

Trinity Tempo

January 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The desire for Christ in our lives is often initially motivated by a desire to start new and to start fresh. There are moments in our lives when we look back and wish we could have done things differently. Then we look forward and are concerned about the direction our life is headed because of some of the choices we are making. A do-over sounds awfully comforting at moments like these. The thing is, the past is behind

us and cannot change, but we have an opportunity to live tomorrow on the path Christ has laid out for us. Doing that often means starting over and beginning anew.

Through the grace of Jesus, we are given a fresh start, a new beginning, a chance to live life walking side by side with our Lord and Savior. As I look back on my life, I have noticed many different fresh starts. Each time I have walked down a wrong path, Jesus has been there to lead me to the correct one.

New Year's Day is a natural new beginning for many of us. We make promises to ourselves to live a better life. All too often we feel a sense of shame a few weeks later when we break those resolutions. Even in the midst of the failure, God helps us see the path God wants us to walk. The joy of being children of God is that, through God's grace, the correct path is not barred from us. Jesus gives us another chance to walk where we ought to walk.

As we contemplate this past year and the one to come, let us do so cheerfully because we know that the Lord will lead us back to our path and beyond.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Keep Those Coats Coming!

(by Jane Pogue)

Thank you to everyone who has donated coats for our Warm Hearts, Warm Coats drive. We will be collecting them up to January 15, 2023. At that time, the coats will be taken to Burlington to be distributed locally. You can drop off coats anytime in the collection box on Trinity House porch or in the church library. Please be generous. There are so many people who can benefit from a coat that you don't need anymore.

Canned Goods Drive

Trinity has joined with the Greensburg YMCA to collect canned goods for the Westmoreland County Food Bank. Kris Peters will take the items to the YMCA where they will use the cans to build a Christmas tree before taking the donations to the food bank. Drop off canned goods in the box located in the overflow area by January 15, 2023.

Our Church Family

(by Jane Pogue)

Thanks to all of our church members who took the time to send Christmas cards to our friends who can't attend our church services. I have talked to so many and they all really appreciate knowing others are thinking of them.



2022 Financial Statements

(by Jane Pogue)

Your 2022 financial statements will be available on Sunday, January 8. If you attend the church worship service, they will be available in the vestibule. If you are on Zoom or unable to attend church, statements will be mailed out January 16, 2023. If you want your statement at a different time, please contact me and I will make sure you receive it.

Church Directory

Three drafts of the updated church directory are in the overflow area beside the library. Over the next couple of weeks, take a moment to verify the accuracy of your information and that of other family members. Make any corrections necessary. The new directory will be available in late January.

Special Sunday

Hyman Relations Day, January 15

Your gifts for this church-wide offering support community and youth outreach—programs that build, promote and strengthen racial and ethnic minority congregations; programs that mentor and empower youth; and programs that challenge unjust political, social and economic systems. Prayerfully consider giving on January 15.

E-Giving Update

Two new features are available for online giving: additional gift frequencies and optional end date.

Additional Gift Frequencies: Twice-a-month, quarterly, and annually are new options for giving. Gifts set for twice-a-month will process on the first and fifteenth of each month. Quarterly gifts will process every three months after the start date. Annual gifts will process every year to the date after the start date.

Optional End Dates: Online donors have the option to set an end date to recurring donations. The end date will be in effect only if you choose this option.

You can take advantage of these new features or keep your current giving settings. As always, Trinity continues to accept traditional ways of giving by offering plate and by mail.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Faith UMC in Delmont is hosting a Safe Sanctuary training event for the people of the Greensburg District on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 10 a.m. to noon. Rev. Chris Kindle will lead the session.

Adult volunteers and employees with PA State Clearances should have annual training to be compliant with Safe Sanctuary policies. Reservations are encouraged; call Faith UMC office at (724) 468-0040.

MLK Jr Service

The Greensburg District invites you to the annual Martin Luther King Jr Service on January 15, 2023, at 4 p.m. at Monroeville United Methodist Church, 219 Center Road, Monroeville PA 15146.

The featured speaker is the gifted and dynamic Dr. Cynthia A. Bond Hopson. Dr. Bond Hopson is Chief Equity Officer and Assistant General Secretary of the Black College Fund (BCF) at the United Methodist Church's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville, TN.

All are welcome to attend the special service on January 15, 2023 at Monroeville UMC.



Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Corrie Baker
Sharren Breakey
Sandy Chastek (coworker of Linda Yocum)
Roberta Cuttler
Mary Ann Casper
Family of Paul Earl
Jeff Johnson
Bill Jones
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 Kayla Eiseman
3rd Bob Chiappetta, Josh Keefer,
Eric Zigarovich
4th Sebastian Silowash
8th Sophia Kalanja
10th Erin Kennson
11th Marlene VanRyn
12th Brett Lloyd
18th Donna Race
23rd Aiden Johnson
25th Kara Soles, Scott Ebner
26th Drew Dulemba, Jeff Johnson
27th Art Loutsenhizer III, Kevin Beam Jr.
28th Gina Lloyd
30th Elijah Judy, Chris Kerrigan

Anniversaries

5th Harry and Marge Little

January Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

January 1, 15, and 29

- 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

1st Stephanie Judy
8th open
15th Matthew Knopf
22nd Graw Family
29th open

January Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Epiphany Sunday</i> Scrip Order Day <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 1 p.m. Senior Friends	3	4	5 7:15 p.m. Choir	6	7
8 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Unhanging of the Greens	9 1 p.m. Senior Friends	10 7:30 p.m. Ad- Council	11 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	12 7:15 p.m. Choir	13	14
15 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Human Relations Day</i> <i>(offering)</i> Scrip Order Day	16 1 p.m. Senior Friends Tempo Deadline <i>MLK Jr's birthday observed</i>	17	18 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	19 7:15 p.m. Choir	20	21
22 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	23 1 p.m. Senior Friends	24	25 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	26 7:15 p.m. Choir	27 6 p.m. Bible Journaling	28
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Tempo Deadline

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



Bible Studies Return in 2023

Women's Bible Study will resume meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. on January 11. Pastor Justin's Bible Study will resume meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in February. More information will be provided during the Sunday announcements later this month.

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

