

# Trinity

September 2022

# Tempo



Happy September,

Manor First United Methodist Church is in the middle of a Bible Study that focuses on the role of angels. What makes angels a popular topic to discuss? The fascination with angels is nothing new. The book of Hebrews (in the Bible) warns about the worship of angels. We have looked at the different roles that angels have played, starting with Genesis and going to Revelation.

God has used angels for different functions: to be God's ambassador, to share a message with a prophet or someone chosen for a particular purpose, to worship God, to carry our judgments, to protect, to correct. When we look at the life and functions of angels, we see they were created for the service and ministry of God alone.

But Hebrews also reminds us they were created a little lower than humanity. When John of Patmos bowed to worship an angel, the angel responded by saying to worship God alone. Their service to us and the Lord has always been very challenging to me. Their existence is lived solely for the love of God. As I reflect on my life, I see how short I have fallen from my original purpose—to be a reflection of the creative activity of God through my love, worship, devotion and faith.

Angels can teach us so much about God's love and dedication for us. The service of angels to the Lord can encourage us to seek service to God and one another. But it is not just a simple matter of saying, "Don't sin." John Wesley (in his study of scripture) points to something else to strive toward.

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice, always, <sup>17</sup>pray continually, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Striving for this will help our eyes and hearts be more focused on the Lord each day. I pray that, through the Holy Spirit, we may always seek to walk the path God has laid before us.

We can also rejoice, because we are not alone on this lifelong journey. Thanks be to God.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

# Trinity Happenings

## Another Great Annual Picnic!

Thanks again to all who attended the church picnic. It was so great to see Jean Swick and Donna Piper, and to meet Sohta (foreign exchange student from Japan hosted by the Judy family).

The food was delicious. Drake enjoyed the hot tub, and he and Brent (his dad) did a great job on the smores! We also celebrated Bill Vowler's birthday and Bill and Joan's anniversary! See you next year!

## School Supplies

We filled 20 backpacks with supplies for elementary students and 20 backpacks with supplies for middle school students. Thanks to everyone who contributed funds to this local mission project. Backpacks were distributed to students through the food



bank and library, and by the Trafford Elementary/Middle School librarian.

Thanks also to Patty Aubele, Colleen Divito, Beverly Piper, Carol Piper, and Jeanne Ruccio who assembled the kits on a hot, muggy Friday afternoon. Wonderful job!

## Dates to Remember

Fall is a busy time in the life of our church. Here are some of the special events taking place in September and October. Please make note of the dates and times.

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 27 at 7 p.m. to set the budget for 2023.

Trinity will hold its annual planning meeting on Saturday, October 15 at 10 a.m. to reflect upon 2022 and to identify a focus and set goals for 2023.

Charge Conference takes place Saturday, October 22 at 10 a.m. at Christ UMC, 2800 Coulterville Rd, McKeesport 15131. Board members are encouraged to attend.

## Member in Need

*(by Jane Pogue)*

Please keep Judy Mason in your prayers. Due to financial concerns, Judy won't be able to stay at The Palms at O'Neil any longer. Her cousin, Tom Fox, is trying to find agencies that may be able to help her. If you know of an agency that could help, or assisted living facilities she would qualify for, please let Linda (church office) or me know. Judy has been a loving member of our church and she could use our help now.

## Blessing of the Pets

(by Jane Pogue)

Keep Sunday, October 23, 2022 open for Blessing of the Pets.

Pastor Justin will be blessing any and all pets that you want blessed! Weather permitting, we will begin at 6 p.m. in front of Trinity House. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the blessing will take place in the social hall. Final details will be coming soon.



## E-Giving Update

E-giving is up and running. The insert in this newsletter explains how you can give online or via mobile app. There are two things to keep in mind as you set up your e-giving: how to pay and cover the fees.

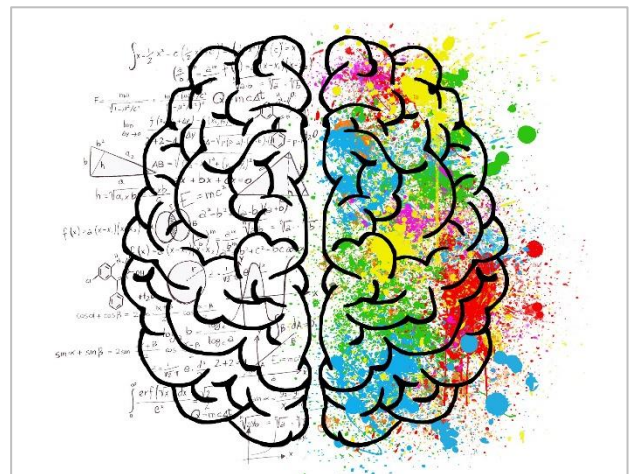
You may pay by credit or debit card or by bank account. The system defaults to credit/debit card. To have funds withdrawn from your bank account click on **Bank Account**.

Trinity will incur fees for e-giving: 2.85% for credit and debit card transactions and 1% for bank account transactions. You may choose to cover these processing fees when entering your payment method. If you choose to cover these fees, simply click on the button. When you cover fees, it adds the percentage to your total donation. You will receive credit for this as part of your donation.

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

## Healthy Brain Aging

Monroeville UMC is hosting a session on healthy brain aging on Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. Presenters Dr. Howard J. Aizenstein and Dr. Akiki Mizuno of the University of Pittsburgh will cover healthy brain aging, challenges facing the elderly, and treatment and prevention of brain diseases like dementia, late-life depression and other cognitive challenges.





# Joys & Concerns

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

## Pray for

Mary Ann Casper  
Sandy Chiappetta  
Dani Dent (Cindy Graw's aunt)  
Jeff Johnson  
Harry and Marge Little  
Judy Mason  
Vicki Stokes  
Jerry Williams  
War in Ukraine

## Life's Celebrations

Nate and Stacey Ruccio welcomed their first child, Graham Theodore Ruccio, born August 23, 2022. Congratulations Nate and Stacey. Congratulations also to first-time grandparents John and Jeanne Ruccio!

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

## Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> David Nigro  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marge Little  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dyanna Jartin  
5<sup>th</sup> Justin Judy  
9<sup>th</sup> Colleen Divito, Laney Baker  
10<sup>th</sup> Bill Jones, David Zimmerman,  
Laura Musser, Zack Lloyd  
11<sup>th</sup> Sarah Musser  
13<sup>th</sup> Sandy Yamamoto  
17<sup>th</sup> Rylie Felton  
20<sup>th</sup> Joe Antoon  
23<sup>rd</sup> Beverly Beam  
24<sup>th</sup> Gavin Dulemba  
26<sup>th</sup> Julie Beam  
27<sup>th</sup> Kevin Knopf

## Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> David and Josie Nigro  
18<sup>th</sup> Brett and Gina Lloyd,  
Rob and Janet Conlogue  
20<sup>th</sup> Brent and Jess Clausner  
25<sup>th</sup> Randy and Diane Kerrigan

## September Schedules

### Scrip Program Ordering

September 11 and 25

- 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

4<sup>th</sup> Evie Felmlee  
11<sup>th</sup> open  
18<sup>th</sup> Thelma Johnson  
25<sup>th</sup> open

# September Calendar

Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, September 11 at 10 a.m. Trinity offers younger elementary, older elementary and senior high classes. See Beverly Piper for more information.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
28 10 a.m. Sunday School (senior high class) 11:15 a.m. Worship	29 1 p.m. Senior Friends	30	31	1	2	3
4 10 a.m. Sunday School (senior high class) 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Christian Education Sunday</i>	5 <i>Labor Day</i> (church office closed)	6	7	8 7:15 p.m. Choir	9	10
11 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	12 1 p.m. Senior Friends	13 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	14	15 7:15 p.m. Choir	16 <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	17
18 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	19 1 p.m. Senior Friends	20	21	22 7:15 p.m. Choir	23 6 p.m. Bible Journaling	24
25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	26 1 p.m. Senior Friends	27 7 p.m. Finance Committee	28	29 7:15 p.m. Choir	30	1

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## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the October issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, Sept. 16, 2022.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

## 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 late September/early October.