

Trinity Tempo

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A few years ago I was talking to an older woman for whom I had great respect. Our conversation eventually came to age and life. I asked her, "If you could go back to any age, which would it be?" Her answer surprised me. She said, "About 45, because that's when I figured out who I was." There is something comforting and peace-inducing about knowing who you are. It makes life simpler when you aren't spending much of your energy trying to be what other people want. You are living out who Christ created you to be.

So, I ask you, "Who is Trinity UMC?" What is it that makes us "us?" What has God given us that cannot be taken away, but we can share with each other and the community?

Another way to ask the question is to say, "To whom do we, as a church, belong and how does that show itself to the world?" During my time here I am certain that we rest in the hands of God. The activities that we do and the projects we undertake we do so for God's glory, and God has provided for us over the years.

I praise God that I can serve Trinity. Your desire to have a pastor on a single point charge was made knowing it would cost you more money than being a part of a two point charge. I have been blessed and am humbled to be your pastor.

Through our time together we have seen some physical improvements to the church. Through the use of memorial funds we were able to replace the much used cushions on the pews; also, through memorial funds and your own donations we have updated our 40-year old Bibles. With the help of Kris Peters and the trustees the cracks have been fixed in the plaster and the sanctuary painted. All of these improvements may seem purely cosmetic, but each goes to show that we take care of what God has given us to the best of our ability.

The presence of a pastor on a single point charge, the plastering, the painting, and other expenses have taken their toll on the church finances. Where we have enjoyed a financial cushion for many years, that cushion has disappeared. We are now living month to month. And we still have projects to complete in the next five years. Our church roof will need replaced. The kitchen needs updates completed for a possible summer lunch program. We are always looking into other ways to serve the people of Trafford. In light of

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Help Needed: Summer Sermon Series

(by Justin Judy)

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.

Taking his sentiment and making it more personal, we each have personal struggles, issues and concerns in our own lives that the Word of God has something to say about it. In the summer I would like to preach from the Word of God based on your concerns, whether they be personal, cultural, national or international.

During the month of March there will be a box in the vestibule where you can drop off your topics or scriptures for future sermons. There is no limit per person and you may submit them with or without your name.

I will then go through them and prayerfully choose which ones to preach during 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!

Sunday School Palm Sunday Party

Following the worship service on Palm Sunday, the Sunday School is again hosting our Palm Sunday Party. We will share lunch and a craft and something special for the children. Come and celebrate with us!

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual TUMC Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please pre-register if possible; forms are available at the information center.

We will be doing an art project as well as hunting for eggs and special surprises. This year's theme is "PUZZLED" and the Easter message will be "put together" in a new interactive way.

Helpers are needed to fill 1,000 eggs, hide them on Friday and also help Saturday morning with registration and the program. Monetary donations for eggs, candy and prizes are now being accepted, as well as bagged candy. See Pastor Justin or Kris Peters if you can help out with anything! Invite your family and friends!

Pastor's Letter

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these needs, we are exploring different options, such as fundraising, grant writing, and making the best use out of what we have.

As we face the reality that we find ourselves in, we are reminded of another: "We belong to God!" Let us share that truth with everyone we encounter!

Romans 8:28

Pastor Justin Judy

Tea for More than Two at Walden's View

The Trinity Traveling Tea Party had a wonderful time hosting our tea for the residents of Walden's View Senior Living Center on January 30. There were smiles everywhere. Tables were set with china and cookies. There were favors on the tables and fun tea props. We wore old-fashioned aprons (thanks Sharren!). We played games and awarded prizes. We even sang "I'm a Little Teapot!" We poured out tea and laughter and Jesus' love. It was a happy day and we are so glad we went!

Thank you to Patty and Colleen for letting us use their china. And thanks to Ed Aubele for the three-tiered serving trays he made out of china plates, saucers and cups. They are beautiful. Servers were Jan Keefer, Ruth Knopf, Jeanne Ruccio, Patty Aubele, Joanne Ondulich, Donna Piper, Beverly Piper and Carol Piper. Look for a photo display in the church vestibule. Join us next time.

Thank You

The Trinity Traveling Tea Party would like to thank Joan Hartley for giving us a beautiful china teapot and matching creamer and sugar to use. This lovely set was hand-painted with violets by Joan in her ceramics class. It will grace the table at our tea parties and we will treasure it! And we already see just the right use...they are the perfect size to sit in front of the guest of honor for her own personal tea set at the table!

Thank you, Joan, for being so generous and sharing something so special! We love it and you!



Helping Hands

Our February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. We will have our next meeting on March 8. All officers will act as hostesses for the meeting with Joan Hartley having our program. The books for 2016 are not ready yet.

Everyone is welcome, so come and join us! The executive board meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 p.m. Don't forget your sandwich. Hope to see you there.

Trustees News

(by Kris Peters)

The trustees would like to thank everyone who has been helping remove snow and ice from the ramp, steps and sidewalks this past month.

We would like to remind everyone to notify the church office of all meetings and events. The trustees use the information on the calendar to coordinate snow removal and to program the thermostats to heat meeting spaces. If your meeting or event is not on the calendar, then steps and walkways may not be cleared for you and rooms may not be heated.

We would also like to encourage everyone to participate in the scrip (gift card) program. Profits from this ongoing fundraiser benefit the Building Fund, which enables us to make needed repairs to the church.



(left to right) Patty Aubele, Beverly Piper, Jeanne Ruccio, Joanne Ondulich and Ruth Knopf perform "I'm a Little Tea Pot" for the residents.



Spring Men's Retreat 2016

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.

Summer's Coming! Time to Sign Up for Camp!

Really it is! A happy thought in the middle of winter! Camp brochures are available online and in printed form (at the information center) for Jumonville, Camp Allegheny and Wesley Woods. Now is the time to sign up!

Our church has a campership fund to assist in getting children to camp. Please consider contributing to it. Last year, we enabled three kids to get to Jumonville! They had a wonderful time. If you know of a child who would benefit by going to camp to experience God's love for

them in a fun and adventuresome setting, please encourage them to go and let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Pastor Justin or Beverly Piper. We love talking about camp. For more information, to see the list of camps and view photos of facilities, check out the camp websites: jumonville.org, campallegheny.org and wesleywoods.com.

What's Trinity been up to?

Our congregation has been, and continues to be, generous givers for mission and outreach programs. Below are highlights from 2015. Thank you for everything that you do!

- Donated 84 hats, gloves, scarves and mittens to the Clothing Closet in Pitcairn.
- Donated \$152 to Church World Service for the organization's Blankets+ program.
- Donated \$352.50 to the Trafford–Level Green food bank.
- Collected school supplies, instant hot cocoa, facial tissue, and instant gelatin and pudding for distribution through the Trafford–Level Green food bank.
- Gave \$300 to WCCEA, a non-profit organization that assists families in Westmoreland County that are struggling with or unable to pay utility bills.
- Trinity's Travelling Tea Party hosted tea parties for individuals and groups.
- Knit/Crocheted and distributed prayer shawls/prayer blankets and baby blankets.
- Sent cards to people within the community.
- Raised \$750 to provide 50 pairs of shoes (Shoe That Grows) for orphans in Malawi.
- Sponsored a child for the summer and for the 2015-2016 school year through Penn-Trafford's Backpacks-to-Go program.
- Made tote bags for school kits. Our count is up to 31.
- Collected supplies and assembled 42 hygiene kits to be distributed to refugees through UMCOR.
- Hosted an annual Cancer Event which raised \$257 for Our Clubhouse.
- Sent Christmas cards to college students and those unable to worship with us on Sunday mornings.

- Provided Christmas gifts to five children through the Angel Tree program.
- Collected more than 60 coats for local families in conjunction with the Warm Hearts, Warm Coats campaign.

Special Sundays

One Great Hour of Sharing

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) serves people around the world. Your gifts for this special offering help UMCOR cover the "cost of doing business." That means every dollar you give to floor relief, hurricane relief or other advances goes to aid and support that recovery effort. Perhaps you can't be the person distributing food, hygiene kits or medical supplies after a disaster. However, you can be part of the response effort by giving to One Great Hour of Sharing on March 6.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM)

The UMVIM network provides support and training for more than 125,000 volunteers. On March 20 your gifts to VIM fund network programs and scholarships for volunteers.

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. **March dates to order gift cards are the 13th and 27th.** 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 at 412.372.6808.

Easter Flowers

Trinity is accepting orders for Easter flowers to grace our sanctuary during the Easter Sunday worship service. Choose from tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and Easter lilies. The cost is \$11 per plant. Orders are due in the church office by Palm Sunday.

Community News

Good Friday Service

Community United Methodist Church (Route 130, Harrison City) is hosting the Penn-Trafford Ministerium Community Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. on March 25. Choir members from churches within the ministerium will perform Joel Raney's cantata "The Seven Last Days."

Mark Your Calendars! Golden Anniversaries Celebration!

On Sunday, April 3, 2016, we are going to have a celebration for all our church couples who have celebrated 50 or more years of marriage. We are blessed to have several couples who have reached this milestone, and we want to honor them and let them know how much we admire them as role models.

We will be having a reception in the library area and gifts will be presented to our special couples. Please plan on coming and supporting our "Golden Couples!"

Easter Flower Order Form

Name _____

| Plant | Qty | Total |
|-------------|----------------|-------|
| Daffodil | _____ x \$11 = | _____ |
| Easter lily | _____ x \$11 = | _____ |
| Hyacinth | _____ x \$11 = | _____ |
| Tulip | _____ x \$11 = | _____ |
| Total | | _____ |

☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of _____

☐ Anonymous



Joys and 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
Amy Keefer
Diane Kerrigan
Gary Peters
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 this month.

March Birthdays

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| 1 st | Patty Aubele |
| 2 nd | Tom Puckey |
| 4 th | Randy Kerrigan |
| 5 th | Kristina Chichilla |
| 7 th | Kay Meadowcroft |
| 9 th | Robert Cush |
| 12 th | Stephanie Judy |
| 13 th | Ryan Kerrigan |
| 16 th | Vicki Stokes, Blanche Yocum |
| 17 th | Kay Yocum |
| 23 rd | Matt Knopf, Mattie Fanty, Lia Nigro |
| 25 th | John Ruccio |
| 26 th | Zack Witmer |
| 27 th | Gary Peters, Sarah Ebner Scott |
| 29 th | Nicolyn Lonzo, Sarah Lloyd |

March 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, Jane Pogue—nursery and Sandy Chiappetta—liturgists.

Greeters

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| 6 th | Bill and Joan Vowler |
| 13 th | SOS Class |
| 20 th | Gary and Kris Peters |
| 27 th | Jerry and Sharren Breakey |

Liturgists

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| 6 th | Julie Sippel-Silowash |
| 13 th | Sandy Chiappetta |
| 20 th | Joanne Ondulich |
| 27 th | Beverly Piper |

Nursery

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|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6 th | Christie Armao and Renee Kociela |
| 13 th | Jan Keefer and Eileen Bentley |
| 20 th | Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon |
| 27 th | Stephanie Judy and Cindy Graw |

Altar Flowers

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| 6 th | open |
| 13 th | John and Cindy Graw |
| 20 th | Bob and Sandy Chiappetta |
| 27 th | Kris Peters |
| 27 th | Jerry and Sharren Breakey (table) |



March

Calendar

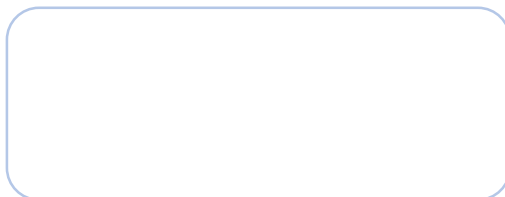
| Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| | | 1 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study: Deuteronomy | 2 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study | 3 7:15 p.m. Choir | 4 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night <i>World Day of Prayer</i> | 5 |
| 6 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Communion 5-7 p.m. Youth Night 4 th Sunday in Lent One Great Hour of Sharing | 7 | 8 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study: Deuteronomy | 9 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study | 10 7:15 p.m. Choir | 11 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night | 12 |
| 13 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Healing Service 5-7 p.m. Youth Night 5 th Sunday in Lent Scrip Order Day <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i> | 14 | 15 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council | 16 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study | 17 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Social Rm) 7:15 p.m. Choir | 18 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night | 19 |
| 20 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Palm Sunday Party (Social Rm) 5-7 p.m. Youth Night <i>Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday</i> <i>VIM Sunday</i> | 21 <i>Tempo Deadline</i> | 22 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study: Deuteronomy | 23 | 24 1-3 p.m. and 6- 7:30 p.m. Silent Communion 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service | 25 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night 7 p.m. Community Good Friday Service | 26 10-11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt |
| Holy Week | | | | | | |
| 27 7 p.m. Sunrise Service (B-Y Park) followed by breakfast (Social Rm) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <i>Easter</i> Scrip Order Day | 28 | 29 | 30 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study | 31 6:30 p.m. Scouts (Social Rm) 7:15 p.m. Choir | | |

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Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time on a Saturday morning to audit the financial and membership books for the church. — Linda Yocum

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
April issue
are due Monday,
March 21, 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 information you can find there.