

Trinity

February 2022

Tempo



Dear Church,

As people who are often motivated by agendas and to-do lists, it is easy for us to rush from one important event to another. I notice much of our lives and even our economic culture are organized in this fashion. The stores that were decorated and ready to sell you everything you needed for Christmas are now ready for you to give your heart to your Valentine, and very soon after

that the shopping centers will start their preparation for Easter.

This tendency to order our lives based on important events is also present in the life of the church. We get resource materials for Advent and Christmas in September and October. Then in December we start getting promotions for Lent and Easter. Sometimes it is easy to overlook January and February as we set our sights on an event. But these two months serve an important function—a time when we can take a deep breath and reflect on what it all means.

We are so busy getting everything “right” for Christmas and Easter that it is too easy to miss the point of each season. Celebrations are good but, too often, it becomes about the dress instead of the marriage, the cake instead of the person, the decorations instead of God incarnate. Right now, we are in a time where there are no preparations to be made. We can just sit, breathe, and know that our Lord is God. Jesus was born for love, will die for salvation, and will rise for a promised hope. This is an important time to re-collect ourselves and listen to the stories of Jesus with no events to prepare for.

I pray you use this time to just be in the Lord’s presence and allow the Holy Spirit to wash over you, renewing your body, soul, and mind. I hope everyone has a happy February.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

The Nose Knows

Most likely you know someone suffering from the cold, flu or COVID. At times like these facial tissue becomes a necessity. But facial tissue is not an item you can purchase through the SNAP program. So, this month we are helping our neighbors by collecting boxes of facial tissue for the local food bank.

Place boxes of facial tissue in the box located in the vestibule. If you want to contribute but are unable to shop, place a monetary donation in the offering plate (marked “food bank”) and Linda Yocum will take care of the shopping for you! Monetary donations and boxes of facial tissue are due by Sunday, February 13.

Annual Audits

It is time for the annual finance and membership audits. Whenever possible, we try to schedule the audits together. A core group of volunteers always help with the audits, but new volunteers are welcome. The auditing process takes 1½ to 2 hours depending on the number of auditors and will take place in mid-February. If you are interested in helping, contact Linda Yocum at (412) 373-0835.

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. The cost is \$15 per vase or \$30 for the pair. If you would like to reserve a date but can't



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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:

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| February 6, 20 | August 28 |
| March 6, 13 | September 4, 11, 25 |
| April 3, 17, 24 | October 16, 30 |
| May 1, 8, 22 | November 6, 13, 20, 27 |
| June 12, 26 | December 4, 11, 25 |
| July 3, 10, 24, 31 | |

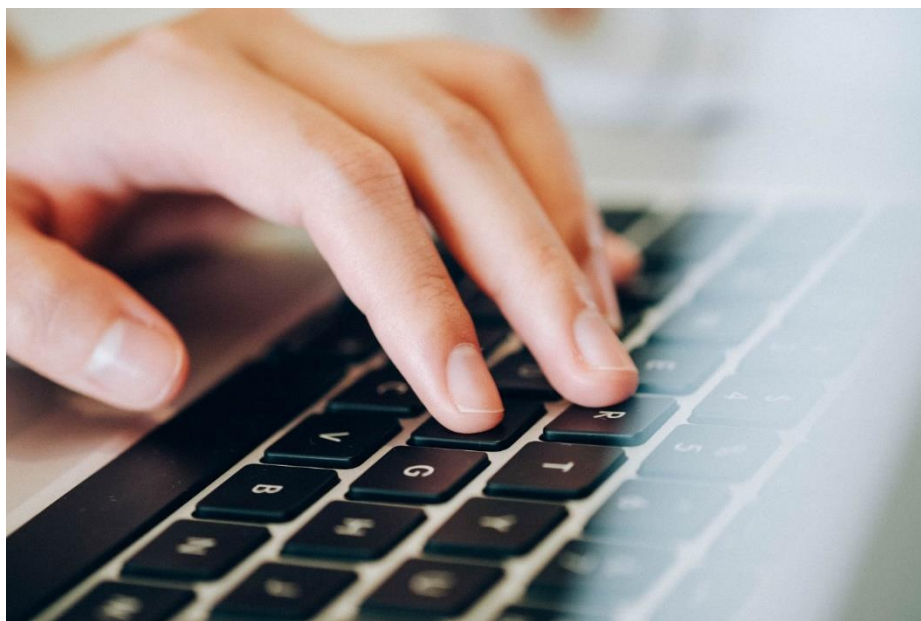
If you have any questions, contact the church office at (412) 373-0835.

e-Giving Survey

In 2018, Trinity conducted a survey about whether or not to offer electronic giving (e-giving) as a way to give to the church. Based on your response, the board decided not to pursue e-giving at that time.

The recent pandemic has forced some people to rethink how they give. Therefore, Trinity has decided to revisit the option of e-giving and, again, want to know what you think. E-giving is a way for you to give to the church regularly or whenever you can't attend in person. It also would be an option for fundraisers; for example, people could purchase tickets online to the Spaghetti Dinner, Strawberry Festival or other dinner. Crafters and direct sale vendors could reserve and pay for table space for the annual Craft & Vendor Show.

E-giving would not replace traditional ways of giving or purchasing event tickets. It would be an additional option. We want to know if you would want to use this giving option.



The board is asking each of you to take a brief survey about e-giving. The survey will be available online through Sunday, February 20, 2022, 11:59 p.m. EST at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJP9G65.

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone and want to complete the survey, a paper version is on the back page of this newsletter. Drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by February 20.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

We enter the season of Lent next month, and that means it is time for our annual Easter Candy Fundraiser. Order forms are available online at tumctrafford.org and in the vestibule. Orders are due in the church office by Sunday, March 6. Candy will be delivered to the church before Palm Sunday.

Online Ordering

You may also order candy online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com. Trinity earns 25% profit from all online orders.

1) Click on **Online Ordering**.

2) Enter the church's Group ID # **10-0582**.

3) Start shopping.

Online orders will be shipped directly to your home; a \$5 packaging and handling charge applies. The deadline for online ordering is April 10 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Family of Mary Lou Booher
Jane Graw (John Graw's mother)
Harry and Marge Little
Vicki Stokes
Jerry Williams
Family of 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 and Anniversaries

1st Becky Mallik
3rd Sandy Keller, Diane Kerrigan
10th Donna Piper
11th Ashley Kitchen
14th Kevin and Beverly Beam
16th Roger VanRyn
27th Richard Aglietti

Church Leaders 2022

Please pray for those who have been called forth to serve God and this congregation.

Eileen Bentley: Worship
Jim Bentley: Trustee
Mary Ann Casper: Lay Leadership
Lori Dorko: *SPRC, Lay Leadership
Matthew Knopf: SPRC
Bob Lovre: Trustee
Becky Mallik: Worship
Larry Mallik: Trustee
Kris Peters: Council Member-at-Large, Trustee
Beverly Piper: Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, SPRC Chair, Sunday School Superintendent, Camping Coordinator
Donna Piper: Prayer Chain Coordinator, Helping Hands President
Jane Pogue: Financial Secretary, Nurture Chair, SPRC, Nursery Coordinator
Donna Race: Worship
Lester Race: Finance Chair
Jeanne Ruccio: Council Member-at-Large, SPRC, Purchasing Agent
Bill Vowler: Trustee
Joan Vowler: Council Member-at-Large, Helping Hands Treasurer
Linda Yocum: Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Missions Chair, Membership Secretary, Worship Team

*SPRC: Staff Parish Relations Committee

February Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

February 13 and 27

- 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.

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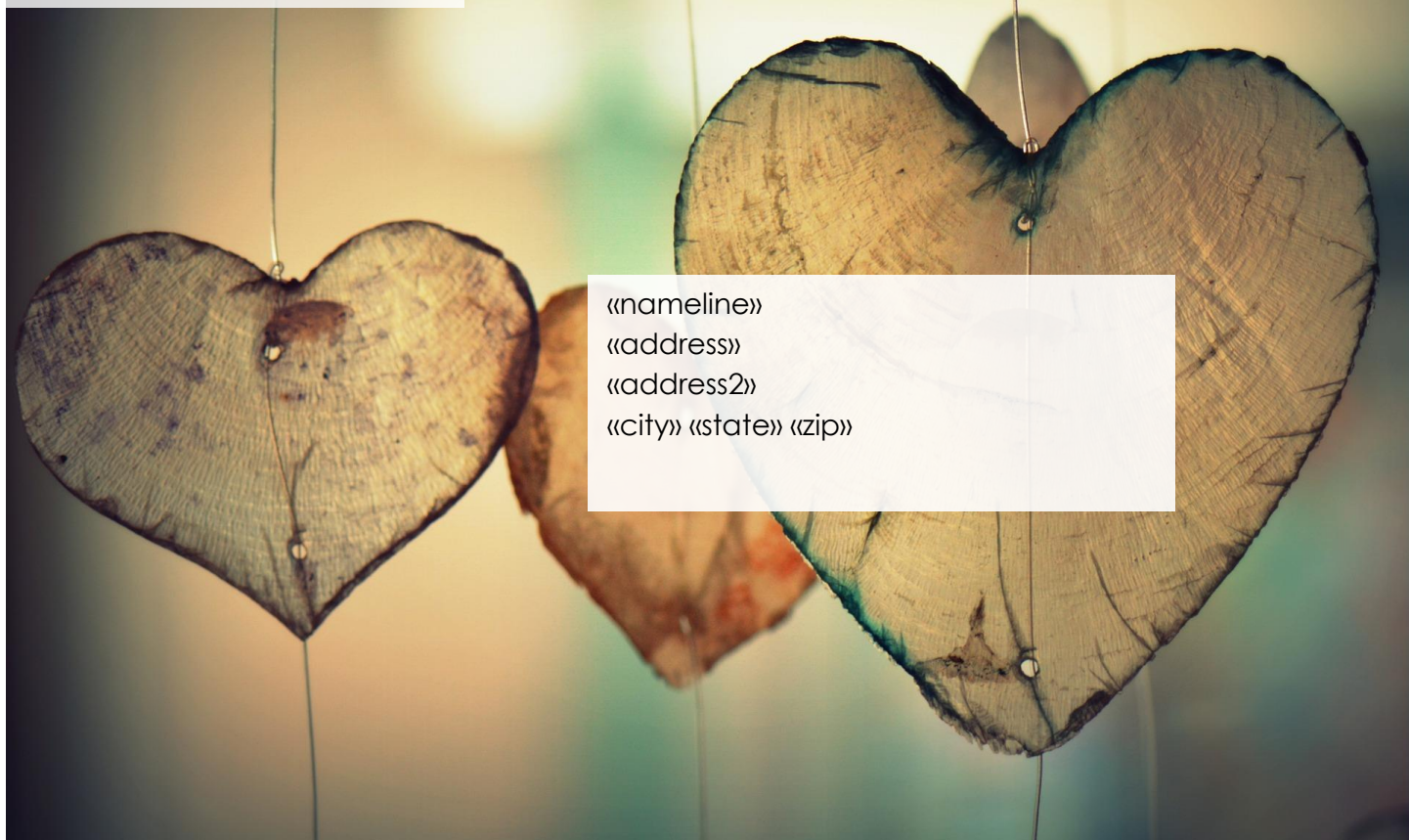
6th open
13th Stephanie and Justin Judy
20th open
27th Thelma Johnson and Family

February Calendar

Bible Journaling meets at 6 p.m. in the craft room off the balcony (4th Street entrance side) the fourth Friday of the month. 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.
30 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Camping Sunday</i>	31	1	2 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	3	4	5
6 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion	7	8 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	9 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	10	11	12
13 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study Tempo Deadline	17	18	19
20 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	21 <i>President's Day</i>	22	23 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	24	25 6 p.m. Bible Journaling	26
27 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day	28	1	2 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	3	4	5

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the March issue of the newsletter are due Wednesday, February 16, 2022.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

E-Giving Survey

1. Are you in favor of Trinity UMC offering electronic giving as an option?
 Yes No
2. Would you use electronic giving if Trinity UMC made it available?
 Likely Unlikely
3. If likely, how often would you use electronic giving?
 On a regular basis.
 Only when I can't be at worship.
 On special occasions.
4. If unlikely, why?
