

Trinity Tempo

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am pretty sure I said this before, but whoever scheduled our calendar had to be a procrastinator. November and December represent two of the busiest months of the year. Two of the major holidays are coming at us back to back: Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is easy to lose the meaning and potential joy they bring in the midst of the preparation and decoration.

Thanksgiving offers us a moment to silently or publicly count the blessings in our lives. Some of those blessings may be obvious—friends, family, food or church just to name a few. But we may also have to work harder to see the ways we have been blessed: strength in the midst of weakness, patience when being tested, peace when all is falling apart, or just the ability to stand when the weight of the world is on our shoulders. My prayer, as a church, is that we have the ability to thank the Lord for what we have and continue to seek God for what we may yet need, in order to serve effectively.

Christmas is a time not only to reflect on the gifts we have been given in our lives, but also to give of ourselves to others. It is a time to reflect on the gift that God gave to us through Jesus. Jesus has brought us hope, peace, love, and joy. Through the good and through the bad.

Both of these holidays are filled with rich tradition. From the sharing of a turkey to the sharing of gifts. At Trinity we have an Advent wreath that reminds us of what we have through Jesus. This year we are adding a new addition through the Jesse Tree. At the beginning of the advent season the tree is bare, then one ornament is added a day until Christmas. Isaiah 11:1 “But a shoot shall grow out of the stump of Jesse, a twig shall sprout from his stock.” The ornaments represent the story of Jesus’ spiritual genealogy. The tree allows us to see how God has worked throughout history to bring about salvation through Jesus. But it also invites us to reflect on our spiritual family tree. Who in our lives do we give credit to for helping to open our hearts to God?

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



It Ain't Easy Getting Old!

(by Jane Pogue)

Don't forget! The senior support group starts Monday, November 5 at 1 p.m.! Come be part of us and hear that you are among many others who are going through the highs and lows of aging. You don't have to talk; you can sit and listen to others and hear about their journeys. You may even pick up some ideas or techniques that help you! Oh, and by the way, refreshments will be served! So come spend some time with us on November 5.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Service

Penn-Trafford Ministerium is hosting its annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner for first responders and recipients of the local food banks. The event will be held at the Harrison Room in Harrison City on November 20. A worship service will follow the dinner.

Trinity is accepting cans of corn to be served at the dinner. Unopened cans will be given to the local food banks. Drop off donations in the vestibule by November 11. If you would like to help at the dinner, speak with Pastor Justin.

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

Trinity again will team up with *Good Morning America* to collect coats for those in need. The drive will start Sunday, November 25. Jane Pogue will provide other details in the coming weeks. In the meantime, start cleaning out those closets. Coats of all sizes will be needed.

Hearts Go Out at the Holidays

(by Jane Pogue)

We are approaching another holiday season, and we know it isn't always a happy time for everyone. Can you imagine what the holidays will be like for those in North and South Carolina or the Florida Panhandle? Emotions can run rampant, and we need to be there to care for and support others. Since "nurture" is our emphasis, please make a strong effort to focus on our church members, our next door neighbors, our community and those whom we don't even know, but who are hurting. If you know of someone who needs a card, a visit, a blanket, or prayer shawl, please let us know.

Also, don't forget to start cleaning out closets and basements so we can have a great showing for our "Help Yourself" event. What a great way to help our community and to clean out our houses for the holidays!



2018 Church Conference

Church Conference will be held Monday, November 26 at 7 p.m., and will be led by District Superintendent Pat Nelson. This annual conference is open to all members of the congregation. SPRC will meet with Pat at 6 p.m. prior to Church Conference.

Craft & Vendor Show

Mark your calendars for the return of our annual Craft & Vendor Show on Saturday, November 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Browse the crafts and vendors for gifts, party favors, things for the home and more. While you are there, stop by the concession stand and bake sale table for refreshments and treats.



Trustee News

(by Kris Peters)

The next trustee meeting will be held Friday, November 9 at 6 p.m. to set up tables and power for the Craft & Vendor Show.

The furnace is on, so if you need to use the church for meetings or events, please let Larry Mallik know. He will program the thermostats for you in the room(s) you will be using. Please do not try to program the thermostats yourselves!

Also, fall is a time when all sorts of creatures try to find warmth and shelter indoors. All food in classrooms or kitchens must be stored in sturdy metal, glass or plastic containers with lids. This includes the nursery and office areas. Original cardboard boxes and plastic bags do not provide sufficient protection.

The gas valve to the hot plates in the main kitchen has been replaced as well, making it much easier to close.

The trustees will need to buy a new snow blower before winter arrives. If you are interested in contributing money for this purchase, place it in the collection plate on a Sunday morning or mail it to the church office. Be sure to record "snow blower" on the memo line of your check.

If you have questions about the status of projects, talk with Kris Peters or another member of the trustees. If you are interested in helping maintain the church building and

parsonage and would like to become a trustee, see Kris Peters or Pastor Judy.

Hanging of the Greens

Trinity will pull out the wreaths and garland, trees and bows for the hanging of the greens. Everyone is welcome to take part in decorating, fun and fellowship. So be at the church Saturday, December 1 at 10 a.m.

Help Yourself

Trinity will be hosting a Giveaway/Help Yourself event on Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for residents of Trafford and Level Green.

We are doing this as a public ministry; a way of expressing our Christian love and appreciation. Trinity will have five collection dates when people can drop off items for the event:

- Friday, November 16 from 4 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 17 from noon to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 27 from 4 to 7 p.m.
- Friday, November 30 from 4 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, December 1 from noon to 4 p.m.

So start thinking about what clothing you no longer wear and household items you no longer use. There are some things (e.g., electronics, and large appliances, furniture and exercise equipment) that we cannot accept. A complete list and additional details will be posted in the church vestibule and online.



Library News

(by Beverly Piper)

In front of the library there is a table with a selection of books displayed to give you an idea of the diversity of books available to borrow from the library. They are changed about every 2-3 weeks. Stop by and take a look.

To the right of the library is a small table with books of particular interest to parents. Topics include leading your child to Christ; raising compassionate, generous children in a world of entitlement; and answering your children's tough life questions.

If you are interested in a particular subject or author and would like a recommendation on what to read, please ask me. I will be glad to help! If you would like to provide a review or comments for the *Tempo* after reading a book, that would be great! Again, let me know.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the UMCOR kits drive. We received enough items and funds to assemble 28 school kits, 15 hygiene kits and 5 cleaning buckets. All kits will be delivered to the conference center in Cranberry Twp. for

transport to the Eastbrook Mission Barn in New Castle. This facility is just one of six UMCOR Relief Supply Network depots across the nation.

Your Opinion Counts

For years, Trinity has been sending duplicate copies of the newsletter to some households just to meet the minimum number required by the post office for bulk mailings. We even send a small number back to the church. Right now, Trinity pays an annual bulk mail fee of \$225 and a mailing fee of approximately \$35 per month for 200 pieces. These amounts may increase or decrease slightly each year based on approved price changes at the U.S. Postal Service. Ad-Council is considering how to make distribution of the newsletter more efficient and cost effective. Before the board takes any action, the members want to know your opinion. Consider the proposed plan and tell us what you think!

Proposed Plan

- Trinity will continue to publish the *Tempo* monthly.
- Trinity will stop bulk mailings.
- For those attending church: Printed copies will be available in the church (at the information center or in the vestibule). The newsletter for the next month would be available the last week of the current month. For example, you would be able to pick up February's issue the last week of January.
- For those who live out of the area or who are unable to attend worship regularly due to health reasons: You will have three options: 1) receive it by email, 2) access and read it via the church website, or 3) request to receive a printed copy via first class mail.

We can email the newsletter to anyone who wishes to receive it in an electronic format or you can access it via the church website. If you wish to receive it via email, you will have to provide the church office with your email address. Distribution will be done as a blind copy to protect your privacy.

Please give us your thoughts on this proposed plan. Speak with Linda Yocum, Pastor Judy or any member of Ad-Council. The board will decide on a direction at an upcoming Ad-Council meeting.

Helping Hands for Trinity

(by Thelma Johnson)

The October 9 meeting was attended by seven members. The hostesses were Evelyn Felmlee and Joan Vowler who served brownies and ice cream for dessert—very good! Donna Piper presented the program from *The Tea Lover's Devotional* by Emilie Barnes. Donna's program was interesting and very inspirational.

Our next meeting will be on November 13 with Ora Mae Lovre and Jean Swick as hostesses. Evelyn Felmlee will present the program. Bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome, so please join us.

Helping Hands is selling 2019 *Enjoy* coupon books again at a cost of \$30 per book. These books are great gifts for friends and family.

A fun gift for the sandwich lover in your life is the Subway coupon card (cost \$10). See a member of Helping Hands to purchase either of these items.



Blessing of the Pets

Several pets—and their owners—turned out for Trinity's annual Blessing of the Pets on October 6.





Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for

Paul and Jacquie Donatelli (friends of Harry and Marjorie Little)
Bill Ebner
Ora Mae Lovre
Linda M (Sharren Breakey's sister)
Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)
Dale McCune (Garlan McCune's brother)
Gary Peters
Kris Peters
Jay and Vicki Stokes
Mary Thornton
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
Peggy Whitfield
Dorothy Yocum

Change of Address

Tom and Pat Puckey
5721 County Line Road
New Bern NC 28562-9474

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

November Birthdays

2nd Joyce Rogers
7th George Silowash
8th Emma Chichilla, Riley McLaughlin
9th Joan Hartley
10th Morgan Hainsey, Paul Earl
13th Ron Hainsey
14th Thelma Johnson
16th Anna Kitchen, Elias Hanna
21st Dante Venturo
22nd Tom Fanty
24th Matt Johnson
30th Spencer Boehm

November Anniversaries

19th Bill and Barb Messina
29th Ed and Patty Aubele,
David and Sandy Keller
30th Tom and Pat Puckey

November Schedules

Greeters

4th Cliff and Evelyn Felmlee
11th Matt Knopf
18th Larry and Becky Mallik
25th Jane Pogue

Liturgists

4th Roger VanRyn
11th Youth
18th Sandy Chiappetta
25th Joanne Ondulich

Nursery

4th Cindy Graw and Beverly Beam
11th Jane Pogue and Dana Venturo
18th Noell Stultz and Sandy Chiappetta
25th Ashley Kitchen and Stephanie Judy

Altar Flowers

4th open
11th Felmlee Family
18th Kayla Eiseman
25th open



November Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 7:15 p.m. Choir	2 8:30 a.m. Election Day Dinner Prep 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	3
4 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Youth Service Fund Sunday</i> Daylight Saving Time ends Scrip Order Day	5 8:30 a.m. Election Day Dinner Prep 1-2 p.m. It Ain't Easy Getting Old	6 8:30 a.m. Election Day Dinner Prep 5-7 p.m. Election Day Dinner	7 7:15 pm. Women's Bible Study	8 7:15 p.m. Choir	9 6 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	10 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Craft & Vendor Show
11 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 1-2 p.m. It Ain't Easy Getting Old <i>Veterans' Day (observed)</i>	13 12 p.m. Helping Hands 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council	14 7:15 pm. Women's Bible Study	15 7:15 p.m. Choir	16 4-7 p.m. Help Yourself Drop-off 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	17 12-4 p.m. Help Yourself Drop-off
18 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	19 1-2 p.m. It Ain't Easy Getting Old Tempo Deadline	20 10 a.m. Crafts TBD Community Thanksgiving Service/Dinner	21	22 	23 6 p.m. Christmas Play Practice/Dinner	24
25 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	26 1-2 p.m. It Ain't Easy Getting Old 4:30 p.m. Parsonage Walkthrough 6 p.m. SPRC with DS 7 p.m. Church Conference	27 10 a.m. Crafts 4-7 p.m. Help Yourself Drop-off	28	29 7:15 p.m. Choir	30 4-7 p.m. Help Yourself Drop-off 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	

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**Daylight Saving Time ends
November 4. Turn back your
clocks 1 hour Saturday night.**

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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
December issue are
due Monday,
November 19, 2018.



Election Day Dinner November 6

Join us on Tuesday,
November 6 for
fellowship and home
cooked food at our
annual dinner. You'll be
served roasted pork,
sauerkraut, mashed
potatoes, green beans,
applesauce, dessert and
beverage. The cost is
\$10 for adults and \$4 for
children age 10 and
under. Dinner will be
served from 5 to 7 p.m.
Tickets are on sale now
and also may be
purchased at the door.
Takeout is available.

