic

(by Beverly Piper)

Following our worship service on July 14 we will share lunch together and we have invited the folks from Manor First to join us. Weather permitting, we will eat at tables and chairs outside and enjoy the summer sunshine, with canopies for some shade. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, beverages and ice cream will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

On July 1, Manor and Trafford are becoming a two-point charge. Justin will be pastor for both of our church families. This picnic lunch is a welcome time of fellowship as we look forward to new friendships and opportunities with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Manor First!

This picnic is not our annual church picnic which typically takes place in August. In fact, you can read about that event on page 5 of the newsletter.



Just Arrived: Summer Reading

(by Beverly Piper)

On display on the table in front of the library, brand new arrivals, excellent books to enjoy reading this summer. Stop and take a look!

Reforesting Faith: What Trees Teach Us about the Nature of God and His Love for Us by Matthew Sleeth, MD: A surprising, refreshing read!

The Louder Song by Aubrey Sampson: God sings a louder song than our suffering, grief, spiritual doubt, chronic pain. There is a pathway through the difficult seasons of life.

Irresistible Faith: Becoming the Kind of Christian the World Can't Resist by Scott Sauls

Glorious Weakness: Discovering God in All We Think We Lack by Alia Joy: Exploring what it means to be poor in spirit.

The Wingfeather Saga by Andrew Peterson: *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness, North! or Be Eaten, The Monster in the Hollows.* Christian fiction...“Totally fun! A rip-roaring fantasy.” (Excerpt from back cover.)

UMCOR Kits

(by Linda Yocum)

In some parts of the world children lack access to basic school supplies. Around the world—even in the U.S.—people left homeless because of conflict or natural disaster lack access to basic daily hygiene supplies.

During July and August, Trinity will collect items for School Kits and Hygiene Kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). A list for each kit is included in this issue of the *Tempo* (see page 5). Copies will be available in the church vestibule as well.

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).

News from Our Extended Church Family

(by Jane Pogue)

Starting this month I am going to inform you on how our church members who aren't able to come to church are doing. When we go and visit them they are always excited to hear what's happening here at Trinity, and want us to say "hi" to everyone. Here are some updates about our friends and family.

Peggy Whitfield: Peggy had some major surgery and is doing as well as can be expected. She has such a good attitude even though she has had so many physical concerns. Peggy is now at Baldwin Health Center near Century III Mall for rehab. She will need further surgery so please keep her in your prayers. Her address is 1717 Skyline Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15227.



Judy Mason: Judy is doing fine, but has been having trouble with her wheelchair. We ordered her a new one but she couldn't touch the floor. However, Pastor Justin came to the rescue and was able to change the seats so

she is now a happy camper! Her only complaint is the food served at the Palms, and she is working on that!



Joan Hartley: Joan is also doing fine. She was having trouble with the brake on her wheelchair, but she now has a new chair and likes the navy blue color! We are still in the process of trying to sell her house, and are

making some major repairs there, so please keep Joan in your prayers, too.

Jan Keefer: Jeanne Ruccio went to visit Jan and was happy to see that Jan is doing well. She is very involved in the social events at Independence Court, and loves playing games and building puzzles. She is also getting therapy at the facility.

Kay Meadowcroft and Jay & Vicki Stokes: We are glad to report that things are status quo with Kay, Jay and Vicki. Don't forget to keep them in your prayers.

These are the latest updates I have at this time. I will try to keep them as accurate as I can, but I'm sure there will be changes! If at any time you would like to visit our friends, please give me a call (724.864.2858) and we will make sure you are included.

Updates

A Salute to Our 2019 Graduates!

Graduation devotionals were sent to Christian Boehm who has graduated from Penn-Trafford High School, and to Morgan Hainsey who was graduated from Indiana University of PA. Burak Colak was given his devotional at church and a reception followed in the library area.

We wish Christian, Morgan and Burak the best of everything, and may God watch over them as they venture forward in their future plans.

Strawberry Festival

I would like to put a big "thank you" out there to everyone in the church family who donated their time and food from the Spaghetti Dinner right up to the Strawberry Festival. It's nice to see everyone come together for a really good cause and make it happen. Thank you again and love to all.—Carol Piper

Food Drive

Trinity donated 74 boxes of flavored gelatin and instant pudding to the Trafford/Level Green food bank. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this mission project.

Looking Ahead! It's Almost Time for the Annual Church Picnic!

(by Jane Pogue)

Make sure you mark August 16 on your calendar. It's the annual church picnic! If you have any ideas for more fun activities, just let me know! It's always a great time for everyone!

Planning Retreat

Each year, members of the Ad-Council meet to determine our focus and discuss plans for the upcoming year. This year, the retreat has been scheduled, tentatively, for August 23-24. Mark it on your calendar. If you have ideas or suggestions, but are unable to attend, speak with Pastor Justin or contact the church office.



School Kit

- 1 pair blunt (rounded tip) scissors
- 1 box 24-count crayons
- 3 one-subject notebooks (no composition books; no 3- or 5-subject notebooks)
- 1 pack of loose-leaf paper (100-200 page pack)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (1" or larger)
- 1 ruler (12" or 30 centimeters)
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 eraser
- 1 two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag (e.g. Ziploc, Glad, Hefty)

Do not include any items with cartoon characters, advertisements, or religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" to 17" x 27"); no kitchen towels
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 comb (sturdy with at least 6" of teeth; no pocket combs, no picks)
- 1 toenail or fingernail clipper
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. or larger; no Ivory or Jergen's soap)
- 1 adult toothbrush
- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4" x 3"; e.g., Band-Aids)
- 1 one-gallon re-sealable plastic bag (e.g. Ziploc, Glad, Hefty)

All items must be new and in their original packaging. Do not include any items with cartoon characters, advertisements, or religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
JoAnn Booher
Jim Corl (friend of Jane Pogue)
Sam Gurgiolo (friend of Joan Hartley)
Jan Keefer
Christine Kosuth (coworker of Linda Yocum)
Family of Paul Madaras
(Mary Ann Casper's brother)
Judy Mason
Joan Sanford (Patty Aubele's mother)
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
Peggy Whitfield

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

July Anniversaries

3rd Joe and Lynn Antoon
28th John and Cindy Graw

July Birthdays

2nd Paige Johnson
3rd Stewart Owens
4th Paul Ondulich
7th Danielle Mallik
8th Isaac James Jartin
11th Margaret Plecenik
13th Whitney Keller
15th Bryan Messina
23rd Kim Soles
25th Sharren Breakey
26th May Ann Casper
27th Bailey Boehm, Hope Conlogue
31st Dorothy Henry



Summer is here! Fans are turning, windows and doors are open. Remember to turn off fans and close and lock doors and windows before leaving the church building.

July Schedules

Greeters

7th Jane Pogue
14th John and Jeanne Ruccio
21st Linda Yocum
28th Linda Yocum

Liturgists

7th Jane Pogue
14th Bob Lovre
21st Roger VanRyn
28th Sandy Chiappetta

Nursery

7th Cindy Graw and Noell Stultz
14th Jane Pogue and Beverly Beam
21st Stephanie Judy and Joan Vowler
28th April Beam and Donna Race

Altar Flowers

7th open
14th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
21st Eileen Bentley
28th Cliff and Evelyn Felmlee

July Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	2 10 a.m. Crafts 10-11 a.m. Story Time	3 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	4  <i>Independence Day</i> (office closed)	5	6
7 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion	8 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	9 10 a.m. Crafts 10-11 a.m. Story Time 6:30 p.m. Trustee Work Party	10 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Summer Picnic Scrip Order Day	15 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	16 10 a.m. Crafts 10-11 a.m. Story Time 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	17 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline	18	19	20
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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the August issue of the *Tempo* are due Wednesday, July 17, 2019.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

New Worship Hours and Office Hours

Effective July 1, 2019 Trinity will be in a charge relationship with Manor First UMC. Some changes and compromises are necessary in such an arrangement. Below are two important changes to note.

Starting July 7, 2019, Trinity's worship service will begin at 11:15 a.m. Sunday School will keep the same start time at 9:45 a.m.

Starting the week of July 7, Pastor Justin will hold office hours at Trinity on Wednesdays and Fridays. He will be at Manor First on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As always, you may reach him via cell phone at 724.594.4073.