

Trinity

October 2022

Tempo



Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

Fall has officially arrived. The weather has cooled off considerably, the leaves are already starting to change color, and the stores are beginning to sell Halloween candy. You know the season is changing.

These changing seasons are one of the things that helps me appreciate God so much. God seems to love variety. Hebrews 13:8 declares that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today,

and forever.” It is true that the love of God and the word of God never changes but remains the same. We can and do place our lives and souls on this firm foundation. It is the train that sees us safely to the other side.

But the lands in which the train passes through change from one moment to the next. God has created this world to show all the different sides of his love. Pennsylvanians get to see God’s love in the falling of the leaves and the coolness of the breeze. The falling snow reveals God’s love in its beauty and purity. The growing flowers reveal God’s love in their resiliency and new life. The hot sun shows us God’s love in persistence and warmth.

But not all of the changes in this world are easily labeled as good. This country and even our denomination are seemingly in the middle of a great divide. Yet God’s love can be seen still. It can be seen in those who have chosen love over hate, words of encouragement over slander, in those who stand for God’s truth and justice over belittling and devaluing others.

We are, and will always be, in the midst of great change, but Jesus has given us the choice to stand with him and reflect his light of love and compassion with all whom we encounter.

I thank God we are standing on Christ’s unshakable love in the midst of these turbulent times. No matter what tomorrow may bring, we will always have Jesus guiding us forward. That can bring us great confidence in whatever may come. I thank God for that.

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Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Planning Meeting

Trinity will hold its annual planning meeting on Saturday, October 15 at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to Trinity's church family; board members are encouraged to attend. We will use the time to reflect upon our progress in 2022 and to identify a focus and set goals for 2023.

If you have ideas or questions, contact Pastor Justin at (724) 594-4073.

Charge Conference

Charge Conference takes place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 22 at Christ UMC. Several churches will participate in this cluster session. The church is located at 2800 Coulterville Rd, McKeesport 15131. Board members are encouraged to attend this yearly conference.

Food Drive

Churches attending the Charge Conference are asked to support a specified mission program of the host church. Christ UMC, the host church, is asking for non-perishable items for the Irwin Food Bank.

A donation box is located in the vestibule. Drop off your contributions by Sunday, October 16, 2022.

Blessing of the Pets

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

Pastor Justin will be blessing any and all pets that you want blessed! If you have a pet that is unable to travel or does better in a quiet environment, then bring its collar, sweater, or other favored item in lieu of the actual animal.

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.



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.

As always, we will need bakers to share some tasty treats for our bake sale, people to help at the concession stand, and people willing to help the vendors and crafters haul their displays and merchandise in and out. If baking and selling aren't your thing, come shop hand-crafted jewelry, holiday gifts, baked goods, and more!

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. Contact Joanne Ondulich for more information.

Looking Ahead

The Penn-Trafford Ministerium will host its annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year at the Manchester Room on Tuesday, November 22 at 6 p.m. A worship service will follow the meal.

Trinity will collect cans of whole kernel corn to be served at the dinner. Any unopened cans of corn will be distributed to local food banks or shelters. A donation box will be placed in the vestibule in early November. If you are interested in helping during the dinner, contact Pastor Justin.



Halloween Treats

Trinity will host its fourth annual Halloween candy giveaway on Monday, October 31 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in front of Trinity House.

A basket will be set up in the vestibule for candy donations. If you prefer to give money instead, please mark "Halloween" on your envelope. Contact Beverly Piper if you would like to help set-up or pass out treats at the event.

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Regis Aubele (Patty Aubele's brother-in-law)
Corrie Baker
Len Booher (Cindy Graw's brother)
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

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

Birthdays

1st Harper Mallik, Megan Zigarovich
2nd Kay Dale
3rd Janet Conlogue
7th Corrie Baker
8th Jill Fanty
13th Alan Yamamoto
15th Jim Bentley
20th Jude Lovre
21st Kris Peters
27th Bruce Agliette, Cynthia VanRyn
28th Jess Clasuner
30th David Keller, Marjorie Myers

Anniversaries

8th Paul and Joanne Ondulich
10th Michael and Ashley Kitchen
15th Garlan and Jen McCune

October Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

October 9 and 23

- 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 Matthew Knopf
9th Yocum Family
16th Jane Pogue
23rd Larry and Becky Mallik
Paul and Joanne Ondulich
30th Evelyn Felmlee

October Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	26 1 p.m. Senior Friends	27 7 p.m. Finance Committee	28	29 7:15 p.m. Choir	30	1
2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	3 1 p.m. Senior Friends	4	5 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6 7:15 p.m. Choir	7	8
9 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	10 1 p.m. Senior Friends	11 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	12 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	13 7:15 p.m. Choir	14	15 10 a.m. Planning Meeting
16 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Volunteers in Mission Awareness Sunday</i>	17 1 p.m. Senior Friends Tempo Deadline	18	19 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	20 7:15 p.m. Choir	21	22 10 a.m. Charge Conference
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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the November issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, October 17, 2022.



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

World Communion Sunday

On October 2, we join Christians around the world to partake in communion and to acknowledge our unity through Jesus Christ. Your gifts on this church-wide Special Sunday support racial and ethnic students through grants and scholarships.

Volunteers in Mission Awareness Sunday

On October 16 we collect a special offering for this conference-wide program. Your gifts are used to strengthen VIM engagement and participation across Western PA.

Prayerfully consider giving to these two special offerings on October 2 and 16.