

Trinity Tempo

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Dear Sister and Brothers,

The Lord of the Rings trilogy is among my favorite reads. In the story there is a king who is trying to make sense of all that is happening around him. King Theoden speaks these words when reflecting on his people's chance of survival in the face of great odds, "The world changes, and all that once was strong now proves unsure."

These words are being repeated today with the same mournfulness and uncertainty. As King Theoden was

worried for the future of his people, so we are worried about the future of the church as we know it.

The culture we live in is changing at a rapid pace. Things are different for children now even since I was a little boy. The old saying still holds much truth, "The only constant is change." One can argue that this change is most readily seen in how today's church is seen by the community.

Many of you remember days gone by when the church was not only the center of Christian life, but also the center of social, and even political, life. If you wanted to worship you went to church. If you wanted some entertainment you went to church. If you wanted to do a social event you went to church. If you wanted to vote on the next political leader you went to church. Even town meetings were often held in churches.

But gone, it seems, are the days when the church is the center for anything. When we look at churches, it is easy for us to see institutions struggling to recover an identity that has been stripped away by a culture that doesn't find them relevant to the changes that are happening all around. That leaves us, as individual Christians, with the question, "Is church important to me?"

Individual Christianity is at an all-time high, especially in this country. The idea that "I can be a Christian by myself" is very popular. But when we take a look at the Bible and even human nature itself, we start to see such individualism was never intended, nor can a person last very long by themselves.

Genesis shows us a God who, after creating Adam, noticed that Adam needed a partner. When the Jewish faith was being formed in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy at no time was there a sense that any one person should or could do devotion to God on their own. All the offerings were presented to a priest; the parents were to be teaching their children all the time; and even punishments

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Trinity Happenings



Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

The Election Day Dinner will be held Tuesday, November 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the church social hall. The menu is roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, dessert and a beverage at a cost of \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under.

Don't forget to stop at the craft table and shop for handmade gifts and household items.

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

(by Jane Pogue)

We are once again teaming up with *Good Morning America* to collect coats for those in need in our area. The coat drive begins the first week in November, so please start cleaning out those closets now! We will take coats of all sizes.

A box will be located next to the library for you to drop them off. Every week they will be taken to the Burlington store in Monroeville for distribution. We will again have the "thermometer" to track our donations!

Please ask friends or relative to donate, also. The more we give, the more others receive. If you have any questions, please let me know (724.864.2858). Thanks again for your stewardship to our community.

Pastor's Letter

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were enacted by the community. In fact, the only time when individualism was present was when an unclean person had to be away from the community for a certain period of time.

The New Testament is not much different. The church in a particular area was always a group of believers that met. We do read about instances of people traveling alone, but always for the purpose of founding a group of believers. And, again, the punishment in a church was to be cast out, without the support of those in the church.

You were created in the image of God. That image shows us very clearly a need to share ourselves with others. Someone trying to be a Christian by themselves is denying an important part of their identity and stunting their own growth, not only as a Christian, but also as a creature of God.

Have a blessed week and I always look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday. God bless.

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Pastor Justin

Angel Tree

Trinity has been given the names of six children for this holiday season. Cindy Graw is collecting information and making gift tags for those of you who want to participate in this prison ministries program. The tags with child and gift information will be available in the near future.

Anticipate Christ

Although details have not been finalized, Trinity will host an Anticipate Christ event the first Sunday in Advent (November 27). Look for details in an upcoming Sunday bulletin and on the church website.

2016 Church Conference

Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 7 p.m. Members of the Ad-Council are encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome to come to this meeting with DS Pat Nelson. Note, SPRC will meet with Rev. Nelson prior to Church Conference.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Service

Penn-Trafford Ministerium is hosting its second community Thanksgiving dinner for recipients of the local food banks and first responders to be followed by a worship service on Tuesday, November 22 at the Harrison Room in Harrison City. Trinity is collecting cans of corn to be served at the dinner. (Unopened cans of corn will be given to the local food banks. A table is set up in the vestibule for your donation. Drop your contribution off by November 13.

Enjoy Books

The Friendship Class is selling the Enjoy book again this year. It makes a great gift for birthdays or anniversaries and the price is \$30. Books are still available and may be purchased through any member of the Friendship Class.

Hanging of the Greens

Trinity will once again pull out the wreaths and garland, trees and bows for the yearly hanging of the greens. Everyone is welcome to take part in this time of decorating, fellowship and fun. So put on your creative caps and be at the church on Saturday, November 26 at 10 a.m.

Holiday Greetings

While sending your holiday greetings, visiting friends and family don't forget about some of Trinity's family who live out of state or who are unable to get to church. Remember these members of our church family this holiday season with a card, visit or phone call.

Fred & Roberta Cuttler	Vicki & Jay Stokes
179 E Gilmore Ave	1409 Lyons Chase Cr
Trafford PA 15085	Murrysville PA 15668
412.372.2152	724.327.9505

Peggy Whitfield	Ralph Zyskowski
603 Cherry Dr	522 Gilmore Ave
Trafford PA 15085	Trafford PA 15085
412.956.4811	412.372.0228

David Grubb	Judy Mason
RNC	Penn Towers
890 Weatherwood Ln	137 Harrison Ave
Rm 404	Apt 806
Greensburg PA 15601	Greensburg PA 15601
	724.837.3902

Tom & Pat Puckey	Lloyd & Marjorie Myers
65 Queen St	6105 Wilander St
Apt 104	Leesburg FL 34748
N Umlerland PA 17857	





Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
 Emma Chichilla
 Fred and Roberta Cuttler
 Beecher and Kay Dale
 Betty Earl
 David and Carol Grubb
 Judy Huber (friend of Matt Knopf)
 Family of Coburn Jones
 Jan Keefer
 Family of Ruth Knopf
 Mary Jean Kowalski
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
 Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)
 Joyce Stude Rogers and her sister Carol Jean
 Peggy Whitfield
 Kayla (friend of Peggy Whitfield)



Jennifer Mallik wed
 Garlan McCune on
 Saturday, October 15,
 2016. Congratulations
 to the new couple!

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

November Birthdays

2nd Joyce Stude Rogers
 7th George Silowash
 8th Emma Chichilla, Riley McLaughlin
 9th Joan Hartley
 10th Paul Earl, Morgan Hainsey
 13th Ron Hainsey
 14th Thelma Johnson
 16th Anna Kitchen
 18th Lloyd Myers
 21st Dante Venturo
 22nd Tom Fanty
 24th Matt Johnson
 30th Spencer Boehm

November Anniversaries

19th Bill and Barb Messina
 29th Ed and Patty Aubele, David and
 Sandy Keller
 30th Tom and Pat Puckey

November Schedules

Greeters

6th Joanne Ondulich
 13th Les and Donna Race
 20th Bill and Love Ruffner
 27th Bill and Joan Vowler

Liturgists

6th Roger VanRyn
 13th Youth
 20th Julie Sippel-Silowash
 27th Sandra Chiappetta

Nursery

6th Christie Armao and Renee Kociela
 13th Jane Pogue and Eileen Bentley
 20th Julie Sippel-Silowash and Stephanie Judy
 27th Sandy Chiappetta and Joan Vowler

Altar Flowers

6th Felmlee and Breakey families
 13th Yocum family
 20th Kayla Eiseman
 27th Johnston children



November Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 10 a.m. Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	2 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	3 7:15 p.m. Choir	4 9 a.m. Election Day Dinner Prep (wash dishes) 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	5
6 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion Scrip Order Day <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	7 9 a.m. Election Day Dinner Prep 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	8 5-7 p.m. Election Day Dinner	9 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	10 7:15 p.m. Choir	11 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence) <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12
13 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service	14 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	15 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	16 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	17 7:15 p.m. Choir	18 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence) <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	19
20 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion Scrip Order Day	21 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	22 Community Thanksgiving Dinner & Service (time tba)	23	24 	25 6 p.m. Christmas Play Practice/ Dinner 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	26 10 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
27 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Anticipate Christ (time tba) Scrip Order Day <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> <i>UM Student Sunday</i>	28 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	29 10 a.m. Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	30 7 p.m. Prayer & Fasting Meeting			

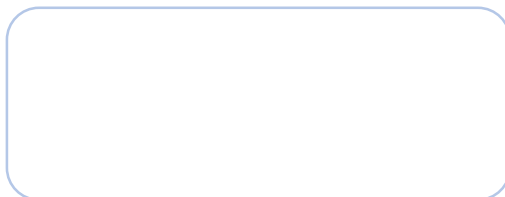
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407 Duquesne Avenue
Trafford PA 15085

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**Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 6.**

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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

Tempo Deadline

Articles for the
December issue
are due Friday,
November 18, 2016.



Pastor Justin Recommends...



This month for
RightNowMedia.com, I would like to suggest
something for the younger children.
Adventures in Booga Booga Land is a cartoon
that teaches Biblical stories and parables using
the friendship of a monkey and a giraffe. (As I
watched it I was reminded of 1990's cartoons
like *CatDog* and *Rocko's Modern Life*.) This
show is targeted to elementary aged children
and is quite cute and silly.

This streaming Bible study is a service that is
paid for by Trinity and is free for the church. If
you would like access to RightNowMedia.com's
14,000+ Bible Studies and children shows,
please contact Pastor Justin by phone or email.