

Trinity Tempo

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I recently received a phone call from an old college buddy of mine. I have not talked to him in about 5 or 6 years. It was nice catching up with him and hearing all the things that he has been up to. But after we were done filling each other in on what had happened over the past years, the conversation ran a little dry. We weren't sure of what to talk about. I don't know when I will talk to him again. If nothing changes, it may be another 5 or 6 years. But if I want our friendship to grow beyond

what it is, then I will have to get in touch with him much sooner and more frequently.

I think our relationship with God is much like that. Sometimes we find ourselves starting a prayer off with these words, "It's been awhile, Lord..." Usually what follows is a particular burden that has been weighing heavy on us for a while or an extreme joy that we want to thank God for. Then after our heart is poured out before God, we wait until it is full again before we pray.

This isn't an uncommon approach to our relationship with God. It recognizes that God is there for us. And when things are difficult we touch base with that relationship. But it lacks the true depth of relationship that is possible with God. It only scratches the surface of what can be.

Our continuing goal for this year is to emphasize the importance of prayer in our lives. I want prayer to be at the core of who we are, not only as a church but also as individuals. When prayer becomes a part of our daily lives then our relationship with God grows ever deeper. There becomes an awareness of the constant presence and activity of God. This awareness moves into desire to walk in that presence. The walking then becomes a joy in living out that love and a hope that others can experience it.

There are many opportunities to increase the amount of time we spend in conversation with our Lord. Every Sunday, "Joys & Concerns" offers a chance to pray for those prayer lists that are spoken and written down. You can sign up to be assigned a prayer partner. A country is singled out to pray for in every *Tempo*. There is a prayer board (on your right as you enter the church). If you have a concern, write it down and someone will take it and pray for it.

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We Pray for...

(by Linda Yocum)

The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries (Global Ministries) is engaged in sharing the Christian faith around the world through new mission initiatives. Education (general and Christian), health (physical and spiritual) and outreach programs serve as the basis for developing new faith communities. For nearly 40 years, the Church has been engaged in new or renewed mission initiatives in 13 countries. One of those countries is Senegal.

Senegal is the westernmost country in Africa, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean. It has a population of approximately 14 million and is slightly smaller in size than South Dakota. More than 60% of the population is under the age of 25. The country struggles with a high illiteracy rate and a high unemployment rate—even among college graduates. Poverty is widespread, particularly in rural areas.

Senegal is predominantly Muslim; only four percent of the population are Christian (mainly Roman Catholic). The United Methodist Church began work in Senegal in 1989, primarily through the disaster relief efforts of UMCOR. Currently, there are 19 United Methodist churches and six faith communities in Senegal, with eight ordained pastors and 12 lay pastors.

Leaders from Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire and Global Ministries train pastors, educate children, and raise funds to purchase land for a new mission center and, eventually, for

church construction. Two missionaries serve in Senegal.

Bill Gibson, Jr. is the director of the United Methodist Mission in Senegal, organizing congregations and equipping pastors. He also is the contact for Senegal Wellness Project which provides medical services to people of all ages and a nutrition program for needy children.

David Makobo N'Shikala is an agriculturalist with the Senegal United Methodist Mission based in the capital city of Dakar. He works with farmers, teaching them how to grow food in the country's poor soil and how to use modern technology to increase crop productivity.

Throughout June, please pray for the Senegalese, the United Methodist clergy, leaders, and mission coordinators, and the Global Ministries and its missionaries.



Pastor's Letter

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In the coming months we are also going to start walking through Trafford and praying for the town we live and/or worship in. If you are unable to walk, we will also provide times to sit outside and pray for the community.

As we draw closer to the Lord through our daily communication so does the need to act and live into the responsibility of our relationship. My hope is that our prayers lead to much action.

PTL,

Pastor Justin

Got Shoes?

Erie United Methodist Alliance (EUMA) and All God's Children Ministries are collecting new and gently-used pairs of shoes. This fundraiser helps these organizations serve the homeless and disabled in western PA. In addition, it keeps shoes out of landfills and supports micro-enterprise in developing countries.

Trinity is collecting shoes on behalf of this fundraiser. Drop your shoes in the box in the vestibule. Pastor Justin will deliver them while at Annual Conference in Grove City. Drop off your shoes by June 6.

Helping Hands

(by Thelma Johnson)

Our meeting was held on May 9 with seven members attending. The program was given by Evelyn Felmlee and was titled Glorious—Hymn God be the Glory. Hostesses Ora Mae Lovre and Thelma Johnson served a delicious Jell-O salad. We took a free-will offering and a prayer & self-denial offering. We also celebrated birthdays for April, May, June, July and August.

Our next meeting will be on September 12 and it is our fall "Out to Lunch" (location to be announced later). Everyone is invited to join us in September for "Out to Lunch" or any of our meetings.

Everyone have a safe, healthy summer. See you in the fall.



Trustee News

(by Kris Peters)

We had our work party on Tuesday, May 16. Special thanks to our "honorary" trustees Colleen, Genny, Jeanne and Gary for helping out. The gardens look great. The handrail to Trinity House is repaired, and the peeling paint

on the door trim and windows around the building has been removed.

We will be having a "work party" on June 20 at 4:30 p.m. to start painting the exterior trim. We have several other projects underway, and are anxiously awaiting the roof estimates. Fundraising for the roof project has started (Feed the Pig) and we will keep you informed.

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Strawberry Festival

(by Jane Pogue)

The annual Strawberry Festival will be held Friday, June 9 in the church social room. The ticket price of \$5 includes cake, strawberries, ice cream and beverage. There will also be hot dogs, sauerkraut, hot sausage and pulled pork sandwiches. These other food items can be purchased for a nominal price. Festival tickets can be purchased from any of the Ad-Council members or the church office.

We will need strawberry cleaners for Thursday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m. We will also need yellow

cakes and servers the day of the festival. If you can help please contact me. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please sign up—we need your help!

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers who come through every year! Come and enjoy a great night of fun and fellowship.

Father's Day

A token of recognition (donated by Jane Pogue in memory of her father, Bob Pogue) will be offered to all dads during the June 18 worship service. Join us!



Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
 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
 Lena Jones (Angela Knopf's grandmother)
 Jan Keefer
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
 Judy Mason
 Kris and Gary Peters
 Joyce Rogers and her sister Carol Jean
 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

Celebrating Milestones

Laura Bracht graduated from Penn-Trafford High School in May. She will return home to Sweden where she has one more year of schooling to complete. Congratulations!

Robert Hainsey graduated from IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL in December 2016. He enrolled at the University of Notre Dame and began taking classes in January. Robert is majoring in business. Congratulations!

Roberta Cuttler celebrated her 90th birthday on May 30. **Les Race** celebrated his 80th birthday on May 31. Congratulations to Roberta and Les on reaching these birthday milestones. We hope to celebrate many more birthdays with you.

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

June Birthdays

2nd Nick Mallik
 3rd Josh Ruccio, Nate Ruccio
 4th Bruce Kociela, Michael Cromer
 7th JoAnn Booher
 9th James Johnston, Tim Johnson
 16th Crystal Loutsehnizer
 17th Jerry Breakey
 19th Mary Lou Booher, John Scott, Jr.
 20th Sandy Chiappetta, Pam Sethman, Amelia Scott
 22nd Dana Venturo, Jerry Williams
 24th Stephanie Jones, Heather Conlogue
 27th Ed Aubele
 30th Judy Mason, Lily Venturo

June Anniversaries

1st Bruce and Renee Kociela
 17th Bob and Sandy Chiappetta
 18th Steve and Lori Dorko
 20th Justin and Stephanie Judy
 21st Jay and Vicki Stokes
 24th Kevin and Megan Beam
 27th George and Julie Silowash





June Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	3
4 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion Scrip Order Day	5	6	7 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	8	9 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	10
				Annual Conference – Grove City		
11 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Peace with Justice Annual Conference	12	13	14 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	15	16 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Group 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	17
18 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day <i>Father's Day</i>	19 Tempo Deadline	20 4:30 p.m. Trustee Work Party 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	21 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	22	23 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	24
25 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	26	27	28 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	29	30 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	

June Schedules

Greeters

- 4th Kay Dale
- 11th John and Jeanne Ruccio
- 18th Beverly Beam and April Beam
- 25th Dana Venturo

Liturgists

- 4th Nick Mallik
- 11th Jane Pogue
- 18th Bob Lovre
- 25th Roger VanRyn

Nursery

- 4th Jan Keefer and Donna Race
- 11th Stephanie Judy and Joan Vowler
- 18th Cindy Graw and Noell Stultz
- 25th Jane Pogue and Beverly Beam

Altar Flowers

- 4th Cliff and Evie Felmlee
- 11th Jerry and Sharren Breakey
- 11th Matt Knopf (table)
- 18th Johnston Children
- 25th Dorothy Yocum

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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
July issue
are due Monday,
June 19, 2017.



New Email Address

Effective May 12 Trinity's new email
address is office@tumctrafford.org.

Pastor Justin also has a new email
address for church-related business;
it is pastor@tumctrafford.org.