

Trinity

September 2020

Tempo



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How has the summer treated you? There is no doubt it has been a different kind of season than many of our previous experiences. COVID-19 is reaching the point of being a normal entity in our everyday experiences and planning. My routine for leaving the house has always been to check for my keys, wallet, and phone. Now I make sure I have my keys, wallet, phone, and mask.

Last year we had made plans to focus on dismantling racism and reaching out to all people in our community. But since March our attention has been diverted.

Trinity recently had its planning meeting looking at ministry for the year of 2021. We decided to continue our focus of dismantling racism and connecting with all people in our community along with looking at how we do ministry and communication through social media.

Racism is roughly defined as “using the power a people has to keep a people without power down.” Our nation has a problem with racism. Since its inception, white men have been the normal face of power. Historically that power has been used to keep people of color away from positions of authority and influence. We at Trinity want to live in our neighborhood and do ministry in such a way that communicates the truth of the Gospel, “that all people are of significant value, desired by God, the creator, and Christ died and rose for all people.”

We also recognize that much of our culture communicates through social media. But much of that communication is nasty and degrading. We would like to have a social media presence that honors God and seeks to share the love of Jesus with others. We also would like to provide opportunities for others to learn how to effectively use social media and share posts that can be supportive and uplifting to those who read them.

I ask for your prayers as we begin to move into a new year. I look forward to God working through us in the rest of 2020-2021.

PTL,
Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

Our focus this month is on a wonderful couple, Evelyn and Cliff Felmlee. Both have been wonderful and faithful followers in our church.

Evelyn

In talking with Evelyn (Evie), did you know that she has been attending our church since she was eight years old? She knows all the preachers we have had at the church; she was married there twice and all five children were baptized there! Now that's saying something!

Evie attended Penn Township High School and then went to Columbia Hospital for Nursing in 1951. She was a registered nurse there for three or four years. In 1952 she married Jerry Breakey (their marriage lasted 49 years), and they began their family. Josie, Jerry, John, and Jeff all live in the area, and Jim is only in Mechanicsburg. They are a very close family.

Evelyn served our church well. She helped with Bible School, taught Sunday School with Dorothy Yocum, sang in the choir, attended the Friendship Class, and is still very active with Helping Hands. She said she could never count the number of dinners she has helped with!

She enjoys cooking, reading, doing crossword puzzles, knitting, eating out, grocery shopping and just being social.



However, she hates cleaning! She loves our church and loves being connected to such wonderful people.

Cliff

Did you know Cliff was originally from this area and attended Penn Township High School, also? Cliff was an extremely hard worker. His first job was at Islay's in Irwin. He has worked at U.S. Steel in Braddock and he has had jobs in Ohio, Georgia, Wyoming, California, Virginia, and New Mexico. He moved back and forth of California several times where he finally **continued on page 4**



We will continue Sunday School via ZOOM in September. We have children ages 4 through 12. We want to have separate classes for the younger and older children and are considering having a class during the week as well as on Sunday morning. The young people (15 and 16 years old) are already having Sunday School on Monday evenings. We call it Manna Monday, and studied Proverbs during the summer.

If you would like to join in the joy and help or participate, please call me.

Summer Offering

(by Jane Pogue)

This summer has brought so many changes to all of us, and especially our ability to attend our worship services. We have

Super Summer Sunday School was...Super!

(by Beverly Piper)

God blessed our summer with singing, laughter, crafts and the wonderful stories of Jesus and His love which held us all together! In August, Jesus taught us how to help others and how to pray. He taught us that He listens when we call and that He will always be with us. Anyone and everyone can talk with God anytime, anywhere!

Our children are a precious gift from God! Thank you, God! Thank you, Stephanie, for all of your fabulous and fun craft ideas and preparation, and your smile every week! Thank you, parents and grandparents who signed on to ZOOM every Sunday morning and helped their children participate.

been lucky enough to have our services through ZOOM and in the church social hall. Thanks to all of you who have been so faithful with your attendance. Thank you also to those of you who have been so faithful with your church stewardship.

Even though we have not been able to physically use the church facility for all activities and services, the work of the church definitely continues to go on, and thus we still have many bills to pay. It is so easy to get lax with our donations in the summer, especially since we aren't attending church as we are used to. Also, many of us have had to tighten our purse strings due to COVID-19, and we certainly understand that.

We are so blessed to have such a wonderful, supportive church family, and I am asking

you to continue that support so that we can continue God's work. We may be small, but we have accomplished many great things! Thanks again for all you do for Trinity United Methodist Church of Trafford.

Senior Spotlight

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retired at age 73. His first wife, Alice, must have really loved him to move around that much! Cliff has one daughter, Sandy Bergman, who lives in Columbia, Maryland.

Cliff is a "football and sports junkie" as Evie says. He likes to shop, do laundry, and read newspapers. Cliff was also active in our church. He was a member of the Friendship Class, attended Bible studies and was PPRC Chair for many years. While chairperson, he helped revamp the job descriptions of all the work areas of the church.

Cliff and Evelyn

Cliff and Evie have known each other since high school. They even went to the junior prom together. When Cliff's wife died, he brought her back here, and Jerry and Evelyn went to the funeral home to see Alice. Unfortunately, five weeks later, Jerry passed away. Cliff and Evie sent cards and made phone calls of support to each other, and that was the start of their relationship. Evie visited Cliff in California, and after that they came back to Trafford and eventually married in 2003.

They were both blessed with having two loving marriages, and continue to be blessed today. They watch *Jeopardy* and play Scrabble every day and, of course, love to go out

to eat! Cliff said he'd like to go another 50 years! At the rate these two "young at heart" people are going they just may do that!

Book Club

The first meeting of the book club has been postponed until October 6.

Pastor Justin will announce the book for this session shortly. It is likely that the book, *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell, planned for September 1 will be the focus of a later session. Other books that may be discussed in the near future include *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis.

The meeting time remains the same (6 p.m.) via ZOOM. You can sign in as early as 5:30 p.m. Meeting ID: 891 9063 2669; Passcode: 172851





School Kits

Thank you to everyone who contributed supplies or money for our annual school kits drive. We collected enough funds and items for 24 kits. Thanks again for your commitment to this mission project and to the education of children around the world.

Lawn & Garden

The Trinity church family says, "thank you!" to Carol Piper for cutting the grass, trimming, and tidying up the grounds this summer. Even though we couldn't all be there together each Sunday, it was nice to see someone caring for the yard.

To the ladies (you know who you are!) who are weeding and tidying up the garden this summer, thank you for sharing your time and love of gardening and of God!

Graduation

*Church Family,
Thank you for the book and the gift card. I am currently working for Duquesne Light as an IT Project Coordinator.
Tim Johnson*



Parent Up

Every Child, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 1997 focusing on the care and support of foster children. Since its inception, the group has expanded services, providing foster care, adoption services, and clinical and therapeutic care to children and families in Southwestern PA.

The organization created **Parent Up**, an avenue for parents of tweens and teens to ask questions, learn and network. It is hosting a virtual parenting series beginning on September 14. Each 90-minute session spotlights a different topic guided by regional experts. For more information about this parenting series, visit Every Child at www.everychildinc.org/parentup.

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Elaine Abrams (Jane Pogue's friend)
JoAnn Booher
John Hess family (Kris Peter's father)
Jan Keefer
Kris Peters
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)
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.

September Anniversaries

2nd David and Josie Nigro
18th Brett and Gina Lloyd,
Rob and Janet Conlogue
20th Brent and Jess Clausner
25th Randy and Diane Kerrigan

September Birthdays

1st David Nigro
2nd Marge Little
3rd Dianna Jartin
5th Justin Judy
9th Laney Baker
10th Bill Jones, David Zimmerman,
Laura Musser, Zack Lloyd
11th Sarah Musser
12th Barb Messina
13th Sandy Yamamoto
17th Rylie Felton
20th Joe Antoon
23rd Beverly Beam
24th Gavin Dulemba
26th Julie Beam
27th Kevin Knopf

Correction: The date for the Blessing of the Backpacks was listed incorrectly as July 16. The correct date was August 16. The error was the fault of the editor rather than the author.

September Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

September 6th and 20th

- Place orders by 5 p.m. 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 (412.372.6808) or the church office (412.373.0835) for details.

Altar Flowers

6th open
13th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
20th Thelma Johnson
27th Yocum Family

If you would like to reserve a date for altar flowers, contact the church office at 412.373.0835. Open dates for the remainder of 2020 are:

- September 6
- October 25
- November 15 and 29
- December 6 and 13

September Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
30 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	31 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday	1 7 p.m. Joint SPRC Meeting	2 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Piper home)	3	4	5
6 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion <i>Christian Education Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day	7 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday <i>Labor Day (office closed)</i>	8 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	9 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Piper home)	10	11	12
13 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	14 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday	15	16 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study Tempo Deadline	17	18	19
20 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	21 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday	22	23 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	24	25	26
27 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Installation of Sunday School Staff 11:15 a.m. Worship	28 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday	29	30	1	2	3 9 a.m. Racism Planning Session

Note: Worship is taking place concurrently in the Social Hall and via ZOOM. Sunday School and all meetings and activities are conducted via ZOOM unless otherwise noted.

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the October issue of the newsletter are due Wednesday, September 16, 2020.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Mark these October activities and meetings on your calendar.

Racism Planning Session: Saturday, October 3 at 9 a.m. via ZOOM

Book Club: Tuesday, October 6 at 6 p.m. via ZOOM

Blessing of the Pets: Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 11 at 6 p.m.

Social Media Planning Session: Saturday, October 24 at 9 a.m. via ZOOM

Halloween Candy Giveaway: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 31 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.