

Trinity Tempo

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every year Trinity Church tries to discern a direction that God may be calling us to focus our ministry. In 2017 we worked on making prayer the center of all we do. In doing that we were also seeking God's guidance for 2018. Last year was full of change for many people and families in and around Trinity UMC. Trinity has a wonderful reputation for being a loving church that is concerned with others. So, we found ourselves busy making visits and sending cards,

generally comforting and being present with those going through different kinds of challenges in their lives.

We feel it is time to take that reputation of love to a whole new level. We are excited about our 2018 focus on nurture. With this focus we are hoping to strengthen our ability to love and care for others during all kinds of life situations. Our world is full of heartache, pain and disappointment. Stress, divorce, depression, addiction, suicide and suicide attempts, loss, drugs are all realities. Trinity feels the call to learn how to respond in love and wisdom even in the most horrific of situations. To this end, we will be hosting and encouraging training events throughout the year to equip ourselves for some of life's toughest moments.

We also want to provide comfort and encouragement to those in Trinity and in Trafford. We will be seeking to widen our prayer shawl/baby blanket ministry to include our community. So if you like to knit or crochet (or know someone who does) please let us know and we will send you directions for making a prayer shawl/baby blanket. If you know someone going through a difficult time or has a newborn baby, let us know and we will provide them with a baby blanket or prayer shawl that was blessed and prayer for.

In the early spring on Mondays we will be providing classes to the women of our community to feel capable, comfortable and confident to manage minor repairs around the house. These classes will start meeting in March twice a month and will begin with a session on "how to stock a helpful tool box." Classes will feature experts in their fields who will share tips on home and auto repair. Childcare will be provided.

We know that shopping for ourselves or a family can be a difficult and expensive endeavor. We would like to have coupon swaps in the church. This will provide a place for people to bring their unused coupons and possibly find other coupons that are more helpful to them. If you feel like you can handle this task please contact me; we are looking for volunteers to organize the coupon swap.

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Pray For...

(by Beverly Piper)

The Republic of Ecuador is located in western South America, bordering the Pacific Ocean at the equator, between Columbia and Peru. Ecuador includes the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific, 620 miles west of the mainland, and also the Andes Mountains.

The capital city is Quito. The official language is Spanish. The country's motto is "Dios, patria y libertad"—God, homeland and freedom—is well suited to the ethnically diverse population.

Ecuador is a middle-income country with a developing economy highly dependent on petroleum, agricultural products and other commodities. In recognition of Ecuador's unique ecological heritage, their 2008 constitution is the first in the world to recognize legally enforceable Rights of Nature or ecosystem rights.

The public health care system is free; however, hospitals in smaller towns and rural areas are poorly equipped and not easily accessible. People in some rural areas have no access to potable water—water is supplied by tankers. All children are required to attend school until they achieve a basic level of education, about nine school years. Provisions for public schools are far below the levels needed. Lower income families are not able to pay for education. Only 10% of children in rural areas go on to high school.

The Evangelical United Methodist Church of Ecuador has a small but vital presence in Ecuador with 20 congregations and seven new mission initiatives in rural and urban areas. It was formed in 2001 when the Evangelical United Church of Ecuador decided to officially identify as part of the Methodist denomination. They are

working to increase the training of leaders, establish a young adults program, provide counseling to families, and provide water and sanitary conditions to improve quality of life. UM churches in the United States travel to Ecuador each summer on mission trips focusing on medical care, construction of child care centers and children's Bible school programs.

On a personal note, I sponsor a child in Ecuador through Compassion International. Eddy Javier Carabajo Merelo is 9 years old. He lives in the coastal community of El Cisne with his mother and uncle. There are six children in the family. His mother is employed as a laborer earning less than \$200 a month; his uncle is unemployed.

Eddy likes singing, soccer and playing with cars. He attends school and church. He lives in a cement-floored, brick-walled house with a zinc roof. His diet consists of bananas, fish, plantains and rice. In his letters, Eddy asks me to pray for him to do well in school and be a good boy. His smile gets bigger in each photo I receive!

References

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecuador>

www.umcmision.org





If you have any questions, please call me or Linda Yocum and we will be glad to review your statement with you.

Flu Warming

(by Jane Pogue)

I am sure you are all aware how serious the flu epidemic has become. A health alert has been given for schools, churches, nursing facilities, group meetings, etc., and some guidelines have been given to help curb the spread of the disease.

First of all, a flu shot is definitely recommended for children and the elderly, but it is strongly suggested everyone get the shot. Even now, a flu shot can ease the effect of the virus if you get the flu.

Wash your hands! Wash your hands with soap and water while you sing "Happy Birthday!" Also, if soap is not available, please use hand sanitizers, and carry the sanitizer with you.

Stay home if you are sick! Nobody realizes how far germs from a sneeze or cough can carry. Also, if you are coughing or sneezing, please cough into the crook of your elbow. That keeps germs from flying all around.

Stay away from others if they are sick or you are sick. As silly as this sounds, we continue to get close to others, especially family members, who are ill. If a child is ill, make arrangements for siblings to sleep or play in other areas.

Become best friends with Lysol spray/wipes or Clorox spray/wipes. They really do kill germs.

Previously, we have just let the virus run its course, but this strain of the flu is very dangerous. Please contact your doctor or emergency room should you become affected. We all need to work together to keep Trinity Methodist healthy!

Financial Statements

(by Jane Pogue)

The 2017 financial statements are available for you to pick up in the vestibule. Statements for those who are not able to attend church have already been mailed. Also, if you have family members who receive a statement, please feel free to take their statements to them.

There are some guidelines you should know when using your financial report for tax deductions. This information comes from Conference. Please feel free to check with your tax consultant if you have any questions.

Not a Deduction

- You cannot deduct "Pastor's Gift" because it is a gift.
- Any monies given in payment for church items in which you receive something in return (e.g., books, altar flowers) cannot be deducted because you are receiving something tangible; it is not a donation.

Our gift card program, "Scrip Program," is a fundraiser for the church. The amount that the church makes on the sale of each gift card can be deducted. For example, if you purchase a \$25 Giant Eagle card, the church makes 4% off that card. That 4%, or \$1, may be a deduction. Many of you make large gift card purchases, and that may add up to a big deduction.



Library News

(by Beverly Piper)

Our church has not had a functioning library for quite some time. That is about to change!

The library (located to the side of the sanctuary) is being cleaned up and cleaned out. It is being restocked with Christian literature: books that will comfort, challenge, and change you, encourage, educate and be enjoyed, inspire, illuminate and maybe even intimidate! There will be book reviews in the *Tempo*, displays and books given away. Books

for all age groups. The grand opening is set for the Sunday after Easter. We are excited!

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

(by Jane Pogue)

Thank you, thank you! We surpassed our goal of 50 coats! Right now we have 59 coats. Please continue bringing in those coats. Even though the Burlington coat drive is over, we will put the donated coats into our blue bins outside. That not only helps our campership fund, but also helps keep others warm. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. We've all been blessed and we continue to be a blessing to others.

Pastor's Letter

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Camping has also been very important to the life of Trinity. We think that the United Methodist camps provide a wonderful opportunity to help children meet Jesus. Each year we work hard to send our youth to camp. We would like to extend that and send one or two children from the community to experience the love of Jesus at a week of summer camp this year.

Through the gift of the church, the Lord has provided us with the means and responsibility to "love our neighbors as ourselves." We are looking forward to doing just that in 2018 and beyond.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Be the Gift

(by Beverly Piper)

Instead of exchanging gifts at Christmas, our Sunday School class decided to "Be the Gift" to someone in need. We chose to give our money to Heifer International to purchase a Flock of Hope (chicks and ducklings or goslings) for \$60 and a Hope Basket (rabbits and chickens) for \$50. Then, during our discussion, Jude Lovre said, "Let's help send a girl to school." We checked and the cost was \$275. Elijah Judy said, "Let's do it."

We are still working on raising the money, but we are almost there! Jonathan and Bella from Jane Pogue and Bob Lovre's class joined Jude, Elijah, Phoebe Rose, Orianna and Kayla. These young people are using their own birthday and allowance money and money earned by doing chores or projects. We want to thank some special friends who donated too—thank you!

We are not asking for donations, we just want you to know that you can "Be the Gift" to someone in your life too.

"You could spend \$275 here on a good pair of shoes or send a girl to school and help her family. We can spread lots of joy to them and lots of joy to us knowing how happy they'll be," stated Elijah.

"I can spend \$100 taking my whole family out to dinner. One meal, we eat once and it's over. Or that money can make an impact that will change a life for good, forever," added co-teacher Beverly Beam.

I can relate to this, a girl my own age can go to school. I feel excited for someone I don't even know," exclaimed Jude.

Your gift will make it possible for a family to send a girl to school instead of keeping her home to work. School fees and supplies will be provided. If women had the same access to resources as men, women could reduce the number of hungry people in the world by up to 17%. (Do the math; that's a lot of people!) Through Heifer, girls will grow up educated and learn skills and self-reliance. They can provide for their families, earn income and start their own businesses. Change a girl's life...transform her entire community...change the world. Isn't it incredible what God inspires us to do? Be the gift!

Helping Hands

(by Thelma Johnson)

There was no meeting in January. The meeting on February 13 will be determined by the weather and by how many of the group are under the weather. Details will be announced at a later date.

Sarris Candy Fundraiser

Our annual Easter candy fundraiser is going on now. Forms are available at the church information center and via the church website. Orders will be accepted through Monday, February 19. Turn orders in to the church office and make checks payable to Trinity UMC.

Would you like to place an order, but can't make it to church? Mail in your order and payment or order online. To order online, go to SarrisCandiesFundraising.com and enter the Group ID # 10-0582. Then start shopping. The order will be shipped directly to your home; keep in mind that shipping and handling charges apply for online orders.

Food Drive

With or without marshmallows, hot cocoa is a treat many of us enjoy on a cold winter day. Trinity will collect boxes of instant hot cocoa for the local food bank. Place your donations in the box located in the church vestibule. Food is distributed on the third Thursday of the month, so turn in your contributions by Sunday, February 11.

Disability Awareness

According to the Western PA Conference website, 20 percent of the population live with some type of disability. Your gifts to this special offering fund grants to congregations with accessibility projects. Projects throughout Western PA that make it possible for all people to attend worship and participate in church activities. It strengthens and enriches their faith and, in turn, strengthen and enriches ours. On February 18 prayerfully consider giving to Disability Awareness.

Church Leaders

Trinity installed church leaders for 2018 during the January 28 worship service. Please take a moment and thank these individuals for their dedication and commitment.



Jim Bentley – Trustee; Sandy Chiappetta – SPRC Chair; Mary Ann Casper – Lay Leadership Committee; Lori Dorko – Lay Leadership Committee, SPRC; Evelyn Felmlee – Helping Hands for Trinity Acting President; Joan Hartley – Helping Hands for Trinity President; Jan Keefer – Council Member-at-Large, Lay Leadership Committee; Matt Knopf – SPRC; Bob Lovre – Trustee; Larry Mallik – Trustee; Kris Peters – Trustee Chair; Beverly Piper – Camping Coordinator, Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, SPRC; Donna Piper – Prayer Chain Coordinator; Jane Pogue – Care Corp Chair, Financial Secretary, Nursery Coordinator, SPRC; Donna Race – Nursery Coordinator, Purchasing Agent, Worship Chair; Lester Race – Finance Committee Chair; Jeanne Ruccio – Council Member-at-Large, SPRC; George Silowash – Council Member-at-Large; Noell Stultz – SPRC; Roger VanRyn – Trustee; Bill Vowler – Trustee; Joan Vowler – Council Member-at-Large; Linda Yocum – Church Treasurer, Missions Chair, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary; David Zimmerman – SPRC



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
 Donna Ruth Burkett (Bill & Joan Vowler's cousin)
 Renee Cappetta
 Beecher and Kay Dale
 Bryce Dulemba
 Family of Betty Earl
 Bill Ebner
 Joan Hartley
 Ernie and Jan Keefer
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
 Dale McCune (Garlan McCune's brother)
 Jane Pogue
 Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)
 Jay and Vicki Stokes
 Mary Thornton
 David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
 Peggy Whitfield
 Ralph Zyskowski

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

February Birthdays

1st Becky Mallik
 3rd Sandy Keller, Diane Kerrigan
 10th Donna Piper
 11th Ashley Kitchen
 16th Roger VanRyn
 27th Gianna Armao, Peggy Whitfield,
 Richard Allen Aglietti
 29th Cliff Felmlee

February Anniversaries

14th Kevin and Beverly Beam
 19th Lou and JoAnn Booher

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

How uplifted we were by the many expressions of loving sympathy from all of you. A heavy-hearted time was made lighter by your comforting words, prayers, food, flowers and monetary memorials.

A special thanks to those who took time to be with us, notably Pastor Judy for his caring presence. May you know how grateful we will always be.

Through His grace,

*Matthew Lovre Family and
Dominick Pangallo Family*





Calendar and Schedules

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
February				1 7:15 p.m. Choir	2 6-10 p.m. Crafts	3
4 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion	5 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp	6	7 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	8 7:15 p.m. Choir	9 6-10 p.m. Crafts	10 9 a.m. Finance and Membership Audits
11 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Scrip Order Day	12 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp	13 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board 12 p.m. HH Lunch	14 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 7:15 p.m. Choir	16 6-10 p.m. Crafts	17 9 a.m. Trustees Work Party
18 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 1st Sunday in Lent <i>Disability Awareness</i>	19 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp Tempo Deadline <i>President's Day</i>	20 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council	21 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	22 7:15 p.m. Choir	23 6-10 p.m. Crafts	24
25 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 2nd Sunday in Lent Scrip Order Day	26 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp	27	28 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study			

Greeters

- 4th Cliff and Evelyn Felmlee
- 11th Joanne Ondulich
- 18th Bob Lovre and Jude Lovre
- 25th Linda Yocum and Dorothy Yocum

Liturgists

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

Nursery

- 4th Beverly Beam and Donna Race
- 11th Ashley Kitchen and Joan Vowler
- 18th Jane Pogue and Eileen Bentley
- 25th Dana Venturo and Noell Stultz

Altar Flowers

- 4th Marjorie Myers
- 11th open
- 18th open
- 25th Thelma Johnson

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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
March issue
are due Monday,
February 19, 2018.



Craft & Vendor Show

Trinity is hosting a spring craft and vendor show! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 17. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be held in the church social hall.

Joanne Ondulich did a wonderful job with the holiday event last November. She is organizing the spring show and is accepting applications from crafters and vendors (cost is \$30 for an 8' table). Tell your friends, neighbors and relatives.

Trinity will hold a bake sale and staff a concession stand during the event. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule later this month for bakers who would like to donate fresh, home-baked treats.

People will be needed to staff the bake sale/concession stand as well. If you have any questions or want to know how you can be part of the event, contact Joanne Ondulich at 412.378.8074.