

Trinity Tempo

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Dear family in Christ,

September is one of those months that reminds me of the passage of time. We will be transitioning out of the activities of summer. The clothes we wear will undergo a change from light to heavier. The leaves will be changing color before we know it. Our summer schedules will give way to fall considerations. Baseball moves over for football.

The year marches forward, time pushes on. This thought invites us to

look into our future and ask what God has in store for us. What is tomorrow going to look like? On August 26 and 27 we took the time to ask just those questions. By God's grace we discovered some exciting possibilities. But I want to save talking about those for next month.

Today, in this month of transition, I want us to take a moment and not look at tomorrow, but to open our eyes to "now." We can see how the Lord is blessing us in these moments. We also see that the Lord has given us many gifts to be given to others.

The Sunday School program is starting up again. We are running classes for each age group. Trinity has been blessed with the children we have. It is our great honor to love and care for them in the name of Jesus. I am excited about our teachers, whose dedication and creativity bless us. Our children are in good hands. The adults also have a class that is available for all ages. Each Sunday they discuss issues pertaining to faith and love. It is a place to be challenged and encouraged.

There are also other offerings for growth. On most Tuesdays throughout the year, I offer an Immersion Bible study that allows us to walk our way through the entire Bible. We are now in the book of 1st and 2nd Samuel. This class is open to everyone and we are constantly enlightened by things we may not have seen before while studying familiar stories. There is a Women's Bible study on Wednesday evenings. Beverly Piper is passionate about creating an atmosphere that allows relationships with God and each person in the group to flourish. We also have an online Bible study resource available to anyone interested, RightNow Media—think Netflix but with Bible Studies and Christian children shows.

We are blessed with committees and ministry groups that love Jesus and His church. Trustees, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Council, Finance, Missions and

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Trinity Happenings

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 participated in Trafford Community Days (August 12 – August 13). It was hot; it was humid! That didn't stop the residents of Trafford from enjoying the food, fun and entertainment. Trinity made a little over \$420 which will go toward operations and \$5 for trustees under "Shop for a Cause." Thanks to everyone who volunteered from food prep to booth setup and staffing to cleanup. Each of you helped make the event a success for Trinity.

A special thanks to Diane Kerrigan for her enthusiasm and creativity. Diane set up a table next to the booth. For much of Saturday afternoon and evening, children flocked to the table to make slime. The \$48 raised is the first money to go into the new church roof fund (a project that is a few years out).

We still have one more event to go. Penn Township Fall Festive takes place Friday, September 16 to Sunday, September 18.

Trinity will sell food at this event too. Funds raised at the Fall Festival will be for the new church roof fund.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the food, set up and tear down, and staff the booth over the weekend. The festival runs Friday: 5-10 p.m., Saturday 12-10 p.m. and Sunday 12-6 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Food prep dates and times will be announced the first Sunday in September.

Helping Hands

(by Roberta Cuttler)

Our regular September 13 meeting will be "Out to Lunch" at the Olive Garden. If you would like to go with us, please call Evie Felmlee at 412-372-6699.

You will notice our "Saladless Salad Bar" basket is now in the back of the church. The sign is self-explanatory. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Hope to see you at the Olive Garden. Our next meeting will be October 11. Hostesses will be announced shortly.

Enjoy Books

The Friendship Class will be selling the *Enjoy* book again this year. It makes a great gift for birthdays or anniversaries and the price is \$30. Books will arrive mid-September and can be purchased through any member of the Friendship Class.



Festival goers at Trafford Community Days make slime with some help from Diane Kerrigan.

Special Sundays

Christian Education Sunday

As Christians, we are set on a course of lifelong learning—learning about God and about Jesus’ love for us. On September 11 Trinity will take a special offering to help support the educational ministries of the Western PA Conference including training, resources and laity scholarships. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the endeavor.

Bible Study

Trinity will be starting its next book in the Immersion Bible Study series: 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles. Study begins Tuesday, September 27 at 7:15 p.m.

Pastor’s Letter

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Helping Hands work diligently to maintain and create an atmosphere in the church where ministry can flourish. We are always praying for new people to help us seek after God’s will in the life of Trinity.

I have said this many times since I started to serve here: Trinity is a church that knows how to love and does it well! Trinity is full of people who have experienced the love of Jesus and are eager to share that love with others.

There are many other things that Trinity currently does that show the love and activity of God. We are involved in many different missions throughout the year. We have resources available that may be able to help someone out of a jam. We have opportunity to host AA, Girl Scouts and a Messianic Jewish church. And there is more.

If you are ever concerned about what tomorrow will bring, look at what God is doing with us now. We have much to be thankful for.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trustees News

This summer the trustees held two fundraisers: a series of “Picnic in the Park” lunches and “Shop for a Cause.” Through your generosity the

trustees raised \$898 from the lunches and \$155 from “Shop for a Cause.” That exceeds the \$1,000 goal needed to finish the floor in the former pre-school room. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible.

School Kits

Between the totes sewed, the supplies purchased and the funds donated, Trinity was able to assemble 40 school kits. Awesome! Thanks to everyone who helped with this mission project. The kits will be delivered to the Western PA Conference Center in Cranberry Twp.

Cleaning Buckets Update

With a last push we were able to fill two more buckets, bringing our total to ten! Thanks to everyone who donated items and who assembled the cleaning buckets.

Church Picnic

Thanks to all who helped make our annual picnic a success. The weather cooperated, and the food was as wonderful as usual. The children enjoyed the hot tub, and we have some very creative adult “colorers!” Also, thanks to all who “supervised” Noelle. (If you saw her in action, you know she needs supervision!) Please plan to come again next year. We missed those who weren’t able to attend.

Looking Ahead

Things are ramping up including activities at Trinity. Here is a heads-up for early October.

Blessing of the Pets

Keep an eye open for our annual Blessing of the Pets. Pastor Justin will bless all our pets on Sunday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the front of the church or Trinity House porch, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, pets will be blessed in the social hall.

Craft and Vendor Show

Trinity’s third annual event takes place Saturday, October 1 starting at 10 a.m. Enjoy a snack from the concession stand/bake sale as you browse—and shop!—from the many talented vendors. See you there!



Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

Emma Chichilla
Fred and Roberta Cuttler
Beecher and Kay Dale
David and Carol Grubb
Judy Huber (friend of Ruth Knopf)
Diane Kerrigan
Mary Jean Kowalski
Margie Little
Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
Kris and Gary Peters
Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)
Joyce Stude Rogers and her sister Carol Jean
Family of Anthony "Tony" Rubino (Monica Boehm's father)
Helen Swick (Jean Swick's sister-in-law)
Peggy Whitfield
Kayla (friend of Peggy Whitfield)

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

September Anniversaries

2nd David and Josie Nigro
15th David and Carol Grubb
17th Jim and Thelma Johnson
18th Brett and Gina Lloyd
Rob and Janet Conlogue
25th Randy and Diane Kerrigan
26th Ernie and Jan Keefer

September Birthdays

1st David Nigro
2nd Marge Little
3rd Dyanna Jartin
5th Justin Judy
8th David Grubb
9th Laney Baker
10th Bill Jones, David Zimmerman,
Laura Musser, Zack Lloyd
11th Sarah Musser
12th Barb Messina
13th Christie Armao, Sandy Yamamoto
19th Matthew Armao
20th Joe Antoon
23rd Beverly Beam
24th Gavin Dulemba
26th Ed Kerr, Julie Beam
27th Kevin Knopf

September Schedules

Greeters

4th Noelle Stultz and Mary Thorton
11th Les and Donna Race
18th Sharren and Jerry Breakey
25th Roger and Marlene VanRyn

Liturgists

4th Julie Sippel-Silowash
11th Sandy Chiappetta
18th Joanne Ondulich
25th Beverly Piper

Nursery

4th Christie Armao and Renee Kociela
11th Jane Pogue and Jan Keefer
18th Julie Sippel-Silowash and Danielle Mallik
25th Sandy Chiappetta and Lynn Antoon

Altar Flowers

4th John and Cindy Graw
11th Gary and Kris Peters
18th Jim and Thelma Johnson
25th Ed Kerr (altar)
Yocum Family (table)



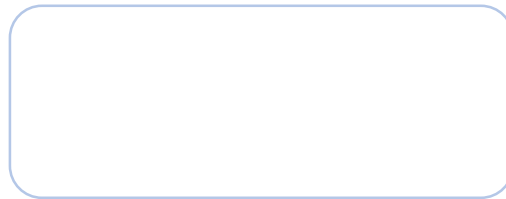
September Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion	5  (church office closed)	6 10 a.m. Crafts	7 7 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting	8 7:15 p.m. Choir	9	10
11 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Christian Education Sunday Scrip Order Day	12	13 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 11:45 a.m. Out to Lunch	14	15 7:15 p.m. Choir	16 5-10 p.m. Penn Twp. Fall Festival	17 12-10 p.m. Penn Twp. Fall Festival
18 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Installation of Sunday School Staff 12-6 p.m. Penn Twp. Fall Festival	19 <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	20 10 a.m. Crafts 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	21	22 7:15 p.m. Choir	23	24
25 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	26	27 10 a.m. Crafts 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	28 7 p.m. Planning Meeting Follow-up	29 7:15 p.m. Choir	30	1 10 a.m. Craft and Vendor Show
2 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion 6:30 p.m. Blessing of the Pets <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	3	4 10 a.m. Crafts	5 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6 7:15 p.m. Choir	7	8

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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
October issue
are due Monday,
September 19, 2016.



Pastor Justin Recommends...



My favorite studies on RightNowMedia.com are those that delve into a book of the Bible. Here is a new one that I recommend: *The Book of Ephesians* by J.D. Greear. This quote is from the video page. **“Has it ever dawned on you that nothing has ever dawned on God?** He knew before the world began that His people would face hardship, so He gave us His Word. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we’ve been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world.”

There is also a free handout that can be downloaded from the video page. It will be helpful to first read each verse he will be discussing.