



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus,

This year has been full of surprises. Not all of the surprises have been all that great. But I will say that I am in awe over the leaves this fall. This has been one of the most beautiful falls I have seen in a long time. Especially with all that is happening, it is a wonderful thing to go out on the front porch with a warm beverage, look at the variety and vibrancy

of the leaves, and pray to the Lord for all that is going on in our lives.

I had shared in September that Trinity church held a planning meeting to discuss our goals for 2021. With lots of prayer we are going to continue focusing on dismantling racism and exploring what our social media presence will look like next year.

Just last week we met in order to look more closely at what steps we are going to take to address the still present sin of racism within our community. (I know I have written about this before.) Over the course of that meeting I was reminded of a truth that keeps popping up when talking about racism: it is a difficult conversation.

It is difficult because it affects all the lives in our culture. There is not one person's life that isn't affected by racism in one way or another, either in a way that adds privileges to certain lives or denies those privileges from others. This sometimes can be difficult to admit and also very difficult to know how to address.

The other reason I found the conversation so difficult is I am always seeing how I need more education on the matter. In some conversations I don't always know when I have said the right thing or the wrong thing. This has been one of those times. I share this with you because I don't think I am the only one who feels lost sometimes when it comes to addressing racism.

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Trinity Happenings



Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

Our senior for the month of November is Donald Guyaux (pronounced Ghee-O)! Don has been attending our church much longer than many of us realized. When Pastor Jerry was still at our church, Don started coming to the Easter Sunrise Service (we were one of the few churches in the area that had one). He then began coming to our many events such as dinners, breakfasts, teas, etc. Lucky for us, he and his girlfriend, Mary, have continued coming to our events and worship services.

It was so great getting to know Donald this week. He was born in Cuddy, PA in 1938 and attended South Fayette High School. After graduation he attended Penn State for

a year. He left there and went to work in the mill. Eventually Don went back and got his Auto & Homeowners Insurance degree and started working for Prudential Insurance Company.

He worked at American SteelBand in Carnegie as a Time Keeper. He also worked in Pickle Seniority at J&L Steel where he used acids to clean steel. Don worked at the mill and Prudential Insurance at the same time. He retired from the mill in 1992 and from Prudential after 10 years of service.

Donald met his first wife, Catherine, in 1954 and was married in 1957 at the age of 19. They had two children: Donna who died shortly after birth and Beverly who lives in Tennessee.

Don and Catherine divorced and he met Rosella who he was married to for 37 years. They had four children. His third marriage was to Janet and they were married for four years. He eventually met Mary when she came to deliver food to the Hawthorne Apartments and they have been dating for six years.

Donald was baptized Catholic and eventually converted to Methodist. He attended McMasters Church in Turtle Creek and a small Methodist church in Geneva, near Conneaut Lake. He and Mary attend both Trinity and McMasters every week! He told me Mary likes our church better because it's so friendly!

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Sermons Available on YouTube

(by Matthew Knopf)

We now have video recordings of our sermons on YouTube. You can find our YouTube channel by going to <http://tinyurl.com/tumctube> or searching “TUMCTrafford” on YouTube. The videos take a little longer to edit, so they are usually posted on Monday or Tuesday. I will still be posting audio recordings to the sermon archive on our church website. They can be found at http://www.tumctrafford.org/?page_id=89. The audio recordings are usually posted Sunday or Monday.

Blessing of the Pets

(by Jane Pogue)

On Sunday, October 11, 2020 our church had its annual “Blessing of the Pets.” Some pets were blessed during the eleven o’clock worship service and others that evening by Pastor Justin at the church. There was a variety of cats and dogs, and all pets were welcome! Everyone appreciated the time Justin spent to bless God’s furry little creatures that we love so much!

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

Trinity will once again collect coats for this annual outreach program in conjunction with Burlington. We are still waiting on details from Burlington and will keep you informed as to how and when we will collect the coats. If you have questions or want to know more, contact Jane Pogue.

Special Sundays

Youth Service Fund

We celebrate Youth Service Fund on November 8. Your gifts to this Conference-wide special offering support youth missions and youth programs across the Conference and the world.

UM Student Day

The Church celebrates United Methodist Student Day on Sunday, November 29. Your gifts (envelope enclosed) for this special offering provide more than 70 scholarships for United Methodist Students seeking to further their education.



Colleen DiVito brought her beautiful pups Simon and Roscoe to the Blessing of the Pets held at Trinity.

Christmas Candy Fundraiser

If you didn't get a chance to place an order, or forgot to include something on your order, there is still time to get that candy from Sarris!

You can purchase candy directly from the company through its online fundraising. Go to SarrisCandiesFundraising.com.

- Click on **Online Ordering**.
- Enter the Group ID # **10-0582**.
- Start shopping.

Every online purchase you make earns 25% profit for Trinity. Orders ship directly to you for free; no minimum purchase is needed. You can order online through December 21.

Altar Flowers

The 2021 altar flowers calendar is in the vestibule and ready for you to reserve dates. The cost of the flowers remains the same, \$25 for two vase arrangements. To reserve a date record the information on the calendar in the vestibule or send your request in writing to the church office:

- By mail to 407 Duquesne Ave, Trafford PA 15085

- By email to office@tumctrafford.org
- By text to Linda Yocum at 412.952.7848

Please put your request in writing (no phone calls). If sending the information by mail, email or text, include the date, name of the person giving the flowers, and the name of the person you are honoring or remembering.

Senior Spotlight

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Don was very active with his kids. He was a scout leader, baseball and basketball coach; even becoming treasurer of the organizations. He attended all their concerts, dinners, etc. and loved every minute of it. Personally, he loved to bowl, and bowled locally for many years. He enjoys attending local theaters, going out to dinner, and playing cards at the senior center when it is open.

It was so nice spending time with Donald and getting to know him better. Even though he is dealing with some health issues, it doesn't keep him down. Our prayers are with you, Donald, and we will support you in any way we can. Take care, and God bless!





Pastor's Letter

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The truth is, this is such a pervasive sin in the world that we need to learn how to deal with it in our own lives and also how to stand up for our sisters and brothers who are being marginalized because of skin color. I promise that I am going to keep learning, growing and asking questions. I pray that you will also take this journey with me. I believe that Trinity United Methodist Church is a safe place for all people to belong, and I want to continue to work and grow so that it remains that way in truth and love. To paraphrase a hymn, "And they will know you are Christian by your love." I hope for the day that we look at the congregation and community and see them as beautiful, colorful, and vibrant as the leaves on the trees this fall.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Charge Conference

This year, Charge Conference will be held Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m. and will take place concurrently at Manor First and on ZOOM. Everyone is welcome to attend and members of the board are encouraged to attend. If you cannot be there, but want to share information or have questions, speak with Pastor Justin.

Community

Thanksgiving Dinner

Trinity continues to take part in this annual event held by the Penn-Trafford Ministerium. Although there will be no service this year, Thanksgiving dinner will be "served" on Tuesday, November 24.

Level Green Presbyterian is hosting a drive-up dinner in the church parking lot from 6-7 p.m. People in the community simply drive up and they will be given Thanksgiving dinner in takeout containers, ready to take home and enjoy. If you are interested in helping, see Pastor Justin.

Community Fundraiser

The Trafford Library is ringing in the holiday season with a fundraiser; selling an assortment of holiday greenery in time for Christmas. Choose from wreaths, garland, centerpieces and door swags priced from \$20 to \$50.95. Orders are being accepted through November 6. Call the library (412.372.5115), Beverly Piper or Patty Aubele, or swing by the library for details!

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Elaine Abrams (Jane Pogue's friend)
Darlene and Chuck Bolena (Les and Donna Race's daughter and son-in-law)
Lou and JoAnn Booher
Carol Borland (Jane Pogue's friend)
Donald Guyaux
Rob Kalanja and family
Jan Keefer
Ed Keller (Donna Race's brother)
Norm Keller (Donna Race's brother)
Kris Peters
Carol Piper
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)
Family of Peggy Whitfield
David Yocum
Dorothy Yocum
Geri Zigarovich

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

Birthdays

2nd Joyce Rogers
7th George Silowash
8th Emma Chichilla, Riley McLaughlin
9th Joan Hartley
10th Paul Earl, Morgan Hainsey
13th Ron Hainsey
14th Thelma Johnson
16th Anna Kitchen, Elias Hanna
21st Dante Venturo
22nd Tom Fanty
24th Matt Johnson
30th Spencer Boehm

Anniversaries

19th Bill and Barb Messina
29th Ed and Patty Aubele,
David and Sandy Keller
30th Tom and Pat Puckey

November Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

November 1st, 15th and 29th

- 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

1st Paul and Joanne Ondulich
8th Grateful descendants
15th open
22nd Eileen Bentley
29th Marjorie Myers

If you would like to reserve a date for altar flowers, contact the church office. Open dates for the remainder of 2020 are:

- November 15
- December 6 and 13

November Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion Scrip Order Day <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time</i> <i>ends</i>	2 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday	3 7 p.m. Book Club <i>Election</i> <i>Day</i>	4 7 p.m. Gospel Discipleship Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Youth Service Fund</i> <i>Sunday</i>	9 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday	10 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	11 7 p.m. Gospel Discipleship Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study <i>Veteran's</i> <i>Day</i>	12	13	14
15 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	16 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 7 p.m. Charge Conference 10 p.m. Manna Monday	17	18 7 p.m. Gospel Discipleship Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline	19	20	21
22 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	23 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday	24	25 7 p.m. Gospel Discipleship Study	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>(office closed)</i> 	27	28
29 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 1st Sunday of Advent Scrip Order Day <i>UM Student Sunday</i>	30 7 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-13) 10 p.m. Manna Monday	1	2	3	4	5

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the December issue of the newsletter are due Wednesday, November 18, 2020.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Book Club

(by Justin Judy)

On Tuesday, November 3, I would like to invite you to an hour-long book discussion. I realize this is Election Day; that is why I am choosing a book that has a Christian and political lean to it. It is called, *Virus as a Summons to Faith* by Walter Brueggemann.

After reading it we will have opportunity to discuss how Christianity has shaped or should shape the politics of today. You are welcome to agree or disagree with the author. I am eager to talk about how you feel. Again, the book study will be on Tuesday, November 3 at 7 p.m. We will meet on ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 870 4875 2328

Passcode: 015293