

Trinity Tempo

December 2022



Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

I feel truly humbled and blessed with Stephanie as my wife. I give God so much glory because of her. Through Stephanie, I was also blessed with an amazing mother-in-law. She does such a wonderful job at making family feel like family, even if that can be difficult at times. The decorating she does with my oldest son is something I cherish every Halloween and Christmas. We always look forward to her visits and

her meals. She is an amazing cook.

But it wasn't always like this between the two of us. When Stephanie and I first got married we had the typical compromise conversation about the holidays. You know...who are we going to visit and when, which holidays are super special and which ones are not so much.

Through the course of this conversation, we found a bit of negotiation had to be done over Halloween and Christmas. I never celebrated Halloween as a child, and Santa never played a huge role in my house growing up. Stephanie's family loved Halloween, and Santa was a large part of their Christmas celebration. We decided to celebrate Halloween and put Santa on the back burner.

This decision, rightfully so, bothered my mother-in-law. She did her best to accept it but had a very hard time. She always kept trying. Then one Christmas she bought me a figurine of Santa praying to the baby Jesus. She showed me in that moment that she was trying so hard to meet me where I was. In doing that, Jesus was able to move both of us toward one another.

The joy of Advent and Christmas day is that it is the story of God meeting us where we are, not waiting for us to move toward God. It is the ultimate retelling of God's movement in our direction. The repercussions of that movement are the love, restoration, and healing of many. Merry Christmas to each of you!

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



Trinity Happenings

Meet our Newest Arrival!

We rejoice in the birth of Bentley Thoma who is the newest addition to our church family. Bentley's mom is Kayla Eiseman, and his grandparents are Eileen and Jim Bentley. May God bless Bentley and his wonderful family.



Pictured are Eileen Bentley, Kayla Eiseman and Bentley Thoma. Photo courtesy of Jane Pogue.

Craft & Vendor Show

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Holiday Craft and Vendor Show a success. Trinity raised just over \$950 with the event. Special thanks to Joanne Ondulich for organizing the show and to Stephanie Judy for managing the concession stand and bake sale. Your creativity and talents are so very appreciated.

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. Trinity is supporting 14 local children this Christmas. Program lead Joanne Ondulich 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. Donations received after December 14 will be held for the 2023 program. Contact Joanne Ondulich for further details.

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats

(by Jane Pogue)

We will once again be collecting coats for our Warm Hearts, Warm Coats campaign. We haven't done this for some time, so you should have some unused coats lingering in your closet. Starting this month, please bring those coats to our coat box in the overflow area near the library. So many people would benefit so much. Please, open your hearts and your closets and bring us those coats!

Happy Birthday, Joan!

We want to wish a very happy birthday to Joan Hartley who celebrated her 92nd birthday on November 9. And we wish Thelma Johnson a very happy birthday too.

We have an amazing “90+” club of ladies in our church. Among this group are Jean Swick (who is over 100!), Donna Piper, Evelyn Felmlee, and Joan. Thelma is close behind! We are so blessed to have these wonderful women as role models for us all.

Right: Joan Hartley

Below: Beverly Piper, Donna Race, Thelma Johnson, Jeanne Ruccio, and Jane Pogue (not pictured) join Joan Hartley in a birthday celebration. Photos courtesy of Jane Pogue.





Blessing of the Pets

Take a look at our blessed pets! On Sunday, October 23rd, Pastor Justin blessed our beloved pets on Trinity House porch. Among our pets were Oscar (top left), Papi (top right) Stevie Nicks (bottom left), Addie (bottom center), and Alice (bottom left)! We even had a visiting cat from Manor First come and be blessed. Photos courtesy of Jane Pogue.



Sarris Candy Orders

There is still time to get that candy order in for the holiday season. Just place your order 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 and a \$5 shipping fee applies to online orders.

Canned Goods Drive

Trinity is joining with the Greensburg YMCA to collect canned goods for the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Kris Peters will take the items to the Greensburg YMCA where they will use the cans to build a Christmas tree before taking the donations to the food bank. So, drop off your donations of canned goods in the box located in the overflow area and watch the tree grow.

Special Sunday

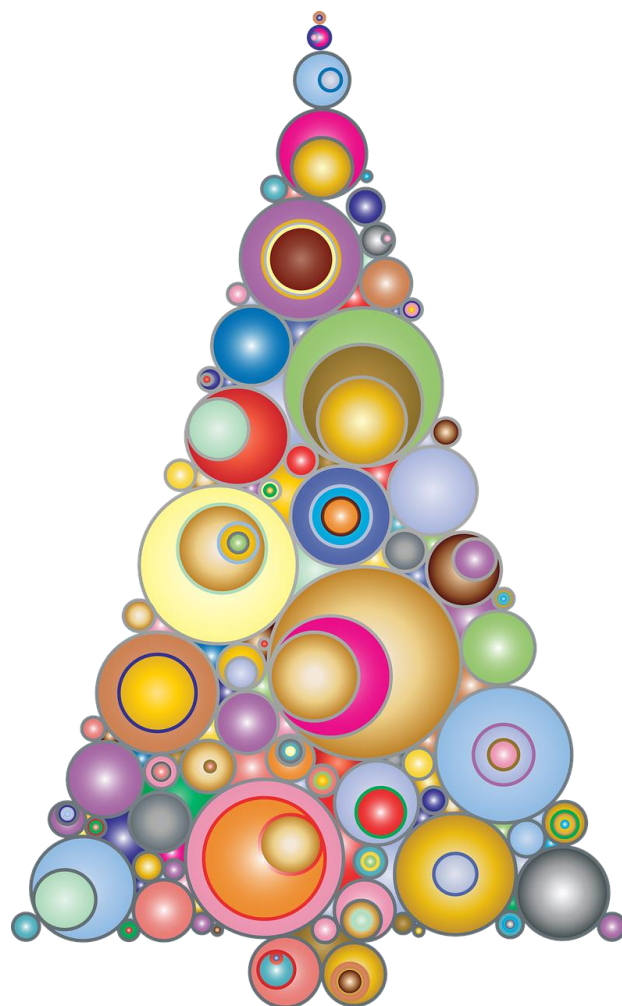
**Doorways to Hope at Home,
December 11**

Your gifts for this conference-wide special Sunday support the six regional mission agencies in Western PA: Erie UM Alliance, UM Human Services of Johnstown, WPA Prison Outreach Ministries, Connellsville Area Community Ministries, Greater Pittsburgh Ministries, and Eastbrook Mission Barn. Your gifts help these agencies keep their doors open.

Trafford's Holiday Happenings

Trafford is getting into the holiday spirit again this year with Trafford's Twinkle Tour on Saturday, December 3. Cruise along Cavitt Avenue to see the lights and displays of the business district. End your drive at the American Legion to see Santa on his sleigh. The drive-through parade takes place from 5 to 7 p.m.

Trinity will again participate in the celebration. If you would like to join in the fun, speak with Pastor Justin.



Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Corrie Baker
Sharren Breakey
Roberta Cuttler
Mary Ann Casper
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 Jean Swick
3rd Gloria Stultz
5th Linda Yocum
7th Dana Hainsey, Brent Clausner
12th Caleb Baker
21st Noell Stultz
26th Judy Cromer
28th Joan Vowler
29th Susan Rising
30th Anthony Keefer, Jay Stokes

Anniversaries

1st Jerry and Darlene Williams
8th Les and Donna Race
31st Jerry and Sharren Breakey

December Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

December 4 and 18

- 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

4th Kathy Gleeson-Powell
11th Evelyn Felmlee
18th Chancel Choir
25th Kathy Gleeson-Powell

December Calendar

Bible Journaling will not meet on December 23 due to the holiday weekend. Merry Christmas! See you in January.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	28 1 p.m. Senior Friends	29	30	1 7:15 p.m. Choir	2	3 5-7 p.m. Trafford's Twinkle Tour
4 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion Scrip Order Day	5 1 p.m. Senior Friends	6	7	8 7:15 p.m. Choir	9	10
11 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Doorways to Hope at Home Special Sunday</i>	12 1 p.m. Senior Friends	13 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	14	15 7:15 p.m. Choir	16 Tempo Deadline	17
18 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	19 1 p.m. Senior Friends	20	21	22 7:15 p.m. Choir (tentative)	23	24 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
25 Christmas Day 11:15 a.m. Worship	26	27	28	29 7:15 p.m. Choir (tentative)	30	31 New Year's Eve

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Tempo Deadline

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



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Bible Studies Return in 2023

Women's Bible Study will resume meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in January. Pastor Justin's Bible Study will resume meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in January. Specific start dates and other details will be provided during the Sunday announcements later this month.

