



Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

Trinity is in the middle of a Bible study on the Book of Acts. As many know, Acts is the story of the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection and the spread of the Gospel message into all the world. Its early chapters give us a peek into the life of the early church and show us its core beliefs, how those beliefs were lived out, and the results of living them out.

After Jesus ascended into heaven his followers knew his story was not over. The first thing they did was gather together and pray (1:14). Through the prayer they were led to reorganize and worked to recruit another disciple while trusting on the Holy Spirit (1:26). Again, gathered together and praying, the Holy Spirit came upon them as tongues of fire and equipped them for the ministry ahead; going into all the land preaching and teaching the Gospel (2:1-41). Verse 42 gives us their core actions. These helped to define themselves as a community of believers to the rest of the world. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers." Focusing on these aspects of life together led them to love one another by providing for each other's needs (2:43-47). This resulted in a difficult life for them on one hand (5:39b-41) and, on the other hand, a renewed boldness to trust in Jesus and keep living the Gospel that had brought them through so much (4:23-31).

I have been thinking about the early church for the past month now. Their faith and the way they lived it out has been a challenge for me in the midst of our pandemic situation. We are not experiencing persecution in the way the church of Acts was, but we are being pushed to define what church is. It is not easily defined as "that place we go to worship on Sunday morning" anymore. But yet I have had the pleasure of seeing Trinity still being the church for one another during this past month. The early church focused on attending to "teaching and fellowship, to breaking of bread and prayers." We can and have been doing the same during this time. Many have continued to learn about the Lord through devotions and listening to

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Trinity Happenings

Summer Sermon Series



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Each of us has personal struggles, issues and concerns in our own lives that the Word of God has something to say about. This summer, Pastor Justin will preach from the Word of God based on your concerns, be they personal, cultural, national or international.

So, what topic or scripture would you like to hear about? There is no limit to the number of suggestions you can make. To submit an idea or a topic, contact Pastor Justin by mail, phone or email.

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Pastor Justin will go through your suggestions and prayerfully choose topics for the summer. A summer preaching schedule will be posted in the church and in the newsletter so you are aware of upcoming sermon topics.

Birthday Food Drive

Longtime Trafford resident Betty Buchin turns 90 in early May. She had planned to celebrate her birthday with a party at the Manchester Room. Guests were being asked to bring items for the local food bank in lieu of gifts.

In her honor Trinity will collect paper products and nonperishable food items

for the Trafford Level Green Christian Food Bank.

A collection box will be in the vestibule throughout May. You may drop off items during church office hours (Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. from 2-5 p.m.) or make a monetary donation. Be sure to note “food bank” on your envelope or the memo line of your check.

2020 Graduates

We are looking for people in our congregation who are graduating from high school, college or trade school. If you are aware of anyone, please contact the church office at 412.373.0835.

Helping Hands for Trinity

The group’s next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 12. The women of Helping Hands have canceled the meeting, and the group is on hiatus until the fall. Stay safe, everyone, and enjoy your summer.



exciting activity. Each session will consist of a brief devotion, suggested artwork, which will be provided, and journaling. Throughout the evening we will explore different mediums including colored pencils, watercolors, stamping, stickers and markers.

We will meet the third Friday of each month, beginning (hopefully) May 15, 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!

Bible Journaling

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

Bible journaling is the ultimate inclusive activity. You do not need to be an artist or crafter. You can use a Bible you already have, journal in a separate notebook or 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 or the young-at-heart, has an opportunity to explore this

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online teachers, we have been fellowshiping and keeping in touch with one another, and the prayers have never ceased. (I will admit eating together has been a smidge difficult.) I hope that we continue to be the church during this time. That we share with each we encounter the hope that the presence of the Holy Spirit has given us. In so doing we worship the Lord wherever we may be.

Thank you, Lord, for your love and the love of your church.

PTL,
Pastor Justin Judy

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)
Kevin Knopf
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. Contact Jane Pogue to request a shawl or blanket.

Easter Flowers

Trinity held its Easter service via Zoom this year. Although we could not be together in the same building, our spirits joined in worship and celebration of the Risen Christ. Trinity usually decorates the sanctuary Easter Sunday with spring flowering plants as part of the celebration. Below are those who ordered plants in memory or honor of someone.

Cindy and John Graw: in honor of family and in memory of Lou Graw and Duane Booher

Larry and Becky Mallik: in memory of

Charles & Patty McBeth and Larry Mallik

Kris Peters: in honor of Sammy and Laney and in memory of Joan Hess

Jane Pogue: in memory of Velma, Bob and Jim Pogue

Yocum Family: in memory of Bill Yocum

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

May Birthdays

2nd Louise Redinger
5th Jenna Nigro
6th Josie Nigro, Shawn Sciotti
9th Mary Thornton, Darlene Williams
11th Jane Pogue
13th David Bash
15th Amy Keefer, Harry Little, Pat Puckey, Robert Conlogue
16th Nancy Harris
17th Lexi Fanty

19th Richard Yocum
20th Ora Mae Lovre, Gracie Stultz
23rd Lou Booher, Jill Miller, Aless Hanna
24th Megan Beam
27th Zack Keefer
28th Evelyn Felmlee, Anne Robinson
29th John Graw
30th Alex Silowash, Roberta Cuttler, Nicole Vinsek
31st Les Race

May Anniversaries

6th Alan and Sandy Yamamoto
17th Cliff and Evelyn Felmlee
18th Nick and Danielle Mallik

May Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
26 10 a.m. Sunday School, Elementary Class (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship (Zoom)	27	28	29 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom)	30	1	2
3 10 a.m. Sunday School, Elementary Class (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship (Zoom) <i>Golden Cross Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day	4	5	6 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom)	7	8	9
10 10 a.m. Sunday School, Elementary Class (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship (Zoom) <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting (Zoom)	13 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom)	14	15 7 p.m. Bible Journaling Tempo Deadline	16
17 10 a.m. Sunday School, Elementary Class (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship (Zoom) Scrip Order Day	18	19	20 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom)	21	22 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	23
24 10 a.m. Sunday School, Elementary Class (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship (Zoom)	25 Memorial Day (office closed)	26	27 6:30 p.m. Children's Singing and Crafts Night (Zoom)	28	29 7:30 p.m. Crafts & Games Night	30
31 10 a.m. Sunday School, Elementary Class (Zoom) 11:15 a.m. Worship (Zoom) <i>Pentecost</i> Scrip Order Day	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the June issue of the newsletter are due Friday, May 15, 2020.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

May Updates

Activities

All scheduled activities are subject to cancelation or change based on federal/state government directives and the current pandemic conditions.

Visit the church website at

www.tumctrtrafford.org frequently for updates.

Scrip Program

Trinity will maintain the regular ordering schedule for gift cards as listed on the May calendar. Be sure to place your orders by the 5 p.m. deadline on Sundays 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.