

# Trinity

January 2020

# Tempo



Happy New Year Trinity UMC,

New years can be very exciting for us. It is fun to sit back and reflect on the previous year. We can look back and see all the times that God has been involved in our lives and in the life of the church. We can review the struggles and difficulties we have experienced and recognize how God was able to bring us through them. We get to relive the blessings we received and learn from the mistakes we

have made. As we look back we are able to gain so much knowledge. But knowledge for its own sake will only help us to win trivia contests. The new year challenges us to put that knowledge into practice and use it to help inform us as we move forward.

With all that we have been through this past year, I am confident we are ready for whatever comes next. There are many uncertainties that we will have to face. The United Methodist Church will have a General Conference which can determine how the UMC moves into the future. This may have far-reaching ramifications on the clergy and the laity of the church. We will be in a heavy campaign year as our president's term is running out. Much prayer and wisdom will be needed as our nation figures out how it will move forward into 2021. I also am sure we each have some personal uncertainties that we are dealing with: Should I apply for that job? Will I get it? How will the children do in school? I hope the grandkids are okay in their new home. Etc.

As those who rely on the Lord as our foundation, I know we can meet whatever comes with grace and love, compassion and wisdom. The Holy Spirit walks beside us and with us. I will be praying for yinz this new year. I look forward to hearing the stories of God's blessing on your life as we encounter the Lord in 2020.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

# Trinity Happenings

## Warm Hearts, Warm Coats Drive a Success!

*(by Jane Pogue)*

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our church family, we met and surpassed our coat donation goal of 50 coats! Thank you all so very much.

Don't forget, we will still be collecting coats through January 19, 2020. You have all made someone's winter a little warmer!

## The Nose Knows

It is cold and flu season, and even if you don't catch one of these viruses, the frigid temperatures alone cause many a nose to run.

This month we are helping our neighbors by collecting boxes of facial tissue for the Trafford-Level Green food bank. Donated items are due by Sunday, January 12. Place boxes of facial tissue in the food bank box located in the overflow area. If you want to contribute but are unable to shop, place a monetary donation in the offering plate (marked "food bank") and Linda Yocum will take care of the shopping for you!

## Altar Flowers

The altar flower calendar for 2020 is in the vestibule. Prices remain the same as last year—\$25 for the pair of vases or \$12.50 for one vase. There are numerous open Sundays for the year, so if you would like to honor a friend, remember a loved one, celebrate a birthday—sign up now, before your preferred Sunday is taken.

### Open Sundays

January 12, 26

February 2, 9 and 23

March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

April 5, 12, 19, 26

May 3, 31

June 21, 28

July 5, 19, 26

August 2, 9, 16, 30

September 6, 13

October 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 29

December 6, 13, 20, 27





Thank you to all members who took time out of their very busy schedules to visit with our extended church family. Cards and poinsettias were delivered, and our extended family wishes all of you a very happy

## **Spaghetti Dinner**

Come and invite your friends to the Spaghetti Dinner to be held in Trinity's social hall on Saturday, January 25 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy warm fellowship on a chilly January day and tasty pasta, sauce, meatballs, bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under.

## **A Word from Our Extended Family**

*(by Jane Pogue)*

As far as changes go, we have two members who have changed "residences." Jean Swick has returned home from her rehab stint, and was able to be in church. We are so glad to see her up and about, and looking so well!

Jan Keefer is now at Woodhaven Care Center in Monroeville recovering from an infection; she is receiving rehab also. Best wishes to Jan for a very speedy recovery.

holiday season and a blessed New Year.

Sadly, we want to extend our deepest sympathies to Love Ruffner and George Silowash on the passing of Bill Ruffner in December. He was a kind, classy man who always had a nice word for everyone. He will be missed. Please keep Love and her family in your prayers.

## **Church Nursery**

A big "thank you" to all of our wonderful members who staff our church nursery. Thank you, also, to those who are willing to fill in at the last minute when the scheduled person is unavailable.

We are always looking for volunteers to serve in our nursery. The more help we get, the less often your service will be needed. If you are interested, please contact Jane Pogue at 724.864.2858.

## Helping Hands for Trinity

*(by Thelma Johnson)*

Our December Christmas luncheon was hosted by the Traveling Tea Party. The table was set with linens, china, candles and flowers; it was beautiful. The lunch and dessert were delicious.

Seven members and one guest attended our annual celebration. Pastor Justin gave the blessing. We signed Christmas cards for the shut-ins and for in those in nursing homes. We also collected a white gift which we gave to Pastor Justin to use for persons needing help. Beverly Piper presented the program, "The Message of Christ"—a good selection.

Helping Hands would like to thank Beverly and Carol Piper for the wonderful table setting and food service.

We will not have a meeting in January; our February meeting will depend on the weather. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year in 2020.

## Financial Statements

*(by Jane Pogue)*

Your 2019 financial statement will be available in the vestibule on January 12, 2020. Statements that haven't been picked up by January 26 will be mailed. If you need your statement sooner, please let me know (724.864.2858).

As a reminder, the Western PA Conference treasurer's interpretation of the federal tax law is that any donation in which you receive something in return (such as altar flowers) cannot be claimed as a deduction on your income tax. If you donated to the pastor's gift, that cannot be claimed either since it is a gift.

Please speak with your financial advisor or accountant if you have any questions about tax laws, tax deductions or charitable contributions.

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## Trinity Leaders

Please thank the following people who have volunteered their time and talents to act as church leaders in 2020. Also thank those people who have agreed to assist these leaders with work in the church. Keep them in your prayers throughout the year.



- Eileen Bentley: Worship (asst.)
- Jim Bentley: Trustee
- Mary Ann Casper: Lay Leadership Comm.
- Lori Dorko: Lay Leadership Comm., SPRC
- Jan Keefer: Church Council, Lay Leadership Comm.
- Matt Knopf: SPRC
- Bob Lovre: Trustee
- Becky Mallik: Worship (asst.)
- Larry Mallik: Trustee
- Kris Peters: Church Council, Trustee
- Beverly Piper: Camping Coordinator, Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, SPRC Chair, Sunday School Superintendent (acting)
- Donna Piper: Helping Hands President, Prayer Chain Coordinator
- Jane Pogue: Care Corps Chair, Finance Secretary, Nursery Coordinator, SPRC

- Donna Race: Nursery Coordinator, Purchasing Agent, Worship Chair
- Les Race: Finance Chair
- Jeanne Ruccio: Church Council, SPRC
- Noell Stultz: SPRC
- Bill Vowler: Trustee
- Joan Vowler: Church Council
- Linda Yocum: Membership Secretary, Missions Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer

## Ad-Council Meetings

Being part of a two-point charge means flexibility and a willingness to adapt. In February 2020, Trinity's Ad-Council will begin meeting on the second Tuesday of the month rather than the third Tuesday. This change solves a scheduling conflict at Manor First and will allow their board to meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Trinity's board is pleased to help Manor First by making this scheduling change. So Trinity leaders, expect to see minutes and reminders a little sooner each month.

# Joys & Concerns

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

## Pray for

Elaine Abrams (Jane Pogue's friend)  
JoAnn Booher  
Kathy Ebner  
Beverly Frank (Beverly Piper's friend)  
Jan Keefer  
Kevin Knopf  
Family of Bill Ruffner  
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)  
Peggy Whitfield  
Dorothy Yocum

## Conference Event

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Worship Service**

January 19, 2020 at 3 p.m.

Garden City UMC  
500 Laurel Drive  
Monroeville PA 15146

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

## January Anniversaries

5<sup>th</sup> Harry and Margie Little

## January Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Kayla Eiseman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Chiappetta, Eric Zigarovich,  
Josh Keefer  
4<sup>th</sup> Sebastian Silowash  
8<sup>th</sup> Sophia Grace Kalanja  
10<sup>th</sup> Erin Kennison  
11<sup>th</sup> Marlene VanRyn  
12<sup>th</sup> Brett Lloyd  
18<sup>th</sup> Donna Race  
23<sup>rd</sup> Aiden Johnson  
25<sup>th</sup> Scott Ebner  
26<sup>th</sup> Drew Dulemba, Jeff Johnson  
27<sup>th</sup> Art Loutsenhizer III  
28<sup>th</sup> Gina Lloyd  
30<sup>th</sup> Elijah Judy, Chris Kerrigan

## January Schedules

### Greeters

5<sup>th</sup> Cliff and Evelyn Felmlee  
12<sup>th</sup> Matt Knopf  
19<sup>th</sup> Les and Donna Race  
26<sup>th</sup> Larry and Becky Mallik

### Liturgists

5<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue  
12<sup>th</sup> Bob Lovre  
19<sup>th</sup> Roger VanRyn  
26<sup>th</sup> Lori Dorko

### Nursery

5<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue and Joan Vowler  
12<sup>th</sup> April Beam and Stephanie Judy  
19<sup>th</sup> Noell Stultz and Donna Race  
26<sup>th</sup> Beverly Beam and Cindy Graw

### Altar Flowers

5<sup>th</sup> Paul and Joanne Ondulich  
12<sup>th</sup> open  
19<sup>th</sup> Matt Knopf  
26<sup>th</sup> open

# January Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
			<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> (office closed)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens
<b>5</b> <i>Epiphany Sunday</i> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion	<b>6</b> 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>10</b> 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Healing Service <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>13</b> 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	<b>16</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>17</b> 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Human Relations Day</i>	<b>20</b> 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends <i>Martin Luther King Jr. birthday, observed</i>	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council	<b>22</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>23</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>24</b> 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	<b>25</b> 4:30-7:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
<b>26</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>27</b> 1-2 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>31</b> 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	<b>1</b>

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## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the  
February 2020  
issue of the  
newsletter are due  
Wednesday,  
January 15, 2020.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

