

Trinity Tempo

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the love of God.

2017 begins our year of prayer and fasting. Both are vital ways for us to surrender who we are to the presence and activity of God. Fasting invites us into a practice of “letting go and letting God.” We “know” that God will fulfill our needs, but how often do we truly rely on that notion?

Prayer, on the other hand, places us into the very presence of God through Jesus, just as we are. It allows us to communicate with the one who created us and loves us still. There are many examples in the Bible of women and men praying to God. Some of these prayers are beautiful hymns that declare their praise and adoration to God. Some of them are laments that complain about their situation and question God’s presence. But all of them seek to approach God with honesty and sincerity.

Fasting and prayer help us to realize that God is with us. They give us the knowledge that nothing we face in life is outside of the sphere of God’s workings. Through these blessed tools we can have the confidence that we never move forward alone.

I hope that each of us is able to draw closer to Jesus and each other during this time of prayer and fasting in our lives. That we allow God to shape us to not only be an instrument of peace and love, but also an instrument of God’s confident workings for a people searching for belonging and acceptance.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It’s here! 2016 is in the past and 2017 is just beginning. What is this year going to bring us? Will it be full of blessings? Will it be full of challenges? Will we laugh? Cry? Be angry? Experience peace? Chaos? Develop new relationships? Strengthen old ones? Probably all of these and more. But that doesn’t mean we have to be tossed to and fro by life’s unexpected nature. We can train in such a way that no matter what we face we can share

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We Pray for...

(by Beverly Piper)

As part of TUMC’s focus on prayer and fasting in 2017, each month we will pray for a different country in the world. In January, we ask our church family to pray for Germany.

Germany is facing the challenges of an unstable economy and the influx of over a million and a half refugees from the Middle East. Germany was one of the first countries to open their borders and welcome refugees seeking safety and a new home.

The United Methodist Church is on the front line of refugee care. UMCOR supports partner churches and communities that take in refugees and it provides food, water, and shelter along travel routes. UMCOR has reported that the majority of the refugees from Syria, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan are Muslims and they are open to attending Christian church services and hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The United Methodist Church is, as John Wesley said, “reaching out to the fringes, to the people who



need our help” and loving our neighbor. There is an excellent video at www.umcor.org (look under recent videos for “Refugees in Germany”). A pastor of a United Methodist Church in Messstetten, Germany (yes, three s’s!) talks about his experience. Please take time to watch and learn, look it up on the map and...pray for Germany!

Your gift to Global Refugee/Migration, Advance #3022144, helps UMCOR respond to the needs of those affected by the global refugee and migration situation.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Just a reminder that we have many shawls, blankets and baby blankets that have been generously donated to offer to anyone who may be in need of some comfort. They do not need to be a member of our church. This is a great outreach program and a kind way to reach out to our friends and neighbors. If you know of anyone who is struggling physically, emotionally or spiritually, and who might appreciate a “warm token of kindness,” please contact Jane Pogue or the church office.

“How thrilling it is to see the spread of the gospel and the church...evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in our world today.... I am sustained in joy by the ever-growing outward focus of our local churches as they serve not only local needs by those of their regions and the entire world.

As we engage with more people in more places, and in more ways, we become the church God calls us to be—understanding “church” not as a place we attend once a week, but the place we worship God, grow in fellowship and where we are equipped to be the people of God in the world.”

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung,
President of the General Board of
Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church

Hat, Gloves, Mittens

As is our custom, Trinity will collect new hats, gloves, scarves and mittens during January for the Clothing Closet in Pitcairn. This organization distributes clothing and outdoor apparel to local residents year round. Right now, they are assisting people who need a little extra help dressing warmly this winter.

Place your donated items on the giving tree near the library. All items will be delivered to the Clothing Closet in early February.

Helping Hands

(by Thelma Johnson)

Our December meeting was held on the 13th and was our Christmas luncheon with everyone bringing a covered dish. Eleven members attended. Roberta is with her daughter in Michigan and we are keeping her in our prayers.

Pastor Judy said grace and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and dessert. Afterward, guest speaker Beverly Piper gave the program on "Christmas Devotion." Thank you, Beverly.

The white gift and free-will offering were collected along with dues of \$10 for 2017. Gifts were exchanged by those who picked names last December, and names were pulled for Christmas 2017.

Our next meeting will take place Tuesday, February 14, 2017, weather permitting.

(Correction to December Tempo article: Joan Hartley presented the program in November rather than Joan Vowler.)

Financial Updates

(by Jane Pogue)

I just wanted you to know that the 2016 financial statements will be available on January 15, 2017. This gives us time to include any last minute donations that come in for 2016.

Also, I don't know if you are aware, but there are several categories of church donations that do not qualify as deductions on your annual statement. Any donation given as payment for something (such as altar flowers, Sarris Candy, Bible study books, poinsettias, etc.) cannot be



considered a donation since you received something in return. Also Pastor Gift donations cannot be deducted because they are a gift, not a donation to the church.

If you have any questions, please call me (724.864.2858). I will be happy to review and explain any questions you may have.

A Big Thank You!

I would like to take this time to thank all the wonderful people who have so willingly volunteered to help manage the nursery this past year. Since we need two people each week, it needs more "manpower," and I appreciate all of you giving of your time to make sure the nursery is covered. If you need to make any changes to our schedule, or would like to help in this ministry, please let me know. I truly appreciate it.—Jane Pogue (724.864.2858)

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

Thanks to all of you who have graciously donated to our coat drive. Even though we haven't done as well as in the past, many children and adults will benefit this year from your generosity.

Please note that the Warm Hearts, Warm Coats drive ends January 8, so if you still have coats to donate, we will gladly take them.

Thanks again to all who gave.—Jane Pogue



Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
 Emma Chichilla
 Family of Fred Cuttler
 Beecher and Kay Dale
 Betty Earl
 David and Carol Grubb
 Judy Huber (friend of Matt Knopf)
 Jan Keefer
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
 Judy Mason
 Lloyd Myers
 Julie Pampenna (daughter of Jan Bodnar,
 coworker of Linda Yocum)
 Kris and Gary Peters
 Joyce Rogers and her sister Carol Jean
 Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)
 Dian Setz (coworker of Linda Yocum)
 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.

January Birthdays

1st Kayla Eiseman
 3rd Bob Chiappetta, Eric Zigarovich,
 Joshua Keefer
 4th Sebastian Silowash
 5th Carl Lloyd
 10th Erin Kennison
 11th Marlene VanRyn
 12th Brett Lloyd
 18th Donna Race
 19th Brittany Yocum
 23rd Aiden Johnson
 25th Kara Soles, Scott Ebner
 26th Drew Dulemba, Jeff Johnson
 27th Art Loutsenhizer III, Kevin Beam Jr
 28th Gina Lloyd
 30th Elijah Judy, Chris Kerrigan

January Anniversaries

5th Harry and Margie Little

Thank You and Farewell

Girl Scout Troop 20266 of Trafford, PA is disbanding after six years of service to our community. The girls started with me in Kindergarten and decided to stop at the end of 5th grade. In lieu of having one last party the girls decided to donate the money we have earned from cookie sales to some wonderful organizations that serve the local Pittsburgh area. Thank you so much for letting us meet at the church!—Regards, Christine Campbell, Leader of Troop 20266





January Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion <i>Day of Prayer</i> Scrip Order Day	2	3	4	5 7:15 p.m. Choir	6 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	7 10 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens
8 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service	9 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	10	11	12 7:15 p.m. Choir	13 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	14
15 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship <i>Human Relations Day</i> Scrip Order Day	16 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall) <i>MLK Jr Birthday—Observed</i>	17 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	18 <i>Tempo Deadline</i>	19 7:15 p.m. Choir	20 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	21
22 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	23 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall) 6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting	24	25	26 7:15 p.m. Choir	27 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	28
29 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	30 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	31				

January Schedules

Greeters

- 1st Mallik Family
- 8th Focus class
- 15th SOS class
- 22nd Jesus Patrol class
- 29th Baby and Me class

Liturgists

- 1st open
- 8th Jane Pogue
- 15th Bob Lovre
- 22nd Roger VanRyn
- 29th Youth

Nursery

- 1st Beverly Beam and Noell Stultz
- 8th Sandy Chiappetta and Renee Kociela
- 15th Jane Pogue and Christie Armao
- 22nd Jan Keefer and Eileen Bentley
- 29th Julie Sippel-Silowash and Joan Vowler

Altar Flowers

- 1st open
- 8th open
- 15th open
- 22nd open
- 29th open

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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
February issue
are due Wednesday,
January 18, 2017.



Pastor Justin Recommends...

There are many studies out there that challenge us to take a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer. *Forty Days of Prayer* by Scott and Karen Hagan guides us through the Lord's Prayer, but also uses it as a framework to pray for others.

This study recognizes that prayer is something we do to be in the presence of God and to bring others into the same presence.