



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As many of you know, I am a huge fan of the Bible. The way the Holy Spirit works while reading or using it has always challenged and/or encouraged me when I needed it. The way the scripture has spoken to me in different ways at different times has been a testimony to the living characteristic of God's Word. Though this is considered an Ancient Text, it still speaks

volumes about our world today. The Lord is concerned with life in these times and the Word helps to shed Light on our lives, culture, and the world.

The Bible is a trove of truth, love, and responsibility. It does not allow us to be complacent in a world that needs to know how much God loves it. We are to love and relate to one another and God. The Bible also helps us to deepen our relationship with God. In knowing more about God, we are better able to serve and love God. As God is our creator, we are also able to know more about ourselves, and be encouraged to live the best lives we can here on earth.

But as available as it is to each of us, all too frequently we do not take advantage of its accessibility. I am guilty of not diving into the pages as much as I need. When we neglect the Word of God, we are denying ourselves a vital way of connecting with the source of life and love.

There are many ways to turn the ship around. We can join a devotional service such as *Our Daily Bread* or *The Upper Room*. For those who use smart phones, YouVersion is a good Bible app that not only puts the NIV on your phone, but also provides daily scripture readings and even online Bible studies.

As a way to encourage you, I have a question and a request. What is your favorite scripture, book, story, theme, etc. and why? After you have thought about this and worked on it, please send it to me. I may preach on it or do a Bible study based around it, or maybe we can work through prayer to see if God is calling us to a ministry through it.

The Bible is a tremendous gift; it is way too valuable to allow it to collect dust.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



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## Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

Our special senior this month is someone who has moved away from us, but is always in our hearts and will always be one of us. We celebrate Roberta Cuttler!

Roberta was born in May 1927 at the Homestead Park Hospital in Munhall. She went to Munhall High School which is where she met her husband, Fred. He was a few years older than her. Roberta said she started dating Fred when she was 14 and never dated another man again. Now that's a soul mate marriage!

Roberta worked for Gulf Oil Company after high school as a file clerk. Fred worked as a foreman for Westinghouse Electric. He proposed to her by putting the engagement ring in a candy bar at Christmas! They married in February 1948 and had a wonderful marriage for more than 60 years. They were faithful church members, and you always knew God was part of that marriage.

Fred and Roberta lived in Homestead Park then moved to Trafford in 1952. That's where their daughters, Roberta and Barbara, were born. Roberta was a devoted mother, involved in everything the girls did. I asked her what her hobbies were then and she said, "The girls!" After they were in school, Roberta did work for Kaufmanns for a little while.

Fred and Roberta owned a cottage in Cochranon and spent many weekends there. Roberta loves to read and keeps her mind sharp by doing crossword puzzles, word searches, and by playing solitaire and other games on her iPad. She is one intelligent lady.

Roberta has wonderful memories of her church and church family. She was so active in our church. She taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and was a member of Helping Hands and Senior Friends. She was always there to help for every dinner and lunch, too.

Roberta always thought that our church was the friendliest church she had ever been in, and it had the nicest people. She always asks how others are doing, and she reads the *Tempo* from cover to cover. She keeps in touch with several of her friends still, but would love to hear from everyone.

We have wonderful memories of Roberta, too. She was fun, always ready to help with any project, and had the best laugh—you laughed when you heard Roberta laugh! We are so proud of her and miss her tremendously. Thank you, Roberta, for adding so much to Trinity United Methodist, and may God bless you for many years to come. We love you!



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## Food Drive

Everyone enjoys indulging in a cool treat during the hot sunny days of summer. To celebrate summer, Trinity is collecting boxes of flavored gelatin and instant pudding for the local food bank. Drop off your donation in the box located in the vestibule.

If you don't have time to shop, make a monetary donation to the food bank. Mark **July Food Drive** on your check or envelope and Linda will do the shopping for you. All donations are due by July 11.

## Graduates: Another Penn-Trafford Grad!

We have another high school student, Christopher Kerrigan, who celebrated his graduation this June.

Chris graduated after spending his senior year completing his school work and doing

a work study with Famous Supply, a plumbing and HVAC warehouse located in Youngwood. Since turning 18, Chris has begun training on heavy equipment operation of the machinery at the warehouse. Upon graduation he transitioned immediately to full-time employment at the warehouse and plans to take a year working there to explore potential career paths. While he is undecided at this time, he is hoping to eventually pick a career path with a trade.

Chris, we pray that God watches over you as you start this new part of your life's journey. Congratulations!

## Super Summer Sunday School

*(by Beverly Piper)*

This summer our group of younger children, led by Stephanie and assisted by Jude, are "Running the Race for Jesus!" You can hear the singing, laughter, and cheering on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Each week a Bible story and craft help encourage these little ones to love Jesus. They meet outside at the bottom of our church driveway.

The Bible Belle class attended by the older girls, Gracie and Lily, led by Beverly and assisted by April, is discovering five superpowers we all have from God. We are following the adventures of a girl named Rooney Cruz in the books by Erin Weidemann. Along with Rooney, we meet Hannah, Esther, Abigail, Ruth, and Deborah in the Bible and discover our superpowers of prayer, patience, bravery, loyalty, and leadership. We meet on Trinity House front porch. You might get to see our prayer windows and Bible Belle bracelets.



## Time for Senior Friends to Get Together

*(by Jane Pogue)*

The pandemic has taken a toll on all of us, especially those who weren't able to get out very much during the past year. Socialization is of utmost importance to our well-being and we need to strengthen those bonds again.

As we age, we are met with many challenges and questions, and it's nice to talk about them with those who can relate. Starting on July 5, 2021 we will be meeting again at the church at 1 p.m. for an hour of fellowship. Anyone age 65 and older is welcome to join our group.

Privacy is important, so we don't share any of the discussions with our friends or families. Trust is our key factor, and we must abide by it. Also, since we share a lot of very personal family issues, we can't have two people from the same family attending.

If you are interested in having a nice hour of friendship and learn some ideas and techniques to help us in our daily living, you are more than welcome! Just call me at 724.864.2858 and let me know!



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## Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study

*(by Beverly Piper)*

We have finished our study of following Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. It was a wonderful study. We learned so much from the heart of Jesus. Next up...Revelation! Oh yes! We will look at an overview of the major themes, symbolism, meanings, terms and prophecies of God's Revelation to the disciple John, while exiled on the Isle of Patmos. Charts and maps will assist us as we pursue a basic understanding of the wild journey that is Revelation. We meet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on the porch of Trinity House. This summer we are also meeting at each other's homes, on our patios and porches, to enjoy the beautiful summer evenings together. You are welcome to join us. Contact me for information.

## Church Picnic

We are excited to announce that we are planning the annual church picnic for Friday, August 13. Jane Pogue will host the event at her home and the fun starts at 6 p.m. Call Jane at 724.864.2858 for directions.

In addition to the wonderful food essential to any Methodist event, there will be games for all ages, a bonfire, many comfortable chairs, and a hot tub for those kids who want to take a dip. Just remember to bring your bathing suits!

A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule to help Jane with her planning. The picnic will be a great chance for everyone to reconnect in a fun, relaxing atmosphere. See you there!

## Summer Camp

There is still time to register for and attend summer camp in July and August. Contact Pastor Justin or Beverly Piper for information. There are wonderful camps for all ages and interests.

## Bible Journaling Nights to Begin August 27

*(by Patty Aubele)*

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 will have a brief devotion of a specific scripture, followed by suggested artwork which will be provided for you to try. Different types of mediums will be explored including colored pencils, watercolors, stamping, stickers, and markers.

We will be meeting the last Friday of each month, beginning August 27 at 7 p.m. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to get even closer to God. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you.



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# Joys & Concerns



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

## Pray for

Family of JoAnn Booher  
Sharren Breakey  
Mary Ann Casper  
Roberta Cuttler  
Jerry and Linda Centofanti (Kay  
Meadowcroft's sister and brother-in-law)  
David Divito (friend of Les and Donna  
Race)  
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)

## Planning Retreat

Each year, the Board meets to determine Trinity's focus and discuss plans for the upcoming year. This year's retreat is scheduled tentatively for Saturday, August 28, so mark your calendars. If you have ideas or suggestions, speak with Pastor Justin or contact the church office.

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

## Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Antonious Hanna  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paige Johnson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stewart Owens  
4<sup>th</sup> Paul Ondulich  
7<sup>th</sup> Danielle Mallik  
8<sup>th</sup> Isaac Jartin  
11<sup>th</sup> Margaret Plecenik  
13<sup>th</sup> Whitney Keller  
15<sup>th</sup> Bryan Messina  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kim Soles  
25<sup>th</sup> Sharren Breakey  
26<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Casper  
27<sup>th</sup> Hope Conlogue  
31<sup>st</sup> Dorothy Henry

## Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Joe and Lynn Antoon  
24<sup>th</sup> Antonious and Mildred Hanna  
28<sup>th</sup> John and Cindy Graw

## July Schedules

### Scrip Program Ordering

July 11 and 25

- 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

4<sup>th</sup> open  
11<sup>th</sup> Eileen and Jim Bentley  
18<sup>th</sup> Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto  
25<sup>th</sup> Cindy and John Graw

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



# July Calendar



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>27</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Independence Day</i>	<b>5</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>12</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Tempo                      Deadline</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	<b>19</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>26</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## Call for Photos

Trinity has increased its social media presence with Facebook where devotionals are posted every Wednesday. You can help by sharing your photos for use on **Trinity's social media sites and with Manor First on its Facebook page**. 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. Email digital files to [office@tumctrafford.org](mailto:office@tumctrafford.org). Contact Pastor Justin, Matt Knopf, or the church office for more information.



## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the August issue of the newsletter are due Friday, July 16, 2021.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

## Father's Day

We hope all of our wonderful dads had a great Father's Day and that you felt loved and appreciated. We gave out gifts to those fathers that attended church because we appreciate all of you.

For those who join us by ZOOM, the gifts were on Trinity House porch for anyone who wanted to stop by and get one. Jane Pogue presented the gifts in memory of her father, Bob Pogue. If you were not able to join us and would like our small token, call Jane and she will make sure you receive one. Thank you to all the fathers for all you have done for your families. We are truly blessed here at Trinity United Methodist with some wonderful male role models!