

Trinity
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just this past week a verdict was rendered in the Chauvin trial. I feel it is important to address what this verdict represents and things we need to keep in mind and prayers as a church moving forward. I offer to you a letter from our Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and remind you if you have any questions or would like to continue the discussion you can reach me by email or my cell phone. I am

always available to you. The following is her letter. — Pastor Justin Judy

Learn to do right; seek justice.

Defend the oppressed.

Take up the cause of the fatherless;

Plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:17 NIV)

As a black woman with black brothers and sisters, black nieces and nephews, black aunts and uncles, and black cousins, the conviction of Derek Chauvin feels personal. It elicits a host of emotions. Unlike some, I find no joy in the murder conviction of Derek Chauvin. I remain profoundly sad that Gianna Floyd will live the rest of her life knowing that a police officer murdered her father. I remain angry that a police officer became so intoxicated with power and his own bias that he continually knelt on Mr. Floyd's neck until Mr. Floyd's life slipped away under the weight of his knee.

I am relieved that the criminal justice system has held Derek Chauvin accountable for murdering Mr. Floyd. The prosecutors, judge, police officers who testified against Derek Chauvin, and the jury have helped me to believe that to them, my life and the lives of all of my black relatives matter. For that I am exceedingly grateful.

Thank you for receiving from a black women this very personal response to the verdict.

But as followers of Jesus Christ, our discipleship demands that we respond to the injustice that led to the need for this verdict with more than just our personal feelings. Our discipleship

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Photo courtesy of Jane Pogue

Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

I am so excited to feature a very special couple who have been a cornerstone in our church—Les and Donna Race. Anyone who knows them knows they've done a lot for our church, but I'm sure no one knows just how much they've done.

Donna and Les met in 1958 at Geneva on the Lake, and were married in 1961 in the Baptist church in Sharon, PA. Les then enlisted in the Army and entered the Military Police program. Donna at that time was in a three-year nurse's training program. The Races eventually moved to Munhall where their daughters, Sharon and Patty, were born. In 1963 they moved to Westinghouse Avenue in Trafford. Ironically, they didn't know there was a Methodist church on Duquesne Avenue and traveled every Sunday to Whitaker to go to church! In 1969 the Races moved to York,

PA where their third daughter, Darlene was born. In 1970 their journey brought them back to Trafford on Hillcrest Drive where they presently live.

Donna worked as a nurse in Braddock Hospital from 1961-1964. She then retired and became a stay-at-home mom. After 20 years she went back to nursing and worked part-time at Braddock Hospital.

After the army, Les worked for Westinghouse in Forest Hills, Penn Center, and Monroeville as a Quality Engineer.

Donna has a slew of hobbies including sewing, crocheting and upholstery. She even upholstered a chair, which no one wanted, that Louie Mayer had on his front porch. Donna bought it for \$10, upholstered it, and Darlene ended up taking it!

Les' hobbies are woodworking, golfing, and senior softball, among many other activities. I think every child in the church has been blessed with one of Les' birdhouses!

As you can see, Donna and Les were very active, and that certainly carried over to the church. Donna used her sewing talents, making outfits for plays, costumes for our Last Summer drama (which she directed); and even tore up an old leather coat and made a gladiator costume for John Walker! During Advent and Christmas, you see Donna's handiwork in the papier-mâché animals up at the altar. She even made a butterfly cocoon that opened up—to which I can attest!

Donna was very active in the kitchen area. Years ago she and Hazel Hetsel headed up the Soup Kitchen. She chaired the Election Day Dinner and Strawberry Festival. Don't

forget the massive garage sales she ran, and you could always see her working around the outside of the church using her landscaping talents.

Les was the all-round handy man! He was a member, and eventually the chair, of the Trustees, and he painted many of the rooms in the church; did plumbing and was responsible for the remodeling of our social hall which was no small task. He was always down at the church fixing things; years ago he ran the “Monday Night Work Night.” Les has been involved in many of our committees and has been the chairperson for SPRC, Ad-Council, Trustees, and currently Finance. He faithfully helped count the weekly Sunday collection, too.

Donna loves the people in our church and the wide variety of talents that they bring. Les loves coming to our church because it's close! Seriously, he feels the church is very friendly and loving, and makes people feel very comfortable.

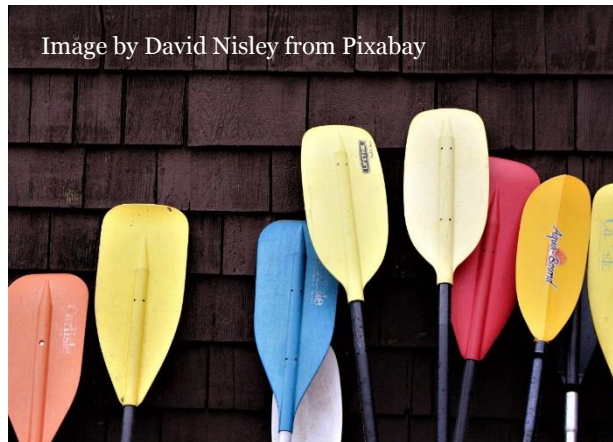
You can see why I wanted to feature these two special people. Thank you, Donna and Les, for all you've done, and may God continue to bless you as you have blessed Trinity United Methodist Church.

Camp Is Open!

(by Beverly Piper)

Jumonville, Camp Allegheny and Wesley Woods are preparing for a full summer of camp programs! To see what they offer, check out their fabulous websites:
<https://jumonville.org/>
<https://www.campallegheny.org/>
<http://wesleywoods.com/>

At Jumonville, Pastor Justin is dean of Ultimate Games Camp, July 4-9 for ages 13 to 16. I am dean of Summer's Last Blast Camp, August 8-11 for ages 10-14.



There are a variety of camps to meet every interest, from fly-fishing—new this year—to adventure, discover, dance, circus, even log-rolling! There are 3-day family camps for parents to attend with their young children so check it out! Trinity is prepared to pay camp fees from our Campership Fund. This could be a wonderful experience for your children or family this summer. Contact me or Pastor Justin for more information.

Call for Photos

Trinity is increasing its social media presence beginning with Facebook where devotionals are posted every Wednesday. You can help us in our efforts by sharing your photos of scenery, activities, the church, events and more for use on **Trinity's social media sites and with Manor First on its Facebook page.** (We are working on a basic Photo Release Form for contributors to sign.)

When submitting photos showing people's faces, keep in mind that permission from those people is needed as well. If you have photographs, bring them in and we will scan them and return the originals to you. For digital files, email them to office@tumctrafford.org. Contact Pastor Justin, Matt Knopf or the church office for more information.



Bishop's Letter

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demands that we act to bring about a state of justice—shalom, beloved community, the kingdom of God—for all so that there are no more murders at the hands of those who have been called to protect and serve. Our discipleship demands that we work to bring an end to the racism, bias, abuse of power, and lack of empathy and compassion that continues to lead to the murder of black and brown people across our beloved nation. It is our Christian duty to work for justice.

One of the prosecutors, Jerry Blackwell, referred to the people gathered and pleading with Derek Chauvin to stop kneeling on Mr. Floyd as a “bouquet of humanity.” I am pleading with the “bouquet of humanity” that is the church to be self reflective and work on its own bias. I am calling on the church to hold each of its members accountable for the ways in which we abuse our power and authority and for the ways in which we act out our privilege, bias, and racism.

As a black woman who has black relatives, I am asking that the church stand up and act in a way that demonstrates that I matter. I am asking for the church to act so that some day bishops will not have to write any more letters about protests, trials, or verdicts that have come about someone who was sworn to protect and defend has murdered someone who looks like me.

Book Discipline, ¶ 162.A:

“We commit as the Church to move beyond symbolic expressions and representative models that do not challenge unjust systems of power and access.”

A prayer for the verdict:

Almighty God, we thank you for the men and women who faithfully carried out their duties as citizens in order to render a verdict in this trial. We lift before you the entire Floyd family, asking you to surround them with your peace. We pray for Derek Chauvin and his family, asking that you reveal your transformative presence to them as they walk through the coming weeks. We pray for unity and understanding in our country and action in our church. In Jesus name. Amen

Thank You

A special thank you to Raye Lynn Landers for generously donating the *Alice in Bibleland* series of children's books to our church library in memory of her grandmother, Dorothy Yocum. Raye Lynn is the daughter of Richard (Dorothy's eldest son) and lives in Chesapeake, VA.

In the *Alice in Bibleland* storybooks, Alice is a little girl who has her own Bible and loves to sit and read the stories in it. While reading, she is able to walk right into those stories and see them happening. She hears Daniel praying in the lion's den; she's in the crowd as Jesus feeds the 5,000; she watches Jesus tell Zacchaeus to come down out of the tree; she's at the empty tomb on the first Easter morning. Please stop in our library and sign out these books to enjoy reading with your children.

Thank you, Raye Lynn for sharing this lovely gift with us, for our friend, Dorothy, whom we remember with love.

Easter Egg Hunt

Lots of fun together at the Easter Egg Hunt in the Greensburg YMCA pool (photos courtesy of Beverly Piper).



Trafford Community Public Library Fundraiser

(by Beverly Piper, Trafford Library board member and volunteer)

The Trafford Community Public Library is having a book sale fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The location is the parking lot next to the library at 416 Brinton Avenue. Hardcover books will be \$1 each; paperbacks and children's books 50¢ each; or fill a bag with books for \$5 (bag provided). CDs and DVDs will sell for \$1 each. Gift baskets and flea market items will also be for sale.

The Trafford library is small but has big dreams! We desire to enrich and support our community and we need and appreciate our community's support. We are self-sustaining

and must raise our own funds to keep the library open.

The Trafford library was started in the 1930s by a few dedicated volunteers. We are excited about developing new children's reading events on ZOOM and Facebook (we currently host a book club on ZOOM) and hope to be able to once again host live reading events this summer.

Albert Einstein said, "The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." Actually, you may need to know a few other things in life, but know that we welcome you to the Trafford library! We'll help you find a book that will inspire, entertain, education or challenge you. Please stop in. We hope to see you at our book sale in May.

Joys & Concerns



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

Pray for

Family of Joe Antoon (Lynn Antoon's father-in-law)
Patty Aubele
Lou and JoAnn Booher
Mary Ann Casper
Linda Centofanti (Kay Meadowcroft's sister)
Randy Kerrigan
Family of Shirley McCune (Jane Pogue's aunt)
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Dorothy Yocum will be held in the church sanctuary and on ZOOM at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 22. Please contact the church office for ZOOM meeting id and password.

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

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 Gracie Stultz
23rd Lou Booher, Jill Miller, Aless Hanna
27th Zack Keefer
28th Evie Felmlee, Anne Robinson
29th John Graw
30th Alex Silowash, Roberta Cuttler
31st Les Race

Anniversaries

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

May Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

May 2, 16 and 30

- 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

2nd open
9th Bruce and Sandy Bergman
16th Larry and Becky Mallik
23rd open
30th Jeff, Matt and Tim Johnson

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

May Calendar



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15)	26 6:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	27	28 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	29	30	1
2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Golden Cross Sunday Scrip Order Day	3 6:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	4	5 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	7	8
9 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Mother's Day	10 6:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	11 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	12 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	13	14	15
16 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Ascension Sunday Scrip Order Day	17 6:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up) Tempo Deadline	18	19 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	20	21	22
23 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Pentecost Heritage Sunday	24 6:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 9-12) 10 p.m. Manna Monday (ages 16 & up)	25	26 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	27	28	29
30 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Sunday School (ages 13-15) Peace with Justice Sunday Scrip Order Day	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> (church office closed)	1	2	3	4	5

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the June issue of the newsletter are due Monday, May 17, 2021.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Call for Graduates

It's that time of year—time to honor our high school, trade school and college graduates. If you know of some 2021 graduates within the church family, contact the church office at 412.373.0835. We will recognize graduates on Sunday, June 6, during worship.



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