

Trinity

December 2021

Tempo



Dear Church,

I may be a little biased, but the best holiday ever is approaching quickly!

I have always loved Christmas the most; there is something special about the entire season. God descended upon us in the form of a child. The One who is dependent upon nothing becomes the one who is dependent upon all things so that we may have the knowledge

of life through forgiveness. For me, this is the greatest joy surrounding this holiday.

Much of our time will be consumed by the preparations for this celebration. The churches will have already been decorated, but maybe our houses still need that special touch. Cookies and other yummy treats will get baked. Gifts will be purchased. Songs may be sung as carols are played. Days will be counted down until that wonderful moment of his birth.

My prayer for us all is that we approach Christmas with the same attitude the shepherds displayed after the angels disrupted their evening. When the shock of what they had witnessed subsided enough for them to act, the shepherds allowed curiosity and the infectious joy of the angels to motivate them toward the unknown. They gave up their usual patterns and schedules to see what in the world God was up to and, in doing that, they became an important part of God's plan for humanity.

This season, let us share the gift of curiosity at God's love for us through the child Jesus; let us give freely of excitement and joy; and let us show this world that, no matter the circumstances, we have a tremendous reason to celebrate. Hope has been born!

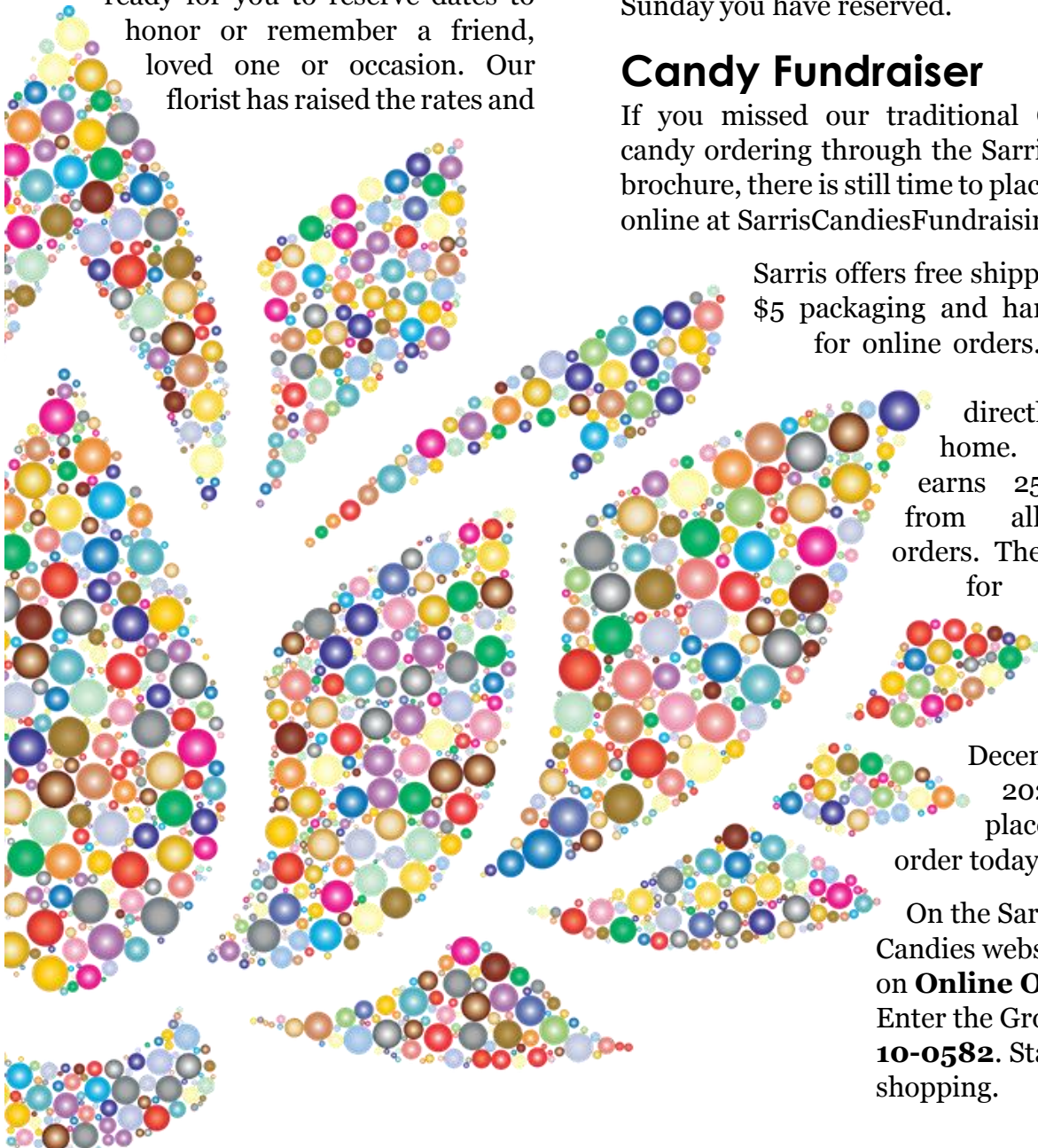
Merry Christmas,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Altar Flowers

The calendar for 2022 is in the vestibule ready for you to reserve dates to honor or remember a friend, loved one or occasion. Our florist has raised the rates and



the cost will be \$15 per vase or \$30 for the pair effective January 1, 2022.

If you would like to reserve a date but can't make it to the church, please write to or email your request to the church office. Include your name, the date(s) you want to reserve and the name(s) of the person(s)/ occasion(s) to honor or remember.

Also indicate if you are reserving a single vase or pair of vases. Payment is due on the Sunday you have reserved.

Candy Fundraiser

If you missed our traditional Christmas candy ordering through the Sarris Candies brochure, there is still time to place an order online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com.

Sarris offers free shipping with a \$5 packaging and handling fee for online orders. Candy is shipped

directly to your home. Trinity earns 25% profit from all online orders. The deadline for online

ordering is December 19, 2021 so place your order today!

On the Sarris Candies website click on **Online Ordering**. Enter the Group ID # **10-0582**. Start shopping.

Scrip Program

Great Lakes Scrip Company has provided deadlines for ordering physical gift cards this holiday season. Based on this information, Trinity will take orders on December 5, 12, and 19 if sufficient orders are received each week. To ensure you have your physical gift cards in time for Christmas, place your order by December 12. Reload and e-gift card orders follow the normal turnaround time. Deliveries can be delayed during the holidays, so do your gift card shopping early this year.

Special Sunday

December 12 is our final special Sunday for the year: **Doorways to Hope at Home**. Your gifts support six regional mission agencies in Western PA, helping to keep their doors open and serving their communities: the Erie United Methodist Alliance, United Methodist Human Services of Johnstown, WPA Prison Outreach Ministries, Connellsville Area Community Ministries, Greater Pittsburgh Ministries and Eastbrook Mission Barn.

Holiday Happenings

Trafford is holding its annual event on Saturday, December 4. Like last year, Trafford will hold a drive-thru Twinkle Tour of the Cavitt Avenue business district ending at the American Legion with Santa on a sleigh. Trinity will be

taking part in the festivities with a spot at the corner of 4th and Duquesne where we will be greeting visitors. So come by and see us or, if you want to participate, contact Beverly Piper or Pastor Justin.

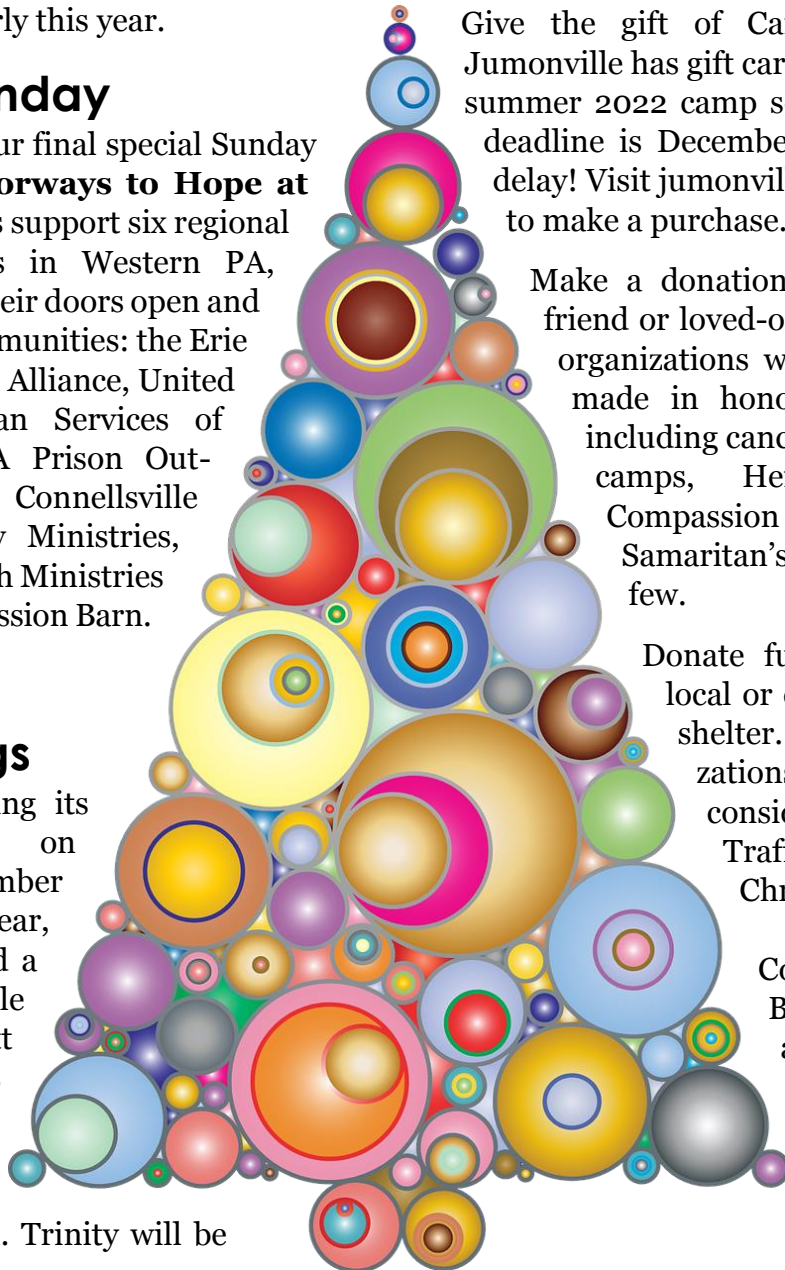
Gifts Outside the Box

Struggling to come up with ideas for a Christmas gift this year? There are many unique opportunities to give something that will be remembered. Below are just a few ideas you might want to consider.

Give the gift of Camp for Christmas. Jumonville has gift cards available for their summer 2022 camp season. The ordering deadline is December 10, 2021 so don't delay! Visit jumonville.org for details and to make a purchase.

Make a donation in the name of a friend or loved-one. Many non-profit organizations will accept donations made in honor of an individual including cancer centers, Christian camps, Heifer International, Compassion International, and Samaritan's Purse to name just a few.

Donate funds or items to a local or county food bank or shelter. Some organizations you might want to consider include: Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank, Westmoreland County Food Bank, Blackburn Center, and Light of Life Rescue Mission.



Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
Mary Ann Casper
Kenneth Kline Family (Jeanne Ruccio's brother)
Harry and Marge Little
Donna Piper
Vicki Stokes
Drew Thomas and Family
Jerry Williams

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

Birthdays

1st Jean Swick
3rd Gloria Stultz
5th Linda Yocum
7th Dana Hainsey, Brent Clausner
8th Bailey McLaughlin
12th Caleb Baker
15th Bryce McLaughlin
21st Noell Stultz
26th Judy Cromer
28th Joan Vowler
29th Susan Rising
30th Anthony Keefer, Jay Stokes

Anniversaries

1st Jerry and Darlene Williams
8th Les and Donna Race
31st Jerry and Sharren Breakey

Special Help Needed

Two of our Trinity Church family members are in need of help. They are looking for a kind, caring individual to spend time with an older female (Level Green area), to talk with her, perhaps play some games. This person is needed Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. The time is flexible. This person is not expected to perform any household chores or work, or provide meals—just visit. Remuneration will be provided. If you or someone you know is able to help for all three days or even one of the days, consistently every week, please contact 724-454-1443.

It would be wonderful if someone from our church, or someone that our church family knows personally, could help. Time spent with this woman is a blessing. She loves to talk about Jesus! She loves to hear news of

our church family. Her health challenges have not diminished the concerns of her heart for others.

December Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

- 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

5th Paul and Joanne Ondulich
12th Kris Peters
19th Chancel Choir
26th John and Cindy Graw

December Calendar

You can help Trinity and Manor with their social media presence by sharing your photos for use on Trinity's social media sites and Manor's Facebook page. Bring in photos for scanning or email digital files to office@tumctrafford.org. Contact Pastor Justin or Matt Knopf for more information.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 1st Sunday of Advent <i>UM Student Day</i> Scrip Order Day	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 2nd Sunday of Advent Scrip Order Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Doorways to Hope at Home</i> Scrip Order Day	13	14 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	15	16	17 Tempo Deadline	18
19 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 4th Sunday of Advent Scrip Order Day	20	21	22	23	24 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> (church office closed)
26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> (church office closed)



Tempo Deadline

Articles for the January issue of the newsletter are due Friday, Dec. 17, 2021.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Bible Journaling

The Bible Journaling dates for November and December fall right around two of the busiest holidays: Thanksgiving and Christmas. So please work on your journaling at home during December and January. We will resume meeting in late January 2022.

Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our November food drive. Trinity provided 39 bottles of dish soap, 39 kitchen towels and 39 dish cloths along with some miscellaneous food items. We plan to continue offering useful items to recipients of the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank next year, so keep your eyes open for more information in upcoming issues of *Trinity Tempo*.