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407 Duquesne Avenue  
Trafford PA 15085

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407 Duquesne Avenue  
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Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Healing Service: second Sunday of the  
month following the worship service

*“Our hearts, our minds and our doors  
are always open”*

## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the  
January issue  
are due Friday,  
December 19.



## December Schedules

### **GREETERS**

7<sup>th</sup> David and Nancy Bash  
14<sup>th</sup> April Beam  
21<sup>st</sup> Donna Piper  
24<sup>th</sup> Donna Piper  
28<sup>th</sup> open

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please use the envelopes in the vestibule when paying for  
your flowers (\$20 for the two vase arrangements and \$15  
for the table arrangement).

7<sup>th</sup> open  
14<sup>th</sup> Chancel Choir  
21<sup>st</sup> Felmlee and Breakey Families  
28<sup>th</sup> Knopf Family

### **NURSERY**

Contact Danielle at 412-965-9936 if you cannot make it  
on your scheduled Sunday.

7<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue and Eileen Bentley  
14<sup>th</sup> Danielle Mallik and volunteer  
21<sup>st</sup> Donna Race and volunteer  
28<sup>th</sup> Danielle Mallik and volunteer

# Trinity Tempo

December 2014

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pastor: 724-594-4073

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Merry Christmas Trinity,

It's here; it's finally here. I start looking forward to this time of year the moment last year's finished. Advent means coming. For me and many children this is truly a time of expectation and excitement of the coming son of God.

When we look in the Bible we see that is exactly what this season in the Church is supposed to be about. Hebrews 11, long considered Faith's Hall of Fame, recounts to us individuals who had an expectation of the Lord's activity that extended well beyond themselves. Hebrews 11:13 reminds us how they saw the promises of God from a distance and longed for them.

Who can forget about Simeon (Luke 2:25-35) who was told by the Holy Spirit he would not depart this world until he saw the Christ child? Through these verses we get to experience an expectation fulfilled and read of a man excited by the fulfillment of a promise and the hope of creation brought to him by Jesus.

How do you think the wise men felt as they finally reached Jesus (Matthew 2:10-11)? For the last couple of years they had been anticipating this meeting and finally it had happened! Oh, happy day!

Yes, Christmas is a journey we all have the privilege of making together. Let us travel as the Church and be excited about kneeling at the feet of Jesus, the Son of God. We have been given a gift to share with the world.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

## In This Issue

Events in the church and in  
our community  
Sunday School Christmas play  
and dinner  
Volunteer opportunities  
Putting the focus on Christ this  
Advent season



Patty & Ed Aubele  
 Caleb Baker (Kris & Gary Peters' son-in-law)  
 Dorothy Caruso and caregivers  
 Fred Cuttler  
 Beecher & Kay Dale  
 Ruth Diffenderfer (friend of Jane P)  
 Carol & David Grubb  
 Joan Gruber (friend of Jane Pogue)  
 Angela Knopf (Ruth Knopf's daughter-in-law)  
 Matt Knopf  
 Ruth Knopf  
 Jo Ann Kubit (Danielle Mallik's mother)  
 Mark L (co-worker of Gary Peters)  
 Holly Marto (friend of Donna Race)  
 Nellie Mills  
 Vicki Stokes  
 David Walter (Peg Whitfield's son)  
 Bud Weyant (brother-in-law of Lloyd & Marjorie Myers)  
 Peggy Whitfield  
 Todd Williams (brother of Rev. Williams)  
 James & Florence Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik's grandparents)



Our condolences to family and friends of Elizabeth (Tiz) Pioth who passed away on November 8, and to family and friends of Margaret (Peg) Whitfield who passed away on November 9.



## Helping Hands

*(by Roberta Cuttler)*

Can't believe we are having our last meeting of the year! It's a very exciting meeting. We have our covered dish luncheon—which is always delicious!—served by all officers at noon.

We will have our regular meeting with the program presented by Ora Mae Lovre. Pastor's white gift (Home Missions) and our free-will offering will be taken. All officers are the same for next year (2015).

Our prayer partners for 2014 will be revealed and new ones picked for 2015. Dues of \$5.00 are now due payable to Roberta Cuttler for next year. You are welcome to attend our meeting and join us at any time. Hope to see you in December for our meeting.

We thank everyone who cooked, served, cleaned up or helped in any way with our Election Day Dinner. Without you we could not do this. The dinner made \$1,156.71, craft table \$145.50 and we also sold cutlery. All in all, it was a success. Thanks again to all who helped and also those who bought tickets.

## Thank You

TUMC Family,

Thank you for the handmade baby blanket and diapers for Gavin. Thank you for all the prayers for his continued good health.

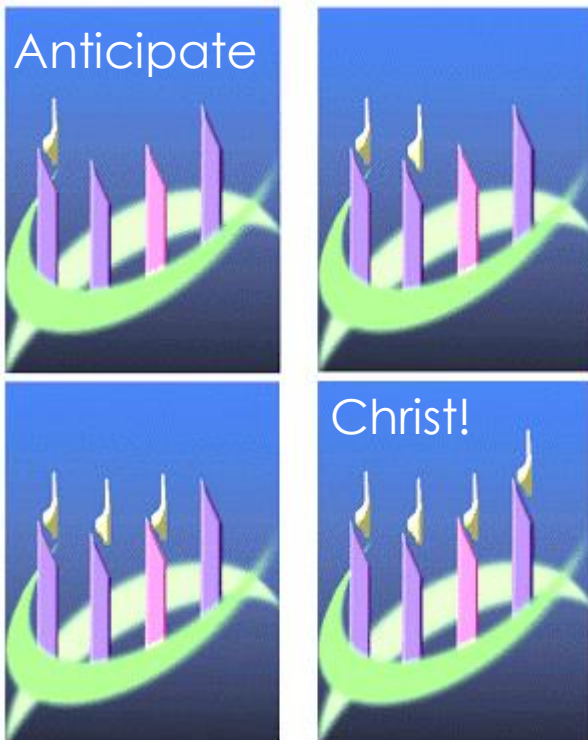
—Brandon Dulemba and Rickie Saunders

Bev, Stephanie and all,

Thank you for the nice time at the Cancer Supper. I really appreciated everything. It was nice to celebrate instead of worrying or thinking of test results...God Bless! Love to all.

—Cindy

# Trinity Happenings



*(by Beverly Piper)*

May God's greatest gift...Jesus...be your greatest joy this Christmas. Wishing you His unfailing, unstoppable Love. Bring your home nativity to share on display. If you are not bringing your whole nativity, be sure to bring a shepherd from your set. Bring a light snack to share also. Bring the kids! Bring a friend! Come and breathe deeply, smile largely, sing loudly...anticipate Christ with us! There will be a craft to make and take home again this year, too. The first Sunday of Advent...begin the Christmas season by yearning for more of Jesus, so come Christmas morning...you haven't missed Him.

## The Door to Christmas

*(by Beverly Piper)*

The children from the Sunday School classes will perform their play on Sunday, December 14 at 4 p.m. Bring your favorite covered dish to share. Come share in the joy as the children present "the Door to Christmas," a story of Christmas in word and song.

## Christmas Cantata

The chancel choir will present "Emmanuel—God With Us!" on Sunday, December 21 during the morning worship service.

## 2014 Charge Conference

Church/Charge Conference will be held on Monday, December 1. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting with new district superintendent Patricia Nelson. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. SPRC will meet at 6 p.m.

## Volunteers Needed

### **NURSERY**

The number of mothers with young children in our congregation continues to grow. The nursery needs volunteers to help watch the infants and toddlers while their parents attend the worship service. Two adults (age 18 and older) are scheduled each Sunday. If you are interested in helping out, please speak with Danielle Mallik or call the church office at 412-373-0835.

### **HOME COMMUNION**

Several members of our congregation are homebound and unable to participate in Holy Communion. Teams of two take communion to them each month. It's an opportunity to keep these friends connected with their church family and a chance to enjoy their company. If you would like to be part of this ministry, speak with Pastor Justin.

## A Hot Sweet Treat

Walking, sledding, shoveling snow, putting up Christmas decorations...all of these activities can leave you invigorated and cold! Let's help provide a little warmth and comfort for our neighbors this winter in the form of hot cocoa. Trinity is collecting boxes of instant hot cocoa for the Trafford Level Green Christian Food Bank. The collection box is located in the library. Donations are due by Monday, December 15.



# Trinity Updates

## Poinsettia Orders

The church is taking orders for poinsettia plants (\$11 per plant) through Sunday, December 14. Choose from red or white poinsettias and indicate if the plant is in honor or in memory of someone. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.



## Sarris Candies Orders

You can still participate in this fundraiser by placing an order online through December 15. Here are the details.

- Website: [sarriscandiesfundraising.com](http://sarriscandiesfundraising.com)
- Trinity's Group ID #: 10-0582

## December Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Jean Swick  
5<sup>th</sup> Linda Yocum  
7<sup>th</sup> Dana Hainsey  
8<sup>th</sup> Bailey McLaughlin  
12<sup>th</sup> Caleb Baker  
15<sup>th</sup> Bryce McLaughlin  
16<sup>th</sup> Frank Gongloff  
Janis Mills  
18<sup>th</sup> Greg Keefer  
19<sup>th</sup> Brian Witmer  
26<sup>th</sup> Judy Cromer  
29<sup>th</sup> Susan Rising  
30<sup>th</sup> Anthony Keefer  
Jay Stokes

## December Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> Jerry & Darlene Williams  
8<sup>th</sup> Les & Donna Race  
31<sup>st</sup> Jerry & Sharren Breakey

If you haven't noticed your name on our birthday and anniversary announcements, please contact the church office at 412-373-0835. We don't want to miss anyone!

# Community Happenings

## Faith In Action

Faith in Action is in need of volunteer drivers for the Trafford area. If you are interested in taking seniors to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, or other appointments, please call 724-392-4161 for more information.

## Munch-A-Thon

On December 6, take time from holiday preparations to support the Trafford Community Public Library by eating out. Twenty percent of your bill from Dom's Pizzeria will go to support the library. The donation applies whether you dine in or eat out. Be sure to tell your server that you are there to support the library.

## Trafford Holiday Happenings

Trafford will hold its annual Holiday Happenings on Saturday, December 6. Borough residents are invited to join in the celebration. Sing carols; visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus; watch as they light the tree outside the borough building. All of these activities and more take place Saturday evening, starting at 5 p.m.



# December Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 6 p.m. SPRC 7 p.m. Charge Conference	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Covered Dish Lunch Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>12</b> 12:30 p.m. Friendship Class Luncheon	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 4 p.m. Christmas Play/Covered Dish Dinner <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council Meeting	<b>17</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study Christmas Party	<b>18</b> 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b> <i>Tempo            Deadline</i>	<b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Cantata Practice
<b>21</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Cantata <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting (tentative)	<b>24</b> 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas</i> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i>			