

Trinity

November 2022

Tempo



Dear Manor First and Trafford Trinity,

This year has been a good year. To be honest with you, this was not my first choice of words with which to open the State of the Church. This has been a trying year, a complex year, a year full of challenges. These ideas came first. But as I was contemplating how to start this letter, one thing kept coming to mind, "God has been faithful." That's the truth of this past year. Because of that, it really has been a good year.

COVID seems to have become a part of our everyday existence. This is both good and challenging. Life has reached a new normal that includes this virus, but we are still trying to work out how that looks in our life together. It hasn't always been the easiest transition. I would live to see everything go back exactly the way it was before. But we do have to allow for some changes: ZOOM is staying for now; we have to be extra mindful if we don't feel well; I don't think masks are going to go away completely; and other changes.

I love that, even though we are sick or on vacation, ZOOM has allowed us to worship together. This still isn't perfected, but we are diligently working on offering a similar worship experience whether you're on ZOOM or in the sanctuary. The transition to a new normal has forced us to think outside the box in many areas, but there have been times where we have missed that box and the comfort it brings. Every step we have taken this year into new territory, God has faithfully walked beside us, nudging us into the path God wants us on.

Visitation has picked up again because many of the restrictions have been lifted. It has been heartening to see many members visiting one another again at the hospital, at home, or even at the grocery store. Both of you are so relational to God and one another, I am so happy this is being reestablished.

Each church will be holding a planning meeting to think of some ways we can serve God in 2023. I look forward to the chance to pray, dream, and plan about our future.

The denominational tensions have also been on our minds this past year. Starting in early 2023 we will be holding conversations to discuss the issues of the denomination in depth and possible options for the future. Whatever tomorrow holds in this regard, my prayer is that we can have

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Trinity Happenings

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.

Celebrating Thanksgiving

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 is collecting 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 is located in the vestibule. If you are interested in helping during the dinner, contact Pastor Justin.

Hanging of the Greens

Trinity will pull out the wreaths and garland, trees and bows for the hanging of the greens. Everyone is welcome to take part in decorating, fun and fellowship. So be at the church Saturday, November 26 at 10 a.m. to help get the church ready for Advent.



Angel Tree

Prison Fellowship Ministries

Angel Tree is an opportunity for you to make Christmas a little brighter for children with a parent or caregiver in prison. This year, Trinity will be supporting several local children. Joanne Ondulich, our program lead, is asking for monetary donations she will use to purchase gifts for the children—usually an article of clothing and toy or game suggested by the parent.

Gifts—purchased on behalf of the incarcerated parents—are wrapped and presented to the children before Christmas. Use the envelopes in the pews to donate and write **Angel Tree** on the envelope. Contact Joanne Ondulich for further details.

Sarris Candy Orders

It's that time of year...again! Trinity is holding its holiday candy fundraiser this month. Choose from a variety of delicious confections as gifts, as goodies for holiday parties, or for yourself.

Brochures are available in the vestibule. Orders are due by Sunday, November 13, 2022. (Simply place your order in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.) Candy will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

You may also order candy online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com.

- Click on **Online Ordering**.
- Enter the Group ID # **10-0582**.
- Start shopping.

Trinity will earn 25% profit from all online orders. Candy is shipped directly to your home. The deadline for ordering candy online is December 15, 2022.

Venturo Family at Jumonville Family Camp!

(by Beverly Piper)

Dana, Lily, and Dante Venturo attended Family Camp at Jumonville for the first time in July. Dana shared, “We had so much fun and learned so much. We met so many wonderful people and families. Lily met some new friends and made some bonds. We hope to go back next year!”

If you are interested in summer camps at Jumonville, Camp Allegheny, or Wesley Woods, contact Pastor Justin or myself. These camps have programs for adults and children all year round. Check their websites for more information.



Happy camper, Dante, at the Jumonville cross. Photo courtesy of Dana Venturo.

Holiday Greetings

When sending cards to your friends and relatives, don't forget some of your Trinity family that we don't have a chance to see very often. Below are addresses of church family members who are homebound, whose health prevents them from coming to church, or who live out of the area.

Jim and Eileen Bentley
(Kayla Eiseman)
203 Edgewood Ave
Trafford, PA 15085

Bob and Mary Ann Casper
104 Plum Dr
Trafford, PA 15085

Mrs Roberta Cuttler
c/o Barbara Fike
4506 Regent Dr
Wilmington, NC 28412

Mrs Kay Dale
227 Orchid Lane
Wauchula, FL 33873

Ms Marilyn (Joan) Hartley
Concordia of Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike, Room 325
Monroeville, PA 15146

Rob and Emily Kalanja
(Sophia and Robert)
502 Fairmont Ave
Trafford PA 15085

Diane Kerrigan
35 Sycamore Street
Trafford PA 15085

Harry and Marge Little
127 Saunders Station Rd
Trafford, PA 15085

Ms Judy Mason
The Palms at O'Neil
1 Glenshire Lane, Room 207
McKeesport, PA 15132

Mrs Marjorie Myers
821 Lake Port Blvd
Apt M510
Leesburg, FL 34748-7671

Ms Ronda Powell
328 Cavitt Ave
Apt 2
Trafford, PA 15085

Tom and Pat Puckey
5721 County Line Rd
New Bern, NC 28562-9474

George and Julie Ann Silowash
(Alex, Sebastian, Benjamin)
60 Slate Ave
Northfield VT 05663

Jay and Vicki Stokes
1409 Lyons Chase Cir
Murrysville, PA 15668

Noell Stultz and Mary Thornton
(Gracie, Gloria and Giovanna)
419 Fairmont Ave
Trafford PA 15085

Mrs Jean Swick
130 McElroy Dr
Trafford, PA 15085

Roger and Marlene VanRyn
101 Short St
Trafford, PA 15085

Pastor Letter

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these discussions with love, support and wisdom. I hope that through the whole process we will be able to pray for one another knowing that God will guide us to make the decision God is calling us to.

This has been a challenging year for me also. The denominational strife has weighed heavily on me at times. I do not want to see anyone hurt in whatever may happen. But I know God will be with us in love. I have really been thankful that visitations are able to happen again. If you would like to see me, please let me know. I would live to visit you. I am also doing continuing education through a training event I just took in early October and during a conference event throughout the year. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support.

As I look back, there have been some challenges, but God has used us in some pretty fantastic ways. It has been a good and blessed year.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Special Sundays

**Youth Service Fund Sunday,
November 6**

On November 6 we collect a special offering for the Youth Service Fund. This program is run by, with, and for youth. The youth-designed, youth-led programs range from leadership and development to ministry with at-risk youth to faith sharing and outreach.

**United Methodist Student Sunday,
November 27**

Your gifts for this church-wide Special Sunday provide loans and scholarships to

United Methodist students attending United-Methodist-related schools as well as other accredited colleges and universities.

Prayerfully consider giving to these two special offerings on November 6 and 27.

Trafford Public Library Christmas Evergreens

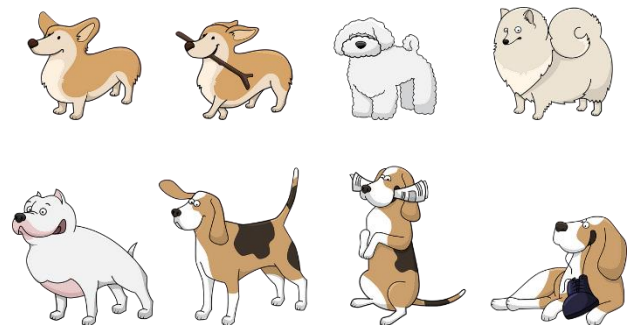
(by Beverly Piper)

The Trafford Library is selling Christmas evergreens as a fundraiser. These fresh evergreens are purchased from Sherwood Farms in the Pacific Northwest. They are sustainable harvested; trees are not cut down. Choose from wreaths, door swag, garland, and table centerpiece. Delivery will occur just after Thanksgiving. The order deadline is November 4. Order forms are in the church vestibule.

The Trafford Library is self-sustaining and greatly appreciates all support. See Beverly Piper with questions or to order.

Doggie Info 101

The Trafford Community Library and Clean Paws Boutique are offering a presentation on Wednesday, November 2 from 6-7 p.m. on how to care for dogs and how to greet new ones. Registration is required. Call (412-372-515) or stop by the library to sign up for this 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)
Sharren Breakey
Roberta Cuttler
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
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

2nd Joyce Rogers
7th George Silowash
8th Emma Chichilla
9th Joan Hartley
10th Paul Earl, Morgan Hainsey
13th Ron Hainsey
14th Thelma Johnson
16th Anna Kitchen, Elias Hanna
21st Dante Venturo, Diane Haney
22nd Tom Fanty
24th Matt Johnson
30th Spencer Boehm

Anniversaries

29th Ed and Patty Aubele,
David and Sandy Keller
30th Tom and Pat Puckey

November Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

November 6 and 20

- 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

6th John and Jeanne Ruccio
13th Jane Pogue
20th open
27th open

November Calendar

Bible Journaling will not meet on November 25 due to the holiday weekend. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
30 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	31 1 p.m. Senior Friends 5:30-8 p.m. Halloween Candy Giveaway Halloween	1	2 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	3 7:15 p.m. Choir	4	5
6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion Youth Service Fund Sunday (offering) Scrip Order Day <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	7 1 p.m. Senior Friends	8 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	9 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	10 7:15 p.m. Choir	11	12 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Holiday Craft & Vendor Show
13 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Sarris Candy orders due</i>	14 1 p.m. Senior Friends	15	16 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline	17 7:15 p.m. Choir	18	19
20 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	21 1 p.m. Senior Friends	22 6 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Dinner/Service	23	24 Thanks-giving (church office closed)	25	26 10 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship United Methodist Student Day (offering)	28 1 p.m. Senior Friends	29	30	1 7:15 p.m. Choir	2	3

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the December issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Wed., Nov. 16, 2022.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

It's time to fall back.
Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 6, 2022.

