

# Trinity Tempo

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*Let us be filled up with joy*

Merry Christmas,

Anticipation is an influential state of being; it is able to alter our sense of time and enhance our eventual enjoyment. It is defined as “the act of looking forward to, esp. with pleasure.” But it is so much more than that. It is the honey that sweetens the tea; it is the glass of milk that makes the chocolate chip cookie so much better. No one knows this better than a parent during the season of Advent. As

those days before Christmas tick slowly by the anticipation of our children builds and builds. The closer to Christmas we get, the more we hear “Is it Christmas yet!?”

Then, when Christmas arrives, they are up at 5 a.m., ready to go through the traditions, excited to sing Happy Birthday Jesus, to open up gifts, to eat snacks, to see family. Their anticipation fuels their excitement because the long-awaited day has come at last.

Indeed, our celebration on December 25 is a celebration of the long-awaited day coming at last. It is the day that marks the promise of fulfillment, not just the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, but the fulfillment of our own created purpose. The birth of Jesus marks the desire of the Creator to have his creation be with him as he had originally intended in the Garden of Eden.

The story of John’s birth in Luke 1 appropriately conveys the sense of anticipation of the birth of God’s Son: Zechariah is forced to wait silently until his promised son is born. Elizabeth feels her son leap in her womb when meeting the mother of her Savior. Then Luke 2 lets the flood of joy burst forth as the anticipation is finally fulfilled. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests!”

This is the season of anticipation. This is the time to allow the joy of the Lord to fill you up to bursting. Let us start, this Advent, to live a life of anticipation, to wait excitedly for the activity of Jesus in our life and in the lives of those around us.

Have a blessed Christmas celebration!

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

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# Trinity Happenings

## Dinner and Christmas Play

The children from the Sunday School classes will perform their play on Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m. in the church social hall. It will be followed by a covered dish dinner. So bring your favorite dish and come share in the joy and fellowship of the Advent season.

## Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

*(by Jane Pogue)*

We continue to collect coats for those in need in our area. We will take coats of all sizes.

A box is 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.

## Helping Hands

*(by Roberta Cuttler and Thelma Johnson)*

Our regular meeting was held on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Nine members attended.

Hostesses for the meeting were Donna Piper, Joan Vowler and Ora Mae Lovre. They served a delicious pumpkin pie with other goodies which were enjoyed by everyone. Joan Vowler had the program.

We did well with our Pork & Sauerkraut dinner on November 8. We made \$1,412.87—very good. We still have to pay the bill for the dinner, but as of now we have \$2,634.06 in the bank. Joan Vowler will pay the bill so we know exactly what we have after that is taken care of.

Our next meeting takes place December 13 and will be our covered dish with all members

participating. All are welcome to come. The meeting is at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12 p.m. Donna Piper has our Christmas program. The white gift and free will offering will be collected; dues of \$10 for the year will be collected also. Roberta Cuttler will take the dues.

We invite everyone to join us. Those who picked names in the beginning of the year will exchange gifts. It is a fun and good meeting. Hope to see you there.

## Trustee News

The trustee meetings are going on hiatus. Meetings will resume in February 2017 on the regular day and time (6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday). Officers for 2017 will be elected at the meeting.

In the meantime, the trustees will be pouring concrete in the old pre-school room the week of December 12. If you would like to help with the project, contact Kris Peters at 724.493.8297.

## Poinsettia Orders

Trinity will once again decorate the altar with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service. Use the order form below or pick one up from the church vestibule. The cost is \$11 per plant. Orders are due Sunday, December 18.

### Poinsettia Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11 = \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Anonymous \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank You

Well it's official—one year cancer free. I would like to thank my church family for the prayers and cards last year when this all started and for your continued prayers throughout the year.

To my mom and big sister, I love you and thank you for always being there.

Continuing on a positive path and with the love and prayers from all of you, I know this is all behind me now. Have a loving and joyous holiday.

Love and many thanks,  
Carol Piper

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and the delicious meals provided for me and my family. God bless all of you.

Jan Keefer

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church Family,

We owe you all such an incredible debt of gratitude that it's difficult to know where to begin. First and foremost, words cannot express how grateful we are for all of the compassion and generosity you have shown to us since we lost our mother. We greatly appreciate every card, thoughtful gift, and kind word you have given to us, and we cherish each and every one.

Pastor Justin — Thank you so much for the beautiful memorial service you offered in our mother's honor. It was a touching tribute, and it really meant a lot to us.

To everyone who helped with the luncheon that followed the service — We appreciate everything you did to set up, organize, and clean up. Your hard work did not go unnoticed. We truly appreciate everything each of you did that afternoon.

Finally, we want you all to know how very much it means to us that you continue to be such an important support system for us. As we try to get adjusted to our new normal, it is comforting to know that we have you to lean on when we need it. Thank you all again.

Love,  
Matthew, Kevin, and Angela Knopf

## Holiday Concert

Trafford Middle School is presenting its holiday concert on Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m. The concert features a retelling of the holiday classic *The Polar Express* interwoven with songs from the feature movie. Admission is free.



## Holiday Happenings

Trafford will hold its annual Holiday Happenings on Saturday, December 3. Borough residents are invited to join in the celebration. Sing carols; visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus; watch as they light the tree outside the borough building. All of the activities and more take place Saturday evening, starting at 5 p.m.





# 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  
Betty Earl  
David and Carol Grubb  
Judy Huber (friend of Matt Knopf)  
Rob Kalanja  
Jan Keefer  
Mary Jean Kowalski  
Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)  
Judy Mason  
Lloyd Myers  
Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)  
Joyce Stude Rogers and her sister Carol Jean  
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.

## December Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jean Swick
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gloria Stultz
5 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Yocum
7 <sup>th</sup>	Dana Hainsey
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bailey McLaughlin
12 <sup>th</sup>	Caleb Baker
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ginny Edwards
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bryce McLaughlin
18 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Keefer
19 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Witmer
21 <sup>st</sup>	Noell Stultz
26 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Cromer
28 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Vowler
29 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Rising
30 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony Keefer, Jay Stokes

## December Anniversaries

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jerry and Darlene Williams
8 <sup>th</sup>	Les and Donna Race
31 <sup>st</sup>	Jerry and Sharren Breakey

## December Schedules

### **Greeters**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Genny Triponey
11 <sup>th</sup>	Noell Stultz and Mary Thornton
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Ruccio and Colleen Divito
24 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Piper and Beverly Piper
25 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne Ondulich and Ora Mae Lovre

### **Liturgists**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne Ondulich
11 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly Piper
18 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Judy
25 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Mallik

### **Nursery**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Bentley and Julie Sippel-Silowash
11 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Judy and Donna Race
18 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Graw and Ashley Kitchen
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Pogue and Beverly Beam

### **Altar Flowers**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Paul and Donna Madaras
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ed Kerr
18 <sup>th</sup>	Felmlee and Breakey families
25 <sup>th</sup>	Knopf family



# December Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				<b>1</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>2</b> 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>5</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	<b>6</b> 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>9</b> 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service 4 p.m. Christmas Play/Covered Dish Dinner <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>12</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	<b>13</b> 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>16</b> 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	<b>17</b> 9 a.m. Cantata Practice
<b>18</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Cantata <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>19</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall) <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	<b>20</b> 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>23</b> 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	<b>24</b> 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 11:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
<b>25</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>26</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	<b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i>



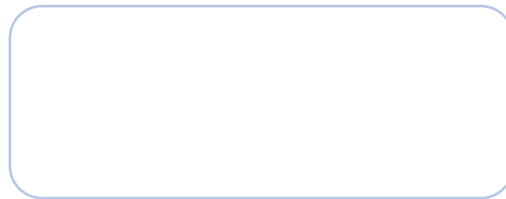
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.

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

## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the  
January issue  
are due Monday,  
December 19, 2016.



## Pastor Justin Recommends...



With Christmas right  
around the corner I thought it would be a good  
time to see what RightNow Media can offer for  
our Advent studies and Christmas preparation.  
Andy Stanley offers his series *The Thrill of Hope*  
making Advent about anticipation again.

*Heaven Come to Earth* is a Christmas Eve  
service from Bent Tree Bible in Carrollton,  
Texas. It uses Christmas carols to tell the  
story of Jesus. For the children we have  
*Spunky's First Christmas*, a story about a  
puppy that learns what it means to have a  
loving master. And finally, *Red Boots for  
Christmas* is a cute illustration of how the  
gift of Jesus changes lives.

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a  
blast getting ready for it.