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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The violence demonstrated on August 12 in Charlottesville, Virginia is a recent reminder that racism is still a problem, struggle, and constant need for prayer and wise action in our United States. In the days that have followed that violence, many have bound together to speak with a voice strengthened with love and support for all who fight for human rights, dignity, and respect.

I thank the Lord that Trinity is a church that loves each person created

by God. That love is shown with little difference and much generosity. In the midst of these difficult times, I want to remind us all of the United Methodist Church's stance on racism as a way for us to continually pray about this issue, strive to love as Jesus loves, and seek to meet injustice and hatred wherever we may encounter it. If you have any questions or would like to continue this conversation please feel encouraged to call me, Justin Judy, at 724.594.4073.

May each of us live and love in the Holy Spirit.

Paragraph 162 and 162a of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016*.

The rights and privileges a society bestows upon or withholds from those who comprise it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons and groups of persons. We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. Our respect for the inherent dignity of all persons leads us to call for the recognition, protection and implementation of the principles of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that communities and individuals may claim and enjoy their universal, indivisible, and inalienable rights.

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We Pray for...

(by Linda Yocum)

A new school year began recently for children across the United States, so it seems fitting to write about UMCOR's efforts to strengthen education for people, especially children, like those of South Sudan.

This young country gained independence from Sudan in July 2011 after decades of civil war. It is a diverse country consisting of ten states and having more than 60 major ethnic groups.

Its fertile soils and abundant water supplies make it one of the richest agricultural areas in Africa. South Sudan is also rich in oil reserves. Despite these natural resources, South Sudan is one of the least developed countries in Africa and one of the poorest in the world. More than two thirds of the population is illiterate; the rate is even higher for women.

Only six years old, South Sudan has experienced much turmoil; political infighting and border conflicts plague the young country. Disagreements with Sudan led to a shutdown in oil production in 2012, causing economic conditions to deteriorate. (Oil refineries and the pipeline to the Red Sea are in Sudan.)

UMCOR began working in Sudan in 2005 and opened an office in South Sudan in 2006 after the 2005 peace agreement which opened the door for the secession vote in January 2011.

In Sudan and South Sudan, UMCOR has worked to improve education, particularly of girls, by building classrooms and school latrines, and by providing a system to collect and store fresh water. Through its Education and Child Protection program, UMCOR offers training for teachers and helps establish parent-teacher associations. It provides classroom equipment, furnishings, and school supplies. (Who knows, perhaps some of the school kits

we assembled last year went to young boys and girls in South Sudan!)

Community engagement programs help explain the importance of educating the female population. UMCOR implemented a program to improve enrollment and retention of girls and to monitor teacher and student attendance daily. The organization also supplies grants to assist families in the purchase of uniforms, books, feminine hygiene products and other necessary supplies.

So during the month of September, please pray for the people of South Sudan and for UMCOR as the organization strives to improve education in the young country.

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Blessing of the Pets

Please keep Sunday, October 1, 2017 open for Blessing for the Pets. Pastor Judy will be blessing any and all pets that you want blessed! Details and time to be forthcoming; in the meantime keep that date available!



Helping Hands

(by Thelma Johnson)

Our regular September 12 meeting will be “Out to Lunch” at the Schoolhouse Tavern in Claridge (formerly Zachels). If you would like to go with us, please call Evie Felmlee at 412.372.6699. If there is a change in plans we will put it in the bulletin or announce it during a Sunday worship service.

Our next meeting is set for October 10. Hostesses are Evelyn Felmlee and Thelma Johnson. The program will be given by Kay Dale. Please bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided.

Mission Projects Update

Thanks to everyone who supports the mission projects of Trinity. In July, we delivered 80 boxes of gelatin and pudding to the Trafford/Level Green food bank. In August, we collected enough supplies to fill 31 totes bags for school kits.

Annual Picnic

(by Jane Pogue)

Thanks again for another fun picnic! The weather held out, and the food was as delicious as ever. The candles the children made were fantastic, and I think they all enjoyed the hot tub toys! It was great to see Joan Hartley and Evelyn Felmlee, too. Thanks to all who helped with the set up and the clean up as usual. It makes it easier on me! Please, everyone, make a point to attend next year—you don’t know what you are missing!

Pastor’s Letter

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Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons

Racism is the combination of power to dominate by one race over other races and a value system that assumes that the dominant race is innately superior to the others. Racism includes both personal and institutional racism. Personal racism is manifested through the individual expressions, attitudes, and/or behaviors that accept the assumptions of a racist value system and that maintain the benefits of this system. Institutional racism is the established social pattern that supports implicitly or explicitly the racist value system. Racism, manifested as sin, plagues and hinders our relationship with Christ, inasmuch as it is antithetical to the gospel itself. In many cultures white persons are granted unearned privileges and benefits that are denied to persons of color. We oppose the creation of a racial hierarchy in any culture. Racism breeds racial discrimination. We define racial discrimination as the disparate treatment and lack of full access and equity in resources, opportunities, and participation in the Church and in society based on race or ethnicity.

Therefore, we recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts that particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commit as the Church to move beyond symbolic expressions and representative models that do not challenge unjust systems of power and access.



Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

Grace, daughter of Min and Yangmo (friends of Julie Sippel-Silowash)
 Caleb Baker (Kris Peter's son-in-law)
 JoAnn Booher
 Renee Cappetta
 Beecher and Kay Dale
 Evelyn Felmlee
 Carol Grubb and family
 Joan Hartley
 Jan Keefer
 Margie Little
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
 Kay Meadowcroft
 Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)
 Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)
 Jay and Vicki Stokes
 David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
 Peggy Whitfield

Christian Education Sunday

As Christians, we are set on a course of lifelong learning—learning about God and about Jesus' love for us. On Sunday, September 10, Trinity will take a special offering to help support the educational ministries of the Western PA Conference including training, resources, and laity scholarships.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to this endeavor. We also ask that you pray for our Sunday School staff as they begin a new season and for students, teachers and school staff in private and public schools.

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

September Birthdays

1st David Nigro
 2nd Marge Little
 3rd Dyanna Jartin
 5th Justin Judy
 9th Laney Baker
 10th Bill Jones, David Zimmerman,
 Laura Musser, Zack Lloyd
 11th Sarah Musser
 12th Barb Messina
 13th Christie Armao, Sandy Yamamoto
 19th Matthew Armao
 20th Joe Antoon
 23rd Beverly Beam
 24th Gavin Dulemba
 26th Ed Kerr, Julie Beam
 27th Kevin Knopf

September Anniversaries

2nd David and Josie Nigro
 18th Brett and Gina Lloyd,
 Rob and Janet Conlogue
 25th Randy and Diane Kerrigan
 26th Ernie and Jan Keefer





September Calendar and Schedules

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion	4 <i>Labor Day</i> (office closed)	5 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting	6 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	7 7:15 p.m. Choir	8 6-10 p.m. Crafts	9
10 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Scrip Order Day Christian Education Sunday	11	12 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board 11:45 a.m. "Out to Lunch"	13 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	14 7:15 p.m. Choir	15 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp 6-10 p.m. Crafts TUMC Booth at Penn Twp. Fall Festival	16
17 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship TUMC Booth at Fall Festival	18 Tempo Deadline	19 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	20 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	21 7:15 p.m. Choir	22 6-10 p.m. Crafts	23
24 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	25	26 6:30 p.m. Nurture Meeting (Piper residence)	27 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	28 7:15 p.m. Choir	29 6-10 p.m. Crafts	30

Greeters

- 3rd Ginny Triponey
- 10th Jerry and Sharren Breakey
- 17th Matt Knopf
- 24th Colleen DiVito and Jeanne Ruccio

Liturgists

- 3rd Sandy Chiappetta
- 10th Joanne Ondulich
- 17th Beverly Piper
- 24th Stephanie Judy

Nursery

- 3rd Dana Venturo and Ashley Kitchen
- 10th Jane Pogue and Eileen Bentley
- 17th Noelle Stultz and Sandy Chiappetta
- 24th Stephanie Judy and Beverly Beam

Altar Flowers

- 3rd open
- 10th open
- 17th Thelma Johnson
- 24th Yocum Family

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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
October issue
are due Monday,
Sept. 18, 2017.



Enjoy Books

(by Thelma Johnson)

The Friendship Class will be selling the *Enjoy* book again this year. There is an addition of a national section in the 2018 book with coupons redeemable at about 50,000 locations nationwide. The price of the book is still \$30 and it makes a great gift for birthdays or anniversaries. Books will arrive in mid-September and can be purchased through any member of the Friendship Class.

