

# Trinity

August 2020

# Tempo



Dear Trinity UMC,

I have heard many people comment, “Who would have thought we would be going through this?” when speaking about the coronavirus. It has taken all of us by surprise. There is no doubt COVID-19 has played a large role in each of our lives for the past several months. I think my last few *Tempo* articles addressed COVID in some way. I hate to say that it isn’t over.

Our journey with this virus is still continuing. I had written last month that we seem to be coming out of it. But now the virus has had a bit of a resurgence, especially in Allegheny County. Our commitment to the health and safety of our church and community is far from over. I ask that we remain diligent in following the safety guidelines set forth by both the CDC and United Methodist Conference.

I have been encouraged during this time by this church. I love you all so very much. The love and concern you have for one another is inspiring and comforting. This COVID road I walk isn’t so bad because I have such great traveling companions. Sunday brings me such joy when we are able to worship together from different venues. You have been able to live the truth that church isn’t defined by a location, but by the Spirit that binds us together.

There may be days ahead that we have to revert back to ZOOM only worship or place further limitations on our gatherings. But whatever we need to do, I know it will be done out of the love and concern that Jesus has given to us for one another.

Please continue to pray for and connect with one another during this time. Church has not ended nor has the ministry of love for God and one another.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

# Trinity Happenings



Dorothy Yocum in 2006

## Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

Our senior for the month of August is our dear friend Dorothy Yocum. Dorothy was born October 4, 1929 and was the youngest of seven children. I'm sure many of you remember her brother, Dick Robinson. Both Dorothy and her husband, Bill, were born and raised in Pitcairn. They were married in June 1953 and had four children: Richard, Kay, Linda and David.

Dorothy transferred to Trinity UMC in November 1961 and has been active in many areas of the church over the years. She sang in the choir; served on Missions and Ad-Council; and helped with dinners, luncheons, and VBS. She was also Sunday School secretary for several years until Jeanne Ruccio assumed the role.

The Trafford food bank was established about 1985 and was housed at Trinity. Dorothy ran the food bank with support from local churches and later, after it moved to Christian Life and then Level Green Presbyterian, acted as the food bank liaison on behalf of Trinity.

In her personal life, Dorothy was a cosmetologist and owned her own shop in Pitcairn. She maintained her license, cutting hair into her early seventies. She was an aide for Trinity Preschool when it opened in 1981 and assumed the role of director during the 1996-1997 school year.  
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## Super Summer Sunday School

(by Beverly Piper)

We're still zooming along with our summer theme of Jesus and Me! Together we have learned "The Butterfly Song" and "The Hippo Song!" We've made wind socks and painted our names in wood. We've learned that God knows our names and we are important to Jesus. In August we're looking forward to sharing how Jesus teaches us to help others and let our light shine! If you would like your child or grandchild to join ZOOM Sunday school please contact me or Stephanie Judy.



## School Kits

Trinity continues to collect supplies for school kits. Now is a great time to stock up on school kit items. Buy supplies to make up one or more complete kits or buy just one or two items for a kit. Please do not substitute items. Anything that is not on the list will be removed by UMCOR volunteers.

A box is in the sitting room across from the church office. Drop off supplies Sunday mornings or during office hours (Mon., Wed., Thur., and Fri., 2-5 p.m.). If you can't shop, but want to participate, consider making a monetary donation. Mark your donation "School Kits" and mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate. Trinity will collect supplies and monetary donations through August 16.

### School Kit Contents

The items on this list make up one school kit. Please, no cartoon characters, advertisements, or religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols on any of the items.

- 1 pair blunt scissors (round tip only); no plastic scissors
- 1 box 24-count crayons
- 3 one-subject notebooks; no composition books, no 2-, 3- or 5-subject notebooks
- 1 pack loose-leaf paper, 100-200 sheet packs; wide or college rule
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener, 1-inch or longer
- 1 ruler, 12 inches or 30 centimeters; sturdy or flexible
- 6 unsharpened pencils
- 1 eraser, two inches or larger
- 1 two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag (e.g., Ziploc, Hefty, etc.)

## All American Anthony!

*(by Beverly Piper)*

Anthony—Amy Keefer & Tony Ward's son and Jan Keefer's grandson—plays baseball on Team All American 9U-Stowers. In July Anthony's team won the championship in the Mid-Summer Classic All American Baseball Tournament.

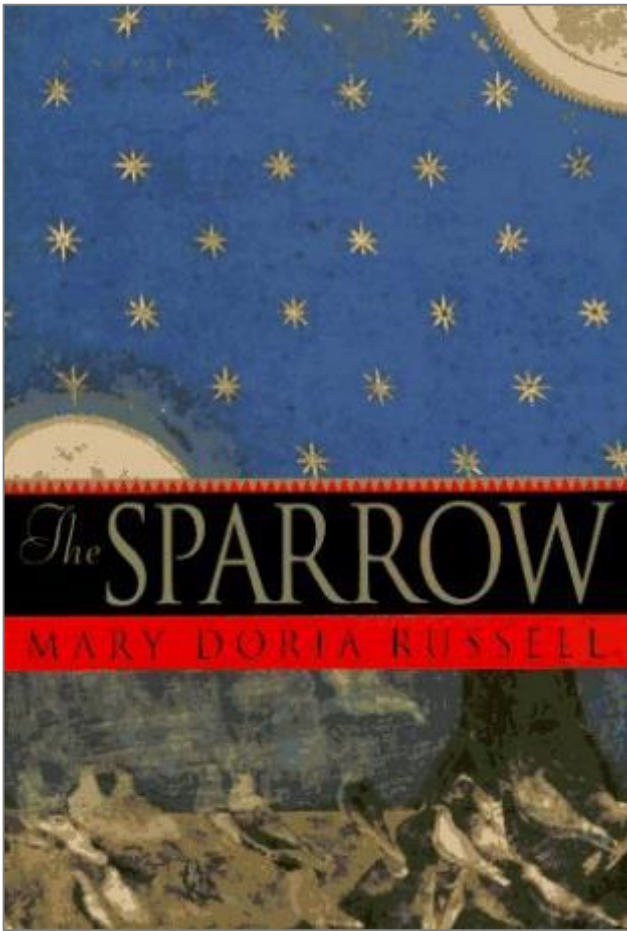
Anthony pitched and played second base. He had a homerun and pitched three scoreless innings in the championship game! Wow!

Anthony is nine years old. He has been playing baseball for five years, but this is his first year on the travel team at All American. Congratulations, Anthony!

*Anthony proudly poses for this photo with his mother, Amy, and his trophy.*







## Book Club

(by Justin Judy)

September 1 will mark our first monthly book club meeting together. My goal for the book club is to help us engage in writings that challenge us to look for God in the midst of the story. Our first book will be *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell. Here is a brief plot synopsis from Wikipedia.

In the year 2019, the SETI program at Arecibo Observatory discovers radio broadcasts of music from the vicinity of Alpha Centauri. The first expedition to Rakhat, the world that is sending the music, is organized by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), known for its missionary, linguistic and scientific activities since the time of its founder, Ignatius of Loyola. In the year 2060, only one of the crew, the Jesuit priest Emilio Sandoz, survives to

return to Earth, and he is damaged physically and psychologically. The story is told with parallel plot lines, interspersing the journey of Sandoz and his friends to Rakhat with Sandoz's experiences upon his return to Earth.

This was a challenging book when I first read it for seminary. It will spark some strong conversation about evangelism, abuse, God's role in our lives, and mission. There will be aspects you will agree with and some you don't. I look forward to the discussion to which this book may lead us.

We will meet at 6 p.m. on September 1 via ZOOM. You can sign in as early as 5:30 p.m. Meeting ID: 891 9063 2669  
Passcode: 172851

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. The book for the October session will be *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis.

## Senior Spotlight

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She liked to go on walks and loved to read. She often had two or more books going at the same time. She enjoyed visiting with friends and family and visiting her children living out of state. She made clothes for her children and even some of her own.

Dorothy had an open ear and was always willing to help. I can vouch for that. One time in my college years, Dorothy stayed up *all night* with me while I lamented over a broken relationship!

We don't get to see Dorothy very much anymore, but I know we all have many wonderful memories of a kind, sweet Christian lady who always had a smile when she greeted you. Thank you, Dorothy, for being such a wonderful mentor to so many of us. We love you.



home *Henry and Mudge* books (about the adventures of a boy and his very big dog).

Patty Aubele and I are volunteering at the library. Please stop in. Go wild this summer—book an adventure at the library! Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

*Left: A book display in the recently reopened Trafford library.*

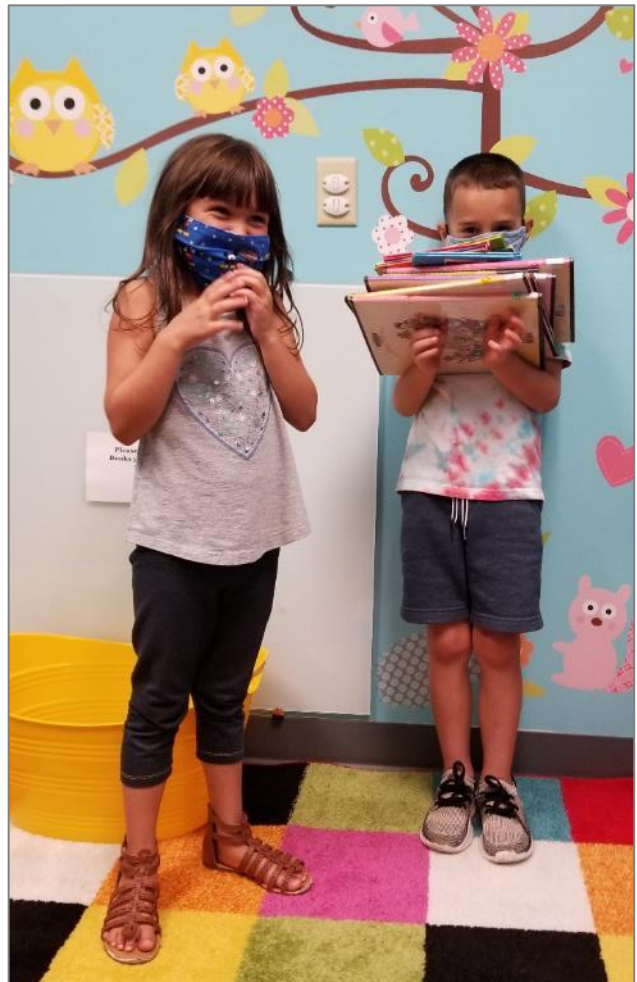
*Below: Rylie Felton laughs as Gavin Dulemba balances a pile of books. Rylie and Gavin were the first children to visit the library.*

## Library Opening

*(by Beverly Piper)*

The Trafford Community Public Library reopened to the public on Monday, July 13. On our first day open since the COVID-19 closure, among our guest were three special people! Cindy Graw brought her grandchildren, Rylie and Gavin!

They were the first children to enter the library and received a surprise gift of a book, craft kit and activity book in a Dr. Seuss bag. Rylie took home books about fairies and a *Fancy Nancy* book. Gavin took



**Trafford Library Hours**  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday and  
 Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Tuesday and Thursday: 3-7 p.m.

# Joys & Concerns

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

## Pray for

Patty Aubele  
Elaine Abrams (Jane Pogue's friend)  
JoAnn Booher  
Family of Deloria Jean Burris (Tony Ward's mother)  
Jess Clausner  
Jan Keefer  
Kevin Knopf  
Kris Peters  
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)  
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)  
Peggy Whitfield  
Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik's grandmother)  
Dorothy Yocum

## Annual Church Picnic

*(by Jane Pogue)*

We all know COVID-19 has taken a toll on our lives, and it has affected our annual church picnic at my house. I'm sure you will agree that it is way too dangerous to congregate together—plus it is very hard to eat that delicious food wearing a mask! Hopefully, next August we can join together again; for now stay safe and stay healthy.

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

## August Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Larry Mallik  
5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer McCune,  
Julie Sippel-Silowash  
8<sup>th</sup> Jace Beam  
10<sup>th</sup> Angel Spell  
12<sup>th</sup> Lynn Antoon, Rob Hainsey  
13<sup>th</sup> Mary Henry  
14<sup>th</sup> Carol Piper  
15<sup>th</sup> Bill Vowler, Damian Kitchen,  
Amy McLaughlin  
16<sup>th</sup> Cindy Graw  
19<sup>th</sup> Bill Fenton  
21<sup>st</sup> April Beam, Joanne Ondulich  
22<sup>nd</sup> Beverly Piper  
24<sup>th</sup> Dan Musser  
26<sup>th</sup> Mike Kitchen  
28<sup>th</sup> John Musser, Becky Hughes  
31<sup>st</sup> Alvin Lafferty

## August Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> Caleb and Corrie Baker  
12<sup>th</sup> Bob and Mary Ann Casper  
13<sup>th</sup> Tom and Carmen Owens  
15<sup>th</sup> Bill and Joan Vowler  
22<sup>nd</sup> Larry and Becky Mallik

## August Schedules

### Scrip Program

August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Place orders by 5 p.m. on Sundays. Give orders and payment to Linda Yocum or mail them to the church office (make checks payable to TUMC Scrip Program). Contact Linda (412.372.6808) or the church office (412.373.0835) for details.

### Altar Flowers

2<sup>nd</sup> Love Ruffner  
9<sup>th</sup> Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto  
16<sup>th</sup> open  
23<sup>rd</sup> Larry and Becky Mallik  
30<sup>th</sup> Yocum Family

# August Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>26</b> 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Healing Service <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <i>Rural Life Sunday</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Tempo Dead-line</b>	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. Planning Meeting
<b>16</b> 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Blessing of the Backpacks	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:45 a.m. Children's Summer Sunday School (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 6 p.m. Book Club (Zoom)	<b>2</b> 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

**Note: Worship is taking place concurrently in the Social Hall and via Zoom.**



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## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the September issue of the newsletter are due Friday, August 14, 2020.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

*(by Jane Pogue)*

Since we all aren't meeting in the church right now, we may have to come up with a different way to get backpacks blessed—possibly via ZOOM or on an individual basis.



The blessing is set tentatively for July 16. We will discuss it with Pastor Justin, and you will be notified via the phone chain if plans change. Hang in there and pray for God's guidance that we make the best decision concerning our beloved children.