

Trinity
April 2021

Tempo



A Word FROM THE Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The winter was all right this year. I loved the snowfall we received. It wasn't as frigid as it has been in years past, and playing in the snow and going sled riding was fun. Taking a couple of walks in the woods surrounded by a sea of white was very beautiful. Not needing to mow the grass is always a plus. But, I think the land has been sleeping long enough. I

am loving the fact that spring has come and the weather is warming up. Seeing the flowers bloom and trees bud makes my heart happy, and feeling the warmth on my skin is a delight. This is one of my favorite transitions of the year.

The timing of it all makes it a perfect season to celebrate Easter. April 4th we will be gathering together to witness and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Spiritually we have all come through Lent. A time of mourning our weaknesses and slip ups. A time of remembering how much we need Christ and how much we have failed without him. Easter Sunday puts that all behind us. The light of the living Son shines so brightly that it blots out our sins and reminds us that we live a forgiven life.

We, like the flowers following the path of the sun, are also on a journey following the path of God's Son. Because of Easter, we know that God's light through Jesus will always brighten our way. The path we find ourselves on may not be familiar or even easy all the time, but we know where to step and can keep putting one foot in front of the other. In doing this Jesus will lead us to others who need to feel that light upon their skin, others who need to know they are loved, precious, and desired by God.

I know that things are not "back to normal" and they may never be, but ***Jesus is risen!*** Whatever our surroundings look like, Jesus is there walking beside us and helping us move forward. This is indeed a reason to rejoice and praise God. As the weather warms, I pray our voices rise and sing to the Lord a new song: For Jesus is alive, ***Amen*** and ***Amen!***

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



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Caring for the Body, Mind and Spirit

Over the past year, multiple food drives and food giveaways have taken place to combat food insecurity and help our neighbors in Westmoreland County, and Trinity has been an active participant. Yet, people facing hardship often have many needs that go beyond food.

The YMCA of Greensburg is aware of these needs and helps support three local women's shelters. For the month of April, Trinity will partner with the YMCA of Greensburg to collect personal care items for adults and children. When you are doing your weekly shopping consider purchasing one or more of these items. (No baby supplies are needed at this time.)

Leave all items in their original packaging and drop them off in the church vestibule on Sundays or on weekdays at the church office during office hours. And if you are unable to shop right now, make a monetary donation to the church and Linda will do the shopping for you. Just remember to mark "personal care" on your envelope or on the memo line of your check.

Adult/Child Personal Care Items:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Hair brushes
- Mouthwash
- Lotion
- Hand sanitizer



Easter Egg Hunt

Trinity is holding its annual Egg Hunt this year under a different format. It will not be held at the church. Instead, the Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Greensburg YMCA pool—yes, you read that correctly—on Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m. Space is limited, so the event is open to Trinity’s Sunday school classes and guests (one guest per child). To register call or email the church office.

Trinity is accepting donations of candy and funds to offset the cost of the egg hunt. For more information contact Kris Peters at 724.493.8297 or Pastor Justin at 724.594.4073.

Native American Ministries Sunday

Sunday, April 18 is Native American Ministries Sunday. Your gifts on this day benefit outreach across the Conference and the United States by providing seminary scholarships for Native Americans. This support equips Native American pastors, seminary students and congregations to worship and service Christ in their

communities. To contribute to this special Sunday, use the envelope inserted in this issue of the *Tempo* and circle or check Native American Ministries.

iGive

Are you an online shopper? Do you want to help Trinity earn money while shopping online? When you become a member of iGive, you generate donations every time you shop online at the more than 2,000 stores. It costs nothing for you or the church; iGive is a free service to members and their causes.



Sign up by April 15, make your first purchase by May 1 and you will earn a \$5 bonus for Trinity. To learn more or to sign up now, use this link:

<https://www.iGive.com/ZRzUtyv>.

With Sympathy

(submitted by Sandy Yamamoto)
Agnes (Johnston) Muller passed away peacefully, at the age of 98 years old, on March 6, 2021, after a brief illness. She was the beloved sister



of the late Charles (Chuck) Johnston and cousin to the late Nancy Jean McLachlan, all of whom were raised in Trafford within the loving arms of the TUMC family.

Agnes was predeceased by her husband Donald, and leaves four children, ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. The remaining family appreciates your prayers as she joins the family that preceded her into heaven.

Drake and Lily “Top Dog” at School

(by Beverly Piper)

Exciting news! Drake and Lily were each chosen as “Top Dog” in their class at school! Lily and Drake are in the same class which makes it extra nice. Read on to find out what it means to be Top Dog.

Congratulations, Top Dog Drake!

Drake Clausner was chosen as Classroom Top Dog at Trafford Elementary School for the first week of March! Drake is in 2nd grade. His teacher, Mrs. Weismann, explained that all students get the opportunity to be selected by their classmates. It gives them a chance to get to know each other. It also includes special perks for the week including being teacher’s helper all week, a special show-and-tell day (Drake took Super Mario Legos), a free night from homework in the middle of the week and on the last day, Drake got to read a favorite book, *A Snowman for Little Bear*, to his class.

A poster was displayed in his classroom showing Drake’s favorite things. His favorite hobby is video games. When he grows up, Drake wants to be a cook! He got to display photographs of himself as a baby, with his cat, James, holding his trophy at the Pinewood Derby and a very special photo of Drake and his wonderful Poppy (Grandpa Randy). It’s Drake’s favorite memory of his Poppy.

Your church family is happy for you, Drake, and we love you! Being chosen as



Top Dog, Drake Clausner

Top Dog is really special. You are a good example for your class! Learning to read well and do math well is important and will always help you in whatever you want to do. When you open your restaurant, we will be your first customers!

Congratulations, Top Dog Lily!

Lily Venturo was chosen as Classroom Top Dog at Trafford Elementary School for the last week of February! Lily is in 2nd Grade and her teacher is Mrs. Weismann. Lily was selected as Top Dog for reading the most books at school! She got to be the Line Leader all week. On Monday, she took photographs to school and talked to her



Top Dog, Lily Venturo

class about them. On Tuesday, she took a Valentine bear for show-and-tell.

Wednesday was a free night from homework! Thursday, Lily got to pick a prize and was excited to get slime! (One of her favorite things!) On Friday, she got to choose a book, *Too Many Carrots*, to read to her class. This really made Lily's day because she wants to be a teacher when she grows up! She loves to read and reads to her brother, Dante, every night and even reads to her Grandmas via computer video! Lily, her mom and Dante celebrated as a family together with a special dinner and then Lily got to choose all the crafts they worked on.

Your church family is happy for you, Lily, and we love you! Being chosen as Top Dog is really special. You are a good example for your class. Reading is fun and important and will always help you to learn and explore and

reach your dreams. We think you will be a wonderful teacher!

Let's Celebrate!

Parents, we want, and need, to celebrate our children! If something good, happy, exciting or important happens for your child, please let us know so we can all share the joy!

Tax Prep

United Way volunteers are available now to help individuals with 2020 tax preparation. The services are available through April 10, 2021 by dialing 2-1-1 or

by visiting pa211sw.org. Free, do-it-yourself online tax assistance for individuals and families may also be found at www.myfreetaxes.com.

Church Library: Open!

Our church library is open! If you would like to borrow a book, contact Beverly, at 412.607.1759. You may also visit the library during office hours which are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Joys & Concerns



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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
Lou and JoAnn Booher
Mary Ann Casper
Linda Centofanti (Kay Meadowcroft's sister)
Sandy Chiappetta
Family of Agnes (Johnston) Muller
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

2nd Brandon Dulemba
3rd Bob Lovre, Nancy Swick,
Morgan Plecenik
6th John Williams
7th Miranda Mallik
8th Haidynn Dulemba
9th Holly Conlogue
10th Bob Casper, Lori Dorko
12th Jonathan Aubele
14th Jonathan Judy
21st Nancy Valentine
25th Jeanne Ruccio, Bill Messina
28th Drake Clausner, Carmen Owens
29th Raye Lynn Landers, John Hughes
30th Genny Triponey

Anniversaries

10th Roger and Marlene VanRyn
12th John and Jeanne Ruccio

April Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

April 4 and 18

- 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

4th Cliff and Evie Felmlee
11th Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
18th open
25th open

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

April Calendar



| Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday | 29 6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up) | 30 | 31 | 1 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Manor First | 2 7 p.m. Good Friday Service (TUMC and ZOOM) | 3 10 a.m. Egg Hunt (Greensburg YMCA pool) |
| Holy Week | | | | | | |
| 4 7 p.m. Sunrise Service (B-Y Park) 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Easter Day Scrip Order Day | 5 6 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up) | 6 | 7 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the May issue of the newsletter are due Friday, April 16, 2021.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Where in the Church Are We?

You will see many vintage light fixtures when you walk around the building. Where will you find this Art Deco sconce? It is one of a pair of wall sconces. So think a moment and ask yourself, where in the church are we?

