



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I write this letter on January 20th. I have just finished watching the inauguration of our new president and vice president. It was different in many ways from other inaugurations I have seen. The physical absence of the people and the increased military presence were the most striking. The speeches and the prayers leaned heavily toward working together and moving forward. Through the

whole thing I kept wondering how things will fare in the next four years.

To be honest, I didn't wonder about it for very long. My head started to ache as I kept coming up against the same answer over and over again, "I don't know." I tried to know. I tried hard to think of all the possibilities: things will be great, things will be worse off; COVID-19 goes away in a few months, it sticks around for longer than that; I get back in shape, I become even more out of shape. These are just a few of the possibilities that can happen in the coming years.

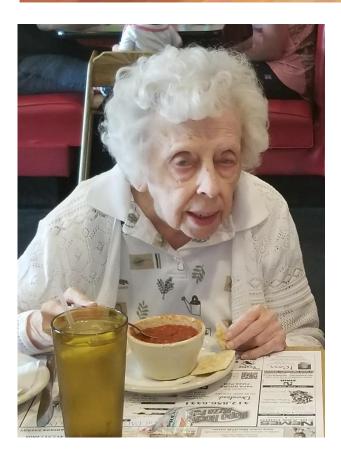
How many times have you wished you could take a quick peak at tomorrow? I often think, "just one glimpse," so that I am better prepared." But that is not how things work. I love Jesus' words when I find myself start to go down that rabbit hole trying to figure it all out.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:33-34)

Every time I read that text I have to chuckle. Why do I try to figure out tomorrow when today isn't even figured out yet? Looking at today also affords me the opportunity to see God acting

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Trinity Happenings



Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

Marilyn Joan Hartley, better known to us as Joan, is our Senior Valentine for February. Joan was born in Wilmerding on November 9, 1930. She then moved to Pitcairn, and eventually to the Trafford family home on Gilmore Avenue. She graduated from Trafford High School and attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) where she studied Home Economics. Right after graduation from IUP she got a teaching job and moved to New Brighton. She taught students from 7th grade through 12th grade for 35 years. What a wonderful career.

Joan was devoted to her family and drove home every weekend to help her dad take care of her mom who had health problems. After retirement, she moved permanently back to the Trafford homestead.

Joan had a great circle of friends and they did many things together. She played golf and cards, traveled all over including Hawaii, England, Scotland and Germany. Her hobbies were reading—there were always books being exchanged at the church—and sewing. She was a collector of dolls, dishes, figurines and more.

The Church was a big part of Joan's life. You may not know this, but Joan's grandfather, W. T. Hartley, was a minister as well as her brother, John. The family would travel to various churches to hear their grandfather preach. For as long as I can remember, Joan always had an active part in our church events. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, which later became Helping Hands for Trinity, and was president for many years. She was always helping with church dinners, lunches, church decorating and any other needs at the church. When I told her I was amazed at all she did, she commented, "You know they were always asking you to do something in the church!"

Joan eventually moved to Concordia of Monroeville where she presently resides. She is active there, participating in Bingo, Happy Hour and other social events.

Joan may be small, but she made sure you knew she was in charge! She keeps all of us in line, including Pastor Justin! She celebrated her 90th birthday this past November and is as smart as a whip. I only pray that I will be as sharp, spunky, generous, and fun as this wonderful lady. May God watch over her for many years to come.

Pinewood Derby

(by Beverly Piper)

Congratulations Gavin Dulemba and Drake Clausner! Both boys won trophies in their Cub Scout Pack's 2021 Pinewood Derby!

Gavin won his trophy in his age group, the Lions. He is the youngest in his group. Drake won second place in the Wolves/Bears race.

Derby cars must be built by the boys from one block of wood. Wheels come with a kit and the cars must weight 5 ounces or less. Drake and Gavin designed, helped cut and painted their cars. Gavin's car is red with yellow stripes. Drake's car is blue with green, yellow, purple and red markings. Both cars are colorful, creative and unique.

Drake and Gavin, you look very handsome in your uniforms, and the trophies are fabulous! We are proud of your hard work and proud you are members of the Cub Scouts of America.

Pastor's Letter

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in the here and now. Change is going to happen; there will be lots of opportunities for the church to proclaim Jesus' love in the midst of it. But there are many moments to proclaim Jesus' love now.

When we speak of God's activities in our lives today, we are easily reminded that God has tomorrow.

PTL, Pastor Justin Judy

Winter Blast Weekend!

Jumonville is holding Winter Blast for youth, ages 12-17, the weekend of February 17. Visit https://jumonville.org/event/winter-blast/ to register or call 724.439.4912 for more information.



Gavin (above) and Drake (below) display the trophies they won at the Cub Scout's 2021 Pinewood Derby.



Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele Lou and JoAnn Booher Donald Guyaux Shirley McCune (Jane Pogue's aunt) Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)

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

Birthdays

1st Becky Mallik

3rd Sandy Keller, Diane Kerrigan

6th Matt Lovre

10th Donna Piper

11th Ashley Kitchen

16th Roger VanRyn

27th Richard Allen Aglietti

29th Cliff Felmlee

Anniversaries

14th Kevin and Beverly Beam

19th Lou and JoAnn Booher

Altar Flowers

Many dates are still available on the 2021 altar flower calendar.

February 7, 14

March 7, 14 and 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

May 2, 9 and 23

June 20 and 27

July 4, 18 and 25

August 8

September 5, 12 and 26

October 17

November 7, 14 and 21

December 5, 12 and 26

The cost of the flowers is \$25 for the 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:

- 1. By mail to 407 Duquesne Ave, Trafford PA 15085
- 2. By email to office@tumctrafford.org
- 3. By text to Linda Yocum at 412.952.7848

Include the date, name of the person giving the flowers, and the name of the person being honored or remembered.

February Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

February 7 and 21

- 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

7th open

14th open

21st Lou and JoAnn Booher

28th Thelma Johnson and family

If you would like to reserve a date for altar flowers, contact the church office.

February Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
31 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15)	6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	2	3 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	4	5	6
7 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Scrip Order Day	8 6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	9 6:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Social Media Meeting	12	13
14 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Valentine's Day	6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up) Tempo Deadline President's Day	16	Ash Wednesday (service TBD)	18	19	20
21 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) 1st Sunday in Lent Scrip Order Day Disability Awareness	6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	23	24	25	26	27
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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the March issue of the newsletter are due Monday, February 15, 2021.



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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

We enter the season of Lent this month, and that means it is time for our annual Easter Candy Fundraiser. Order forms are available online at tumctrafford.org and through the church office. Orders are due in the church office by Sunday, February 28. Candy will be delivered to the church before Palm Sunday.

Online Ordering

You may also order candy online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com. Trinity earns 25% profit from all online orders.

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

Online orders will be shipped directly to your home; shipping and handling charges apply. Online ordering is open now through March 29, 2021.