



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Hello Trinity,

I am loving what I am seeing outside. It is 80 degrees and partly cloudy. There is a slight breeze that is keeping things a little cooler. This weather is awesome. It reminds me of the joys of past summers in my grandparent's trailer, playing Lawn Jarts in the yard or drinking iced tea with my grandfather as we listened to the birds sing. It is indeed beautiful outside. It almost

allows me to forget, but I don't want to forget I need to remember and pray...

As I look out the window I am praying. Our nation is going through a difficult time. Pennsylvania looks like it is starting to come out of COVID-19 isolation and businesses are opening back up, while other states are experiencing resurgences and starting to shut back down. Racism has once again proved that it has not gone away. A presidential election is quickly approaching. Many businesses are shutting down and people are losing their jobs. This is indeed trying times.

What is our response as people of God? How do we live in the midst of all that is happening in our nation and culture? Silence is not the answer. But, I believe, Micah 6:8 is of some benefit to us:

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

I pray during this time we are able to stand up for what is right. To support our brothers and sisters who are working to create a safe nation for all people regardless of color or creed. I hope we can support those who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 shutdown and protect those who are still vulnerable to infection.

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Trinity Happenings

School Kits

Each year, Trinity collects supplies for school kits which are distributed by UMCOR to children around the world. Retailers push school supplies in July and August, so now is a great time to stock up on school kit items.

UMCOR estimates the cost of an entire kit to be about \$11. You are welcome to make up complete kits or to buy just one or two items for a kit. Below is the list of items for one kit. Please do not substitute items. Anything that is not on the list will be removed by UMCOR volunteers.



These are the items of an UMCOR School Kit: paper, ruler, crayons, pencils, eraser, scissors, pencil sharpener, notebooks and re-sealable plastic bag.

If you can't shop, but want to participate, consider making a monetary donation. Mark your donation "School Kits" and mail

it to the church or place it in the offering plate. Trinity will collect supplies and monetary donations through August 16.

School Kit Contents

The items on this list make up one school kit. Remember, no cartoon characters, advertisements, or religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols on any items.

- 1 pair blunt scissors (round tip only); no plastic scissors
- 1 box 24-count crayons
- 3 one-subject notebooks; no composition books, no 2-, 3- or 5-subject notebooks
- 1 pack loose-leaf paper, 100-200 sheet packs; wide or college rule
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener, 1-inch or longer
- 1 ruler, 12 inches or 30 centimeters; sturdy or flexible
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 eraser, two inches or larger
- 1 two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag (e.g., Ziploc, Hefty, etc.)

Pastor's Letter

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I ask that for the month of July we are in continual prayer for the racism in our nation and for the virus that is still a threat. Ask the Lord what part we can play in these serious times. Near the end of July I will be preaching a message against racism and also inviting you to join me in a book study of *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo.

Each of you are in my prayers. May we continue to lean on the Lord of love.

PTL,
Justin Judy

Super Summer Sunday School is "Zooming" Along!

(by Beverly Piper)

Under Stephanie's and my guidance, and with the support of fabulous parents, our children are continuing to enjoy Sunday School together this summer via Zoom.

Our summer theme is "Jesus and Me." Our first four lessons were: Jesus says that I am special; Jesus cares about everyone; Jesus

wants everyone to be part of His family; and Jesus shows me how to be a friend.

The children are making scrapbooks all summer. So far, they've made pressed flower designs with flowers from their yards, painted birdhouses, and more! Each week the papers and craft items they need are delivered to their homes. The kids look forward to the arrival! A huge thanks to Linda Yocum for copying 15 sets of multiple activity papers in color for us every week.

We have this opportunity to use the technology of Zoom to be "together" and we're using it. We have an awesome God who knows how to gather our hearts every week to bless us. Thank you, Jesus!

Hey God, "How you made me is amazing and wonderful!" Psalm 139:14

Some of the craft projects the children created during Sunday School in June.



Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Elaine Abrams (Jane Pogue's friend)
Patty Aubele
JoAnn Booher
George Braem (John Ruccio's friend)
Jess Clausner
Family of Greg Keefer
Jan Keefer
Kevin Knopf
Family of Ora Mae Lovre
Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
Peggy Whitfield
Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik's grandmother)
Dorothy Yocum

Do you know someone who is experiencing physical, spiritual or emotional difficulties? Prayer shawls and blankets are available for people facing such challenges. Contact Jane Pogue to request a shawl or blanket.

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

July Birthdays

1st Antonious Hanna
2nd Paige Johnson
3rd Stewart Owens
4th Paul Ondulich
7th Danielle Mallik
8th Isaac Jartin
11th Margaret Plecenik
13th Whitney Keller
14th Jenna Beam
15th Bryan Messina
23rd Kim Soles
25th Sharren Breakey
26th Mary Ann Casper
27th Baily Boehm, Hope Conlogue
31st Dorothy Henry

July Anniversaries

3rd Joe and Lynn Antoon
24th Antonious and Mildred Hanna
28th John and Cindy Graw

July Schedules

Liturgists

5th Jane Pogue
12th Bob Lovre
19th Roger VanRyn
26th Lori Dorko

Altar Flowers

5th open
12th Eileen Bentley
19th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
26th open

July Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
28 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	29	30	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day (office closed)</i>
5 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Scrip Order Day	13	14	15 Tempo Deadline	16	17	18
19 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Note: Worship is taking place concurrently in the Social Hall and via Zoom.

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the August issue of the newsletter are due Wednesday, July 15, 2020.



July Updates

Nursery and Greeters

Based on reopening criteria from the CDC and recommendations from the Western PA Conference, Trinity will not have greeters or staff a nursery during July.

Scrip Program

Trinity will maintain the regular ordering schedule for gift cards as listed on the July calendar. Place your orders by the 5 p.m. deadline on Sundays. Give orders and payment to Linda Yocum or mail them to the church office (make checks payable to TUMC Scrip Program). Contact Linda Yocum (412.372.6808) or the church office (412.373.0835) for details.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.