# Trinity Tempo

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#### Dear Church,

How was your summer? Hard to believe it's over already. Seems like only the other day we were itching for summer to arrive. Now we are bidding it farewell.

But the passing of one season brings the beginning of another. I am so excited for the next stage of our journey together. At the end of August a group of us gathered together to discuss different areas we can focus on for ministry for the upcoming year. I have to say, I am excited about it.

The group used the Nurture, Outreach, and Witness structure as a way to guide our discussion. It just so happened that each of these ministries for this coming year falls into each of the categories.

There was a recognition that Trinity sometimes has difficulties spreading the word about our events, both to the community and the church. There is some confusion as to what to say, how to say it and where to say it. There are many avenues to communicate, but we do not always know how to use them to their fullest. We need to improve on this area greatly. We could use the newspaper better and, maybe, utilize yard signs or street banners. Facebook, Twitter, the church website and a host of other digital social media are there for us also. I would also like to identify people in the church who would be willing to help in becoming more effective with any of these or anything else we didn't think of.

The next area of focus is to help each other grow closer to Jesus as his disciples. An effective way to do that is by teaching, discussion, prayer, honesty and holding each other accountable to the will of God

in our lives. John Wesley instituted Classes (small groups) for those who simply had a desire to be a Christian as complete as possible. If you love Jesus and want to grow closer to Christ, this is an opportunity for you. Leaders will be trained and small groups created that everyone can be part of. These groups will pray for each other and help each other live for Christ. It is my hope that each group will find a way to share the love of Jesus with one another and with the community.

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# Trinity Happenings

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The final area of focus came out of a recognition that Trafford needs to know that it is loved. The planning group started with the idea to serve lunches during the summer to those who need it and it turned into renting or buying a space in Trafford to provide a safe place for the community to hang out and receive what they need. Whether that be a chance to socialize, help with a resume or budgeting, a meal during the summer or a place to put the feet up. In all things, we will have opportunity to share the love of Jesus with all who enter. This idea will be more long-range than the others and may be met with considerable resistance. But we believe God is calling us to serve in the community and this gets us out among others.

All of these will need many things: prayer, time, energy, resources, passion and commitment to name a few. But I praise God for all that has been laid upon our hearts and I am very excited to see where it will take us.

PTL, Pastor Justin



How do you view Trafford? A view of the borough from Inwood Road.

# World Communion Sunday

#### Will you enable change?

Sunday, October 4 is your chance to help youth and young adults around the world prepare for the vocation that God has gifted them. Your donations on this Sunday provide college scholarships to those in financial need: people with unique perspectives of their communities; people who, without your help, could not afford to attend college. Give on World Communion Sunday and help equip gifted, qualified students to become world-changers.

# Blessing of the Pets

Keep Sunday, October 4, 2015 open for Blessing of the Pets. Pastor Judy will be blessing any and all pets that you want blessed! The service will begin at 6 p.m. Plan on an outdoor service unless weather conditions are poor. In the event of inclement weather, the service will take place in the social room.

#### Craft and Vendor Show

(by Danielle Mallik)

The second annual Craft and Vendor Show is coming up on October 10. Some old favorites are attending as well as some new ones. I hope you can make it. Don't forget to share the event date and time with everyone you know!

### **Election Day Dinner**

Trinity is hosting its annual dinner on Tuesday, November 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu is roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Tickets will be available from any member of Helping Hands: \$10 for adults and \$4 for children age 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door as well.

Don't forget to stop by the craft table. The women will have many items available for purchase during the dinner.

### Immersion Bible Study

Pastor Justin will continue the evening Bible study with the next book in the series: *Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers*. The group will meet Tuesdays starting October 6 at 7:15 p.m. Contact the church office at 412.373.0835 if you would like to participate.

# Yahweh Sisters...Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study

We will begin a new study on October 7 at 7:15 p.m., *Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts* by Lisa Harper. The disciples didn't have much of a roadmap after Jesus' resurrection and ascension to heaven, but God's grace and spirit filled in the gaps as they moved forward risking everything to establish a new community that would change the world.

What does it mean to believe Jesus? Not just believe in Jesus, but actually believe what He said—and shape our lives around that truth? Are we willing to have our lives interrupted by God and boldly share the Gospel to the world? We will retrace the steps of the apostles and, in so doing, find new paths for ourselves in following Jesus. Join us! It's going to be an adventure, ladies!

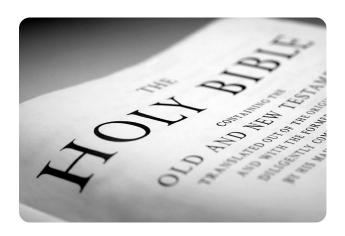
### Helping Hands

(by Roberta Cuttler)

We had our September "Out of Lunch" meeting at Parente's Ristorante. Everyone had a great lunch and enjoyed each other's company.

On September 19 we hosted our Salad Bar Luncheon. Thanks to everyone who donated salads and came to our luncheon. Every salad was delicious. We made \$389 on the luncheon and \$104 on our craft table. Thank you, all!

October 13 is the date for our next meeting. Joan Vowler will give the program. The Slate of Officers will be presented at this meeting. Hostesses Thelma Johnson, Ruth Knopf and Roberta Cuttler will provide the dessert. Don't forget your sandwich. Everyone is welcome.



The Friendship Class will meet in the social room at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 9. Everyone is welcome to come for lunch and "gab."

It's not too early to purchase gifts for Christmas. Helping Hands has Subway cards available for \$10 each. These peel-away coupon cards can be used at new locations and make great stocking stuffers. Contact Joan Vowler to purchase a card.

Helping Hands and Friendship Class are selling the 2016 Enjoy® Coupon Book. The book is filled with valuable offers from retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues in the metro Pittsburgh area. Purchase your book for \$30 from Thelma Johnson.



# Christmas Candy Sale

We will be taking orders for our annual Sarris Christmas Candy fundraiser. Order forms are available in the church vestibule. If you would like a form mailed to you, contact the church office at 412.373.0835 or tumc407@verizon.net. The order deadline is Sunday, October 26.

You may also place an order online. Go to sarriscandiesfundraising.com and enter the Group ID # 10-0582. Then start shopping.

#### Trustee News

(by Kristen Peters)

After an eventful summer, the trustees are making plans for an exciting fall project season! First, painting the sanctuary and surrounding rooms will start any day now. The trustees will be doing about half of the painting while an outside contractor (Mike Flick of Spotless Solutions) will handle the high ceiling work. Because scaffolding is needed, we will be removing pews again. (Believe me, if there was any way around this, I would take it; but for the safety and ease of the painters, it needs to be done.) We will remove the pews after church on October 11 and, yes, we need everyone's help.

After the sanctuary is painted, we will have the carpeting cleaned. Because of this, church services on October 18 will be held in the social room (a change of scenery!). We then will need help retuning the pews to the sanctuary the evenings of October 19 and 20. The October 20 Trustees Meeting will be a work party and will



Demolition of the unsafe floor in the former preschool room is underway.

begin at 5 p.m. Please plan on helping put things back if you can. More details on times will be available soon. We are still in need of funds for this project also.

We continue our work in the old preschool and youth rooms, and are making noise and dirt. We will be getting a dumpster soon for the debris. Please be patient while we work around the full schedules of our volunteers and an increasingly busy church calendar. Let's work together to accomplish these repairs. We do ask that you keep out of these rooms until work is completed. Special thanks to Jim Bentley for taking the lead on this demo. If you would like to help with this project, or any other project we have going on, call me (724.493.8297)! You don't need to be a trustee to help!

New outside lighting for the Trinity House porch and Fourth Street entrance will be installed soon. The Trinity House porch light will be motion activated, while the side entrance light will be dusk to dawn. These changes are begin made for safety as well as convenience, and we won't need to keep reminding people to turn them off!

The railings to the choir loft and pulpit areas have been installed (thanks, Gary), and several people have commented on how much they help. Thanks to Dan Sorg of Trinity Farm for fabricating them. He will be repairing the railing along the handicap ramp also.

We have been trying to get rid of old, unused furniture cluttering the church in the past month, and have repaired some pieces that we kept. Occasionally we will place notices on the bulletin board if we find something we think someone could use. In the meantime, please don't place anything in the vestibule or library area because it will just have to be moved for the painters. Thank you.

#### Thank You!

(by Beverly Piper)

We did it! \$750 for 50 pairs of The Shoe That Grows to send to the Hope Village Children's Home in Malawi.

This was a Super Kids for Jesus Super Summer Sunday School mission project, and thanks to the generosity of our Trinity Church family and other friends, we met our goal.

Hope is a beautiful word. What you gave will put shoes on the feet of 50 precious children, and with every step they take, they will know a new hope for better health and a better life.

The love of Jesus knows no distance or barrier. Can you imagine the excitement on the day they unpack that duffel of shoes and the smiles on all the faces! Thank you!

### Missions Update

(by Linda Yocum)

Our focus this summer was on local needs: the Trafford Level Green Christian Food Bank and the Penn-Trafford School District. In early summer we collected boxes of instant pudding and gelatin. We delivered 119 units to the food bank. This August, we collected funds for and delivered bags loaded with school supplies (pens, binders, notebooks, calculators, flash drives and more!) to the food bank.

We also supported the school district's Backpacks-to-Go program. Children enrolled in the program are provided with a backpack filled with nutritious food for the weekends. We donated several backpacks along with funds to provide one child with food for the summer and for the 2015-2016 school year.

During October, we will collect boxes of facial tissue. Place your donations in the "Food Bank" box in the vestibule by October 11. Thanks to everyone who supports Trinity's mission efforts, whether local, national or abroad. Through your generosity you help ensure children and adults receive food, education and other basics we sometimes take for granted.

#### Stitch for School Kits

Trinity usually collects school kit items for UMCOR each year. One of the most challenging items to find for the kits is the tote bag. Many of the totes sold by retailers don't match the guidelines specified by UMCOR. The cost per tote tends to be on the high side.

This time we are taking a different approach. We are going to make totes to send to UMCOR. The Missions Committee is looking for volunteers to sew tote bags. Volunteers will use UMCOR's directions and work with durable, washable, upholstery material for the totes and 1" wide natural twill for the straps. We will ship the totes in the spring, so if you are looking for a project to work on this winter, contact Linda Yocum at 412. 372.6808 or the church office at 412.373.0835.



# **TUMC Scrip Program**

Plan your shopping and gift giving for summer. Place orders for gift cards on October 11 and 25 through Linda Yocum or Jane Pogue. Order forms are available in the vestibule.

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











# Joys ਰੂ Concerns

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

Fred and Roberta Cuttler

Beecher and Kay Dale

Patrick Frye (George Silowash's cousin)

**Betty Gongloff** 

Carol and David Grubb

Judy Huber (friend of Ruth Knopf)

Jan Keefer

Diane Kerrigan

Ruth Knopf

Frank and Mary Jean Kowolski

Barb Lyskava (friend of Donna and Les Race)

Paul Lyskava (friend of Donna and Les Race)

**Becky Mallik** 

Ray Marto (friend of Donna and Les Race)

Family and friends of Nellie Mills

Tom Owens

Carol Piper

Bill and Love Ruffner

Paul Schuler (friend of Jean Swick)

Vicki Stokes

Peggy Whitfield

James and Florence Loretta Yobst (Danielle

Mallik's grandparents)

#### Altar Flowers

The 2016 altar flower calendar is ready for you to select dates. These flowers are a wonderful way to recognize a friend or loved one. The prices remain the same as this year: \$20 for 2 vases of altar flowers and \$15 for a table arrangement. (Table arrangement orders will be taken after a requested date is already reserved.) To reserve a specific date, write your name in on the line and the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to remember.

If you are unable to make it to church and wish to reserve a date, contact the church office at 412.373.0835.

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

# October Birthdays

1st Megan Zigarovich

3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Conlogue, Christy Witmer

4th Dorothy Yocum

6th Ralph Zyskowsi

7<sup>th</sup> Corrie Baker

8th Jill Fanty

12th Jan Keefer

13<sup>th</sup> Alan Yamamoto

20th Jude Lovre

21st Kris Peters

27<sup>th</sup> Bruce Aglietti, Cynthia VanRyn

30<sup>th</sup> Marjorie Myers, Tom Owens, Charity Farrell, David Keller

#### October Anniversaries

5<sup>th</sup> Justin and Kate Ledger

8th Paul and Joanne Ondulich

10<sup>th</sup> Michael and Ashley Kitchen

20th Kevin and Angela Knopf

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

#### New Addresses

Please keep Morgan Hainsey and Robert Hainsey in your prayers as they each begin new chapters in their lives.

Robert Hainsey IMG Academy 5500 34<sup>th</sup> St. West Bradenton FL 34210

Morgan Hainsey 3184 Crimson Hawks Indiana PA 15705-3184



# Calendar E Schedules

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	2	3 4-7 p.m. Cancer Event
4 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion 5-7 p.m. Youth Night 6 p.m. Blessing of the Pets World Communion Sunday	5	6 10 a.m. HH Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	7 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	8 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	9 12:30 p.m. Friendship Class 7:30 p.m. Craft Show Prep Women's Retreat	10 a.m3 p.m. Craft and Vendor Show Women's Retreat
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 12 p.m. Pew Removal 5-7 p.m. Youth Night Camping Sunday Women's Retreat	Columbus Day	13 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch Meeting 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	7 p.m. Sunday School Bonfire (Ruccio's home)	17
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship (Social Hall) 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	19	20 10 a.m. HH Crafts 5 p.m. Trustees Work Party 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline	6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	23	9 a.m3 p.m. Small Group Evangelism (Harmony- Zelienople UMC)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meet 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	26	27 10 a.m. HH Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	28 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	30 9 a.m. Election Day Dinner Prep (wash dishes)	31 Halloween

#### **GREETERS**

4<sup>th</sup> Les and Donna Race

11th Kris and Gary Peters

18th Joanne Ondulich

25<sup>th</sup> Kay Dale

#### **LITURGISTS**

4<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Judy

11th Nick Mallik

18th Ruth Knopf

25th Jane Pogue

#### **NURSERY**

4<sup>th</sup> Nancy Bash and Rachel Bash

11th Genny Triponey and Donna Race

18th Christie Armao and Renee Kociela

25th Jane Pogue and Joan Vowler

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

4<sup>th</sup> Knopf Family

11th Jane Pogue

18th Larry and Becky Mallik

25<sup>th</sup> Roger and Marlene VanRyn

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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

# Tempo Deadline

Articles for the November issue are due Wednesday, October 21.





# Pastor Justin recommends...

RightNow Media has some new offerings this month. I want to highlight one called "Dare to be Uncommon." It is a four-part talk (16 minutes each) on maintaining a character that sets us apart from others. This is about integrity and trust as Jesus alone can instill within us. This short series is led by Super Bowl winning coach Tony Dungy.

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. Church: 412.373.0835 or tumc407@verizon.net. Pastor Justin: 724.594.4073 or jjudy79@gmail.com.