

# Trinity Tempo

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Happy Spring and Beyond,

Spring has just sprung, and it's beautiful outside. The sun is shining and I don't really need a jacket. Spring is that rejuvenating time of year that pulls us out of the wicked grasp of winter. It seems that no matter how difficult the winter, spring has a way of snapping us out of our winter humdrums and putting us back on our feet, ready to meet anything the world has to throw at us. Nothing seems too tough because the sun is shining.

But nothing compares to the joy that the Easter message brings to us. I know Easter has come and gone, but I want us to celebrate the truth of Easter each day of our lives. There is something very invigorating about knowing that the creator of the world raised Jesus from the dead so that we may know the truth. We are loved and desired by he who created us. And because of that a door was opened by Jesus to dwell with him for all eternity.

This truth is so wonderful that it should be repeated as often as possible. The implications of Easter are awe inspiring. Much like spring, Easter finds us basking in the love of the risen Son. The love of Jesus is able to wrench us from the grasp of sin and help us face whatever it is the Lord calls us to do.

Our salvation from sin also fills us with gratitude and strength and a desire to share this profound joy with those around us. We become both heirs of an awesome Hope and servants of a gracious Lord, in possession of a valuable treasure that is to be given away.

I pray each of us lives as Easter people (forgiven and forgiving) today and always.

Have a Blessed Spring,  
Pastor Justin Judy

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## Summer Sermon Series

The Bible as the Word of God is an amazing gift that always speaks into our lives. Karl Barth has long felt that it is important, as people who live in the world, to be mindful of current events and what the Bible has to say about them.

Each of us has personal struggles, issues and concerns in our own lives that the Word of God has something to say about it. In the summer, Pastor Justin will preach from the Word of God based on *your concerns*, whether they be personal, cultural, national or international.

So, what topic or scripture would you like to hear about? There is a box in the vestibule where you can drop off your topics or scriptures for future sermons. There is no limit to the number of suggestions and you may submit them with or without your name.

Pastor Justin will go through your suggestions and prayerfully choose topics for the summer. On the first Sunday of May there will be a summer preaching schedule made available so you are aware of upcoming sermon topics.

The Word of God is a tremendous gift to each of us. We truly are not alone as we journey in this life. Jesus walks beside us and is active in our endeavors. Praise God!

## Bethany House Academy

This non-profit organization has served the residents of Northview Heights and North Pittsburgh for 50 years. The mission of Bethany House Academy is to prepare disadvantaged children, youth and adults academically, socially and spiritually.

The organization is opening a new center in McKeesport: the Healthy Village Learning Institute. There the group will provide programming that focuses on academic success, personal and community responsibility, employment training for youth and adults, and health and wellness initiatives. Trinity is collecting donations toward the purchase and installation of a new toilet (1 of 13) for the new facility. Our goal is to raise \$300. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. We will accept donations through Sunday, April 10. To learn more about Bethany House Academy, visit [www.bhaweb.org](http://www.bhaweb.org).

## Anniversaries Celebration!

Don't forget! On Sunday, April 3 we will be honoring all of our couples who have celebrated 50 years of marriage or more with a reception after the worship service. We have 10 couples! Below are the names of our honored guests:

- Roberta & Fred Cuttler (68 years)
- Thelma & Jim Johnson (60 years)
- Marge & Harry Little (59 years)
- Donna & Les Race (55 years)
- Kay & Beecher Dale (53 years)
- Carol & David Grubb (53 years)
- Pat & Tom Puckey (52 years)
- Marlene & Roger VanRyn (51 years)
- Joan & Bill Vowler (51 years)
- JoAnn & Lou Booher (50 years)

Please make every effort to be there for our reception after church. What wonderful role models they have been to us!



## Spring Men's Retreat 2016

(by Justin Judy)

What did you want to be when you “grew up?” Did you succeed? Who did you want to be? How did that turn out?

Often times the person we want to be and the person we are, are not the same. We may have had to compromise ourselves for one reason or another, or we struggle with things in life that have worn us out. If any of this sounds familiar to you, then I would like to invite you to Sursum Corda (10 minutes from the Donegal exit on the turnpike) on **April 29 – May 1**.

This weekend together will give you a chance to get away for a weekend and have time to relax, eat, fellowship and take time to pray and reflect—without distractions—on not so much *who* you are, but *whose* you are. The cost of the trip is \$20. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Justin. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

## Helping Hands

(by Roberta Cuttler)

We had our regular meeting March 8 with nine member present and also the pastor. Joan Hartley had our program and all officers acted as hostesses. Dessert was served and then we had our regular meeting.

Have you ever heard of a “Bakeless Bake Sale?” Well, we are considering having a “Saladless Salad Bar.” Most of our member are leaning toward this idea; it is difficult getting enough help for the Salad Bar, and most members are

not really up to all of the work. Our Salad Bar Luncheon is held in September, so we have time to let everyone know what we will be doing. Please pray we make the right decision.

April is our “Out to Lunch” meeting. If you are interested in going, contact Evie Felmlee at 412.372.6699. We will be going to the Olive Garden in Monroeville.

At our May meeting, the program will be given by Ruth Knopf. Hostesses will be Ora Mae Lovre and Joan Vowler. Everyone is welcome at our meetings and to go out to lunch with us on April 12. We will carpool from the church at 11:45 a.m.

## Special Sundays

### Native American Ministries

On April 10 we recognize the contributions Native Americans have made to our society. This church-wide special offering is used toward outreach across the country. It provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans, and it equips Native congregations to worship and serve God in their communities in ways that honor God and their cultures. Will you help be part of this process?

## 2016 Graduates

It's that time of year again—time to honor our high school and college graduates. We know that Tim Johnson and Mattie Fanty will be graduating from high school. If you know of any other 2016 graduates please contact the church office so that they can be recognized.





# Joys and Concerns

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

## Pray for

Caleb Baker  
Fred and Roberta Cuttler  
Beecher and Kay Dale  
Patrick Frye (George Silowash's cousin)  
Ron Gossar (Diane Kerrigan's father)  
David and Carol Grubb  
Steve Hess (Kris Peter's brother)  
Judy Huber (friend of Ruth Knopf)  
Diane Kerrigan  
Gary Peters  
Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)  
Ken Sullivan (Bill and Joan Vowler's nephew)  
Peggy Whitfield  
Jerry and Darlene Williams

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

## April Anniversaries

5<sup>th</sup> Fred and Mary Henry  
10<sup>th</sup> Roger and Marlene VanRyn  
12<sup>th</sup> John and Jeanne Ruccio

## April Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Dulemba  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Lovre, Morgan Plecenik,  
Nancy Swick  
6<sup>th</sup> John Williams  
7<sup>th</sup> Miranda Mallik  
9<sup>th</sup> Holly Conlogue  
10<sup>th</sup> Bob Casper, Lori Dorko  
11<sup>th</sup> Annaliese Witmer, Ray Soles  
12<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Aubele  
14<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Judy  
16<sup>th</sup> Betty Earl  
17<sup>th</sup> Christian Boehm  
21<sup>st</sup> Nancy Valentine  
25<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Ruccio, Bill Messina  
28<sup>th</sup> Carmen Owens  
29<sup>th</sup> John David Hughes, Raye Lynn Yocum  
30<sup>th</sup> Genny Triponey

## April Schedules

### Reminders

Use the envelopes in the vestibule to pay for altar flowers. The cost is \$20 for the set of two altar arrangements and \$15 for a table arrangement.

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled commitment as greeter, liturgist or nursery volunteer, contact Jeanne Ruccio—greeters, Sandy Chiappetta—liturgists and Jane Pogue—nursery.

### Greeters

3<sup>rd</sup> Keefer Family  
10<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue  
17<sup>th</sup> John and Jeanne Ruccio  
24<sup>th</sup> Ora Mae Lovre

### Liturgists

3<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Judy  
10<sup>th</sup> Nick Mallik  
17<sup>th</sup> Ruth Knopf  
24<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue

### Nursery

3<sup>rd</sup> Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon  
10<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Judy and Cindy Graw  
17<sup>th</sup> Genny Triponey and Donna Race  
24<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue and Joan Vowler

### Altar Flowers

3<sup>rd</sup> Mallik Family  
10<sup>th</sup> Silowash Family  
17<sup>th</sup> Roger and Marlene VanRyn  
24<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue



April

Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					<b>1</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	<b>2</b> 9 a.m. Trustees Work Party
<b>3</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Communion 12 p.m. Anniversaries Celebration 12:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>8</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 12 p.m. Nominations Committee Youth Group <i>Native American Ministries Day</i> <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 11:45 a.m. "Out to Lunch"	<b>13</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b> 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Social Rm) 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>15</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Communications Strategy Meeting Youth Group	<b>18</b> <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	<b>19</b> 10 a.m. Crafts 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council	<b>20</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>21</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>22</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting Youth Group <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10 a.m. Crafts	<b>27</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>28</b> 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Social Rm) 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>29</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	<b>30</b>  <b>Men's Retreat – Sursum Corda</b>

### TUMC Scrip Program

Buy gift cards as gifts for friends and family or for your own planned purchases (groceries, clothing, vacations, entertainment, electronics, etc.). Proceeds from this ongoing fundraiser are used toward building maintenance. **In April, order gift cards on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>.** Just complete an order form and turn it in with payment on Sunday morning to Jane Pogue or Linda Yocum. You'll receive your purchased cards the following Sunday.

Want to know about other ways to purchase the gift cards (i.e. reload existing card, get gift cards via email)? Want to know more about the program? Contact Linda Yocum at 412.372.6808.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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

## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the  
May issue  
are due Monday,  
April 18, 2016.



## Pastor Justin recommends...

Studying the Bible and having personal opportunity in our lives to draw closer to God are of great importance in our Christian walk. Trinity UMC offers each person a chance to study the Bible and other topics that challenge us to walk in the footsteps of Christ in the comfort and convenience of your own home. [Rightnowmedia.com](http://Rightnowmedia.com) is a collection of Bible and topical studies that help us focus on Jesus as our Lord.

For this month I recommend *Gospel at Work* by Sebastian Traeger. It is a look at what the Bible says about being a Christian in our jobs. How can we honor the Lord in what we do at work?

