

Trinity Tempo

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Happy summer,

Summer is well established now. Gone are the days (for now) of shoveling sidewalks, turning up the heat, and being cooped up in the house. Summer has come and given us the freedom to fulfill the desire we had in the winter for warmth and for being outside comfortably. We now have the freedom to make plans like vacations, picnics, swimming, and walks in the park.

There are two holidays in the summer that allow us to celebrate freedom. Each has a different emphasis. July fourth gives us the opportunity to thank the Lord that we live in a nation that allows us to worship the way we want, to be almost anything we want, and to live the way we want. We are not locked into a caste, or into what our parents did for a living.

The second holiday is Memorial Day. This is a sobering holiday. It reminds us that the freedom we all share has come at a rather high cost. Memorial Day gives us the chance to recognize the sacrifices that have been made so that we have the freedom to choose whatever it is we want to choose. Memorial Day reminds us that freedom is not cheap.

If we take a look at what our Lord has done for us in His life, we see the same thing. Through Jesus we have been given freedom from sin and death. No longer are we slaves to the law that has condemned us. But through Jesus who took our punishment, we have been forgiven out of his love. This freedom has come at a great cost. Jesus suffered and died on our behalf.

But it doesn't end there. Freedom is never an end, but always a means. A means to what? That is the question. Just as we stepped out our doors when the weather broke, just as the slaves were released from slavery, just as independence was gained from England, just as we accepted Jesus as our Lord and received His forgiveness and freedom, the question is now "What?"

We can turn around and go back in the house and not enjoy the freedom of the weather. We can use the freedom of this country and enslave ourselves to creditors, to our jobs, or to some addiction. We can use the freedom that Jesus gives us and choose a life of sin again. Each of these would squander the beautiful gift of freedom.

This summer, let us make the most of the freedom we have been given by Jesus, the weather, and the nation to share the love of the Lord Jesus with each other and our neighbors. There is no greater use of freedom than to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

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We Pray for...

(by Beverly Piper)

Nicaragua is the largest of the Central American republics. In the 15th and 16th centuries it was colonized by both the Spanish and the British. Its population is made up mostly of Mestizos—people of mixed European and Indian ancestry.

Present-day Nicaragua is still recovering from its legacy of dictatorship and civil war. You may recall the Contra War and the Sandinistas, guerilla warfare, atrocities and human rights abuses of the 1980s and 1990s. The country was severely damaged in 1998 by Hurricane Mitch, which killed more than 1,800 Nicaraguans and destroyed several villages. Nicaragua has been home to many prominent artists, writers, and intellectuals, and it began to attract a significant income from tourism in the early 21st century.

The Evangelical Methodist Church in Nicaragua (IGLEMEN) was born in 1994. It blossomed in 2000 when the church began emphasizing evangelism and Pentecostal renewal. UMC Global Ministries partners with the British Methodist Church to train Nicaraguan pastors

in Wesleyan Theology to ensure that each of the existing congregations has a Methodist-trained pastor. IGLEMEN participates with the Churches of Christ in Nicaragua (Iglesias de Cristo de Nicaragua) to promote church growth and development in impoverished communities.

UMC Global Ministries also supports the church’s ministry to women, children and impoverished communities. High priority areas are community health and development, a woman’s clinic, and the building of wells, latrines and greenhouses to provide clean water and improve sanitation in the region.

Between ten and 14 Volunteers-in-Mission teams visit Nicaragua annually to work with local congregations throughout the country as part of the Western PA UMC Nicaraguan Partnership. And here is a personal touch to add to what is sometimes impersonal information...

At Annual Conference in Grove City just a few weeks ago, we were introduced to Rev. Ruben Zeledon and his wife Maryuris from Nicaragua. Rev. Zeledon is the new President Pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Nicaragua.

With tears in his eyes Rev. Zeledon expressed his hope for the future of the Church community in Nicaragua, and he thanked Western PA for providing relief during crisis. He said, “A man is greater on his knees than standing up.”

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Super Summer Sunday School: Super Kids for Jesus!

(by Beverly Piper)

This summer the children's Sunday school classes are prayer walking around Trafford to pray for our community. In June we went to the police station and met and prayed with Officer Adams for our Trafford police force. We also went to the Fairmont Avenue playground to pray for all the kids who play there. Every other Sunday, we prayer walk (or drive) and on alternating Sundays we have our Sunday school lesson (about prayer!) at the church.

You may see us in the park across the street or on Trinity House front porch. Breakfast and singing are included! You are welcome to join us any Sunday. Special thanks to the parents, grandparents and Sunday school teachers who so enthusiastically support our adventures! Future prayer walk destinations include the fire station, school, businesses, other churches, neighbors and more.

Summer Mission Projects

Food Drive

From now through July 17, Trinity will collect boxes of instant gelatin and pudding for the Trafford/Level Green food bank. Drop off your donation in the food drive collection box located in the vestibule.

Nicaragua

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Rev. Zeledon told some of his own story—of being forced into the army as a boy and being made to fight, of being told of God's love for him by Christian missionaries, and of his acceptance of Jesus as his Savior. His thanks to the Western PA Conference for the help provided was heartfelt and emotional. He and his wife were given new Spanish translations of UMC discipleship resources, and their smiles were huge! Later, in the hall outside the meeting room, Rev. Zeledon prayed for and with some of our Western PA pastors. Please pray for Rev. Ruben Zeledon, for the Church and for the people of Nicaragua!

Pastor's Letter

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Some ways we can do this are to walk the neighborhood together, have picnics and invite each other over, pray for the community and church as you are sitting under the stars, call up an old friend and check on them. Have a blessed and Christ-filled summer.

PTL,
Pastor Justin Judy

Save the Date!

Make sure you mark August 11 on your calendar. It's the annual church picnic at Jane's house! Start planning what food you may bring, and if you have any ideas for fun activities just let Jane know! It's always a great time for everyone!

Thank You!

Campership Fund

During a Sunday worship service in April, I requested help from our Trinity church family to send our kids to camp. I said that we had only enough money in our Campership Fund to send about half a kid to camp and we would like to send the whole kid. (It has been our church's joy to pay the entire camp fee for any child going to camp.) Within a few weeks our Campership Fund went from a little over \$100 to over \$1,000! I was going to say I am amazed, but really, I am not. I'm not amazed at the generous hearts of our church family. I am thankful and overjoyed!

At Annual Conference in June, we were told that more children make a commitment to Christ at camp than anywhere else. Your dollars, each and every one, make possible opportunities to change lives, experience God and know Jesus as Savior. Thank you to all who generously gave extra to send our kids to camp!—Beverly Piper

Strawberry Festival

It was another successful Strawberry Festival! I want to thank everyone who baked, served, cleaned strawberries, cooked and supported this year's annual fundraiser. Thanks to you, we raised \$720 which will certainly help with our finances. Thanks again to all!—Jane Pogue



Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

JoAnn Booher
 Rev. Ken Bossart and Paula Bossart (friends of Kris Peters)
 Sharren Breakey
 Renee Cappetta
 Beecher and Kay Dale
 Beverly Frank (friend of Beverly Piper)
 David and Carol Grubb
 Joan Hartley
 Jan Keefer
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
 Kay Meadowcroft
 Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)
 Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)
 Jay and Vicki Stokes
 Bob and Patty Vaughn (friends of Donna Race)
 Laurie Weisberg (friend of Shirley Fisher)
 Peggy Whitfield

Prayer Boards

During worship services Pastor Justin often encourages the congregation to write down the names of people offered up during Joys & Concerns and put the list on their refrigerator. Well, some very talented people from Trinity and a few friends have created magnetic prayer boards to hold the prayer list. These boards will be available to the congregation in July, one per household. Those of you unable to attend Trinity's church services due to health concerns will receive one also. After every household has chosen a prayer board, the remaining boards will be available for purchase at a nominal price.

Thanks to Stephanie Judy, Joanne Ondulich, Lara Bracht, Gayle Gessmer, Laura Kochasic and Sandy Moreles for your creativity, for sharing your time and talent and for the wonderful results!

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

July Birthdays

2nd Paige Johnson
 3rd Stewart Owens
 4th Paul Ondulich
 7th Danielle Mallik
 8th Isaac Jartin
 11th Margaret Plecenik
 13th Whitney Keller
 14th Jenna Beam
 15th Bryan Messina
 23rd Kim Soles
 25th Sharren Breakey
 26th Mary Ann Casper
 27th Bailey Boehm, Hope Conlogue
 28th Vince Zigarovich
 31st Dorothy Henry

July Anniversaries


3rd Joe and Lynn Antoon
 14th Frank and Christie Armao
 28th John and Cindy Graw



This is just one of the many prayer boards that will be available to the congregation in July.



July Calendar and Schedules

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion 12:30 p.m. Summer Learning Moment	3	4  (office closed)	5 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6	7	8
9 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Scrip Order Day	10	11 4:30 p.m. Work Party	12 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Summer Learning Moment	17	18	19 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline	20	21	22
23 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	24	25	26 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	27	28	29
30 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	31					

Greeters

2nd Kay Dale
 9th Joanne Ondulich
 16th Jane Pogue
 23rd Cliff Felmlee
 30th Dorothy Yocum and Linda Yocum

Nursery

2nd Dana Venturo and Ashley Kitchen
 9th Jane Pogue and Eileen Bentley
 16th Noell Stultz and Sandy Chiappetta
 23rd Stephanie Judy and Beverly Beam
 30th Cindy Graw and Joan Vowler

Liturgists

2nd Youth
 9th Sandy Chiappetta
 16th Joanne Ondulich
 23rd Beverly Piper
 30th Stephanie Judy

Altar Flowers

2nd open
 9th Peggy Whitfield
 16th Kayla Eiseman
 23rd Harry and Marjorie Little
 30th Felmlee and Breakey families

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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
August issue
are due Wednesday,
July 19, 2017.



Summer Sermon Series

Here is a partial schedule of sermon topics for the summer.

July 2: Faith in the Face of Fear

July 9: Joyfulness in Life

July 16: Wisdom: Man's vs God's

July 23: A Do Over

Summer Learning Moments

Pastor Justin will facilitate stand-alone study sessions on Sunday afternoons.

July 2: How does the United Methodist Church work?

July 16: What are the three largest religions in the world?

August 6: Is the Word of God an ancient text used to inform us about present living? Or is it a living truth that speaks relevance today?

August 20: What is your purpose? Why were you created?