

Trinity

January 2022

Tempo



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I can say with certainty that I do not have a very clear idea of what this year will bring (2020 and 2021 taught me that). COVID has been hanging around way too long; our denomination could make a big decision later this year; politics are always a good place to breed uncertainty; and maybe some of you have things going on that tend to rattle the nerves a bit. But there is at least one thing we can count on.

As we look forward to a new year, I am delighted to share with you this news: Jesus Loves You! I thought you might like to be reminded of that as we march (boldly or timidly, doesn't matter) into 2022. That "Jesus Loves You!" is certainly no secret; the church should be sharing that message on a daily basis. Christians everywhere should be living their lives with this fact as their foundation. But, what might it look like to live 2022 in the knowledge that "Jesus Loves You!"?

I once went shopping for a blue tie that had to match a blue dress. The store had no less than five different types of blue ties. Over the next difficult 10 minutes, I narrowed it down to three ties. Add another 10 minutes and I realized something: there is no wrong answer here. Sure, there may be one answer that is better than another but, either way, I was going to have a good time at the dance, the pictures would look nice, and I would be hanging out with good friends.

The story, though silly, reminds me of Romans 8:28: *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

We all have to make choices in our life, some are not super important like the color of a tie, but others are much bigger, like maybe a new job. If we approach each opportunity with the knowledge that "Jesus Loves You!" and Romans 8:28, we know that God will use it for God's glory. Jesus' love will prevail. Every year has something in common for those who know "Jesus Loves You!" and that is Jesus' love and presence rise above all the uncertainties.

I pray we are all able to live "Jesus Loves You!" in 2022 and know beyond the shadow of a doubt that God's got this. Have a blessed New Year.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Sunday School Highlight

(by Beverly Piper)

Did you know that, as Christians, we have the super powers of prayer, patience, bravery, loyalty and leadership? Oh, yes!

In their Sunday School class, Mrs. Beverly Beam and Lily Venturo are studying women in the Bible who demonstrated these “super powers” given to them by God. Their Sunday School books feature a young girl named Rooney Cruz who travels back in time to see the stories of Hannah, Esther, Abigail, Ruth and Deborah actually happening. Rooney learns that God will help her to pray, be patient, be brave, be loyal and be able to lead. She learns of God’s great love for her and her love for God grows. Lily is learning these things too!

As a Bible Belle (belle means beautiful), each time Lily finishes studying a super power she receives a charm for her bracelet to remind her of God’s great love for her and how God empowers her.

When Lily asks God what she should do, God always listens and helps her make the best choice. Way to go Lily! Mrs. Beam, thank you for being a super teacher!

Lily receives her first charm, a heart with the word Love on it. Beverly Beam (left), Lily Venturo (middle), Beverly Piper (right).

Church Financial Statements

(by Jane Pogue)

It’s that time of year again! I just wanted to inform you that the last day for recording envelope donations for 2021 will be January 9, 2022. The official statements will be ready January 16 in the church vestibule. Those not picked up that day will be mailed out the following week. Also, just a reminder: according to the conference treasurer, a donation given through the church as a gift to the pastor is not tax deductible and, therefore, will not appear on your financial statement. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call me (724.864.2858). Happy New Year!





play. The conversation was joyfully animated with questions and statements such as: “No, this didn’t just happen last week.” “A stable, like a barn, where horses and cows live...yes there’s poop.” “How did the angels know where to go?” “Yes, there are shepherds today but they wear clothes like ours.” “Why wasn’t there anywhere for them to stay?”

Asked to draw a picture of what they like about the story of Jesus’ birth, there were lots of stars. Rylie drew a picture of the stable with Mary, Joseph, Jesus and angels.

We also read about Jesus dying on the cross and Drake reminded us that He rose from the dead too. When asked why? why Christmas? why the cross? pictures of hearts appeared on their drawings.

Behind the Scenes!

(by Beverly Piper)

On December 19 our Sunday School children presented a Christmas play during the morning worship service. They are a bit too timid to talk with everyone watching them, so what you saw was the children standing in star, angel and shepherd costumes while I narrated the story.

They are not too timid in the classroom. The best part of our play happened before they ever put on their costumes, but you didn’t get to see that! They knew the words to our song with the borrowed tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

Stephanie Judy, with her helper April Beam, wonderfully teaches these little ones and they’ve been learning about the Christmas story. We read the story of the birth of Jesus again in Sunday School the morning of the

This was Sophia’s (almost 3 years old now) first time in our Christmas play. Well, actually her second time. Her mom and dad (Emily and Rob) played Mary and Joseph in our Christmas play weeks before Sophia was born! Tommy was very proud that he was the first boy to play an angel (Gabriel was his example)! Lily is our experienced angel so Anna and Sophia looked up to her.

Thank you to Elijah and Jonathan who, dressing as shepherds, showed and told the little ones that this story is important not just for little kids. All of this, happening behind the scenes!

It’s a wondrous blessing sharing the love of God and talking about Jesus with these precious children. If you would like to be part of this joy, we’re in need of Sunday School teachers and aides. Please let me know if you’d like to help, or to know more.



We had several Christmas get-togethers with extended church family members. They wanted to wish you all their holiday greetings! ***“Merry Christmas!”*** from Judy Mason, Kay Meadowcroft, Joan Hartley and Jean Swick!

Pictured are: (front) Kay Meadowcroft, (middle) Joan Hartley, Linda Gurgiolo; (back) Thelma Johnson; photo courtesy of Jane Pogue





Pictured is: Judy Mason (above);
photo courtesy of Jane Pogue

Pictured are: (center) Jean Swick, (left
to right) Donna Race, Jan (Jean's
cousin), Nancy Swick, Earl; photo
courtesy of Beverly Piper



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, 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.

Available dates remaining for 2022 are:

January 2, 9, 16
February 6, 20
March 6, 13, 27
April 3, 10, 17, 24

May 1, 8, 22
June 12, 19, 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 28

September 4, 11, 25
October 16, 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27
December 4, 11, 25

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
Kenneth Kline Family (Jeanne Ruccio's brother)
Harry and Marge Little
Vicki Stokes
Jerry Williams
Joan Sanford (Patty Aubele's mother)

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

Birthdays

1st Kayla Eiseman
3rd Bob Chiappetta, Eric Zigarovich, Josh Keefer
4th Sebastian Silowash
8th Sophia Kalanja
10th Erin Kennison
11th Marlene VanRyn
12th Brett Lloyd
18th Donna Race
23rd Aiden Johnson
25th Kara Soles, Scott Ebner
26th Drew Dulemba, Jeff Johnson
27th Art Loutsenhizer III
28th Gina Lloyd
30th Elijah Judy, Chris Kerrigan

Anniversaries

5th Harry and Margie Little

January Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

January 2, 16 and 30

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

2nd open
9th open
16th open
23rd Matthew Knopf
30th Stephanie and Justin Judy

The cost of altar flowers has increased for 2022: \$15 for a vase and \$30 for the pair of vases. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, fill out the appropriate line(s) on the altar flower calendar or contact the church office at 412.373.0835.

January Calendar

Bible Journaling resumes meeting January 28 at 7 p.m. in the craft room off the balcony (4th Street entrance side). Come, join us and explore how you can deepen your faith through Bible journaling. Contact Patty Aubele for more information.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day
2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion Scrip Order Day <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8 10 a.m. Unhang- ing of the Greens
9 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	10 1 p.m. Senior Friends	11 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council	12 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	13	14	15
16 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Human Relations Day</i> Scrip Order Day	17 1 p.m. Senior Friends <i>MLK Jr.'s birthday observed</i> Tempo Deadline	18	19 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	20	21	22
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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the February issue of the newsletter are due Monday, January 17, 2022.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Special Sunday

Human Relations Day

January 16 is our first special Sunday for the year: **Human Relations Day**. Your gifts strengthen United Methodist outreach in communities across the United States, supporting social justice and work with at-risk youth. Envelopes will be available in the vestibule for this special Sunday offering. Prayerfully consider giving on January 16.

