



Dear Sisters and Brothers
in Christ,

The pandemic is a long road to travel. I am blessed that we travel it together. We pray for one another, check in on each other, worship together, and trust in the Lord every step of the way.

We have great need to trust in God during this time. God is one of the parts of our lives that we can count on. So much has

changed over the past month and things are changing again. We are now beginning to implement a plan to reopen. While we are very excited at the prospect of worshipping in our building, we still must be very cautious about one another's health and safety.

The trustees and council met in May and wrote a plan to move our worship venue back to the church building. We have been in much prayer over this plan and are working to follow the guidelines from the Western PA Conference and the CDC as closely as we can.

Before we open, the trustees will clean and sanitize the building with CDC approved cleaners. Each surface we come in contact with will have been disinfected. After we open, each space that was used will be cleaned again, and the building will be used only for worship and the two AA groups that meet at the church. Access will be restricted to the lower level and the office spaces. If you need something from another part of the church please contact the office. We will make every effort to avoid COVID-19 contamination in our building.

When we do return, masks will be required by all, along with maintaining social distancing with those outside your family unit. There will be a sign-in sheet we must all sign when entering the building. This will serve two purposes. First, you will confirm you have checked your temperature at home and are healthy to the best of your knowledge. We may be taking temperatures at the door to confirm no one's temperature is 100.4°F or higher. Second, if someone becomes symptomatic, we can track exposures and contact those people as soon as possible.

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Trinity Happenings



Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

Ora Mae Lovre is our Senior in the Spotlight this month. She was born in 1930 in Murrysville, PA and she had four siblings. At the age of 13, Ora Mae moved to McKeesport. She attended Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, received her BSN from the University of Pittsburgh in 1969 and spent many, many years as a very dedicated OR nurse.

Ora Mae met her husband, Bob, at the McBride Theater during “date night!” Bob was drafted and fought in WW II in Europe. In 1951 Bob and Ora married and in 1953 became church members. They had three children, Robert Jr., Joanne and Matthew, all of whom were baptized at Trinity. Bob passed away at the age of 70. Ora Mae misses him terribly, but she has been

blessed with four beautiful grandchildren who have made Grandma so proud and thankful every day.

At the age of 90 Ora Mae is thankful and humbled by God’s goodness. She has a loyal Christian family and many friends from whom she has learned much. She loves reading, especially her Bible, and her favorite hymn is “Standing on the Promises.” Her favorite season is spring when she can sit outside on her porch and look at her garden, flowers and the birds. She likes quick naps and cooking shows, and she dislikes early rising, cold weather, and phone solicitors!

Finally, Ora Mae wants you to know she loves Norman Rockwell, deep laughter, happy tears, and shared joys. She has been an amazing blessing to our church and a great friend to us all.

2020 Graduates

(by Jane Pogue)

We have two college graduates this year: Mattie Fanty and Tim Johnson. As your church family, we have watched you grow and blossom, and we are so excited for you as you start this next journey in your lives.

Here are updates on Tim and Mattie!

Tim has been attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he majored in Management Information Systems. While going to school, Tim worked at Lowe’s Home Improvement store in Monroeville, and also obtained an internship with Duquesne Light. At this time he has been offered a full time opportunity at Duquesne Light. Congratulations, Tim, and may God continue to guide you always.

Mattie attended the University of Pittsburgh, main campus, where she majored in Exercise Science. She has graduated, but still has to take her state boards. So hopefully, at the end of August, Mattie will be a certified exercise physiologist, and then will start job hunting! We are sure, Mattie, you will pass those boards, and we know of several people who would love to be your clients!

This year has been far from normal for many activities. We feel bad for those who missed out on so many “right of passages” and want you to know how proud we are of you. We are proud of your families too, who have helped mold you into the fine young adults you have become.

Pastor’s Letter

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To help facilitate the cleaning process we will be meeting in the social hall until further notice. This will allow the space to be cleaned more easily and with more confidence. We realize the social hall is not easy to get into for everyone and are preparing the former preschool room to be an extension of the worship space.

Music will be a part of our worship together, but singing may have to wait a little longer. It is shown to spread the virus further than six feet. We will be having communion with the use of individual (“to-go”) communion elements.

The other question that is probably on all your minds is, “When?” To help the trustees have plenty of time to prepare the building, the earliest we are going to meet is June 7. But that will only be if we are in Governor Wolf’s “green” phase. If we are still “yellow” by June 7 then we will have to wait.



Although we will be able to worship together again soon, it will not be “normal,” but it will be worship that, I believe, will be pleasing to God and safe for all those who will join us. If you still do not feel comfortable with coming, we are trying to maintain a continued ZOOM presence.

One challenge we face during this time is that information can change rapidly and unexpectedly. Amidst any changes, I promise you, I will continue to love and care for each of you, and God is holding our hands. We are doing everything we can to provide a safe place to worship our Lord Jesus with one another.

I am so happy and blessed to be a part of this congregation. All of you show a tremendous love and concern for the Lord and each other. We may be able to enter the building soon, but that doesn’t mean worship is beginning again. It just means we are changing the venue once again. Our worship has not ceased this entire pandemic, nor will it cease. This is a church that knows how to praise, trust, and hope in Jesus. I thank you for all you have done and will continue to do.

PTL,
Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity in Action

(by Beverly Piper)

The word went out that the local food bank could use some additional help right now and our church family responded! We have received \$920 in donations! I could say I am surprised and amazed at the response, but I am not. It is how our church family always responds, with generosity, motivated by the love of Christ.

Shoppers Needed

In addition to monetary donations, food bank director, Mrs. Betty Capets, needed help shopping for groceries. As we all know, some items are difficult to find and many can only be purchased in limited quantities. This makes shopping a challenge. So some of our church members volunteered to shop for groceries.

I'd like to thank Stephanie Judy, Carol Piper, Jane Pogue, and Jeanne and John Ruccio for shopping and delivering the food to the food bank for the May distribution. Each shopper was given a list of requested items and funds from our church and off we went! Thanks to Jane for delivering the money and lists to us shoppers!—I can tell you, you get some odd looks from other people when you have 20 boxes of cereal in your shopping cart!

Our team of shoppers is committed to shop each month for as long as we are needed. If you are interested in being a shopper, contact Beverly Piper or Jane Pogue.

Food Insecurity

We are experiencing extraordinary times—uncertain, challenging, life-changing. We find ourselves in situations we have never had to cope with before. One of those situations, because of job loss or fewer

working hours, is the possibility of needing help with food. If you need this help, do not be reluctant to accept it. We all need help in some way. If you need food, please contact Pastor Justin or Beverly Piper. We will connect you with the food bank. If you do not want to pick up the food because of safety concerns for your family, we can arrange to deliver it to you. You might need just one month of food help or you may need several. Just remember, when you are back on your feet again, you can donate to the food bank to help others!

Mrs. Capets extends her sincere thanks and appreciation for our help. Our church family has faithfully supported the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank with donations for many years. We are glad to respond to this special need and to continue supporting the food bank through food drives, shopping and monetary donations.

Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank

(by Beverly Piper)

The food bank is an impressive operation. Betty Capets has been volunteering at the food bank for 12 years and has been the director for five years. She spends three or four days a week there organizing food, plus shopping time. She says that she enjoys it and is glad she can do this to help others. It's really a full time job!

Mrs. Capets has a few dedicated volunteers who help her shop and organize the food. Large quantities of individually wrapped items are separated for distribution. Food is organized and shelved as it comes in during the month. In addition to staple food items

and paper goods, Mrs. Capets tries to give something “special” each month, like pancake mix and syrup.

The food bank currently distributes food to 54 recipients (individuals and families with multiple members) on the third Thursday of every month. Mrs. Capets expects the number of food bank recipients to increase this summer, and she would like to be able to make an additional, smaller distribution each month.

The food bank is dependent entirely upon donations and receives no governmental support. In addition to Trinity, other local churches and organizations donate money and food to the food bank.

No one in our community should go hungry when we have the resources to help. Praise God from whom all blessing flow!



After Trinity shoppers delivered the food they had purchased Beverly helped Mrs. Capets unpack and store it on the shelves along with items donated to and/or purchased for the food bank.



As you can see, the food bank was well-stocked for May, but shelves are empty after each distribution. The food bank gives out more than 400 cans of vegetables every month.

New Kinds of Connections

(by Stephanie Judy)

Staying at home, away from friends, is the polar opposite of how most kids are accustomed to spending their lives. Schools are closed. Churches are closed. Libraries are closed. Playgrounds are closed. Sports are canceled. Play dates are a no-go. For some, even visiting grandparents and cousins is impossible.

What is there to do?

Someone on Facebook wrote that “Although we are in the same storm, we are not in the same boat.” Some parents are overwhelmed as suddenly they have no choice but to continue working and begin homeschooling their children. Often without even the usual support they had received from people who have found themselves in the “at-risk,” most vulnerable age group. My “ship” though

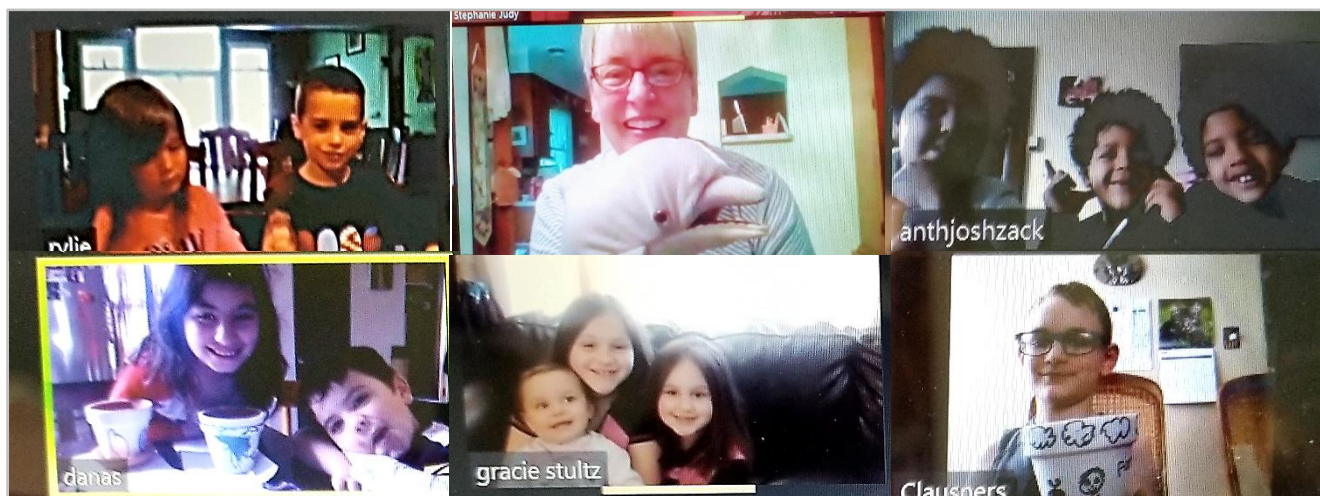
has brought me mostly empty hours to fill, loneliness, boredom and feelings of purposelessness as I adapt to having no full time job as a nanny.

Then Beverly Piper suggested running Sunday School on Zoom. Maybe even another time when we can just get together to sing, hang out and craft.

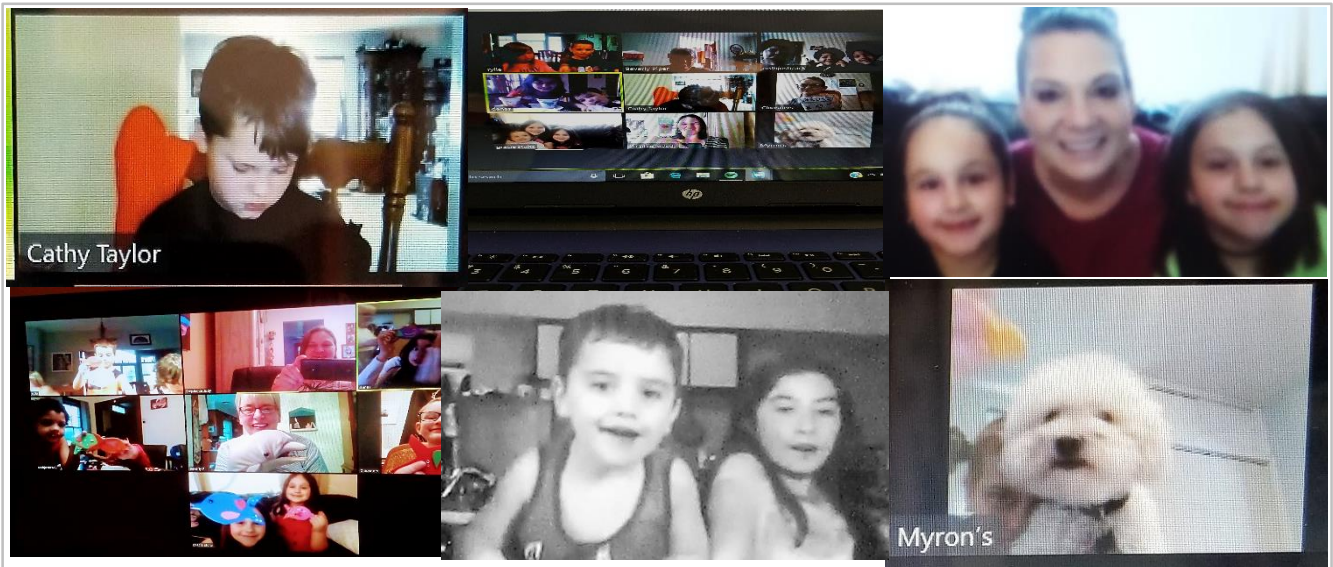
God answered a need in my life. I thank Him, and Bev, the kids that join us and the grownups at home helping them!

I wanted to share some the beautiful faces that brighten two hours of my life each week and give me something to do. Happy kids. Smiles, Fun. Love. Joy. Some togetherness even when we have to be apart. Those things have been hard to find and I am so thankful to have had these opportunities. Thanks all!

Zoom Sunday School/Zoom Crafts and Singing



Zoom provides video and audio conferencing across a variety of devices. Participants can see each other, so it is almost like being together. Thanks to Miss Beverly and Miss Stephanie for the pictures. Top row: Rylie and Gavin; Miss Beverly; Anthony, Zack and Josh. Bottom row: Lily and Dante; Giovanna, Gracie and Gloria; and Drake.



Top row: Dominic; Miss Stephanie; Gloria, Miss Noell, and Gracie. Bottom row: Drake; Dante and Lily; and Myron and friend.

Below: Zack, Anthony and Josh (top); and Gavin and Haidynn (bottom).



Sheltering in Love

Since the start of the coronavirus outbreak, UMCOR has been working with spiritual leaders and professionals in the medical fields to prevent the spread of this disease.

The non-profit organization recently created a new UMCOR COVID-19 Response fund so that Methodist partners around the world can assist vulnerable populations. Grant money from the UMCOR COVID-19 Response fund will be used to address health concerns, food insecurity, water and hygiene limitations and other pressing needs.

Prayerfully consider making a donation to this effort. You may include it in your offering envelope or in a separate envelope marked UMCOR COVID-19. Trinity will send the funds to UMCOR at the end of each month.

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)
Jane Brammel family (Patty Race
Brammel's mother-in-law)
Jess Clausner
Nancy Hags family (sister to coworker of
Linda Yocum)
Jan Keefer
Kevin Knopf
Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)
David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield's brother)
Peggy Whitfield
Loretta Yobst (Danielle Mallik's
grandmother)
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. Contact Jane Pogue to request a shawl or blanket.

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

June Birthdays

2nd Nick Mallik
3rd Josh Ruccio, Nate Ruccio
7th JoAnn Booher
8th Kevin Beam
9th Tim Johnson
16th Crystal Loutsenhizer
17th Jerry Breakey
19th Mary Lou Booher, John Scott, Jr.
20th Sandy Chiappetta, Amelia Scott
22nd Dana Venturo, Jerry Williams
24th Heather Conlogue, Stephanie Jones
27th Ed Aubele
30th Judy Mason, Lily Venturo

June Anniversaries

17th Bob and Sandy Chiappetta
18th Steve and Lori Dorko
20th Justin and Stephanie Judy
21st Jay and Vicki Stokes
24th Kevin and Megan Beam
27th George and Julie Silowash

Mother's Day and Father's Day Tributes

(by Jane Pogue)

Every year I give our mothers a flower in memory of my mom, Velma Pogue, who was my inspiration. I hope all of our mothers received a baby geranium as a token of our appreciation for all you do for your families. Especially now when you are trying to work from home, home school your children, and still continue being

Mom with cooking, cleaning, washing, etc. You are truly heroes in our eyes.

Likewise, I give a token gift to our fathers for Father's Day in memory of my dad, Bob Pogue, who also meant the world to me. Hopefully, circumstances will be a little different this year and we can honor our fathers at church. You also have been warriors in trying to keep your families and your lifestyles as normal as possible. Thank you for all you do, and please know we appreciate you with all our hearts.

June Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
31 12 a.m. Sunday School, Senior High Class (Zoom) 10 a.m. Sunday School, Elementary Class (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship (Zoom) <i>Pentecost</i> Scrip Order Day	1	2	3 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom) (tentative)	4	5	6
7 10 a.m. Summer Sunday School (tentative) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion/Graduate Recognition <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i>	8	9 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting (Zoom)	10 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom) (tentative)	11	12	13
14 10 a.m. Summer Sunday School (tentative) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Healing Service Scrip Order Day	15	16	17 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom) (tentative) Tempo Deadline	18	19	20
21 10 a.m. Summer Sunday School (tentative) 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Trinity Sunday</i> Father's Day	22	23	24 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom) (tentative)	25	26	27
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Note: Worship will take place in the Social Hall once Westmoreland Country has entered the green phase of reopening. Until then, Trinity will continue to use Zoom for worship services.

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the July issue of the newsletter are due Wednesday, June 17, 2020.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

June Updates

Nursery and Greeters

Based on reopening criteria from the CDC and recommendations from the Western PA Conference, Trinity will not have greeters or staff a nursery during June.

June Liturgists

June 7 Sandy Chiappetta

June 14 Joanne Ondulich

June 21 Beverly Piper

June 28 Stephanie Judy

Scrip Program

Trinity will maintain the regular ordering schedule for gift cards as listed on the June calendar. Place your orders by the 5 p.m. deadline 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 Yocum (412.372.6808) or the church office (412.373.0835) for details.