Trinity Tempo February 2016

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Happy Valentine's Day,

Valentine's Day is a big day for many couples. It's that time of year when we get all romantic and show that special someone just how much we love them. How do we go about that? We buy flowers, cook special dinners, go to the movies...and the list can go on.

Then for some, Valentine's Day is a drag. It reminds people of their unhappiness, loneliness or loss. Some would like to close the blinds and sleep through the day because they

feel love has betrayed them.

There are others who just don't care one way or the other. Valentine's Day does not exist on their calendar. It is just another day. Thoughts of love may come to mind, but not because of the day. They come to mind because everyone thinks about love on occasion.

For each of these three groups, love is seen in a different way on Valentine's Day. For one it is seen as extra special; for another it is the reason depression has taken over for one day; and for the last it is just there, no more or less than usual.

There is a fourth party that has a reaction to love. This reaction is more intense and more everyday than the previous groups. This fourth group also had a day when they celebrated love, a true Valentine's Day. However, on this day the fourth party didn't just show their love for one person but for the entire world.

The true Love Day is Easter and the fourth group is Jesus, His Father and the Holy Spirit. The Lord invites us every day to celebrate the love that has been shown to us through Jesus by our participation and obedience. On February 10 we at Trinity church will gather together at 7:30 p.m. for Ash Wednesday and start our countdown to the true Valentine's Day.

During Lent take some time out of your day to reflect on the specialness, the ever-present, the exciting love of Jesus Christ.

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Trinity Happenings

Soup's On!

We participate in many traditions during our lives—those passed on by our families from generation to generation, parties and events with friends and neighbors. At Trinity, we have a tradition of collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank. This month the item of choice is soup—filling, warming, nutritious, comforting soup.



Bring in cans of soup now through Sunday, February 14. Our goal is 65 cans. The collection box is set up in the vestibule.

Helping Hands

(by Roberta Cuttler)

Our next meeting is February 9. The books aren't ready yet so the program and hostesses will be announced later. Everyone is welcome!

Blankets + Sunday

Our annual event is scheduled for Sunday, February 6. Your donations on this day are used by Church World Service (CWS) in their response efforts. Your gifts help CWS through all phases of disaster recover: from issuing blankets to helping families rebuild their lives and their communities.

Disability Awareness

According to the Western PA Conference website, 20 percent of the population live with some type of disability. Gifts to this special offering fund grants to congregations with accessibility projects—like our chairlift. Projects like these in churches throughout Western PA allow all people to attend worship and to participate in church activities. It strengthens and enriches their faith and, in turn, strengthens and enriches ours. On February 21 please use the envelope insert in your bulletin and give to Disability Awareness.

Sarris Candies

Our annual Easter candy fundraiser is going on now. Orders will be accepted through Monday, February 15. You may turn orders in to the church office or to Jan Keefer.

Can't make it to church? A copy of the order form is on the church website at tumctrafford.org. You may also order online at sarriscandiesfundraising.com.

- 1. Visit the Sarris Candies website.
- 2. Click on "Start Shopping."
- 3. Select the category "Easter."
- 4. Enter Trinity's Group Id #: 10-0582.
- 5. Begin shopping.

This is a great option if you miss the church's February 15 deadline or if you need a little more time making your candy selections.

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. **February dates to order gift cards are the 14th and 28th.** 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? Want to know more about the program? Contact Linda Yocum.

Trustees News

We had our first meeting of 2016 and elected the following officers:

- Kris Peters chairperson
- Larry Mallik vice chairperson
- Bill Jones secretary
- Roger VanRyn treasurer

Our projects for this year are underway, so your continued support, both prayerfully and financially, is appreciated!

We are currently looking for a new refrigerator and freezer for the social hall kitchen. We are hoping that someone will donate, or knows of a business that would donate, these items. If you know of anyone, please contact me at 724.493.8297. In His Service.

- Kris Peters

Thank You

Hats and Gloves Drive

The weather took a dramatic turn in January, bringing cold temperatures and even snow. The hats, gloves, scarves and mittens that you donated will be given to grateful families through the Clothing Closet.

Thank you for your generosity to those in need in Pitcairn and surrounding communities. — Linda Yocum

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

We did it! Thanks to all who donated so many coats to our "Warm Hearts, Warm Coats" drive. Our goal was 50 coats, and as of January 23 we have collected 61 coats...and we're still have a week to go!

May God bless you all for your generosity! — Jane Pogue

Community News Recreation Board Benefit Auction

The Trafford Recreation Board is collecting items for their 26th annual benefit auction to be held Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the Trafford Middle School. Preview begins at 8 a.m. Please call Nick Petrucci at 412.372.1680 for questions or pick up of donations.

District News

Ash Wednesday Services

Greensburg District United Methodist Women are hosting Ash Wednesday Communion Services at four churches on February 10. The services start at 9:30 a.m. and will consist of worship and communion followed by a continental breakfast.

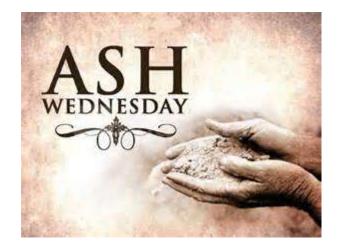
Reservations are requested so that the women may plan for the breakfasts and arrange for childcare. RSVP by Friday, February 5 to the person at the location you plan to attend.

Waterford UMC, RD#3, Ligonier Speaker: Rev. Aimee Twigg RSVP to Ruth King 724.537.3054

McMasters UMC, 200 Church St, Turtle Creek Speaker: Rev. Donald Brauer RSVP to Mary Smith 412.273.1943

Holiday Park UMC, 81 Sandune Dr, Pittsburgh Speaker: Rev. Anthony S. Fallisi RSVP to Louise Cupcheck 724.834.2709

New Stanton UMC, 612 S Center Ave Speaker: Rev. Kenneth Bossart RSVP to Colleen Ott 724.523.8409





Joys ng Concerns

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

Pray for

Fred and Roberta Cuttler Beecher and Kay Dale Patrick Frye (George Silowash's cousin) David and Carol Grubb Diane Kerrigan Marilyn P (friend of the Pipers) Bill and Love Ruffner Ken Sullivan (Bill and Joan Vowler's nephew) Peggy Whitfield Jerry and Darlene Williams James and Florence Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik grandparents) Hughes and Zimmerman families Also take a moment and give thanks for friends and family who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month.

February Birthdays

- 1st Becky Mallik
- 3rd Sandy Keller, Diane Kerrigan
- 10th Donna Piper
- 16th Roger VanRyn
- 27th Gianna Armao, Peggy Whitfield, Richard Allen Aglietti
- 29th Cliff Felmlee

February Anniversaries

- 14th Kevin and Beverly Beam
- 19th Lou and JoAnn Booher
- 27th Fred and Roberta Cuttler

February Schedules

Greeters

- 7th Mallik Family
- 14th Tom and Carmen Owens
- 21st April Beam
- 28th Keefer Family

Liturgists

- 7th Julie Sippel-Silowash
- 14th Sandy Chiappetta
- 21st Joanne Ondulich
- 28th Beverly Piper

Nursery

- 7th Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon
- 14th Stephanie Judy and Cindy Graw
- 21st Donna Race and Genny Triponey
- 28th Jane Pogue and Joan Vowler

Altar Flowers

- 7th Silowash Family
- 14th Jane Pogue
- 21st Lou and JoAnn Booher
- 28th Johnston Children



February Calendar

| Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| | 1 | 2 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study: Deuteronomy | 3 | 4 7:15 p.m. Choir | 5 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night (Social Rm) | 6 9 a.m-12 p.m. Scouts (Social Rm) |
| 7 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Communion 5-7 p.m. Youth Night <i>Blankets</i> + <i>Sunday</i> | 8 | 9 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study: Deuteronomy | 10 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service | 11 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Social Rm) 7:15 p.m. Choir | 12 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night (Social Rm) | 13 9 a.m. Church Audits |
| 14 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 5-7 p.m. Youth Night 1 st Sunday in Lent Scrip Order Day Valentine's Day | 15 President's Day | 16 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council | 17 Tempo Deadline | 18 7:15 p.m. Choir | 19 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night (Social Rm) | 20 |
| 21 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth Night 2 nd Sunday in Lent <i>Disability Awareness Sunday</i> | 22 | 23 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study: Deuteronomy | 24 | 25 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Social Rm) 7:15 p.m. Choir | 26 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night (Social Rm) | 27 |
| 28 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth Night 3 rd Sunday in Lent Scrip Order Day | 29 | | | | | |

Take Note:

The Immersion Bible Study: Deuteronomy will begin on at 7:15 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 2** instead of February 9.Mark your calendars for the new start date!

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Return service requested



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Volunteers are needed for Trinity's yearly audit of the financial and membership books. Audit takes place Saturday, February 13 at 9 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church 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 March issue are due Wednesday, February 17, 2016.



Mail & Info Center

The new mail and information center is set up beside the library. Officers and groups can pick up mail from the mail center. Slots are marked with group/leader names.

A variety of materials is available for the congregation at the information center:

- Ad-Council minutes
- Trinity Tempo
- Our Daily Bread
- Joyful Noise
- Fundraiser materials (e.g., Sarris Candies, Scrip Program)
- District and Conference event brochures
- Non-profit organization materials
- Forms (e.g., prayer request, church use)
- Much more

Take some time and check out all of the materials you can find there.