

# Trinity

August 2022

# Tempo

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Happy August,

Arguably, we have reached our final month of summer. August is full of transitions and changes. The kids will be going back to school. Teachers are starting to prepare mentally for classes. The weather will begin to shift. I am already thinking about our Charge Conference in October. (I know that's a surprise; details will be coming soon.) There is great value in preparing for what is to come.

Being ready for tomorrow is something that is worthwhile. But I find that if we do so at the expense of today, tomorrow will be even more unpredicable.

I was just on the phone with a colleague, lamenting about the future unknowns surrounding the United Methodist Church. We talked about how we don't know what the denomination will look like. How will future appointments be made? Will the future structure look the same or different than it does now? During this discussion I realized that I have *never* known what the future might hold, but I also wasn't worried because then I was focused on things I understood and trusted. Now, the future looks so worrisome because today I allow my focus to be grabbed by the fighting, the uncertainty, and the heartbreak.

I know I recently used this scripture in a letter, but maybe I need to read it again. Matthew 6:25-34. Jesus encourages us not to worry about tomorrow. The main reason for that is because God is holding us tightly. That is where we should be casting our focus. That is where I need to be placing my attention. Christ has put ministry and love right before us. Today is the day that we can trust and glorify God. When tomorrow gets here, we will be able to do the same.

I pray that each of us has eyes and hearts for today, looking to see how God is calling us to love in this moment. That love will most certainly help us and others with tomorrow.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

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# Trinity Happenings

## Blessing of the Backpacks

*(by Jane Pogue)*

It's so hard to believe that school will be starting again on August 25. As always, we want to start the year off right, so please come and bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 21 to have them blessed by Pastor Justin.

If you can't attend church that Sunday, contact Pastor Justin to arrange a time. Everyone, young and old, attending any kind of schooling is more than welcome. Make sure God is with you as you start your new school year!

## Craft & Vendor Show

The annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Show returns to Trinity UMC on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you know of any crafters who would like to join us, the cost is \$30 per eight-foot table. Joanne Ondulich is coordinating the show again this year and is your contact person.

As always, we will need bakers to share some tasty treats for our bake sale and people to help at the concession stand. And if baking and selling aren't in your wheelhouse, come to shop hand-crafted jewelry, holiday gifts and more!

Sign-up sheets for the bake sale and concession stand will be in the vestibule in the fall.



## School Supplies

We are switching things up this year and are collecting school supplies for children in our community. Based on lists provided by the Trafford Elementary/Middle School, we estimate the cost of each kit (including backpack) is \$25 for elementary- and \$60 for middle-school. Our goal is to assemble 20 kits for each school group.

We are asking you to donate money rather than specific items. This will allow us to standardize the kits, and get better prices by buying in quantity. Kits will be assembled and given out at the Trafford food bank and library in August. Turn donations in by August 14, 2022, and let's give children in our community a head start on the school year!

## Church Picnic

*(by Jane Pogue)*

Don't forget the church picnic on Friday, August 12 at my house. We always have a great time, and we look forward to seeing all of you. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for those who attend church on Sunday.

For those who use ZOOM, please let me know on Sunday mornings if you are coming to the picnic and what cover dish you will be bringing. Can't wait to see you there.



## New Program for Recording Donations

*(by Jane Pogue)*

We are switching programs for recording church donations and will be using QuickBooks Online. We feel this program, already in use by the treasurer, will be more efficient and beneficial to the church.

QuickBooks Online tracks donations by name rather than envelope number, so please write your name on your envelopes to ensure you get credit for your kind donations to the church.

We review the envelope list before each quarterly mailing for changes in name, address, and membership status. If you don't use the envelopes and don't want to receive them, contact the church office. Conversely, if you haven't been receiving envelopes and would like to, contact the church office.

## E-Giving Update

We are making progress and plan to roll out e-giving in mid to late August. Those of you who want to use electronic giving will be able to give online through Trinity's website or a mobile app.

***Remember that e-giving will not replace any of the current ways of giving to the church.*** It will be just one more way of giving. If you have any questions about e-giving, please contact the church office.

## Bible Journaling

*(by Patty Aubele)*

Because of the oppressive heat in the craft room, we may not have Bible Journaling in August. We are considering other rooms within the church that might work for our journaling space, and will keep you updated on our progress. In the meantime, please continue journaling on your own. If you need ideas, give me a call at (412) 856-9477.

# Joys & Concerns

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

## Pray for

Regis Aubele (Patty's Aubele's brother-in-law)  
Mary Ann Casper  
Sandy Chiappetta  
Jeff Johnson  
Harry and Marge Little  
Family of Marty Mallik (Larry Mallik's cousin)  
Vicki Stokes  
Jerry Williams  
Louise (Sharren Breakey's sister)  
War in Ukraine

## Life's Celebrations

Jen and Garlan McCune welcomed their first child, Connor Dean McCune, born July 7, 2022. Congratulations!

The Judy family will host Sota (Sohta), a foreign exchange student from Japan for the 2022-2023 school year. Sota will arrive early-mid August.

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> Jen McCune, Julie Sippel-Silowash  
8<sup>th</sup> Jace Thomas Beam  
10<sup>th</sup> Angel Spell  
12<sup>th</sup> Lynn Antoon, Rob Hainsey  
13<sup>th</sup> Mary Henry  
14<sup>th</sup> Carol Piper  
15<sup>th</sup> Bill Vowler, Damian Kitchen  
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  
15<sup>th</sup> Bill and Joan Vowler  
22<sup>nd</sup> Larry and Becky Mallik

## August Schedules

### Scrip Program Ordering

August 14 and 28

- 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

7<sup>th</sup> Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto  
14<sup>th</sup> Larry and Becky Mallik  
21<sup>st</sup> Yocum Family  
28<sup>th</sup> Love Ruffner

# August Calendar

Stephanie Judy's younger elementary class and Beverly Beam's older elementary class will not meet during August. Classes for these two groups will resume in September. Beverly Piper's senior high class will continue to meet during August.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
31 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	1 1 p.m. Senior Friends	2	3	4	5	6
7 10 a.m. Sunday School (senior high class) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion <i>Rural Life Sunday</i>	8 1 p.m. Senior Friends	9 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	10 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	11	12	13
14 10 a.m. Sunday School (senior high class) 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <i>Disability Awareness Sunday</i>	15 1 p.m. Senior Friends	16	17 <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	18	19	20
21 10 a.m. Sunday School (senior high class) 11:15 a.m. Worship/Blessing of the Backpacks	22 1 p.m. Senior Friends	23	24 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	25	26	27
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**Rural Life Sunday, August 7:** Your gifts strengthen witness, nurture, and outreach programs in rural areas of Western PA.

**Disability Awareness Sunday, August 14:** Your gifts fund grants to congregations with accessibility projects which make it possible for all people to attend worship and participate in church activities. It strengthens and enriches their faith and, in turn, strengthens and enriches our own.

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## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the September issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Wed., August 17, 2022.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

## Volunteers Needed!

The Greensburg District is hosting the Hospitality Center at the Westmoreland County Fair, August 19-27. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day during the fair.

The district needs volunteers to staff the center throughout the nine days. The Greensburg District provides hospitality by giving away cool air (the center is the only air-conditioned building on the grounds), cups of cold water, private nursing and baby changing areas, a prayer box for concerns, and free, age-appropriate Bibles.

If you are able to help staff the center and want to touch lives with the love of Jesus Christ, contact First UMC, Irwin at (724) 863-6858.