

# Trinity Tempo

## July-August 2016

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I have missed you. On May 16 Pastor Scott and I started the 520 mile walk. We had high hopes of walking around the Western PA United Methodist Church Conference. How cool would it be to say, "I have walked 520 miles?" We had to think of a good reason why. So we prayed. God gave us three reasons: promote clergy health, encourage churches to connect with their communities by walking through them, and pray for a conference in transition.

It turns out our bodies may not have been as excited as we were. On day 2 Pastor Scott agitated an old injury and we had to walk with the help of a car. By the first Saturday, I developed tendonitis in my ankle. Things had to change if we were going to finish the walk. So we rested on Sunday. I went to MedExpress and got some anti-inflammatory medicine, a knee brace and an ankle brace. We also ended up relay walking with the help of the car. I would drive ahead 2-3 miles, park, and wait for Scott to walk to me, then we would switch.

Making these changes was very difficult for our pride. It meant that neither of us could say that we walked 520 miles. But we learned an important lesson the hard way. Ministry isn't about us or about what we can do. It is about God and what God does through us. The walk became less about walking and more about connecting with the communities, praying for the pastors and churches, and setting a good example by staying as healthy as we could through this process.

When the focus switched to God we were blessed and humbled over and over. I learned that the United Methodist denomination is comprised of some pretty incredible churches. We stayed in a church in DuBois that has an average of 12 people on a Sunday. They use their parsonage to help provide temporary housing to the homeless. Another showed us hospitality by being excited to serve. They were filled with joy at the chance to minister to others outside of the local church. And there are more stories of pastors that are passionate about their call from God. They want to serve God's church the best they can.

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# Trinity Happenings

## Trustees News

(by Kris Peters)

Did you ever wonder where it all goes? I'm talking about your gifts and contributions to the "Trustees" and "Building" funds. You can see the changes in the sanctuary; you can use the updated bathrooms throughout the church. The improvements made at the parsonage in the past three years not only save energy, but also enable our pastor and his family to live more comfortably. But what else?

Our projects are many as some of you realized when you took our informal building inspection on May 10. From top to bottom, our buildings need constant care and upkeep. Just like your own homes. Most of these projects require not only volunteers to do the work, but also funds and supplies to make the updates or repairs. And of course, when we get one thing started, something else will happen, just like in your home with your projects.

So...when you buy a Macy's "Shop for a Cause" pass for \$5 or a hamburger at our "Picnic in the Park" for \$6, please know that 100% of that money goes to repairs of our church properties. Our goal right now is to raise \$1,000 by the end of summer to purchase cement so that we can finish the floor in the old pre-school room. This will enable us to move forward with our plans to create a multi-use senior space and a chairlift to the social room. Please help us reach this goal!



and 10% off on electrics/electronics, watches,

Macy's annual *Shop for a Cause* event takes place Friday, August 26 – Sunday, August 28. The pass is good at Macy's stores during the entire weekend and entitles the bearer to 25% off on assorted regular, sale and clearance priced merchandise including home department,

furniture, mattresses and rug/floor coverings. Purchase a shopping pass from a trustee or the church office.

*Picnic in the Park* takes place on Sunday, July 10 and Sunday, August 7 following the morning worship service. Your \$6 covers the cost of hot dog or hamburger, side, beverage and dessert.

## Helping Hands

(by Roberta Cuttler)

We had our "Out to Lunch" in April at Olive Garden. Good lunch and great company. Our May meeting was held in the social room with nine members present.

We will have a container in the vestibule for our "Saladless Salad Bar." We are asking for donations. The cost of a ticket and the cost of making a salad would be appreciated. We do not have enough help, so we decided on this. All money will be used toward bills for the church.

We have no meetings in the summer. Our September meeting is "Out to Lunch." All are welcome at the Olive Garden. Hope everyone can help us out with our "Saladless Salad Bar."

## Pastor's Letter

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When ministry is about sharing the love of the Gospel then it has a real opportunity to bless and change lives. Even the lives of those performing the ministry.

I pray as we look forward to serving God in 2016-2017, we do so with the clear desire to share what it is God has given us to those we meet along the way. May the name of Jesus be praised always.

PTL,

Pastor Justin

## School Kits

Several people in the congregation volunteered their time this past winter and spring to make totes for school kits. Now it is time to fill them!

Empty totes will be hanging along the wall leading into the cry room. You are asked to take a tote and fill it with all of the items in the school kit. (See the list below). If filling a tote or two doesn't fit into your budget, that's okay. You may shop from the list of items and bring in supplies if you prefer.

We will collect the items and fill the totes from July through mid-August. A place near the library will be set up for you to drop off your filled tote bags and other items.



*These are just some of the tote bags sewn by the ladies of Trinity UMC over the past winter. The goal is to fill each bag with the items in a school kit.*

### School Kit contents:

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip only)
- 3 pads of paper – may be spiral or top-bound pads; 150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener at least 1-inch long; removed from packaging
- 1 30-centimeter ruler – hard or flexible
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 2-inch or larger eraser
- 1 24-count box of crayons

Keep the following points in mind as you purchase the supplies.

- UMCOR cannot use plastic scissors or composition notebooks.

- You can do a combination of loose-leaf and bound pads of paper.
- Cartoon characters are acceptable on items. Advertisements and/or religious, patriotic, military and camouflage symbols are not.

## Cleaning Buckets Update

Thanks to everyone who donated to this project. We collected enough supplies to fill eight buckets with items left over. The buckets will be assembled on Sunday, July 17 after the worship service. We will probably set up an assembly line, so volunteers will be needed to fill, check and seal the buckets.

The buckets, along with any excess items, will be delivered to the Western PA Conference Center in Cranberry Twp.



## Very Special Birthdays

We want to recognize three very special people who celebrated special birthdays this summer.

**Fred Cuttler** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 15. **Mary Lou Booher** celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 19. **Judy Mason** also celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 30.

May we all look as good as they do when we reach these milestones!

Happy birthday, Fred, Mary Lou and Judy, and may God bless you with many, many more!



Judy Mason (left),  
Fred Cuttler (right),  
Mary Lou Booher (not pictured)

## Community Celebrations

The communities around this area enjoy holding celebrations each year and we enjoy attending. We browse booths featuring hand-made crafts, debate which mouth-watering food to consume, and take time to relax and enjoy the featured entertainment.

Trinity will be participating in two events this summer: Trafford Community Days and Penn Township Fall Festival.

Trafford Community Days takes place Friday, August 12 from 6-11 p.m. and Saturday, August 13 from 4-11 p.m.

Penn Township Fall Festive takes place Friday, September 16 in the evening, Saturday, September 17 all day and Sunday, September 18 from 12-8 p.m.

Trinity will sell food at both of the events. Funds raised at Trafford Community Days will go toward church building repairs. Funds raised at the Fall Festival will be the kick-off for the new church roof fund (a project that will take place in 2-3 years).

Volunteers will be needed to cook the food, prepare for the events, set up and tear down, and to staff the booths. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule soon.

These venues are wonderful opportunities for us to meet members of our community and surrounding communities and to share our message and Christ's love with them.

## Planning Meeting

Last year's planning meeting challenged us to take a look at three different areas in the life of the church. The first was to overhaul how we communicate events in the church. We now have a central information center in the sanctuary of the church. We also were able to develop a guide to advertising events for the church, which is available in the church office.

The second focus was on developing small groups. At the beginning of this year I had the privilege of running a small group. It was a blessed experience that challenged those involved and helped us get to know each other more. A more frequent focus on social activities has developed from the idea of small groups. The viewing of *Casablanca* was only the beginning. We are also committed to offering Bible studies during the year. It is extremely beneficial to be involved in one group or another. These groups go a long way to support an individual's walk with Jesus and help us on the path to discipleship.

The third focus was on creating a community gathering area in Trafford. This was envisioned as neutral ground that we could minister to anyone in the township. Whether it be through summer lunches or budgetary advice. Through these discussions we started to look at having a summer lunch program here in the church. The program has not happened yet, but we are taking a serious look at our kitchen and other facilities to see what improvements we need to make in order for some ministries to exist.

Now the time approaches to start planning for next year. The planning meeting will be on August 26 (7-9 p.m.) and August 27 (8-11 a.m., 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.). (All times are approximate.) During this day we will talk about our love for God, Trinity UMC, and the community we are called to serve. We will also dream and pray about how God may be calling us to serve him in the coming year. Everyone is invited to attend. We will have a great time brainstorming about ministry potentials and fellowshiping together. Please pray about your involvement in this creative process. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule.

If you have any dates you would like to add for the 2016-2017 calendar, please email those dates to the church office before August 30.

I ask for your prayers as we prepare to gather and discern how the Lord is calling us to serve in the coming year.

PTL  
Pastor Justin

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Mark your calendars for August 7, 2016 for the Blessing of the Backpacks. During the worship service all those attending some type of school (children and adults) will bring their backpacks to the altar and Pastor Justin will bless them. Please make an effort to be here so that God can start us off on the right foot.

## Special Sundays

### August 14, Rural Life Sunday

The United Methodist Church has a rural heritage. We are reminded of our roots and encouraged to recognize the needs of rural area, and to reflect on the interdependence of urban and rural communities. On this Conference-wide Special Sunday, we collect gifts to be used within the conference to strengthen outreach and witness in small towns and rural areas.

## Annual Church Picnic

Don't forget the annual church picnic at Jane Pogue's house on Friday, August 19, 2016. It starts at 6 p.m. As usual, there will be lots to eat and lots to do! Everyone is invited; bring any friends you may have. The hot tub is always available, and every year we have new games and fantastic food! If you have any ideas for special games, just let Jane know. Please make a big attempt to be there. You don't know what you're missing if you don't show up!





# Joys and Concerns

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

## Pray for

Patty Aubele  
 Fred and Roberta Cuttler  
 Beecher and Kay Dale  
 Patrick Frye (George Silowash's cousin)  
 David and Carol Grubb  
 Judy Huber (friend of Ruth Knopf)  
 Diane Kerrigan  
 Mary Jean Kowalski  
 Paul Pazechoski (friend of Pipers)  
 Gary and Kris Peters  
 Joyce Stude Rogers and her sister Carol Jean  
 (friends of Ruth Knopf)  
 Blanch Sieple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)  
 Peggy Whitfield  
 Jerry and Darlene Williams  
 Kayla (friend of Peggy Whitfield)

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

## July Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Paige Johnson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Stewart Owens  
 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Ondulich  
 7<sup>th</sup> Danielle Mallik  
 8<sup>th</sup> Isaac James Jartin  
 11<sup>th</sup> Margaret Plecenik  
 13<sup>th</sup> Whitney Keller  
 14<sup>th</sup> Jenna Beam  
 15<sup>th</sup> Bryan Messina  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Kim Soles  
 25<sup>th</sup> Sharren Breakey  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Casper  
 27<sup>th</sup> Bailey Boehm, Hope Conlogue  
 28<sup>th</sup> Vince Zigarovich  
 31<sup>st</sup> Dorothy Henry

## July Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Joe and Lynn Antoon  
 14<sup>th</sup> Frank and Christie Armao  
 26<sup>th</sup> Dan and Rita Farrell  
 28<sup>th</sup> John and Cindy Graw

## August Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Larry Mallik  
 5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Mallik, Julie Sippel-Silowash  
 8<sup>th</sup> Jace Thomas Beam  
 10<sup>th</sup> Angel Spell  
 12<sup>th</sup> Ernie Keefer, Lynn Antoon,  
 Rob Hainsey  
 14<sup>th</sup> Carol Piper  
 15<sup>th</sup> Bill Vowler, Amy McLaughlin  
 16<sup>th</sup> Cindy Graw, Renee Kociela  
 19<sup>th</sup> Bill Fenton  
 21<sup>st</sup> April Beam, Joanne Ondulich  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Beverly Piper  
 24<sup>th</sup> Dan Musser  
 28<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Hughes, John Musser  
 31<sup>st</sup> Alvin Lafferty

## August Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> Caleb and Corrie Baker  
 12<sup>th</sup> Bob and Mary Ann Casper,  
 Brian and Christy Witmer  
 13<sup>th</sup> Tom and Carmen Owens  
 15<sup>th</sup> Bill and Joan Vowler  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Larry and Becky Mallik



# Volunteer Schedules

## July

### **Greeters**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kay Dale
10 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Hartley
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Judy
24 <sup>th</sup>	Roberta Cuttler and Jeanne Ruccio
31 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Yocum

### **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>	Stephanie Judy and Jane Pogue
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Ruccio and Lori Dorko
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christie Armao and Renee Kociela
24 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Sippel-Silowash and Genny Triponey
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon

### **Altar Flowers**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	open
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jim and Eileen Bentley
17 <sup>th</sup>	John and Cindy Graw
24 <sup>th</sup>	Silowash Family
31 <sup>st</sup>	Breakey and Felmlee Families

## Reminders

Envelopes for altar flowers are in the vestibule. The cost is \$20 for the set of two altar arrangements and \$15 for a table arrangement.

Be sure to pay for your flowers on or before your reserved date. Arrangements not taken home on Sunday are stored in Trinity House refrigerator and may be picked up during the week or the following Sunday.

## August

### **Greeters**

7 <sup>th</sup>	April and Beverly Beam
14 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Dorko, Bob and Mary Ann Casper
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Pogue
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth and Matt Knopf

### **Liturgists**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Sippel-Silowash
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Chiappetta
21 <sup>st</sup>	Joanne Ondulich
28 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly Piper

### **Nursery**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Bentley and Lori Dorko
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Pogue and Beverly Beam
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jan Keefer and Cindy Graw
28 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Judy and Donna Race

### **Altar Flowers**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Silowash Family
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bill and Joan Vowler
21 <sup>st</sup>	Donna Piper
28 <sup>th</sup>	Yocum Family

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled commitment as greeter, liturgist or nursery volunteer, contact the appropriate person: Jeanne Ruccio for greeters, Jane Pogue for nursery and Sandy Chiappetta for liturgists. If you would like to volunteer as a liturgist or for the nursery, please see Sandy or Jane respectively. Nursery volunteers are required to complete the proper clearances.





# July Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Communion <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>4</b>  (church office closed)	<b>5</b> 10 a.m. Crafts	<b>6</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service 12 p.m. Picnic in the Park	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10 a.m. Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>13</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 12 p.m. Sunday School Staff Picnic/Planning (tentative)
<b>17</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10 a.m. Crafts 6:30 p.m. Trustees (tentative) 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>20</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10 a.m. Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>27</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>						





# August Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10 a.m. Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>3</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion/ Blessing of the Backpacks 12 p.m. Picnic in the Park	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10 a.m. Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>10</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study (tentative)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6-11 p.m. Trafford Community Days	<b>13</b> 4-11 p.m. Trafford Community Days
<b>14</b> 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <i>Rural Life Sunday</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10 a.m. Crafts 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	<b>17</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6 p.m. Church Picnic	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	<b>22</b> <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	<b>23</b> 10 a.m. Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>24</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10 a.m. Crafts	<b>31</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study			

Planning Retreat

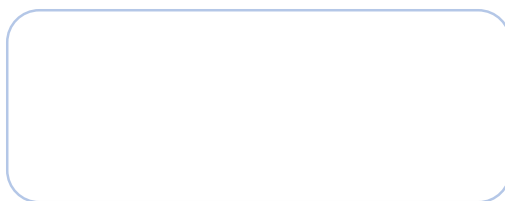
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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

## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the  
September issue  
are due Monday,  
August 22, 2016.



Pastor  
Justin

recommends...

RightNow Media has a wonderful children's section that is well worth exploring. If you have a child that is looking for something to watch, RightNow Media has many options to choose from. Each show they have to offer teaches children some aspect of the Good News. Some find creative ways to share Bible stories while others teach valuable life lessons using age appropriate situations. You will be sure to find something your child will be interested in and know that it will show them a piece of God's love.

