

Trinity Tempo

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

August of 2016 a group of us met together, prayed, and tried to discern where God may be calling us for 2017. Many ideas came out of that weekend of prayer and planning. So many, in fact, that we were a bit overwhelmed. One idea, however, rose about the rest: a year of focusing on prayer and fasting.

So this year we have worked to make prayer a center in all we do. Prayer has always been an important part of Trinity UMC. We wanted to push it

even further. We were hoping that going to the Lord for guidance, strength, answers, change, and just to be in God's presence would become second nature.

We started prayer partners and encouraged people to prayer for one another. In doing this they would be able to hold each other accountable and grow closer to God together. We also began praying for a different country each month. This reminded us that we are not isolated. The spirit of God reaches out to people of all ages, nations, and races. We are called to know God deeper and more fully, but that knowledge drives us into service of others.

A couple of times this year we walked in the neighborhood praying for residents of Trafford. We found that prayer provided a way for us to be involved in the lives of others. In lifting others in prayer, our eyes opened to the needs of our community.

Joys & Concerns has always been a time when the church prayed for each individual concern that was expressed. We took this a step further and provided the congregation with refrigerator prayer boards to take home so the prayer concerns were available throughout the week.

Many sermon topics, Bible studies, children and adult Sunday school lessons have centered on prayer and fasting. To be in communication with the Lord is a gift that we have been given and we wanted each member to take full advantage of God's presence.

Through this focus we have been reminded that the source of strength, peace, love, and hope is Christ alone. Though the year is almost over, our quest to grow closer to the Lord through prayer and fasting will always continue.

Our reliance on prayer will help us face the challenges ahead. Our finances are pretty tight. Though we are spending below our current budget, we have struggled to remain on top of our fiscal responsibilities. The finance committee has been faithful with its leadership to ensure our spending is honoring to the Lord we serve. More than 85% of the budget goes toward keeping the doors open (pastor and staff salaries, church and parsonage utilities).

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Hats, Gloves, Scarves & Mittens

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 those 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.

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

(by Jane Pogue)

We continue to collect coats during January as we team up with *Good Morning America* for Warm Hearts, Warm Coats. We will take coats of all sizes.

A box is located next to the library for you to drop them (the coats) off. Every week they will be taken to the Burlington store in Monroeville for distribution.

Please ask friends or relatives to donate also. The more we give, the more others receive. If you have any questions, please let me know (724.864.2858). Thanks again for your stewardship to our community.

Trustee News

(by Kris Peters)

We will have our first meeting of 2018 on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. We will elect officers and plan our calendar for the upcoming year. Anyone interested in joining the trustees, please contact Pastor Justin or myself. We ask that you continue to support us with your prayers.

Happy New Year



Bible Studies

Immersion Bible Study

This series resumes on January 10 with the books *Ecclesiastes*, *Song of Solomon* and *Isaiah*. The group meets at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Contact the church office if you are interested in participating.

Women's Bible Study

This group also resumes meeting in January at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to take part in these sessions, contact Beverly Piper for additional information.

Human Relations Day

January 14 is the first of six special Sundays within the United Methodist Church. On this day we collect a special offering which is used for Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.

Helping Hands

(by Roberta Cuttler and Thelma Johnson)

Helping Hands had their December 12 covered dish luncheon served by the Traveling Tea Party. We were treated like queens: a beautiful table setting, china plates and all the trimmings. We were served creamed chicken over biscuits, pieces of roasted chicken, carrots, cranberry salad, gingerbread torte and cookies. Delicious! We thank all the ladies who served us: Beverly and Carol Piper, and Genny Triponey. Also Jeanne Ruccio and Colleen DiVito who made some of the food. We are so very blessed to have such wonderful ladies at our church.

The meeting was called to order by Evelyn Felmlee (acting president). We had our order of business by donating monies which we do at year end. We also exchanged gifts with prayer partners. Next year, we will switch things up with a grab bag gift exchange.

Our program was given by Beverly Piper from *The Greatest Gift: Unwrapping the Full Love Story of Christmas* by Ann Voskamp—wonderful selection. Thank you, Beverly.

We had our free-will offering, white gift and dues paid for 2018. We had seven members present. We will not have a meeting in January. The next meeting will be announced.

We want to wish everyone happy holidays and a healthy happy 2018.

Pastor's Letter

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The rest goes toward ministry (mission share and programming). We were able to get a grant from the conference to help with the pastor's salary. This is a temporary help. We will also be in need of a new church roof in the next few years.

I continue to thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve at Trinity UMC. I am taking three online courses through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The first was looking at the writing of C.S. Lewis. In the second class, we honored the 500th anniversary of the reformation by studying the historical context and relating it to today's culture. My third (next) class will be comparing faith and science in culture.

I look forward to tomorrow, whatever it may hold. The Lord has done much for and through Trinity. We will continue to lean on the Lord as we journey into the future.

PTL,
Pastor Justin Judy

Angel Tree

(by Linda Yocum)

Thanks to everyone who helped make this program a success in 2017. Trinity sponsored four local children. In early December we were asked to sponsor children from Benton Harbor, MI. With the remaining money from the Angel

Tree fund, Missions fund and your additional contributions Trinity was able to sponsor another 35 children. Thanks to each of you for your kindness, to Cindy Graw for her knowledge, to Beverly Piper for boxes, to Kay Yocum for wrapping gifts and to Jane Pogue for contacting caregivers, purchasing gifts and wrapping gifts.

Praise the Lord!





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
 Renee Cappetta
 Beecher and Kay Dale
 Bryce Dulemba
 Bill Ebner
 Joan Hartley
 Ernie and Jan Keefer
 Matt Lovre and family
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
 Dale McCune (Garland McCune's brother)
 Kay Meadowcroft
 Pangallo family
 Tom Puckey
 Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)
 Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)
 Jay and Vicki Stokes
 Mary Thornton
 David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
 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, Joshua Keefer,
 Eric Zigarovich,
 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 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 Marge Little

January Schedules

Greeters

7th Matt Knopf
 14th Beverly and April Beam
 21st Jane Pogue
 28th Jerry and Sharren Breakey

Liturgists

7th Sandy Chiappetta
 14th Joanne Ondulich
 21st Beverly Piper
 28th Stephanie Judy

Nursery

7th Jane Pogue and Ashley Kitchen
 14th Dana Venturo and Eileen Bentley
 21st Noell Stultz and Sandy Chiappetta
 28th Stephanie Judy and Cindy Graw

Altar Flowers

7th open
 14th open
 21st Matt Knopf
 28th open



January

Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 New Year's Day (church office closed)	2	3 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	4	5 6-10 p.m. Crafts	6 10 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens
7 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion	8 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp	9	10 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	11 7:15 p.m. Choir	12 6-10 p.m. Crafts	13
14 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Scrip Order Day Human Relations Day	15 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Grp <i>MLK Jr Birthday observed</i>	16 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	17 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	18 7:15 p.m. Choir	19 6-10 p.m. Crafts Tempo Deadline	20
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Keeping in Touch

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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 Friday,
January 19, 2018.

