

# Trinity Tempo

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### A Ministry of Open Hearts

Dear Loved Ones,

A few 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 homes, but we also are giving them room to express themselves in ways that come naturally 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?”

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Pastor Justin

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# Trinity Happenings

## Trinity Traveling Tea Party

**January 30 at Walden's View**

*(by Beverly Piper)*

Our biggest party yet! We have been asked to host a tea party for about 40 residents of Walden's View Senior Living facility in North Huntingdon.

The date is Saturday, January 30 at 2 p.m. We will need lots of help to make this a special occasion for these folks. Please let me know if you would like to help plan or come along to set up and serve. We are excited to be going to Walden's View!

Do you know of someone who needs some encouragement and cheer? Comfort and joy isn't just for Christmas, you know. Let me know if you have a request for a tea party. Homes, nursing homes, hospitals, care facilities...have tea, china and cake and will travel!

## Hats and Gloves Drive

*(by Linda Yocum)*

As I write this note, the day is mild—almost balmy—not the cold blustery days typical of December. Regardless, we know that the weather conditions will turn on us. All too soon we will be bundling up in coats, gloves and hats.

Keeping this in mind, Trinity will be collecting new hats, gloves, scarves and mittens during January. Bring your items in any time this month and place them on the giving tree located near the library.

Your donations will be delivered to the Clothing Closet, an outreach program that assists low income families in Pitcairn and surrounding communities. Thank you for your unwavering support of this missions outreach program.

## Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

*(by Jane Pogue)*

There is only one month left to donate coats! We have over 30 coats donated so far and our goal is 50. So we have to buckle down and clean out those closets. Thanks to all who have so generously supported our special cause!

Don't forget, Trinity gets a 10% discount coupon from Burlington Coat Factory for each coat donated. Coupons are on the table in the vestibule for your use.



*The giving tree overflows with contributions from the 2010 hats and gloves drive.*

## Thank You

### **Christmas Play**

Thank you to all who helped with the Sunday School Children's Christmas play. To teachers Julie, Stephanie, Jeanne, Jane, Bob and Ruth (Bob, thanks for putting together the crazy and cool props I find every year!). To everyone who pitched in to help in the kitchen with dinner and set up (Thanks Donna, Donna and Joanne!). To George for our sound so folks could hear the voices of our little ones! To the parents who made this important for their children and family, and to folks who didn't have children in the play but came anyway to encourage our young people. It was precious to hear what is on our children's hearts about Christmas.

—Beverly Piper

### **Health Kits**

Thank you to everyone who donated money and items for the health kits. Thanks to Elijah, Jonathan, Mattia, Sandy, Morgan and Ora Mae who helped assemble the kits. Thanks also to Kris, Donna R. and Kay who double-checked and packed them. We shipped 42 kits to UMCOR for refugee relief.

### **Food Drive**

Thanks to those of you who made time to purchase hot cocoa for the food bank. We delivered 68 boxes of instant hot cocoa for the people of Trafford and Level Green.

—Linda Yocum

## Nursery

Don't forget, Trinity offers a nursery for any child under the age of 5 during our 11 a.m. church service. We follow the Safe Sanctuaries Discipline which includes having two adults in the nursery at all times, and all volunteers have their clearances.

If you would like to help in the nursery, please see Jane Pogue. You will need to provide the church with a copy of your clearances. The commonwealth of PA has waived fees for volunteers, so there is no financial cost to the church or to you. Once you have your clearances Jane will gladly put you on the schedule!

## Cards for Caring

We have sent many cards to our church members and friends who are in need of some support, or celebrating something special. We want others to know we care about them in good times and bad, and that they are in our thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone who could use a card or phone call, contact Jane Pogue or the church office. We all love to know we are being thought of.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*(by Jane Pogue)*

We are coming into the time of year that can be very depressing, especially if individuals are suffering with physical ailments or some emotional ones. We want everyone to know (men and women) we care and would like to bring them some comfort. We have peace blankets and prayer shawls made by our church members, and a beautiful card offering our love and support. If you have someone you feel would appreciate a blanket or shawl, contact a Helping Hands member, Jane Pogue or the church office.

We also have baby blankets (plus a pack of diapers) for any new "family additions." Let us know if there is a need there, too!

## Special Sunday

### **Human Relations Day**

On January 17, we collect a special offering for the first of six, Church-wide, special Sundays. Gifts are used by the United Methodist Church of strengthen outreach to communities across the United States and Puerto Rico. Your gifts continue programs for at-risk youth and encourage social justice. Prayerfully consider how you can help the Church continue its work in communities across the country.

## Community News

The Trafford Recreation Board is collecting items for their 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Joys and Concerns

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

## Pray for

Fred and Roberta Cuttler  
Beecher and Kay Dale  
Patrick Fry (George Silowash's cousin)  
David and Carol Grubb  
Diane Kerrigan  
Frank and Mary Jean Kowalski  
Bill and Love Ruffner  
Peggy Whitfield  
Jerry and Darlene Williams  
James and Florence Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik grandparents)  
Linda Zimmerman

## Altar Flowers

Dates are still open on the 2016 Altar Flower Calendar. Check over the available dates and see if you would like to remember or honor a loved one with flowers.

January 31	October 23
February 28	November 13 and 27
March 6	December 4
July 3 and 17	

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

## January Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kayla Eiseman
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Chiappetta, Eric Zigarovich, Joshua Keefer
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sebastian Silowash
5 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Lloyd
10 <sup>th</sup>	Erin Kennison
11 <sup>th</sup>	Marlene VanRyn
12 <sup>th</sup>	Brett Lloyd
18 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Race
19 <sup>th</sup>	Brittany Yocum
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Aiden Johnson
25 <sup>th</sup>	Kara Soles, Scott Ebner
26 <sup>th</sup>	Drew Dulemba, Jeff Johnson
27 <sup>th</sup>	Art Loutsenhizer III, Kevin Beam Jr.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Gina Lloyd
30 <sup>th</sup>	Elijah Judy, Chris Kerrigan

## January Anniversaries

5<sup>th</sup> Harry and Margie Little

## Pew Bibles

Thank you to those of you who purchased new NRSV Bibles for the church. Trinity will dedicate the Bibles and new pew cushions during a worship service in January.

## January Schedules

### Greeters

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Silowash Family
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bentley Family
17 <sup>th</sup>	Knopf Family
24 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bee Sunday School Class
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mustardseeds Sunday School Class

### Liturgists

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ruth Knopf
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Pogue
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Lovre
24 <sup>th</sup>	Roger VanRyn
31 <sup>st</sup>	Youth

### Nursery

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Genny Triponey and Donna Race
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Pogue and Cindy Graw
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christie Armao and Renee Kociela
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Pogue and Joan Vowler
31 <sup>st</sup>	Jan Keefer and Eileen Bentley

### Altar Flowers

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Silowash Family
10 <sup>th</sup>	Roger and Marlene VanRyn
17 <sup>th</sup>	John and Cindy Graw
24 <sup>th</sup>	Knopf Family
31 <sup>st</sup>	Open



# January Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<b>2</b> 10 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens
<b>3</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Communion 5-7 p.m. Youth Night <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<b>7</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth Night <i>Human Relations Sunday</i> <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr birthday observed</i>	<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	<b>20</b> <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	<b>21</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity					
<b>24</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5-7 p.m. Youth Night	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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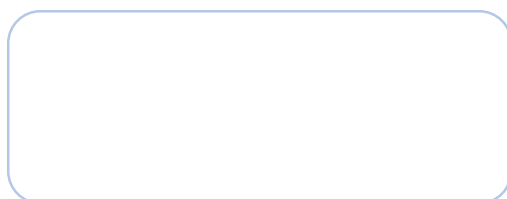
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## TUMC Scrip Program

Proceeds from this ongoing fundraiser are used toward building maintenance.

**January dates to order gift cards are the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.** Just complete an order form and turn it in with payment on Sunday morning to Jane Pogue or Linda Yocum.

Want to know more about the program?  
Contact Linda Yocum.

## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the  
February issue  
are due Wednesday,  
January 20, 2016.



## New Envelopes

The new offering envelopes for 2016 will be coming out in February with new numbers on them. Please throw away any leftover envelopes from 2015 because they may be someone else's new number!

## Immersion Series Bible Study Continues

Pastor Justin will resume this Bible study series in February with the Book of Deuteronomy. Trinity will be ordering the study book soon, so sign up in the vestibule if you would like to participate.

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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