



Dear Sisters and Brothers
in Christ,

Happy Spring! Has it been everything you expected and hoped for? Probably not. The coronavirus has turned this season into a unique one for most of us. We find ourselves highly encouraged to stay indoors and to isolate from other people in order to prevent the spread of the disease. This has affected us in many ways.

The daily routine that we are so used to has been thrown into disarray. Things we have done on a whim now take extra consideration to complete. It is difficult to go to the store or bank. Our families are encouraging us to not go out for anything. Some find themselves feeling very alone. The anxiety level of many has risen to new heights—I can't go get groceries because I may get exposed. I am not feeling well; did I pick up the virus? Who is going to take care of me? What will the world look like when this is all over?

The world around us already looks different. Many businesses have either shut down or have altered their operation in one way or another. Some jobs have been suspended for the time being. Social entertainment has become increasingly limited. Schools have closed for a little while. Churches have canceled their worship services (Trinity being one of them).

In the midst of all this I have seen people looking out for one another. This virus is known to be the most dangerous to the over 60 crowd. But we have all generations sacrificing what they can in order to protect all who are vulnerable. Many are self-isolating, not because they are afraid to catch it themselves, but so they do not run the risk of passing it on to others.

Though churches have halted worship services, I have seen worship continue in many wonderful ways. Romans 12:1 (NRSV) defines worship beautifully: *"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*

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Trinity Happenings



Margie and Harry Little at home.

Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

In choosing our senior this month, Margie Little came to my mind immediately. However, you can't think of Margie without thinking of Harry.

Margie and Harry met at a Booster's dance in East Pittsburgh. He thought she looked really good, and was a very good dancer! They have been married for 63 years. Harry says he's been married 63 years, and 30 years of a happily married life!

They had five children: Kenny, Patty, Terry, Michael and Dennis. They also have two daughters-in-law and six wonderful grandchildren.

Margie feels their faith in God is what has made their marriage a success. They truly have honored their marriage vows and God.

Margie loves to read and garden, and Harry loves fishing and watching sports (especially baseball), electronics, and going to Dunkin' Donuts.

Margie loves the people in the church, and appreciates that Justin preaches the real gospel.

In closing, Harry wants everyone to know he's had the same wife, same house, and the same car—almost—his whole married life!

Friendship Tea Postponed

(by Beverly Piper)

We didn't want to do it! While we remain hopeful that the current coronavirus crisis will soon be resolved, the situation remains uncertain. Out of concern for everyone's health and safety we feel it best to postpone the Friendship Tea. Notice we wrote "postpone" not cancel! We are hoping to host the Tea later this year! You can look forward to butternut squash soup, assorted tea sandwiches, an array of scrumptious cookies and new flavorful teas. So anticipate this delicious Tea! It will be a celebration of being together.

Thank you for all of your past support. This will be our third Friendship Tea sponsored by Helping Hands and hosted by Trinity's Travelling Tea Party.

Easter Egg Hunt

As of the publishing of this newsletter, Trinity still plans to host the annual, indoor egg hunt on Saturday, April 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is open to all children in the community.

Registration forms are available online, in the vestibule and through the church office. Please pre-register if possible. This helps the coordinators with their planning and preparation.

Volunteers are needed to stuff eggs, hide eggs, and help during the event. Contact Pastor Justin (724.594.4073) or Kris Peters (724.493.8297) for details.

2020 Graduates

We are looking for anyone in our congregation who is graduating from high school, college or trade school. If you are aware of anyone, please contact the church office.

Helping Hands for Trinity

(by Thelma Johnson)

Our March 10 meeting was attended by six members. Evelyn Felmlee presented a very good message using as inspiration the book *God's Abundance*. Our hostesses were Donna and Beverly Piper. Donna made her famous crème puffs which were delicious. Thank you, Donna!

Our semi-annual "Out to Lunch" meeting scheduled for April 14 at Piper Bay Café has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12. Beverly Piper will provide the program, and Evelyn Felmlee



and Thelma Johnson will serve as hostesses for the lunch. We hope to see you there.

Birthday Food Drive

Longtime Trafford resident Betty Buchin is celebrating her 90th birthday in early May. In her honor Trinity will collect paper products and nonperishable food items for the Trafford Level Green food bank.

A collection box will be in the vestibule throughout April (possibly longer). Place your donations in the box. If you are unable to shop but want to participate consider making a monetary donation in Betty's honor and the church will forward the funds to the food bank. Be sure to note "food bank" on your envelope or the memo line of your check.



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Bible Journaling

(by Patty Aubele)

Do you love color? Color makes everything more delightful, including Bible study. That's where Bible journaling come in. Bible journaling is just creating "art" in your Bible. It can be anything from writing notes in the margins to doodling to creating full "masterpieces." It's also fun!

You do not need to be artist or talented in any way! Bible journaling is the ultimate inclusive activity. You don't need a special Bible; you can use any Bible you already have, you can journal in a separate notebook or you can add pages to your Bible. We will show you some techniques to do all of these.

We invite you to try Bible journaling. It helps you to spend more time in your Bible and to reflect on what the scriptures are

saying. By adding your personal touches, it helps to reinforce the scriptures and gives you a chance to become more personal with God's Word.

We are beginning a Bible journaling evening where anyone, young and the young-at-heart, has an opportunity to explore this exciting activity. We will have a brief devotion of a specific scripture, followed by suggested artwork which will be provided. During the session we will explore different types of mediums including colored pencils, watercolors, stamping, stickers and markers.

We will be meeting the third Friday of each month, beginning April 17, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the women's craft room (balcony level, one flight down from the sanctuary). Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to draw even closer to God. Everyone is welcome; we look forward to seeing you!

Pastor's Letter

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Giving ourselves to the Lord in obedience and love is an extremely important part of our worship. I am happy to share that worship has not stopped at Trinity United Methodist Church. We have continued to worship Jesus Christ by finding ways to serve each other during this time. We have set up a phone tree that is being used to keep in touch with one another, to pray, to encourage, and to see if there are any needs to fill. We also have received volunteers who are willing to fill shopping orders for those who are in need. These shopping trips are helping those who are best off staying indoors to still get the supplies they need the most.

I ask for your continued prayers as we seek to navigate this time in such a way that praises and worships our Lord who always provides for us. The Sunday morning worship service may have been cancelled for a while, but Church can never be taken away. We will do Church and worship God however we can, and wherever we can as we serve one another.

Be blessed, stay healthy, and hope and trust the Lord.

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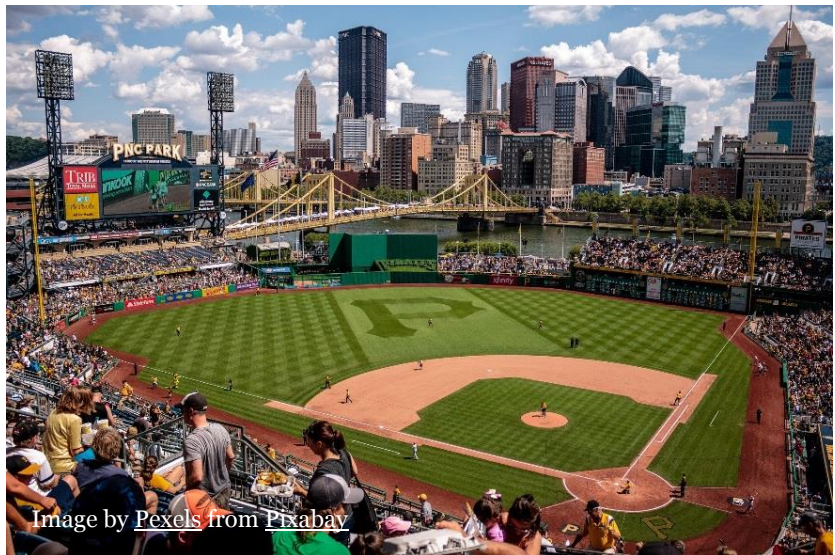
Pastor Justin Judy

District & Conference Happenings

Lay Servant School

The Greensburg District's Lay Ministries School is scheduled to take place on Saturdays starting September 12 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Faith UMC in Delmont.

Registration and class/instructor information will be available in the upcoming months. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Sherri Gambrill at 412.823.4446 or by email at yeslove1@verizon.net.



Faith Night

The Pirate's 8th Annual Faith Night takes place Saturday, June 6 at PNC Park where the Bucs will take on St. Louis in a 4:05 p.m. game. Fans are invited to stay after the game to hear from players and coaches how

their faith has affected their personal lives and their careers. For information about group seating (10 or more), contact the church office.

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Elaine Abrams (Jane Pogue's friend)
Patty Aubele
JoAnn Booher
George Braem (John Ruccio's friend)
Amy Keefer
Kevin Knopf
Margie Little
Ora Mae Lovre
Danielle Mallik
Kay Meadowcroft
Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
Peggy Whitfield
Dorothy Yocum

Do you know someone who is experiencing physical, spiritual or emotional difficulties? Prayer shawls and blankets are available for people facing such challenges. See Jane Pogue to request a shawl or blanket.

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

April Birthdays

2nd Brandon Dulemba
3rd Bob Lovre, Morgan Plecenik,
Nancy Swick
6th John Williams
7th Miranda Mallik
8th Haidynn Dulemba
9th Holly Conlogue
10th Bob Casper, Lori Dorko
12th Jonathan Aubele
14th Jonathan Judy
17th Christian Boehm
21st Nancy Valentine
25th Jeanne Ruccio, Bill Messina
28th Drake Clausner, Carmen Owens
29th John Hughes
30th Genny Triponey

April Anniversaries

10th Roger and Marlene VanRyn
12th John and Jeanne Ruccio

April Schedules

Greeters

5th
12th
19th
26th

**Suspended
for April**

Liturgists

5th worship service canceled
12th Joanne Ondulich
19th Beverly Piper
26th Stephanie Judy

Nursery

5th worship service canceled
12th April Beam and Cindy Graw
19th Jane Pogue and Beverly Beam
26th Joan Vowler and Stephanie Judy

Altar Flowers

5th worship service canceled
12th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
19th open
26th open

April Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
5 No Sunday School No Worship Service <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day	6	7	8	9 1-3 p.m. & 6:30-7:30 p.m. Silent Communion 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service	10 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	11 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Holy Week						
12 7 a.m. Sunrise Service at B-Y Park (followed by breakfast—TUMC social room) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion/ Healing Service <i>Easter</i>	13 11 a.m. Crafts	14 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	15 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline	16 7:15 p.m. Choir	17 7 p.m. Bible Journaling	18
19 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	20 11 a.m. Crafts	21 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting	22 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	23 7:15 p.m. Choir	24 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	25
26 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i>	27 11 a.m. Crafts	28 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting	29 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	30 7:15 p.m. Choir	1 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	2



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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the May issue of the newsletter are due Wednesday, April 15, 2020.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

April Updates

Sarris Easter Candy

Trinity's order is on schedule for delivery to the church on Thursday, April 2. Linda Yocum will contact those who placed orders regarding pick up/delivery options.

Holy Week Events and Services

At this time, all Holy Week activities will take place as scheduled. Visit the church website at www.tumctrafford.org frequently for updates.

Scrip Program

Trinity will maintain the regular ordering schedule for gift cards as listed on the April calendar. Be sure to place your orders by the 5 p.m. deadline and mail your order and payment to the church office (make checks payable to TUMC Scrip Program). Contact Linda Yocum (412.372.6808) or the church office (412.373.0835) for details.