

# Trinity Tempo

May 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mother's Day is quickly approaching. We will be able to celebrate it on May 14<sup>th</sup> this year. I am always cautious when it comes to celebrating this holiday in the church. I know we all have different experiences when it comes to our mothers. There is truth when we say that everyone has one. But not everyone has one now; some mothers have passed on or some

have left. Some mothers have done the best job they could, where others have looked upon their children as nothing but a burden. This is the reality that we live in.

So, when I think about celebrating this day in the life of the church it begs the question, "What does the ideal mother's love look like?"

Before we define what a good mother is, I want to say that defining a father tends to be much easier for us. I have known many that have said, "I had a terrible father growing up, but then I met my Father in heaven and God has been all that I need." But what if you had a neglectful mother? Can God fill that role also?

Of course, there is a biological component to a strict definition of mother; she gave birth to you. But to define *mother* we need to add so much more. Google defines the verb *to mother* as "bring up with care and affection." The website [organizedmotherhood.com](http://organizedmotherhood.com) has "21 Characteristics of a Good Mom." According to them a good mother is: patient, consistent, forgiving, calm, organized, loving, friendly, fierce, knowledgeable, brave, healthy, good sense of humor, hardworking, fun, available, positive, nurturing, a good role model, welcoming, imperfect, and secure. If you read this list and have an urge to crumble it up and throw it away, I am right there with you. My mom was some of these things but not all, and she was also more than this list covered. The list does give us a place to start.

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# Trinity Happenings

## Lookin' for Graduates!

BY JANE POGUE

It's close of the end of the school year, and it's time to honor those who have reached the milestone of their graduation. Right now, we have Elijah Judy as our graduate student, so if you know of any other graduates, please let me know. It can be from high school, college, trade school, and at any age! They have worked very hard and definitely deserve to be recognized. In the June *Tempo* we will have information about our graduates and their future plans.



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## Pastor's Letter

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Some in this fallen world have not had any of these descriptive terms in their lives, especially from their own mother. Looking at the attributes, however, we see that God can and has taken on this role in our lives in so many ways.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I (God) comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." (Isaiah 66:13.)

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I (God) will not forget you!" (Isaiah 49:15.)

"...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...." (Matthew 23:37b)

Though God has filled this role in our lives when we needed it, God has also sent women in our lives to be our mother when we felt alone and lost. This Mother's Day is a time to remember our mother, those who have mothered us, God who has cared for us like a mother, and also the opportunity we may have to be a mother to others.

I pray all of you have a Happy, Blessed, and Glorious Mother's Day.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



## Mother's Day

BY JANE POGUE

As part of our Mother's Day tradition, we will be honoring all of our mothers with a flower to show our appreciation and love for all they do. The flowers are donated in memory of my mother, Velma Pogue.

If you are not able to attend the service and would like a flower, please let me know and I will deliver it to you personally. All the ladies who are not able to attend our services will be getting a flower also.

Happy Mother's Day!

## Strawberry Festival

BY BEVERLY PIPER

It's back! Our Strawberry Festival has returned! Friday, June 9 from 4:30-7 p.m.

Anticipate delicious cake, strawberries and ice cream plus sandwiches, sides and beverages to enjoy. So, put this event on your calendar and tell your friends.

Tickets will be on sale in May and take out will be available. We will need people to bake cakes and to help set up, serve, and clean up.

Contact Carol or Beverly Piper if you would like to help. (A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule.) It's exciting to have this event to share again!

## Clean Closets

As you go about your spring cleaning, pulling out your summer clothing, don't forget about Trinity's Clean Closets for Campers program. Donate unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, scarves, gloves, coats and hats. Place items in one of the blue bins located on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street side of the church. Proceeds go to Trinity's campership fund and are used to send youth and families to camp.



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# Joys & Concerns

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

## Pray for

Sharren Breakey family  
Mary Ann Casper  
Harry and Marge Little  
Jean Swick family  
Jerry Williams  
War in Ukraine



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

## Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Louise Redinger  
5<sup>th</sup> Jenna Nigro  
6<sup>th</sup> Josie Nigro, Shawn Sciotti  
9<sup>th</sup> Mary Thornton, Darlene Williams  
11<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue  
15<sup>th</sup> Amy Keefer, Harry Little, Pat Puckey, Robert Conlogue  
16<sup>th</sup> Nancy Harris  
17<sup>th</sup> Lexi Fanty  
19<sup>th</sup> Robert Phillip Kalanja  
20<sup>th</sup> Gracie Stultz  
23<sup>rd</sup> Lou Booher, Jill Miller, Aless Hanna  
24<sup>th</sup> Megan Beam  
27<sup>th</sup> Zack Keefer  
28<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Felmlee, Anne Robinson  
29<sup>th</sup> John Graw  
30<sup>th</sup> Alex Silowash, Roberta Cuttler, Nicole Dodril  
31<sup>st</sup> Les Race

## Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> Alan and Sandy Yamamoto  
18<sup>th</sup> Nick and Danielle Mallik

## May Schedules

### Scrip Program Ordering

May 7 and 21

- 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

7<sup>th</sup> Kay Dale  
14<sup>th</sup> Larry and Becky Mallik  
21<sup>st</sup> Joanne Ondulich  
28<sup>th</sup> Jeff, Matt, Tim Johnson

# May Calendar

There will be no Bible Journaling in May due to the holiday weekend. See you in June!

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>30</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	<b>1</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	<b>5</b> <b>6</b> Trafford Clean Up Days	
<b>7</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Golden Cross Special Sunday</i> <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>8</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>9</b> 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	<b>10</b> 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>15</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	<b>18</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Ascension Sunday</i> <i>Heritage Sunday</i> <b>Scrip Order Day</b>	<b>22</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> (office closed)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

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## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the June issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Wednesday, May 17, 2023.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

## Golden Cross Sunday

May 7, 2023

Monies from this conference-wide special Sunday support United Methodist-related homes and agencies in Western PA.

Prayerfully consider donating to this program on May 7.

## District Conference

The annual Greensburg District Conference will be held Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. at Faith UMC, 305 Freeport St., Delmont.