



Dear Trinity Church,

So far, this summer has been great for reunions. It has been a wonderful blessing getting to see more of you, face to face. The vaccines have helped to give us the safety and confidence to be with one another again. As we approach the month of August we are also coming closer to planning ministry for the year 2022.

For the past two years we have been focusing on dismantling racism. COVID made it difficult to do much. So I did my best to address this area through sermons and even PowerPoint presentations on Sundays. I have been diligent in preaching messages about God's all-encompassing love. That to neglect, hold back, discriminate, or belittle based on skin color, race, or background is contrary to God's love and desire according to scripture. I have worked hard to incorporate slides that include people from around the world. The Google search engine tends to be very white in its image offerings. For example, searching for "prayer" may mislead one to think that mainly white people pray.

I have also tried to provide hymns, preludes, and postludes that may be new to us or, at least, sung in a different way. I have been blessed by the endless variety of God's creativity when it comes to praise and worship. Listening to familiar hymns sung in country, rap, blues, gospel, or contemporary styles has helped me see that worship is meant to be creative and varied.

There is one other way I would like to encourage us to continue down this road of dismantling racism. This church has been a great blessing to me in so many ways these past seven years. I want to share our love with the world if I can. One of my biggest challenges to addressing racism in my life is not being exposed to other races. With little effort we can move through this world without encountering people of different skin color on a personal

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Photo courtesy of Nancy Swick

## Senior Spotlight

(by Jane Pogue)

Our senior for August is one of our oldest and dearest members—Mrs. Jean Swick. One reason we celebrate her is for her marvelous life longevity! She allowed me to share that this year she will turn 102 years of age! She is so amazing because she still is able to get around; she plays games, reads, loves to have company, and even likes to cook sometimes. Thankfully, her daughter, Nancy, and Nancy's friend, Earl, live with her and are a big help. Jean really appreciates the in-home assistance she gets from her aide, Samantha.

Jean was born December 1, 1919 in Elmara, Pennsylvania. She had three brothers and one sister. She also lived in Beaver Falls and the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. She was married to Kelly Swick for 57 years. They met at a get-together in Wilkinsburg. (She can't remember all the details of how he proposed!)

Jean had a wonderful career in teaching. Her first teaching experience was at St. Regis Catholic School. She then moved to Level Green Elementary where, most of that time, she taught second grade, and that's where she finished out her career.

Jean has always remained active. I remember her telling us of the exercise and dance classes she took at the Level Green Community Center for many years. She loves puzzles of any kind, and she can do a Sudoku puzzle in less than 5 minutes! She loves playing games, especially Scrabble and Bananagrams. She loves watching *America's Got Talent*, too. She goes to all her medical appointments and gets her hair done every week. So you can see she is still moving and grooving!

Of course, Jean was very active in our church, too. She was a life-long member of the Women's Society and helped in all their activities. She is a part of the Helping Hands group where she helped with all the crafts. She taught Sunday School for a period of time, also.

Jean loves being a part of our church and loves hearing from everyone. She wants to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and flowers. We love you, Jean, and we all pray that we can follow in your footsteps. God has blessed us all with your friendship.

## Church Picnic

Trinity is 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.

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!

Time is running out! Let Jane know ASAP if you plan on coming so we can plan the food and fun! (Sign up on the sheet in the



vestibule or call Jane at 724.864.2858.) The picnic will be a great chance for everyone to reconnect in a fun, relaxing atmosphere. See you there!

## Concert in the Park

*(by Beverly Piper)*

The River City Brass Band will perform at Westmoreland Park in Trafford on Friday, August 13 at 7 p.m. The Trafford Community Public Library is pleased to present this special musical summer evening which is being underwritten by a generous grant from the Eden Hall Foundation. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for your seating. Parking is available at the Trafford Middle School with a drop-off area at Westmoreland Park. Non-perishable food items for the Trafford/Level Green Food Bank will be collected and are appreciated. Kari Ann Leventopoulos, Penn-Trafford student and author of the book, *Henry is Hungry*, will sing at the beginning of the concert.

This is the same night as our church picnic. Perhaps after a great meal at the picnic you might like to stop and enjoy part of the concert to complete your evening.





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## Blessing of the Backpacks

*(by Jane Pogue)*

We are doing something a little different this year for Blessing of the Backpacks. Since most of the children are attending Sunday School, we will have the blessing during Sunday School on August 15, 2021. If you attend the church service in person or through ZOOM, Pastor Justin can bless your backpack during the service. If you can't be there that day, I am sure Pastor Justin will bless your backpack at another time. Just give him a call.

Anyone starting back to school, college, or even a new job, come and bring your backpack, briefcase, messenger bag, laptop case, etc. Start the new school year off knowing God is right there with you.

## School Kits

Trinity is once again collecting items for UMCOR school kits now through August. So take advantage of the back-to-school pricing and offers promoted by retailers to pick up supplies over the next several weeks. Buy individual items or make an entire kit.

When shopping, keep in mind that all items must be new. UMCOR can no longer accept items imprinted with advertisements, cartoon characters, or any type of military, patriotic, religious, or camouflage symbols. They also cannot accept items that are not on the list, so be sure to take the list with you. If you have any questions about the materials, contact the church office.

A list of items is printed below. A table is set up outside of the library area for your donations. Just place them in the appropriate bin(s).

### School Kit Shopping List

- 1 pair blunt (round tip) scissors
- 1 box 24-count crayons
- 3 one-subject notebooks
- 1 pack loose-leaf paper  
(100-200 page pack)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener  
(1" or longer)
- 1 rule (12"/30 centimeters  
long)
- 6 unsharpened pencils



School Kit components.  
Photo courtesy of Linda Nocum

## Pastor's Letter

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level. So I encourage you to change that. There are many black-owned restaurants and stores in our area. Give them your business. Have you even been to a worship service where you are the minority? I encourage you to do so. There are many wonderful experiences different from our own. Try them. See how Jesus is being worshipped and share that experience with us at Trinity. The more people we meet who are different from ourselves, the more fully we see God's beauty, and the more we are able to grow.

I pray that we take plenty of opportunity to grow beyond our own borders and see just how vast and beautiful the Lord's creation really is.

PTL,  
Pastor Justin Judy

## Bible Journaling

(by Patty Aubele)

Bible journaling will begin on Friday, August 27 at 7 p.m. in the craft room off of the balcony (4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance side). Bible journaling is an exciting way to engage with scripture. It can transform the way you spend time in the Word. It doesn't require you to be a skilled artist. You do not need a special Bible; however, there are many Bibles that work well for journaling. A Bible with large margins is the easiest to journal in. All you need to do is come and check it out. If you have a Bible you wish to use, bring it!

I look forward to seeing you on August 27!



[Bible Journaling: Christmas 2018](#) by [Neil Burley](#) is licensed under [CC BY-NC-SA 3.0](#)

# 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  
David Divito (friend of Les and Donna Race)  
Cliff Felmlee  
Tom Puckey  
Vicki Stokes  
Jamie Thomas (Drew Thomas' nephew)

Tom Puckey would appreciate receiving cards while he is in rehab. Send cards to:

Tom Puckey  
Cherry Point Bay  
110 McCotter Blvd  
Havlock NC 28532

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

## Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Larry Mallik  
5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer McCune,  
Julie Sippel-Silowash  
10<sup>th</sup> Angel Spell  
12<sup>th</sup> Lynn Antoon, Rob Hanisey  
13<sup>th</sup> Mary Henry  
14<sup>th</sup> Carol Piper  
15<sup>th</sup> Bill Vowler, Damian Kitchen,  
Amy McLaughlin  
16<sup>th</sup> Cindy Graw  
19<sup>th</sup> Bill Fenton  
21<sup>st</sup> April Beam, Joanne Ondulich  
22<sup>nd</sup> Beverly Piper  
24<sup>th</sup> Dan Musser  
26<sup>th</sup> Mike Kitchen  
28<sup>th</sup> John Musser, Rebecca Hughes  
31<sup>st</sup> Alvin Lafferty

## Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> Caleb and Corrie Baker  
12<sup>th</sup> Bob and Mary Ann Casper  
13<sup>th</sup> Tom and Carmen Owens  
15<sup>th</sup> Bill and Joan Vowler  
22<sup>nd</sup> Larry and Becky Mallik

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## August Schedules

### Scrip Program Ordering

August 8 and 22

- 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

1<sup>st</sup> Love Ruffner  
8<sup>th</sup> Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto  
15<sup>th</sup> Donna Piper and  
Bill & Joan Vowler  
22<sup>nd</sup> Donna Piper and  
Larry & Becky Mallik  
29<sup>th</sup> Yocum Family

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

# August Calendar



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

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## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the September issue of the newsletter are due Wednesday, August 18, 2021.



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 412.373.0835 • office@tumctrafford.org

Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

## Planning Retreat

Each year, the Board (members of the congregation are welcome, too) meets to determine Trinity's focus and discuss plans for the upcoming year.

This year's retreat is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 28, so mark your calendars. It will be in person and through ZOOM. If you have ideas or suggestions, but won't be able to attend, share them with Pastor Justin or contact the church office.

## 2022

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