

Trinity Tempo

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Dear Church,

Most of us can agree that God has blessed us in one way or another. The knowledge of Jesus' activity in our lives give us opportunity to look back and see glimpses of how God showed his love. It could have been through extra strength in a time of weakness or a shoulder to cry on when things fell apart. Either way, our personal walk with God has been quite the journey. It has taught us many things. One of which is—though it is a personal walk—it is not done in isolation. We

are coming in contact with people constantly. People that the Lord loves and desires.

Jesus made himself available to so many people in his short earthly ministry that it would be hard to imagine what that ministry would have looked like if cars had been invented. Jesus used the simple act of walking as a way to gain public exposure. Whenever he encountered people while walking from one town to the next he engaged them. Or he used that travel time to discuss important topics with his disciples.

Many of us may remember times when the car was less utilized than it is now. A time when people walked to the grocery store, the local pharmacy or doctor's office. Those were days when people would say "Hi!" to each other in passing or stop to talk to a new face. Walking slowed things down enough that people got to know one another in a town.

Today's faster pace and longer distances to the store do not allow as many opportunities for us to build relationships with new people. We are often getting in our car, traveling 7 miles to Walmart, shopping amongst people we do not know and do not expect to see again, then heading back home.

When we don't take the time to meet new people and build relationships with others, we miss seeing the love of God accomplished in a large variety of ways. Each person is someone created in God's image and getting to know one another helps us to see and experience God's love in new ways.

From May 16th to June 7th Rev. Scott Gallagher (Garden City UMC) and I will be walking around the Western PA Conference to encourage churches to give opportunities to build relationships with their communities by asking parishioners to walk with us as we pass through their towns.

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Trinity Happenings

Trustees News

(by Kris Peters)

I would like to thank everyone who helped remove all of the debris and old furniture from the church in April. We filled the small dumpster in under a week! The old preschool room is cleaned out and ready for the next stage of remodeling.

To raise money for the cement floor to be poured in that space, we will be hosting "Picnic in the Park" Sunday luncheons. We will have a picnic lunch available after services on June 5, July 10 and August 7. The plan is to eat across the street in the park and on tables set up in the garden and porch areas. We hope you will mark these dates on your calendar and join us for good food and great company! If it rains...don't worry, we will picnic in the social room.

We will be combining the Graduation Sunday Reception with the first picnic, so please plan on attending. We are asking for a donation of \$6 per picnic lunch.

Our May meeting has been cancelled, but a walkthrough informal inspection of the church and Trinity House buildings will take place May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please see me.

Also, Gary and I would like to take time to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and food! We both appreciate it more than you can imagine! Gary has had plenty of time to think of new projects he wants to tackle when he's able.

Strawberry Festival

(by Jane Pogue)

The annual Strawberry Festival will be held Friday, May 13 in the church social room. The ticket price of \$5 includes cake, strawberries, ice cream and beverage. There will also be hot dogs, sauerkraut, hot sausage and pulled pork sandwiches. These other food items can be purchased for a nominal price. Festival tickets can be purchased from any of the Ad-Council members or the church office.



We will be in need of strawberry cleaners for Thursday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m. We will also need yellow cakes and servers the day of the festival. If you can help please contact me. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please sign up—we need your help!

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers who come through every year! Come and have a great night of fun and fellowship.

Graduation Sunday

(by Jane Pogue)

On Sunday, June 5 we will be honoring four of our students who will be graduated from high school. A small reception will be held in the library area, and they will be given a small gift to honor their big day. Please come and help honor them.



Bailey Boehm plans to attend school for dog grooming.

Spencer Boehm will attend Westmoreland County Community College for accounting.

Mattie Fanty will attend the University of Pittsburgh and will major in Exercise Science.

Tim Johnson will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he will major in Cyber Security.

Cleaning Buckets

Spring flooding in Texas, Louisiana and other parts of the country has depleted the cleaning buckets stocked by UMCOR. During May, the Missions Committee is collecting items to help replenish these disaster relief kits.

The content list is very specific and sizes of items are given for a reason. Everything in a kit must fit into the 5-gallon bucket. All items must be new except for the bucket and lid. All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. If you can't find the requested size of a liquid item, then choose a smaller size, not a larger one.

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid – new or used; used buckets must be clean and cannot have contained any type of chemical
- Liquid laundry detergent – one 50-oz. bottle or two 25-oz. bottles
- Liquid household cleaner – 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
- Dish soap – 16-28 oz. bottle
- 1 can air freshener – aerosol or pump

- 1 insect repellent – 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- 1 scrub brush – plastic or wooden handle
- 18 cleaning wipes – Handi Wipes or reusable wipes; no terry cleaning towels
- 7 sponges – no cellulose sponges
- 5 scouring pads – no stainless steel, Brillo or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- 50 clothespins
- Clothesline – two 50-ft. or one 100-ft. cotton or plastic line
- 24-roll heavy-duty trash bags – 33-35 gallon size
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves – durable enough for multiple uses
- 1 pair work gloves – cotton with leather palm or all leather

Mother's Day Flowers

The annual Mother's Day flowers are being donated by Jane Pogue in memory of her mother,

Velma Pogue. All ladies of the church are invited to take home a flower at the end of the church service.



Pastor's Letter

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The route we are taking will be about 519 miles long and will pass through nearly 100 United Methodist communities. We are walking an average of 25 miles a day and taking Sundays off. Each day we will start at a church and end at a church. These churches have graciously agreed to provide us with a place to sleep and recharge as we walk.

There will be a website that will track our progress in real time. So you will be able to answer the question, "Where in Western PA is Justin?"

Along with walking, Pastor Scott and I will be praying for each person we meet, for the Western PA Annual Conference in this year of a bishop change, and for the churches that we love and serve by the grace of God (Trinity and Garden City UMC).

If you need to talk to me, have a question or just want to chat while I am on the walk please call me on my cell phone as I will be available to talk (pending cell phone reception). A retired minister in Monroeville named Jim Ritchie has agreed to fill in if anyone needs a pastor's presence while I am away. His contact information will be in the office.

I ask for your prayers both while we prepare for the walk and while we are on it. I hope God uses this walk so that others can see His love and be encouraged to share that love with others.

If you get the chance today and are able, go for a walk and see where God might lead you.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



Special Sundays

May 8, Golden Cross

On May 8 churches across the Western PA Conference will take a special offering for Golden Cross. Your gifts on this day support health and welfare ministries in the conference, specifically Wesbury Community in Meadville, Arbutus Park Manor in Johnstown, and United Methodist Services for the Aging in Mt. Lebanon.

All three of these agencies offer independent living and continuing care for retirees.

May 22, Peace with Justice

Gifts to this church-wide special offering support efforts at home and abroad. Efforts such as educating communities in Pennsylvania and overseas about sex-trafficking; ministries to unite border communities in Arizona; and addressing social justice issues in Libya.

Men's Weekend Retreat

(by Pastor Justin)

I was blessed to lead a men's weekend retreat at Sursum Corda of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. It is located about two miles from the Donegal exit off the Turnpike.

This was a time of food, relaxation and walking the path the Lord has laid before us with confidence and joy. We had a time to breathe in the midst of the business of life and be reminded we do not journey alone.

The weekend was focused on private and group devotions, Bible reading and discussion, prayer and meditation. We watched movies and shot guns. There was plenty of free time we used for playing board games, reading a book, shooting the breeze, napping or going for a hike.

Thank you for keeping the men of the church in your prayers. We are hoping to have another men's retreat next spring. If you are interested in joining us please contact me and I will answer any questions you may have. May we all journey with God.

50+ Anniversary Celebration

(by Jane Pogue)

On Sunday, April 3 our church family celebrated all couples of our church who have been married for 50 years or more. Our special couples, listed below, were honored with a reception following the church service and a gift to remember the special event. We are so pleased to honor these couples who have been wonderful role models in showing us love, devotion and commitment. May you celebrate many, many more anniversaries!

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



First row: Marlene VanRyn, Thelma Johnson, Jim Johnson, Pat Puckey, Tom Puckey. Second row: Roberta Cuttler, Joan Vowler (and Breezie), Carol Grubb, Marjorie Little. Third row: Roger VanRyn, Bill Vowler, Harry Little. Not pictured: Lou and JoAnn Booher, Fred Cuttler, Beecher and Kay Dale, David Grubb, Les and Donna Race.

Bethany House Update

From late March through early April, Trinity collected funds for the new facility in McKeesport. Our goal was \$300 for the purchase and installation of a new toilet at the facility. We far surpassed our goal with a gift of \$450! Thanks to everyone who donated so generously to this worthy cause.

In the News

A huge congratulations goes out to Tim Johnson, son of Jeff and Paige Johnson, and grandson of Jim and Thelma Johnson. Tim was awarded his Eagle Scout badge which is the highest honor given in Boy Scouts. Many years of hard work are needed to accomplish such a feat, and we want to recognize this honor. Hats off to Tim and his family on being an Eagle Scout! We are so proud of you!

Your Anthem, Your Vote

The chancel choir is asking the congregation to choose the anthem for the May 22 service. Your song choices are:

- "Heavenly Sunlight"
- "Kum Ba Yah"
- "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place"
- "This Little Light of Mine"
- "We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light"

Boxes are set up in the back of the sanctuary, one box per anthem. Vote for your choice of song by placing a monetary donation in the appropriate box. (Donations benefit the building fund.) Voting ends on Sunday, May 15.



Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

Fred and Roberta Cuttler
 Beecher and Kay Dale
 Cam DeMauro (friend of Cindy Graw)
 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
 Family of Mary Jane Lani
 Family of Mildred Luther
 Gary and Kris Peters
 Family of Mildred Sass
 Blanch Sieple (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 in May and June.

May Birthdays

1st Hunter Wall
 2nd Louise Redinger
 3rd Carol Grubb
 5th Jenna Nigro
 6th Josie Nigro, Shawn Sciotti
 9th Darlene Williams
 11th Jane Pogue
 15th Amy Keefer, Harry Little, Pat Puckey,
 Andie Ledger, Robert Conlogue
 16th Nancy Harris
 17th Lexi Fanty, Justin Ledger
 18th Kate Ledger
 19th Richard Yocum
 20th Ora Mae Lovre
 23rd Lou Booher, Jill Miller
 24th Megan Beam
 27th Zachary Keefer
 28th Evelyn Felmlee, Anne Robinson
 29th John Graw

30th Alex Silowash, Roberta Cuttler,
 Nicole Vinsek
 31st Les Race

May Anniversaries

6th Alan and Sandy Yamamoto
 17th Cliff and Evelyn Felmlee
 18th Nick and Danielle Mallik
 19th Gary and Kris Peters
 22nd Ron and Dana Hainsey

June Birthdays

2nd Nick Mallik
 3rd Josh Ruccio, Nate Ruccio
 4th Bruce Kociela, Jim Johnson, Sr,
 Michael Cromer
 7th JoAnn Booher
 9th Ruth Knopf, James Johnston,
 Tim Johnson
 15th Fred Cuttler
 16th Crystal Lousenhizer
 17th Jerry Breakey
 19th John Scott, Jr
 20th Sandy Chiappetta, Amelia Scott,
 Pam Sethman
 22nd Jerry Williams
 24th Stephanie Jones, Heather Conlogue
 27th Ed Aubele
 30th Judy Mason

June Anniversaries

1st Bruce and Renee Kociela
 17th Bob and Sandy Chiappetta
 18th Steve and Lori Dorko
 20th Justin and Stephanie Judy
 21st Jay and Vicki Stokes
 24th Kevin and Megan Beam
 27th George and Julie Silowash



Volunteer Schedules

May

Greeters

1 st	Roberta Cuttler
8 th	Beverly and April Beam
15 th	Matt and Ruth Knopf
22 nd	Bob and Sandy Chiappetta
29 th	Jane Pogue

Liturgists

1 st	Bob Lovre
8 th	Roger VanRyn
15 th	Youth
22 nd	Julie Sippel-Silowash
29 th	Sandy Chiappetta

Nursery

1 st	Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon
8 th	Donna Race and Joan Vowler
15 th	Cindy Graw and Julie Sippel-Silowash
22 nd	Stephanie Judy and Eileen Bentley
29 th	Jan Keefer and Genny Triponey

Altar Flowers

1 st	open
8 th	Harry Little Family Bruce and Sandy Bergman (table)
15 th	Joanne Ondulich
22 nd	Gary and Kris Peters Nick and Danielle Mallik (table)
29 th	Jeff, Matt and Tim Johnson Silowash Family (table)

June

Greeters

5 th	Joanne Ondulich
12 th	John and Jeanne Ruccio
19 th	Larry and Becky Mallik
26 th	Stephanie and Bill Jones

Liturgists

5 th	Joanne Ondulich
12 th	Beverly Piper
19 th	Stephanie Judy
26 th	Nick Mallik

Nursery

5 th	Christie Armao and Renee Kociela
12 th	Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon
19 th	Donna Race and Joan Vowler
26 th	Eileen Bentley and Julie Sippel-Silowash

Altar Flowers

5 th	Bill and Love Ruffner
12 th	Sharren Breakey Cliff and Evie Felmlee (table)
19 th	Felmlee Family
26 th	Alex, Sebastian and Ben Silowash

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 for the week and may be picked up during the week or the following Sunday.

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled commitment as greeter, liturgist or nursery volunteers, 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.



May Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	2	3 10 a.m. Crafts	4 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	5 7:15 p.m. Choir	6 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	7
8 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship / Communion / Healing Service <i>Mother's Day</i> Scrip Order Day Golden Cross Sunday	9	10 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch 6:30 p.m. Trustees Walkthrough	11	12 9:30 p.m. Strawberry Festival Prep 7:15 p.m. Choir	13 4:30-7 p.m. Strawberry Festival 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	14
15 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee Meeting <i>Pentecost</i>	16	17 10 a.m. Crafts 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council (tentative)	18	19 7:15 p.m. Choir	20 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	21
500 Mile Walk						
22 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day Peace with Justice	23	24 10 a.m. Crafts	25	26	27 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	28
500 Mile Walk						
29 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	30  (church office closed)	31 10 a.m. Crafts				
500 Mile Walk						



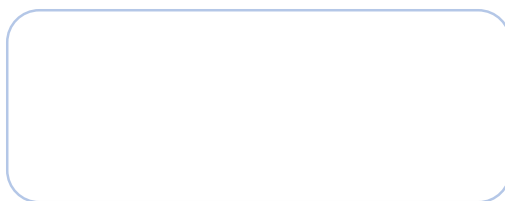
June Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	4
			500 Mile Walk			
5 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion 12 p.m. Graduate Recognition Celebration/Picnic in the Park Scrip Order Day	6	7 10 a.m. Crafts	8	9	10 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	11
500 Mile Walk			Western PA Annual Conference, Grove City			
12 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	13	14 10 a.m. Crafts	15	16	17 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	18
Annual Conference						
19 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/ Healing Service <i>Father's Day</i> Scrip Order Day	20	21 10 a.m. Crafts 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council	22	23	24 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	25
26 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	27	28 10 a.m. Crafts	29	30		

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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
July-August issue
are due Friday,
June 17, 2016.



Pastor Justin recommends...

I am a huge fan of Bible Studies. We can never learn too much of God's Word. It is wonderful when we can find a teacher that helps us look at a book of the Bible a little differently.

This past month someone recommended that I look at Joe Boyd. He is a "one man show" that uses comedy and drama to share the story of Exodus, the gospel of John, Genesis, Acts and Luke. Each study is a single clip that runs up to two hours long. He is able to keep you entertained and engaged all the while delivering the Word of God.

