



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every destination has a road that must be traveled. Growing up, our trips to Myrtle Beach were some of the most memorable. The destination was great, but the trip down or back often times had the more interesting stories, for better or for worse.

If Easter is our destination then Lent is our road. Lent is a road we all must travel to get to the good

news that Jesus has been risen from the dead. This road isn't always an easy one to walk. It exists to remind us of our need for God. It is a time to reflect, confess, fast and pray. It allows us to realize our weaknesses so that we can rely upon God all the more and find strength because God holds us up.

This Lenten road will take us through some unsettling territory. Mid-March will mark our one-year anniversary living with COVID restrictions. It's not a time any of us wanted to celebrate. Over this past year we have endured masks and social distancing in worship, contact tracing and not being able to meet in person nearly as much as we want. And those are just some of the changes we have gone through for church, not to mention all the changes to our community activities. But we have found that the Holy Spirit still helps us to worship together wherever we are. The ministry of the church has not ceased. God has used us in so many ways.

I am getting tired of all the restrictions though. I know most of us are. I have heard it called "COVID Fatigue." Our lives have changed for over a year and we just want to see "normal" again. "Normal" has not come back yet. I am not convinced it ever will, not exactly. I do believe we will reach a point where we have to give COVID far less consideration than we do now. Unfortunately, we are not there yet. COVID still poses a danger to those who are vulnerable. I pray we will continue to be good stewards of the lives of those God has given to us.

Many of our restrictions are still in place. Masks are required at all events, along with social distancing with those not in your bubble. We will continue to sing only one hymn, as singing

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Trinity Happenings



Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

For the month of March our Senior in the Spotlight is someone we haven't seen for quite a while. We are recognizing Kay Ann Meadowcroft and we truly miss seeing her in church on Sunday mornings.

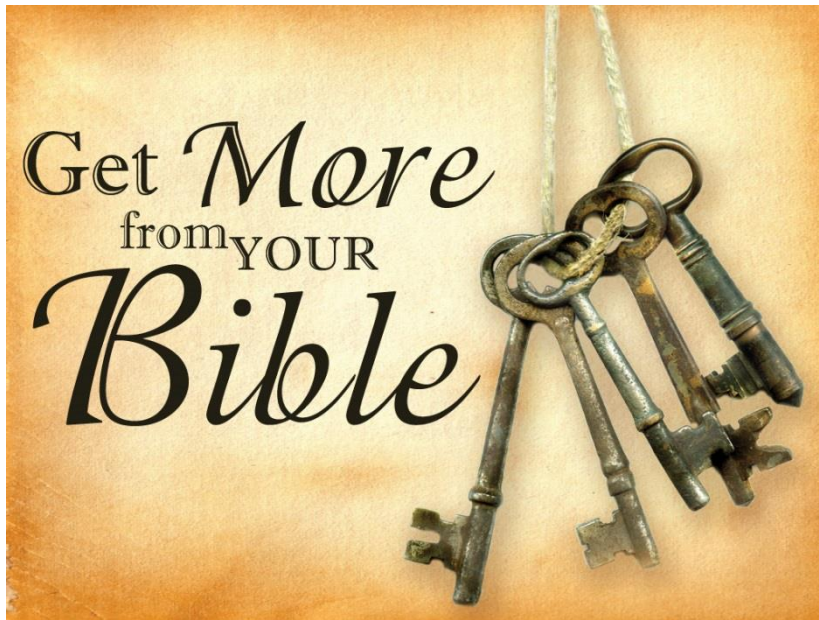
Kay was born in Wilksburg on March 7, 1944. It is appropriate we are highlighting her since this is her birthday month! While her father, Mel, was in the service Kay and her mother, Margaret, lived with her grandparents. When Mel returned home they moved into their house on Fairmont

Avenue in Trafford, and a little later her sister, Linda, was born. Kay continued to live on Fairmont until she moved to Concordia Assisted Living where she currently resides. She happens to be in the room right across from Joan Hartley!

Kay graduated from Trafford High School and then went to Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she majored in Elementary Education. For most of her career she taught second grade at Level Green Elementary and Sunrise Elementary Schools.

Kay liked to bowl and was part of a bowling league at one time. She likes to read and play solitaire. She was also very active in our church and you would see her at many activities there. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and the Women's Bible Study group. She helped with all the dinners, festivals and craft sales, and was a very faithful participant in our Sunday School program.

Kay was a very dedicated member in our congregation and we really miss seeing her. Since this pandemic, I haven't been able to see Kay very much, and hopefully that will change soon. Kay remembers all her friends from church and often asks how everyone is doing. You don't realize how important people are to your church until you don't see them around. Thank you, Kay, for all your dedication to Trinity United Methodist; we love and miss you! God bless!



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be servant but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45 (NIV)

Church Library: Open!

(by Beverly Piper)

Here is some happy news! Our church library is open! If you would like to borrow a book you can contact me at 412-607-1759, and I will make arrangements to get the book to you. If you have a particular book in mind, I can check to see if we have it, or I would be glad to recommend a

book to you. We have some excellent books about the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Jesus, beautiful devotional books for Lent and Easter and wonderful children’s books about Easter. Here are some new arrivals and excerpts from their back covers.

A Gentle Answer by Scott Sauls – Inspiring; in a hostile world, followers of Jesus can live a better way—kinder, gentler, stronger.

Enter Wild by Carlos Whittaker – With transparency and humor Carlos shares his personal struggle with crippling anxiety. It is possible to live the abundant life Jesus promised in John 10:10.

Sky Full of Stars by Meg Apperson – A moving story of learning to surrender to God’s perfect plans, finding God who is always there, finding peace in the midst of suffering.

The Fight to Flourish by Jennie Lusko – Weighed down by difficult days, wondering if a vibrant life will ever be in your future? Jennie shares how she found a fresh and thriving life after the death of her daughter. The word *flourish* is written all over you and your future!

Women’s Wednesday Night Bible Study

(by Beverly Piper)

We began a new study on Wednesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. entitled *Following Jesus through Mark*. We will be meeting on ZOOM until we are able to meet again in the church building. As we explore the Gospel of Mark we will see “Jesus serving others in one act of mercy after another. In Mark we see Jesus set the example of how to walk in harmony with God and how to live in harmony with people” (*Following Jesus through Mark*, pg. 7).

What a wonderful opportunity to gather together to learn from our Savior, Jesus, who said He came to serve! We are called to do the same, in faith, with the love of Jesus. We will learn from the heart of Jesus the joy, the challenge, the blessing of being a servant of God. Ladies you are welcome to join us, so contact me if you would like to come and I will order a study book for you. Don’t worry if you didn’t make the first study or two. It is easy to catch up.



Foundations: 12 Biblical Truths to Shape a Family by Ruth Chou – Connect yours and your children’s hearts to the heart of God through the Word of God.

Protecting Your Child from Predators by Robinson and Scott – Practical, valuable advice on keeping your child safe from abuse.

The Birds Our Teachers by John Stott – Biblical lessons from a life-long bird-watcher. Photographically lavish, intriguing book! Stott expands on Martin Luther’s message from the Sermon on the Mount. “Let the little birds be your teachers.”

For Children

What a Beautiful Name – Honor and celebrate the name of Jesus with your children.

God Speaks in Whispers – When we get quiet and listen, we can hear God everywhere. Fall in love with His voice!

I Can Only Imagine – A friendship with Jesus now and forever.

UMCOR Sunday

Sunday, March 14 is UMCOR Sunday. Your gifts on this day support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which is there in the wake of disasters, providing food, shelter, and health support ministries around the world. Your gifts on UMCOR Sunday allow 100% of designated gifts to be used for the specified disaster response or other ministry. To donate, use the envelope insert found in this issue of *Trinity Tempo*.

Thank You!

(by Beverly Piper)

Heartfelt thanks to Joanne, Matt and Bob Lovre, and Kay and Linda Yocum for donating many books from their mothers’ home libraries to our church library. Ora Mae’s and Dorothy’s books of devotion, inspiration, Bible reference books, Christian fiction and Christian biography have a new home on our library shelves. Wonderful books from beloved friends we miss dearly. We are so grateful for your generosity! The marvelous book, *The Birds Our Teachers* was one of Ora Mae’s. Several books from Jan Karon’s *Mitford Series* were Dorothy’s and completed our set so we have them all now.

Pastor's Letter

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helps to propel the virus. And we are also limiting the number of events and activities that happen in the church building. Each time we gather, we increase the risk of spreading the virus.

I want to thank you all for your patience through this time. I know it has not been easy. Please, remember that I am always available. If you ever have a question or complaint surrounding these procedures I am here. I promise to listen. I don't know how long we will have to do all of this. Lent reminds us that through our frustration and weakness God provides strength. I know with the Lord, all things are possible.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Food Drive

Penn-Trafford is holding a food drive through March 5 to support local food pantries. Drop off non-perishable goods at the church during office hours or drop them off at the high school nurse's entrance #31.

Tax Prep

United Way volunteers are available now to help individuals with 2020 tax preparation. The services are available through April 10, 2021 by dialing 2-1-1 or by visiting pa211sw.org. Free, do-it-yourself online tax assistance for individuals and families may also be found at www.myfreetaxes.com.

What Are You Giving Up This Lent?

Many of us give up something for Lent—snacks, sweets, desserts, caffeine. Others try fasting for a day of the week or one meal each day. Are you looking for something different to do this Lenten season? Here are just a few suggestions from the Upper Room.

1. Try an electronic fast: Give up texting, tweeting, email, TV, Facebook and all electronics one day each week.
2. Cultivate a life of gratitude: Write a "thank you" letter to someone each week; think about the many people who have helped you throughout your life.
3. Pray for others: Pray for people you see as you go about your daily life—those you pass to and from work, while grocery shopping, running errands or on your daily walk.



Lent 101. Retrieved February 19, 2021 from Upper Room Resources, at upperroom.org/resources/lent-101

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Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
Lou and JoAnn Booher
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Family of Donald Guyaux
Mary Johnson
Shirley McCune (Jane Pogue's aunt)
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)



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

Birthdays

1st Patty Aubele
2nd Tom Puckey
4th Randy Kerrigan
5th Kristina Chichilla
7th Kay Meadowcroft
9th Robert Cush
12th Stephanie Judy
13th Ryan Kerrigan
16th Vicki Stokes, Blanche Yocum
17th Kay Yocum
18th Giovanna Stultz
23rd Mattie Fanty, Matt Knopf, Lia Nigro
25th John Ruccio
27th Gary Peters, Sarah Ebner Scott
29th Nicolyn (Lonzo) Alprete, Sarah Lloyd

March Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

March 7 and 21

- 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

7th open
14th Yocum family
21st Larry and Becky Mallik
28th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto

If you would like to reserve a date for altar flowers, contact the church office.

March Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) 2nd Sunday in Lent	1 6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	2	3 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	4	5	6
7 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) 3rd Sunday in Lent Scrip Order Day	8 6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	9 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	10 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	11	12	13
14 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) 4th Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	15 6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	16	17 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20
21 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) 5th Sunday in Lent Scrip Order Day	22 6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	23	24 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday	6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)		7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	

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Daylight Saving Time
begins Sunday, March 14. Turn
your clocks ahead 1 hour
Saturday night.



Tempo Deadline

Articles for the
April issue of the
newsletter are due
Wednesday, March
17, 2021.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

If you missed the deadline for ordering
candy, take heart. There is still time to place
an order. Just order online at
SarrisCandiesFundraising.com. Trinity earns
25% profit from all online orders.

1. Click on **Online Ordering**.
2. Enter the Group ID #
10-0582.
3. Start shopping.

Orders will be shipped
directly to your home;
shipping and handling
charges apply.

Online ordering
is open now through
March 29, 2021.

