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A Ministry of Open Hearts

Dear Loved Ones,

Several years ago the United Methodist Church had an advertising campaign that included the slogan “Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.” This was to show that the United Methodist people are happy to embrace others into their presence, their thoughts and their very lives.

Each of these phrases poses a challenge to the person who is trying to

live in fulfillment of them. To open one’s door allows anyone into your place of safety. Closed doors keep people out. Open doors let people in. An open door bars no one. In proclaiming an open door the United Methodist Church is saying two things: You are welcome here. United Methodists are not cut off from the world, but connected to it through the openness of our doors.

Opening our minds is a way to promote dialogue with individuals we encounter due to our open door, whether inside the building or outside. By encouraging this dialogue we invite others to share with us their lives, their hopes, fears, angers and needs. In doing this we make ourselves even more vulnerable. Now, not only are we allowing people into our home, but we are giving them room to express themselves in ways that come natural to them. This is a scary proposition because we are unsure of what we will get.

We give others space in our building, our home. We give them opportunity to make themselves comfortable in our space by inviting them to share with us who they really are. Now we take the final step through the love and example set forth by Jesus. We give ourselves. Open hearts is the ultimate in vulnerability. We now invite them into our lives. Through opening our hearts we commit ourselves to spend energy and resources and our experiences on another. When we open our hearts we take great risk in getting taken advantage of or getting hurt. But it still does not equal the risk and consequence of when God opened his heart to us through Jesus.

The slogan poses a challenge. Are we willing to put our hearts on the line in the love of Jesus? There is risk involved when we serve Christ. But that risk is offset by being in the arms of a God who is always with us.

What are some ways we can risk ourselves this year in the name and love of the one who first loved the world?

When you read the *Tempo* or the newspaper, ask the Lord, “How do you want me to open my heart so others may see your Son?”

PTL,

Pastor Justin

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Trinity Happenings

Clean Closets for Campers

Attending a church camp can be life-changing for young people. Unfortunately the cost of camp is a financial burden for some families. You can help send a child to camp just by cleaning out your closets.

The Clean Closets for Campers program is simple: You clean out your closets. Bring gently-used clothing, shoes, purses, belts and hats to the church and place the bagged items in the blue bins located on the 4th Street side of the building. Trinity receives a check for half of the current market value of the items. Easy!



Does your closet look like this? Donate unwanted, gently-used clothing, shoes, hats and more to benefit the campership fund.

Helping Hands

(by Roberta Cuttler)

We are currently working on Tuesdays in our craft class. You are welcome to come and help.

Our next meeting will not be until September 8 as we take the summer months off. We will be having our Salad Bar Luncheon and Craft Table on Saturday, September 19 at 12:30 p.m. We are asking for salads (not too large) from everyone who can donate. Don't forget to get your tickets from Helping Hands members as none are sold at the door. Tickets will stay the same price, \$8 per person. This is always a fun time with delicious salads, so why not come!

Don't forget—September 8, 2015 is our next "Out to Lunch" meeting (place to be announced later). Hope to see you there!

Father's Day Plants

Father's Day was celebrated again this year with tomato plants for the special men in our church. The plants were donated by Jane Pogue in memory of her special father, Bob Pogue.

Care Corp/

Prayer Shawl Ministries

(by Jane Pogue)

We have had many service projects going on so far this year. We have given out several baby blankets and diapers; taken members to doctor appointments; handed out several prayer shawls; and are planning a few future Traveling Tea Parties. Also, Jeanne Ruccio and Jane Pogue took Communion to Nellie Mills and Judy Mason. Both ladies wanted to send their love to you all, and would love to have you come and visit! That's one thing they truly miss—visits from their old friends. If you have some time, it would be worth your while to brighten your day with these fun-loving ladies!

Picnic at the Parsonage

Join Pastor Justin, Stephanie, Elijah and Jonathan for a Sunday afternoon picnic on July 12. The Judy family will provide chicken and drinks. Anyone attending may bring a side dish or dessert. If you have a favorite picnic chair, bring it too!

Craft and Vendor Show

(by Danielle Mallik)

Hello everyone! I am so excited to announce our second annual Craft and Vendor Show will be held October 10, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have 11 spots open for crafters and vendors. As always, I am reaching out to our church family first for the open spots. If you are interested, please contact me at zebramallik@gmail.com before July 15 for an application. Thank you and looking forward to another great event at Trinity!

Super Kids for Jesus

(by Beverly Piper)

Super Kids for Jesus jogged right along in June! Our theme for the summer is feet and our theme verse is Romans 10:15b. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." What is the Good News? Jesus is risen. He's our Savior. He loves us and that's the very good news! And we had no idea our feet were beautiful. If you were in the morning worship service the first Sunday in June, you may have seen our "footnotes!" We wrote Romans 10:15b on the bottoms of our feet and presented the verse to the congregation.

So far we have met in the grassy lot across from the church and on the front porch of Trinity House. Maybe you've seen our hot pink banner! It's cool to be talking about Jesus when people walk by. We even have a theme song!

We've had our feet in mud! We've heard how Peter and John healed the lame man (Acts 3) and pulled him to his feet by the power of Jesus! We've heard how Jesus healed the ten lepers (Luke 17) and only one came back to say thank you. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and praised Him in a loud voice—no holding back the joy for this miracle.



There's more to come! We'll be painting and filming, and we're having a Beautiful Feet Contest! (Would you like to enter?) We are learning: we can study the Word of God, we can teach others and we can tell others about Jesus. Are there kids in your neighborhood that you can bring to Super Kids for Jesus?

Our mission project for the summer is to participate in Fill a Duffle program. We will collect donations to purchase as many pairs of "The Shoe That Grows" that we can at \$15 a pair.

A duffle holds 50 pairs of shoes. We will contribute as many as we can for our chosen organization, Hope Endeavors. This group operates Hope Village Children's Home in Malawi. Hope Village is an HIV/AIDS orphan care center. There, children affected by AIDS receive 24-hour care, food, clean water, shoes and HIV/AIDS medications as well as emotional and spiritual care.

You'll be seeing and hearing more about our project and The Shoe that Grows in July. Go to www.theshoethatgrows.org to learn more.



A strap at the heel and snaps at the sides and toe enable shoes to grow five sizes. Shoes last at least five years.



The Shoe That Grows

The Shoe that Grows started when founder and executive director Kenton Lee was living and working in Nairobi, Kenya. He observed a little girl in a white dress wearing shoes way too small for her feet. That led to questions about why and finally the idea for a shoe that could adjust and expand.

More than two billion people in the world suffer from soil-transmitted parasites and diseases. The Shoe That Grows protects children's feet better than ill-fitting shoes or no shoes at all.

The shoe is a patented, innovative design and comes in two sizes: small and large. Each shoe grows five sizes and lasts at least five years. It is made with leather, compressed rubber and snaps. The shoe is easy to clean and to use.

It even travels well! It compresses into itself so that 50 pairs of the small size will fit into a duffle bag.

The Shoe That Grows is a project of Because International, a 501(c)3 organization headquartered in Nampa, ID.

Looking Ahead

It's Party Time!

Mark your calendars now for the annual church picnic at Jane Pogue's home on Friday, August 14, 2015.

We will have an opportunity to relax, besides a great evening of food and fellowship. We will have our annual trivia contests, corn toss games, horse shoes, and the hot tub and TV. There will be a variety of games for the kids, too! We have a few new games such as lawn Yahtzee. If you have any games you want to bring, we would love to have them.

Put it on your calendar and keep that date open. There will be a sign-up sheet for covered dishes in the vestibule in a few weeks. See you there!

Planning Retreat

The church planning retreat will be held Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30 at Sursum Corda of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. The center is located approximately two miles from the Donegal exit off the Turnpike.

Church leaders are encouraged to attend as we plan for 2016. Copies of the church calendar from September 2015 through December 2016 will be prepared in advance and used as reference. Watch for a copy of this calendar in the next couple of weeks.

WorshipFest 2015

Looking for a "spirit filled worship encounter?" Greensburg District HelpShop Committee and First United Methodist Church of Greensburg are co-sponsoring WorshipFest 2015, a clergy/ laity event on October 17, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This day-long learning experience includes two worship segments and two HelpShops. Morning worship will be led by Rev. John Zimmerman and the afternoon worship by Rev. Roy Gearhart



Participants may choose from five HelpShops: 1) Sacred Space or Sacred Cows, 2) Using Drama in Worship, 3) The Sacraments in Worship, 4) Creative Preaching and 5) For This We Were Created.

The cost is \$15 per person (lunch included). Register online or print a mail-in registration form via greensburgfirst.org. Call the Greensburg District Office at 724.863.5673 for additional information.

First UMC of Greensburg is located at 15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg.

Small Group Evangelism

Clinic on Evangelism 2015 presents "Small Group Evangelism" on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Harmony-Zelienople UMC. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person (lunch included). Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton and Garry Poole will be the featured speakers at the event.

Harmony-Zelienople UMC is located at 123 North Pittsburgh Street, Zelienople. Register online: wpaumc.org/ClinicOnEvangelism2015.

Information about WorshipFest 2015 and Small Group Evangelism is posted in the vestibule.



Joys and Concerns

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

Patty and Ed Aubele
Caleb Baker
Earl Boehm family
Mary Lou Booher
Fred and Roberta Cuttler
Beecher and Kay Dale
Gavin Dulemba
Carol and David Grubb
Bill Heil family
Patrick, Michelle and Bobby Kelly (friends of Tom and Pat Puckey)
Diane Kerrigan
Barb Lyskava (friend of Donna and Les Race)
Paul Lyskava (friend of Donna and Les Race)
Ray Marto (friend of Donna and Les Race)
Holly Marto family
Joann McKnight (friend of Jane Pogue)
Lloyd Myers
Kris Peters
Carol Piper
Vicki Stokes
Peggy Whitfield
James and Florence Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik's grandparents)

Also take a moment and give thanks for friends and family who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in July.

July Birthdays

2nd Paige Johnson
3rd Stewart Owens
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
28th Vince Zigarovich
31st Dorothy Henry

July Anniversaries

3rd Joe and Lynn Antoon
14th Frank and Christie Armao
26th Dan and Rita Farrell
28th John and Cindy Graw

Have we missed a birthday or anniversary?
Contact the church office at 412.373.0835.

July Schedules

GREETERS

5th April Beam
12th Larry and Becky Mallik
19th Jim and Thelma Johnson
26th Joan Hartley

LITURGISTS

5th Jane Pogue
12th Bob Lovre
19th Roger VanRyn
26th Youth

NURSERY

5th Stephanie Judy and Joan Vowler
12th Christie Armao and Renee Kociela
19th Linda Yocum and Lori Dorko
26th Jan Keefer and Donna Race

ALTAR FLOWERS

5th open
12th Roger and Marlene VanRyn
19th open
26th Breakey and Felmlee families

July Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 7:15 p.m. Bible Study	2	3 Church office closed in observance of Independence Day	4  <i>Independence Day</i>
5 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	6	7 10 a.m. HH Crafts	8	9	10	11
12 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	13	14 10 a.m. HH Crafts	15 7:15 p.m. Bible Study	16	17 6 p.m. Sunday School Staff Picnic (Silowash home)	18
19 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	20 <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	21 10 a.m. HH Crafts	22	23	24	25
26 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	27	28 10 a.m. HH Crafts 7:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting	29 7:15 p.m. Bible Study	30	31	

TUMC Scrip Program

Plan your shopping and gift giving for summer. Place orders for gift cards on July 5 and July 19 through Linda Yocum or Jane Pogue. Order forms are available in the vestibule.

To the right are just a few of the many retailers who participate in the program.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
(classes are available for ages infant
through adult)
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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



Pastor Justin recommends...

This month on RightNow Media, I recommend taking a journey with Paul through the video Bible study "Recalculating: Paul's Journey, God's Destination." These videos are short reminders of how God not only journeys with us, but also surprises us on that journey.

To sign up for this free streaming Bible study service, contact the church office or Pastor Justin and provide us with your e-mail address.

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the
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are due Monday,
July 20.

