

# Trinity Tempo

## December 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's almost here! Christmas is just around the corner. Very soon we will be celebrating the gift of Jesus to the world. This has always been an exciting holiday for many. There are different reasons for this excitement: we get to hang out with family we don't see very often; old traditions greet us like warm blankets on that special day; the baked goods are out of this world; we finally get to watch someone open that gift we were excited to buy for them; we get to open that gift we are excited to receive.

But none of them are more important than the fact that Jesus is born!

Maybe one of those traditions you take part in on Christmas morning is reading the Christmas story in the Bible. It's probably the one found in Luke 2:1-20. This is a wonderful reading to be sure. It shows us how the birth of Jesus changes the lives of the shepherds, Mary, Simeon, and Anna. But the story in Matthew also shares with us an insight we can bring into our Christmas celebration.

Matthew 1:18-25 and 2:13-24, 19-21 tells the story of Joseph. It isn't often we get to read about Jesus' adoptive father. Joseph was placed in an overwhelming situation. The woman he was to marry was pregnant by another. As he was contemplating doing the honorable thing, a dream informed him that the child was from God and Joseph would be the one to help raise him. This would be considered insane by many, but Joseph saw it as an opportunity for obedience. We are not told of Joseph's reactions to the news from the dreams, but we are told of his actions. He listened to God each time and took this crazy life of his in stride.

As we face this crazy life of ours this Christmas season and beyond, staring down all the things God has tasked us to do—love our enemies, witness to the love and grace of Jesus, provide and care for the poor, worship and praise Jesus on Sunday and any day—I pray we follow the example of Joseph and let our actions speak by following where the Lord leads.

I would like to invite each of you to the birthday celebration of Jesus at Trinity on December 24 at 7:30 p.m. and again at 11:15 p.m. Both services will have candle lighting. The later service will also include cake, singing "Happy Birthday" and communion. It will be a wonderful night filled with praise and traditions.

I wish everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Praise the Lord,  
Pastor Justin Judy



## We Pray for...

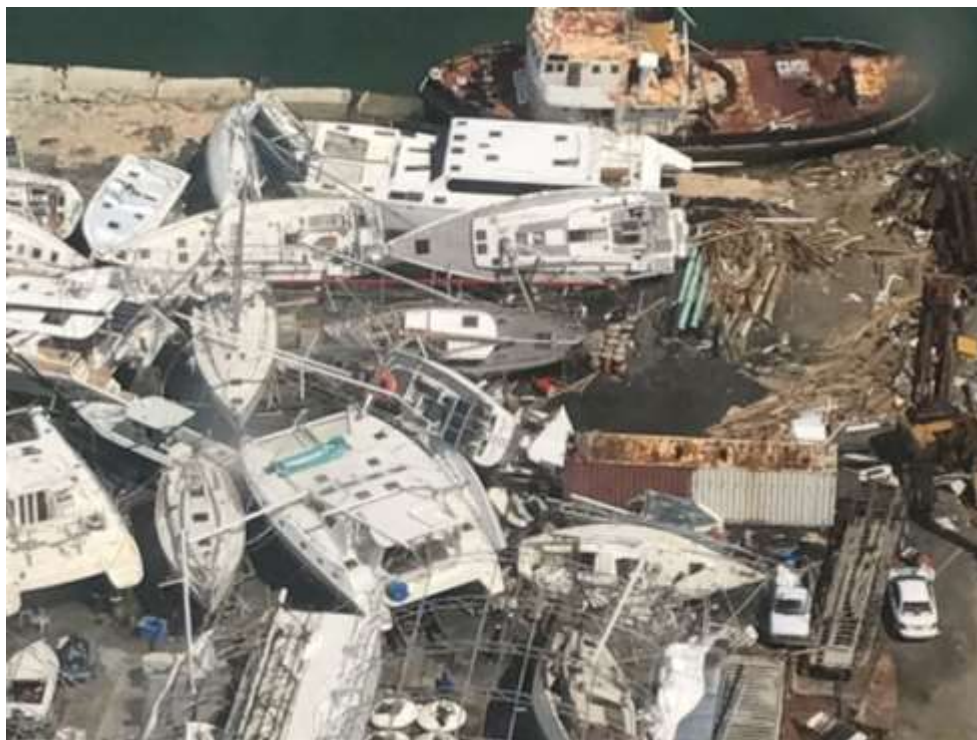
*(by Justin Judy)*

As we look forward to a new year, let us not forget that Puerto Rico will be in a period of recovery and rebuilding for a long time to come. Here are excerpts from an article on the relief effort through UMCOR:

The 2017 hurricane season caused Puerto Rico unprecedented levels of destruction, devastating the lives of millions of people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless and displaced. The initial response has been slow for Puerto Rico as its food, fuel and supplies are dependent on shipments from its air and sea ports, most of which have been severely damaged. The island's ports and airports are slowly reopening though, allowing much-needed aid to make its way into Puerto Rico.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in communication with the leaders of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (MCPR), and has been invited by MCPR to soon travel to Puerto Rico to plan for relief and recovery programs. In the meantime, the disaster response team from MCPR continues to make assessments.

As part of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), UMCOR is pleased to learn of their collaborative success in sending medical supplies and other life-sustaining goods to Puerto Rico. Currently, over 50 percent of the grocery stores are open on the island, and UMCOR is expediting an emergency grant for the MCPR to locally



*Aerial view from a C-130 Hercules shows hurricane damage to boats.  
(U.S. Air National Guard photo/Master Sgt. Benjamin Webb)*

purchase needed supplies and food. Once purchased, food and supplies will be distributed through the MCPR's distribution points. More support from UMCOR will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

"The United Methodist Church stands in solidarity with Puerto Rico and the people of the Caribbean," said Thomas Kemper, general secretary of Global Ministries. "We can actively respond and be hope in Puerto Rico because of our partners and the generous people of the United Methodist Church." (Full article at: <http://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2017/september/standing-in-solidarity-with-puerto-rico>)

Garden City United Methodist Church is initiating their own drive to help provide needed supplies to Puerto Rico. One of the challenges Puerto Rico faces is a reliable source of power. It is difficult for mission teams to be hosted on *(continued on page 5)*

## Trustee News

*(by Kris Peters)*

Thank you to all who attended the fall work party at the parsonage, and for everyone's help with the craft & vendor show set up.

Now for our next topic...the heating system. It has been brought to my attention that not everyone understands the heating system for the church and Trinity House. Basically, our double boiler furnace system is divided into four zones. There are three programmable thermostats on the main floor, located in three separate locations, and one located in the social hall. Each thermostat controls a specific zone; however, not every room is on the same zone. This is why bumping up the temperature on the thermostat nearest the room you wish to heat may not work.

Keeping this in mind, we ask that if you need heat for a specific event let Larry Mallik or myself know in advance. This will allow Larry to program the thermostat(s) that heat the area you need. Soon all thermostats will have locked covers to keep them from being reset or readjusted. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this.

Our next scheduled trustee meeting will be held on January 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. At that

time we will elect officers for 2018. There is plenty of room for new members! If you have an interest in becoming a trustee, please let Pastor Justin know.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.—Larry, Jim, Roger, Bill, Bob, Pastor Justin and Kris

## Helping Hands

*(by Thelma Johnson)*

The November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was attended by five members and Beverly Piper as a guest. Joan Vowler presented the program "God's Measuring Stick." The hostesses were Donna Piper, Roberta Cuttler, Evelyn Felmlee and Thelma Johnson. A dessert and ice cream were served.

The December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting is our covered dish luncheon, but this year our meeting will be hosted by Trinity's Traveling Tea Party. We will collect a free-will offering, a white gift and 2018 dues of \$10.

Happy Holidays!

## Hanging of the Greens

Trinity will pull out the wreaths and garland, trees and bows for the hanging of the greens. Everyone is welcome to take part in the decorating, fun and fellowship. So be at the church on Saturday, December 2 at 10 a.m.



## Keeping in Touch

Some of Trinity's family enjoy warmer climates during winter, some are struggling with health issues and have difficulty getting out. Others have moved to places where they receive assistance with daily living. Still others have moved away. Below are addresses for many of Trinity's church family. Take a moment to send them a card or note to let them know you're thinking of them this holiday season and beyond.

### **Beecher and Kay Dale**

227 Orchid Lane  
Wauchula FL 33873

### **Carol Grubb**

Golden Heights Personal Care Home  
1015 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Room 203  
Irwin PA 15642

### **Joan Hartley**

send to Trinity UMC  
attn: Joan Hartley  
407 Duquesne Avenue  
Trafford PA 15085

### **Bill and Stephanie Jones**

2515 Crockett Circle  
Guntersville AL 35976

### **Ernie and Jan Keefer**

119 Belleau Wood Blvd  
Trafford PA 15085

### **Judy Mason**

Independence Court  
279 Center Road  
Room 210  
Monroeville PA 15146

### **Kay Meadowcroft**

Concordia of Monroeville  
4363 Northern Pike  
Room 230  
Monroeville PA 15146

### **Marjorie Myers**

821 Lake Port Blvd  
Apt M510  
Leesburg FL 34748-7671

### **Tom and Pat Puckey**

65 Queen Street  
Apt 104  
Northumberland PA 17857

### **George and Julie Silowash**

(Alex, Sebastian and Benjamin)  
60 Slate Avenue  
Northfield VT 05663

### **Peg Whitfield**

603 Cherry Drive  
Trafford PA 15085



## Dinner and Christmas Play

The children from the Sunday School classes will perform their play on Sunday, December 17 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.

## Country of the Month

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the island due to a lack of electricity. Garden City's initiative is to raise money to send two large generators to Puerto Rico along with a shipping container filled with supplies. To buy the generators and send them along with the shipping container of supplies will cost around \$20,000. If you are interested in financially supporting the generators, write a check made payable to "Garden City UMC" and memo line "Power Puerto Rico." Another way to support the initiative is to provide supplies for the shipping container. Garden City will be hosting a Stuff-the-Truck day in its parking lot on Saturday, December 9 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Some items needed are water (in boxes), baby food (variety of stages), Ensure, Pediasure, milk (carton or powder). There are also many more items they are asking for. If you are interested, please email Trinity's church office and we will send you the complete list.

Prayer leads to action, which is completed with prayer.

## 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 is in progress, 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.

## Poinsettia Orders

Trinity will once again decorate the altar with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service. Use the order form (on right) or pick one up from the church vestibule. The cost is \$11.50 per plant. Orders are due Sunday, December 18.



## Holiday Happenings

Trafford is holding the annual festivities on Saturday, December 2. As usual the evening will be filled with fun activities for the entire family from crafts and carol singing to the parade and tree lighting. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

### Poinsettia Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_



# Joys and Concerns

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

## Pray for

Patty Aubele  
 Ian Alvarez (Judy family's neighbor)  
 JoAnn Booher  
 Renee Cappetta  
 Beecher and Kay Dale  
 Bryce Dulemba  
 Joan Hartley  
 Betty Henderson (Sandy Chiappetta's aunt)  
 Kathy Jones (Judy Mason's friend)  
 Ernie and Jan Keefer  
 Grace, daughter of Min and Yangmo Ku (friends of Julie Sippel-Silowash)  
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)  
 Dale McCune (Garland McCune's brother)  
 Kay Meadowcroft  
 Tom Puckey  
 Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)  
 Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)  
 Jay and Vicki Stokes  
 Mary Thornton  
 David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)  
 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  
 16<sup>th</sup> Janis Mills  
 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Bob and Sandy Chiappetta  
 10<sup>th</sup> Les and Donna Race  
 17<sup>th</sup> Bill and Joan Vowler  
 24<sup>th</sup> Ruccio Family (11 a.m.)  
 24<sup>th</sup> Piper Family (7:30 p.m.)  
 31<sup>st</sup> Colleen DiVito

### Liturgists

3<sup>rd</sup> Nick Mallik  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue  
 17<sup>th</sup> Bob Lovre  
 24<sup>th</sup> Roger VanRyn (11 a.m.)  
 31<sup>st</sup> Youth

### Nursery

3<sup>rd</sup> Cindy Graw and Joan Vowler  
 10<sup>th</sup> Dana Venturo and Donna Race  
 17<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue and Noell Stultz  
 24<sup>th</sup> Eileen Bentley and Sandy Chiappetta (11 a.m.)  
 31<sup>st</sup> Ashley Kitchen and Cindy Graw

### Altar Flowers

3<sup>rd</sup> Jane Pogue (altar); Roberta Cuttler (table)  
 10<sup>th</sup> Bill and Love Ruffner  
 17<sup>th</sup> Felmlee and Breakey Families  
 24<sup>th</sup> Johnston children  
 31<sup>st</sup> Colleen DiVito



# December Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					<b>1</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts	<b>2</b> 10 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
<b>3</b> 11 a.m. Worship/Communion 12 p.m. Anticipate Christ <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <b>Global Migration Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>4</b> 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>8</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service <b>Scrip Order Day</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>11</b> 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp	<b>12</b> 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board 12 p.m. Lunch Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>15</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts	<b>16</b> 9:30 p.m. Cantata Practice
<b>17</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Cantata 4 p.m. Christmas Play/Covered Dish Dinner <b>Scrip Order Day</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>18</b> 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 11:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day (church office closed)</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship  <i>New Year's Eve</i>	<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day (church office closed)</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir (tentative)	<b>5</b> 6-10 p.m. Crafts Night	<b>6</b> 10 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens

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*Return service requested*

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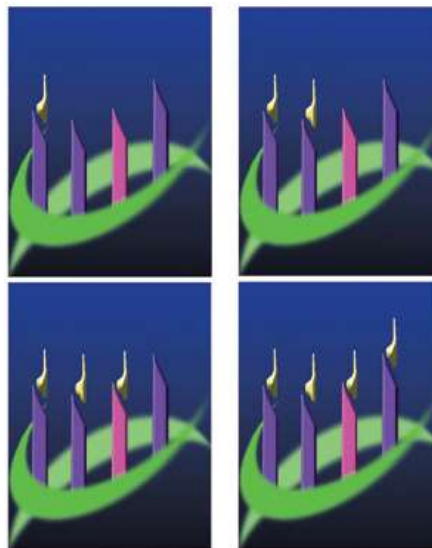
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Healing Service: second Sunday  
of the month following the  
worship service

## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the  
January issue  
are due Monday,  
December 18,  
2017.



## Anticipate Christ



Sunday, December 3,  
we will gather for our  
annual “Anticipate  
Christ” event. It is a  
chance for us to focus  
our hearts and minds  
on the beautiful gift of  
Jesus at the beginning  
of the Christmas  
season. We will not be  
having Sunday School  
at 9:45 a.m. Instead, we  
will have a lunch after  
the worship service.  
You are welcome to  
bring a side dish and/or

dessert for the meal. Following our meal we will have the  
“Anticipate Christ” service. This service will be appropriate  
for all ages and will have something for everyone. You are  
invited to join us as we prepare to thank God for the  
greatest gift ever given.