

Trinity Tempo

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Happy New Year Trinity,

Nervous about 2015? What changes will it bring? Do you think it will feel any different than last year? It usually doesn't. Each year runs into the next with few changes, more gray hair or maybe just less hair. And we enter it with such hope for some kind of change. Making resolutions is an exercise so full of hope and optimism. We say to ourselves, "This time it'll be different. This time I will change." But more often than not we break that self-made promise and little has happened.

That's a gloomy first paragraph isn't it? Well, it gets better. Early in each of the Gospels, John the Baptist exploded onto the scene and worked to prepare each person for the arrival of Jesus. His message was "Repent for the Son of God is coming." (More or less.) People flocked to him and were baptized to receive a new start. Then when Jesus came, the forgotten, the "sinner" and the outcast found a place to begin again because he was offering them a new life in the Father through himself. This is the message we not only give, but also have received as Christians. Getting another chance is a wonderful blessing.

2015? Through Jesus we have a chance at a new start, an opportunity to once again follow where we are called, another moment to say, "Yes, Lord!" Did you break that old New Year's resolution? Try this one, "Here I am, Lord!"

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Human Relations Day

Your gifts on January 18 nurture a variety of ministries such as child care, after-school initiatives; domestic hunger and poverty; economic development; education and tutoring; employment; gang intervention; health issues; homelessness and housing; older adults; prison outreach; substance abuse and rehabilitation; at-risk teens.

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Patty & Ed Aubele
Caleb and Corrie Baker
Mary Lou Booher
Lenny Booher
Dorothy Caruso and caregivers
Fred Cuttler
Beecher & Kay Dale
Carol & David Grubb
Jim Johnson
Angela Knopf (Ruth Knopf's daughter-in-law)
Kris Peters
Bud Weyant (brother-in-law of Lloyd & Marjorie Myers)
James & Florence Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik's grandparents)
Linda Zimmerman

Thank You

A special thank you to George Silowash and Nick Mallik for setting up the new sound system on the stage for our Christmas Play. It was a lot of work at a busy time of year. We appreciate you!

Thanks also to all those who set up tables and chairs and helped in the kitchen. Thank you to the folks who carried animals up and down the stairs for our play. Thank you, Rachel, for the extra-special touches you added to the set!

And...thanks to all of the young people who took part in the play, sang with enthusiasm and told the story of Jesus' birth and His love for us. You did something really important. What a great bunch of young people we have in our Church! And, to quote Alex Silowash, "I am glad I am part of this Church!"

—Beverly Piper

Trustees News

(by Kris Peters)

The Trustees will be starting the Sunday Lunches in February. The first luncheon will be on February 1, Super Bowl Sunday! Maybe the colors will be black 'n gold this year! All proceeds will be for the "Plaster the Place" fundraiser. Other activities that will help fund the plastering project will be: the Sarris Easter Candy sale and Scrip (gift card) orders through April 2015. The project is about 50% funded at this time, with approximately \$4500 to go. Please continue to give as you can, we would like to start the work in February.



We are working on a project in the youth room off the social hall. Please do not use this room until the work is finished. Storage areas on the balcony, for outside groups that use the social room, are almost completed.

Our snow removal plans are the same as last year. A trustee will try to remove snow and to salt sidewalks when needed if we know of a scheduled event. Please feel free to use the salt and shovels at the Trinity House and 4th Street entrances if we have not taken care of it when you arrive, or call me to let me know of your plans (724-493-8297). Please do not try to shovel snow if you are not physically able! Call for help.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to start a new year, welcome new trustees and tackle some new challenges!

Helping Hands

The Friendship Class joined the women for their December meeting and covered dish luncheon. The food and fellowship were wonderful, as always. The next meeting is scheduled for February. Until then have a joyous New Year!

Trinity Happenings



Men's Weekend Retreat

(by Justin Judy)

I am very excited to announce that February 20-22 Trinity UMC will be having a men's weekend retreat at Sursum Corda of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. It is located about two miles from the Donegal exit off the Turnpike. This will be a time of food, relaxation and re-centering our busy lives on what matters most: the love of our Savior and the gifts we have been called to be good stewards of.

Join us for a chance to breathe in the midst of the busyness and be reminded we do not have to go it alone. The weekend will be focused on private and group devotions, Bible reading and discussion, prayer and meditation. We will also watch movies and shoot guns. There will be plenty of free time you can use for playing board games, reading a book, shooting the breeze, napping or going for a hike.

Linens and beds will be provided. All you need are toiletries and snacks. There will be a sign up sheet in the church if you are interested. Please call me if you have any questions (724-594-4073) or email jjudy79@gmail.com.

Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Mittens

It's time for our annual cold weather accessories drive. Through January 18 bring in new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. and place them on the giving tree in the library. Your contributions go to the Clothing Closet in Pitcairn, an outreach center that assists local families with clothing needs.

Yahweh Sisters—Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study

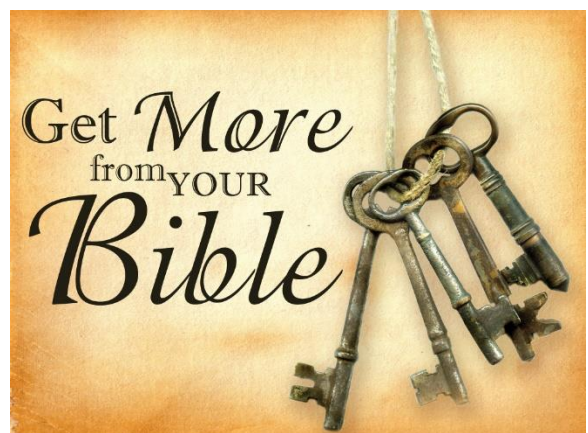
(by Beverly Piper)

Bible Study resumes on January 7 at 7:15 p.m. We are finishing the study we began in October, *Your Beautiful Promise: Discovering What God Can Do Through You*. This study has challenged us and inspired us to do the good things God planned for us long ago...knowing we are created anew in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:10).

With anticipation and excitement we announce the new study we will begin in February which we are calling "Welcome to the Bible!" By group decision we want to start "at the beginning." We want to "know" the Bible—who wrote the books of the Bible, themes, people, how to study the Bible, how to use it, understand it, where to find it, what does it mean! History, geography, archeology, maps. Wow!

Whether you've been reading God's Word your whole life, just started or want to start this is for you. We are starting from the ground up and building on the foundation! We all want to learn together and encourage each other. So come join us and be amazed, dazed and inspired by God's Living Word!

Please let Beverly Piper know if you plan to attend as books are being ordered for everyone.





Friday Night Crafts: Bead Jewelry or Bring Your Own

(by Stephanie Judy)

The holidays are over. (Sigh.) If the lack of activities and special time with friends and family leave you bored or lonely, you should join us on Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. for crafting and gabbing and snacking fun in our church social hall.

Diane Haney and Stephanie Judy are starting a crafty club every other Friday beginning January 9. You can bring your own craft to work on and hang with some great ladies. (You're guaranteed us anyway and we think we're fun!)



If you aren't crafty yet or would love to make some beautiful beaded jewelry, Diane will have kits or choose your own materials, available at cost of supplies. And Stephanie can teach beginner knitting. We hope to see you and your friends and family!

Mission Share

(by Justin Judy)

The Bible reminds us time and again that the gifts we receive in life are the blessings from God. A God that has met our needs in so many incredible ways. One way to show our trust in the Lord is to tithe (10% offering of our earnings) back to the Lord. This practice helps to show in a practical way that we will put our faith in the Lord above our own finances. I believe that Trinity understands what it means to be "blessed to be a blessing." Trinity UMC is a faithful supporter of the Western PA Annual Conference Mission Share. We have met our goal of 100% for

five years running! But there may be questions as to what our mission share dollars go toward. How is our offering to God through the mission share being used? What does the conference do with this money? Are they faithful living out the call to "make disciples" that Jesus has given to us in the Great Commission?

On Sunday, January 18 conference treasurer Larry Bridge will deliver the Word for us during worship about service and surrender. Worship will be followed up by a covered dish dinner, where you will be free to get to know our conference treasurer better. After the service he will lead a more in-depth discussion on how the mission dollars are spent. I recommend you join us for this time of learning how the Lord uses some of the tithe of the church to share the love of Jesus in communities well beyond ours.

Looking Ahead...

2015 Women's Retreat

It's never too early to mark an important date on your calendar and here's one! Ladies, October 9, 10 and 11 is our 2015 retreat at Jumonville. That's a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The cost is \$77.50 per person. Please see Beverly Piper with any concerns or questions. Monies are available in our Campership Fund to help with the cost, if needed.

Please consider coming if you have not joined us before! It really is a lovely weekend.

Youth Sunday Night Fun

Ages 7-12
(but we won't turn anyone away)

Sundays 5-7 p.m.

Dates: January 11 and 25
February 8 and 22

Pizza and Children's Message 5-5:30 p.m.

Ultimate Games 5:30 -7 p.m.
(Dodge ball, volleyball, balloon tag, gaga ball, and anything else we can think of!)



January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>  (church office closed)	2	3 10 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens
4 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion	5	6 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	7 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	8 7:15 p.m. Choir	9 7-10 p.m. Craft Night	10
11 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	12	13	14 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	15 7:15 p.m. Choir	16	17
18 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Mission Share Covered Dish w/ Larry Bridge <i>Human Relations Day</i>	19 <i>Tempo Deadline</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr birthday observed</i>	20 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	21 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	22 7:15 p.m. Choir	23 7-10 p.m. Craft Night	24
25 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	26	27 7:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting (pastor evaluation prep)	28 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	29 7:15 p.m. Choir	30 7 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting	31

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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
February issue
are due Monday,
January 19.



January Schedules

GREETERS

4th Silowash Family
11th Joan Hartley
18th Gary and Kris Peters
25th Bob and Mary Ann Casper

LITURGISTS

4th Ruth Knopf
11th Jane Pogue
18th Bob Lovre
25th Roger VanRyn

ALTAR FLOWERS

4th Silowash Family
11th Open
18th Bill and Joan Vowler
25th Knopf Family

NURSERY

4th Jane Pogue and Jan Keefer
11th Eileen Bentley and Julie Sippel-Silowash
18th Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon
25th Stephanie Judy and Diane Kerrigan