

Trinity Tempo

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Perfection is a word that can elicit a couple different reactions. For some, the idea of perfection makes people tired. “I want to be perfect but I can’t, so why try.” For others it is a motivating factor in constantly improving and getting better. “I will not stop until I am perfect.” Either way most of us realize that perfection is no easy feat. It seems to be a goal that is, much of the time, just out of reach. Yet we still hope, that one day, we can find it.

The idea of perfection is even present in Christian thought. It is called (obvious enough) “Christian Perfection.” It is a phrase that makes many nervous and self-conscious. We don’t always like to hear or think about it. The Christian church believes that we are “going on to perfection.” Indeed we can get on board with this. After we leave this world and go to be with Jesus, we will be made perfect in Christ. However, the Methodist church believes that we can attain perfection in this life! This seems ludicrous. We ask ourselves, “Is it really possible that I can stop sinning in this life?” or “How can I be perfect in all I do?”

During the ordination process the Bishop asks the candidates 19 historical questions. These questions have been passed down in the Methodist church for many years. These are just a few of them: 2. Are you going on to perfection? 3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? 4. Are you earnestly striving after it?

John Wesley had a different take on Christian perfection that I think is very helpful to us as we move into the end of 2015. He quotes 1 Thess. 5:16-18, “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” This, John Wesley says, is the definition of Christian perfection. He goes on to say, “Further than this we cannot go, and short of this we should not stop.” We get caught up in our spiritual walk on all the things we should not do, that sometimes we lose focus on what we can do in and through Jesus.

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With Thanksgiving quickly approaching we can set our lives on the third part of this scripture to "give thanks in all circumstances." In doing this we not only give glory to God, but we also draw closer to God in this life. What a wonderful gift through Jesus. I hope yinz have a Happy Thanksgiving!

PTL,
Justin Judy

All Saints Day Celebration

On November 1, 2015 we will celebrate "All Saints Day" where we have invited the families of church members we have lost in the past 12 months. We will have a small reception following the church service in the library. Please join us in our celebration of those special friends.

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 may be purchased at the door: \$10 for adults and \$4 for children age 10 and under.

Community Thanksgiving Events

The Penn Trafford Ministerium is hosting a Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday, November 24 in the Harrison Room, Harrison City, for first responders and for those in our community who receive food from local food banks. Trinity is collecting cans of corn for the dinner (no creamed corn, please). Drop off your donation by November 15. The ministerium is seeking volunteers to serve the meal too. If you would like to help, please sign up in the vestibule.

The meal begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m.

2015 Church Conference

Church Conference will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m. Members of the Ad-Council are encourage to attend. Everyone is welcome to come to the the meeting with the district representative.

Christmas Play Practice

(by Beverly Piper)

Sunday School is holding practice for the Christmas play on Friday, November 27 at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars now for the Christmas play and covered dish dinner, which will be held Sunday December 13 at 4 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens

Trinity will once again pull out the wreaths and garland, trees and bows for the yearly hanging of the greens. Everyone is welcome to take part in this time of decorating, fellowship and fun. So put on your creative caps and be at the church on Saturday, November 28 at 10 a.m.





Anticipate Christ!

(by Beverly Piper)

Peace. Peace is not a noun...our Peace is Jesus Himself! He gives us Himself.

Mark your calendar now for November 29 the first Sunday of Advent at 6:30 p.m. in the social room. We will set the pace of the Christmas season together, from the start, by celebrating the coming of The Way, Truth and Life...Jesus!

Warm Hearts,

Warm Coats Campaign

(by Jane Pogue)

We are once again going to team up with *Good Morning America* and collect coats for those in need in our area. The coat drive begins the first week in November, so please start cleaning out those closets now! We will take coats of all sizes! We will have a box in the overflow area for you to drop them off. Every week they will be taken to the Burlington Coat Factory in Monroeville for distribution. We will again have the "thermometer" to keep track of our donations!

Please feel free to ask any friends or relatives to donate, also. The more we give, the more others receive. If you have any questions, please let me know (724.864.2858). Thanks again for your stewardship to our community.

Refugee Crisis:

What Can Trinity Do?

(by Linda Yocum)

If you watch the news, read the newspaper, listen to the radio...you have probably heard about the refugee crisis. The UNHCR, a United Nations

Relief Agency, recorded 59.5 million people as displaced at the end of 2014. Most recently, you may have heard about the wave of Syrian refugees entering Europe. More than four million Syrians have fled the civil war in their country over the last four years. More than 300,000 refugees and migrants have crossed the Mediterranean so far in 2015. About 2,800 migrants died in the attempt.

Who/What is a Refugee?

Refugees are people who have been forced to flee their home country because of armed conflict or persecution. The 1951 Refugee Convention and the 1967 Protocol entitle refugees to basic rights under international law. They have the right to illegally enter a country that has signed onto the treaty. They also have the right to housing, work, education, public assistance, the courts, and identification and travel documents. Countries that have signed the treaty are bound to accept refugees under terms set forth.

It can be a tremendous strain on a country's resources to take in large numbers of refugees as is the case with some European countries. UMCOR is working with European organizations to provide displaced people with emergency food vouchers, food packets and hygiene kits.

Hygiene Kits

During November, Trinity is collecting items and assembling hygiene kits to send for the refugee crisis. Items must be new, unopened and unwashed. We will be assembling kits at the end of November or early December. Date(s) and time(s) will be announced later.

If you want to help further, you may donate to UMCOR's International Disaster Response under Advance #982450. If making the donation through Trinity, please write "International Disaster Response" on the envelope or check memo line.

Over the next several months, the Mission Committee will be exploring other ways Trinity can help with the refugee crisis. If you would like to be part of the conversation, contact Linda Yocum or Pastor Justin.



Refugees seeking asylum in Australia.

Hygiene Kit

(each kits contains)

- 1 Hand towel (15" x 25" to 17" x 27"); no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Comb (sturdy and longer than 6"; no pocket combs or picks; rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6" of teeth)
- 1 Metal nail file or clipper (no emery boards)
- 1 Bath-size bar of soap – 3 oz. and larger sizes only; no Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content; do not remove from original packaging
- 1 Toothbrush – adult size only; do not remove from original packaging
- 6 Adhesive bandages = ¾" to 1" size; common household Band-Aids
- 1 Plastic bag – one gallon size, sealable bags
- \$1 to purchase toothpaste

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Special Sundays

Youth Service Fund Sunday

At Trinity, November 1 is the day to celebrate the youth in our church and to encourage youth involvement. Your gifts on this Special Sunday support conference-wide youth missions.

United Methodist Student Sunday

On November 29 your gifts support United Methodist scholarships and the United Methodist student loan fund. Help these students "prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge."

TUMC Scrip Program

Plan your shopping and gift giving for the holidays. During November, place orders for gift cards on November 8, 22 and 29 through Linda Yocum or Jane Pogue. In December, we will accept order every Sunday through December 20. Order forms are available in the vestibule.

Gift cards are available from hundreds of local and online retailers; many offer them in various dollar amounts. The church receives a percentage of each gift card purchased through this program.

NRSV Pew Bibles Order Form

Presented by _____

Pew Bible Large Print Bible Amount enclosed _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Anonymous

Pew Bibles

The trustees and the board have approved the purchase of new pew Bibles, New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). The church is purchasing 100 pew Bibles, \$11.99 each, and 20 large print Bibles, \$20.79 each. Groups, classes and the congregation are welcome to help by purchasing a Bible for the church in honor of or in memory of someone. Book plates with the appropriate information will be applied to the inside front covers of the new Bibles.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more Bibles, complete the form above and send it along with payment to the church office. We will accept orders through December 27. Please use one order form for each Bible purchased. Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule.

Helping Hands

(by Roberta Cuttler)

Our meeting was held October 13 in the social room. Our free-will offering was taken and birthdays for the month were celebrated. Our Slate of Officers will be presented next month.

Don't forget! November 3 is our Pork 'n Kraut Dinner from 5-7 p.m. Our craft table will be set up—hope everyone takes a look-see. Our craft ladies work hard to do our crafts. Come out for a good, home-cooked dinner and enjoy!

Our next Helping Hands meeting is November 10 with hostesses Ora Mae Lovre, Joan Vowler, and Donna Piper. Joan Hartley has our program (free-will and thanks offering this meeting). We are considering raising our dues for 2016; something we haven't done in years.

Everyone is welcome. We would love to have you join us. Executive meeting at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12 p.m. We hope to see some new faces!

Trustee News

(by Kristen Peters)

Finally, the plastering and painting of the sanctuary and surrounding areas are complete! Thank you to everyone for pitching in and making this huge project a success. It was wonderful having so much help and support. Extra "paint fund" envelopes will be in the vestibule through November, if you would like to contribute to that fund.

We are now concentrating on repairs to the old preschool room, replacing the outside light fixtures and preparing for winter. There are some other exciting things coming for the holiday season, but you will need to wait to see what they are! Thanks again to all who helped. We couldn't have done it without you.



Joys and 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
- Diane Kerrigan
- Frank and Mary Jean Kolwalski
- 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)
- Bill and Love Ruffner
- Peggy Whitfield
- James and Florence Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik's grandparents)

Poinsettia Orders

The church is taking orders for poinsettia plants (\$11 per plant) through Sunday, December 20. Use the order form below or pick one up in the church vestibule. Poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.

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

November Birthdays

- 2nd Joyce Rogers
- 7th George Silowash
- 8th Emma Chichilla, Riley McLaughlin
- 9th Joan Hartley
- 10th Paul Earl, Morgan Hainsey
- 13th Ron Hainsey
- 14th Thelma Johnson
- 18th Lloyd Myers
- 22nd Tom Fanty
- 24th Matt Johnson
- 30th Spencer Boehm

November Anniversaries

- 19th Bill and Barb Messina
- 29th Ed and Patty Aubele,
David and Sandy Keller
- 30th Tom and Pat Puckey

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

2015 Poinsettia Order Form

Name _____

Quantity _____ x \$11.00 Red White

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Anonymous



November

Calendar and Schedules

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion 5-7 p.m. Youth Night <i>All Saints Day</i> <i>Youth Service Fund Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	2 9 a.m. Election Day Dinner Prep	3 5-7 p.m. Election Day Dinner	4 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	5 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	6 <i>World Community Day</i>	7
8 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	9 7:15 p.m. Communications Strategy Meeting (tentative)	10 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch Meeting 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	11 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:15 p.m. Choir	13 7:15 p.m. Small Group Strategy Meeting (tentative)	14
15 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	16	17 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	18 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	19 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Church Conference	20 <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	21
22 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	23	24 5:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Meal 7 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service Harrison Room, Harrison City	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	27 6 p.m. Christmas Play Practice/Dinner	28 10 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
29 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Anticipate Christ <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> <i>UM Student Day</i>	30					

GREETERS

1st Jim and Thelma Johnson
8th Joan Hartley
15th Tom and Pat Puckey
22nd John Ruccio
29th Jane Pogue

LITURGISTS

1st Bob Lovre
8th Roger VanRyn
15th Youth
22nd Julie Sippel-Silowash
29th Sandy Chiappetta

NURSERY

1st Eileen Bentley and Julie Sippel-Silowash
8th Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon
15th Stephanie Judy and Cindy Graw
22nd Jane Pogue and Danielle Mallik
29th Rachel Bash and Nancy Bash

ALTAR FLOWERS

1st Bob and Sandy Chiappetta
8th Felmlee and Breakey Families
Peggy Whitfield (table)
15th open
22nd Kayla Eiseman
29th Ed and Patty Aubele

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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...

RightNow Media has just received a video Bible study on the book of James. James is a book that is concerned with how we live our faith in Jesus. Francis Chan approaches James in a way that challenges the living of our lives and encourages us to move beyond the study into the life of Christ. I recommend the 12-week study of The Book of James led by Francis Chan. RightNow Media also provides free printable handouts to go along with this study.

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.

Tempo Deadline

Articles for the
December issue
are due Friday,
November 20.

