

Trinity

May 2022

Tempo



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I just watched a show the other day where the banter went something like this, “My, what an unexpected surprise.” “Well, Jack, aren’t all surprises unexpected?” It seems to be true that we don’t often go looking for surprises. They just kind of show up. Though they are not expected, sometimes they are desired, and sometimes they are not.

I am sitting in the office, in the middle of Trafford, working on this letter. Looking outside I notice two deer eating the buds off of the bushes right across the street. It is 2 p.m. I have not seen a deer on that hillside in the almost eight years I have been here. I am very pleasantly surprised by this unexpected sight.

It reminds me of something I need to keep in mind: God is surprising. Both churches recently finished Bible studies. During these studies we learned more about God and God’s desire for us. In fact, all the Bible studies we participate in are focused on the goal of learning more about God. And though the Bible does reveal to us God’s love, character, and desire, to think we have God figured out would not be the best idea.

I am sure each of us can share a time when God surprised us. Maybe it was something exciting and wonderful, or maybe it was something challenging and difficult. But it is impossible to put God in a box. Prayer and scripture are important because they help us to walk the path laid out before us. But we will be met with surprise after unexpected surprise. How many times have we tried to plan out every aspect of ministry only to meet the unexpected or to be guided down a different path? How many times in the church’s life has the status quo been challenged to change? How many times have old traditions been pushed to be altered?

So, does God’s penchant for surprise mean there is nothing we can count on in life? Not at all! Scripture shows us time and again that God is love, that Jesus was raised from the dead so we may have life in him, and that the Spirit’s presence is assured. But the road we take, path we walk, and plans we make...those will be full of surprises. I pray we are able to trust in God’s love no matter what twists and turns may meet us.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Senior Friends, Welcome Back!

(by Jane Pogue)

We are going to start up our Senior Friends group beginning Monday, May 2, 2022 at 1 p.m. Any senior (age 65 and over) is welcome. There is only one stipulation: only one member per family is eligible. This is due to confidentiality. Sometimes our discussions get personal and the members need the opportunity to speak freely.

We talk about all kinds of things, from **all** our aches and pains and our remedies, and “helicopter” family members who hover over us too much to more serious concerns



of our faith, of loss, and financial worries. We laugh a lot, and there are always refreshments. If you would like to bond with us, we would love to have you join our group. Any questions, please call me at (724) 864-2858, and I hope to see you on May 2!

Clean Closets

As you go about your spring cleaning and pulling out your summer clothing, don't forget about Trinity's Clean Closets for Campers program. Donate unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, gloves, coats, and hats. Place the items in one of the blue bins located on the 4th Street side of the church. Proceeds go to Trinity's campership fund and are used to send youth and families to camp.

Special Sundays

Native American Ministries: May 1

Native American Ministries Sunday is a time to recognize and celebrate the voice of Native American leaders in the Church. Your gifts are used to develop Native American ministries on reservations and in rural and urban areas. They also provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

Golden Cross Sunday: May 8

Monies from this conference-wide special Sunday support United Methodist-related homes and agencies located in Western PA.

Prayerfully consider donating on these two special Sundays.



Mother's Day Flowers

Our annual Mother's Day flowers will be given out again this year. The flowers are given in memory of Jane Pogue's mother, Velma Pogue.

Any lady attending the church service on Mother's Day may take a flower at the end of the service. If you are on ZOOM, or just unable to attend church that morning, the flowers will be on a table on Trinity House porch for the rest of the day. If you would like a flower delivered, just call and let Jane know at (724) 864-2858. Our mothers have always done so much for us, and it is good to remember and appreciate them.

Kay Meadowcroft

(by Jane Pogue)

Unfortunately, we lost one of our oldest and most loyal church members on April 15,

2022: Kay Meadowcroft. Kay was a very active member in Sunday School, Women's Bible Study, and Helping Hands. She held many offices in the church over the years and she could always be found in the kitchen helping with dinners or other church activities.

Kay has been living at Concordia of Monroeville, but continued her connection with the church through her financial giving, visitations, and devotional reading. We will truly miss Kay, and will covet the memories we have of her.

If anyone would like to offer their condolences to her sister, Linda Centofanti, the address is 790 Powander Ave., Reading, PA 19606.

Knowing of Kay's very close relationship with God, we know He has another angel right beside Him.

Community Events

Community Clean-up Days

Trafford Borough is holding its annual Community Clean-up Days on Friday, May 6 from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Drop off unwanted junk and other items for disposal at the Public Works Building, 105 Brinton Ave.

Hazardous materials, electronics, appliances, or objects that require special disposal will not be accepted. So, keep an eye out for items you want to get rid of as you do your spring cleaning this week, and make plans to clean up on May 6 and 7.

District Conference

The annual Greensburg District Conference will be held Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. at Faith UMC, 305 Freeport St., Delmont.

This year the conference will be held drive-in style. Participants will remain in their vehicles and tune their radios to hear the program. Everyone is welcome.





Monroeville United Methodist Church is located at 219 Center, Road, Monroeville.

Stay Connected

Would you like to know more about what is happening in the Greensburg District?

Sign up for the district’s Connector newsletter to receive bi-weekly newsletters and special announcements. Sign up at

www.wpaumc.org and fill in the “connect with us” section at the bottom of the page. See the flyer posted in the vestibule for more information.

Autism Seminar

Join other clergy, church staff, and church members at the Center for Achievement in Irwin, PA for a seminar about ministering to people affected by Autism.

The training will provide attendees with a foundation on understanding autism and how to make the church an inclusive place.

The session takes place on Friday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the ATS Center for Achievement, 1015 Pennsylvania Ave., Irwin. The cost is \$20 per person. You will find more information on the flyer posted in the church vestibule.

Avoid Scams and Frauds

Monroeville United Methodist Church is hosting a presentation by Cyndie Carioli, Senior Justice Advocate, of the Allegheny County DA’s Office. During the session you will learn how to avoid scams and frauds, the latest scams targeting seniors, and how to protect yourselves. The presentation takes place Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m.



Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Family of Mary Lou Booher
Family of Jane Graw (John Graw's mother)
Harry and Marge Little
Family of Kay Meadowcoft
Vicki Stokes
Family of Barbara Vuic
Jerry Williams
War in Ukraine

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

Birthdays

2nd Louise Redinger
5th Jenna Nigro
6th Josie Nigro, Shawn Sciotti
9th Mary Thornton, Darlene Williams
11th Jane Pogue
15th Amy Keefer, Harry Little, Pat Puckey, Robert Conlogue
16th Nancy Harris
17th Lexi Fanty
20th Gracie Stultz
23rd Lou Booher, Jill Miller, Aless Hanna
27th Zack Keefer
28th Evie Felmlee, Anne Robinson
29th John Graw
30th Alex Silowash, Roberta Cuttler, Nicole Dodril
31st Les Race

Anniversaries

6th Alan and Sandy Yamamoto
18th Nick and Danielle Mallik

May Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

May 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

1st Stephanie Judy
8th John and Cindy Graw
15th Paul & Joanne Ondulich and Larry & Becky Mallik
22nd Evie Felmlee
29th Jeff, Matt, and Tim Johnson

May 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.
1 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion 3 p.m. District Conference (Faith UMC) <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i>	2 1 p.m. Senior Friends	3	4 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	5 National Day of Prayer	6	7
8 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Golden Cross Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day	9 1 p.m. Senior Friends	10 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	11 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	12	13	14
15 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	16 1 p.m. Senior Friends Tempo Deadline	17	18 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	19	20	21
22 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Heritage Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day	23 1 p.m. Senior Friends	24	25 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	26	27 6 p.m. Bible Journaling	28
29 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Ascension Sunday</i>	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> (church office closed)	31	1 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	2	3	4



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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the June issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, May 16, 2022.



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

Call for Graduates

It's that time of year—time to honor our high school, trade school and college graduates. If you know of some 2022 graduates within the church family, contact the church office at (412) 373-0835 or Jane Pogue at (724) 864-2858.

