

Trinity Tempo

August 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The last month of summer is upon us. Right now, our thoughts may be on finding time for that final vacation or weekend away with the children or before the weather starts to get colder. We might even be thinking about how football season is right around the corner or that it is soon time to resume school. August tends to be a strange month where we are

both holding on to a fading summer and preparing for the familiar rhythms of fall.

Our church also has a tradition of looking forward to tomorrow during August. On August 19 at 10 a.m., Trinity United Methodist Church will be having its annual planning meeting. During this two hour (max) meeting we will be discussing what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the community in which we live. The Lord has blessed us with the responsibility of living out the two greatest commandments together, “37...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

During this time, we will be able to dream and allow our minds and hearts to be led by the Holy Spirit down a path the Lord desires of us. I don't know what the Lord has in store for us in 2024, but this gathering will allow us to voice our desires and passions for certain ministries or ideas that God may have laid upon our hearts. These two commandments remind us that the overarching focus of the Christian church is and always has been Jesus Christ. All that we do expresses our desire to draw closer to Jesus, to introduce His love to our neighbors, and to serve one another and our community. Of course, through the creativity of the Holy Spirit and the workings of Jesus' love these things can be done in so many different ways. As they say, “The sky is the limit.”

The meeting is open to everyone. I invite you to come and let us dream together the dream that Jesus has placed on our hearts.

PTL,
Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Blessing of the Backpacks

BY JANE POGUE

School will be starting again (ugh) on August 24, and we will be having the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 20, 2023 during the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Don't forget, this is for anyone enhancing their education, so all children, teens, and adults are welcome! Bring backpacks, attaché cases, notebooks, cooking utensils, etc. to be blessed and start the 2023-2024 year off right!



Prayer Chain

Prayer is an integral part of the lives of many people worldwide. In prayer, we share our hopes, confide deep longings or regrets, confess sins, ask for forgiveness, express joy, sorrow, or anger. We pray for ourselves and family members, our friends and neighbors.

Some people go a step further in their conversations with God; they share a special gift by being part of Trinity's prayer chain. This group is led by Donna Piper (Beverly Piper is Donna's backup). To make a request to the prayer chain, call Donna at (412) 372-3971 or call or text Beverly at (412) 607-1759 or email her at beverlypiper1406@gmail.com. When you make a prayer request, Donna and Beverly notify the other members of the prayer chain who then pray for you.

Trinity is blessed to have so many members be part of the prayer chain. They are Patty Aubele, Evelyn Felmlee, Cindy Graw, Thelma Johnson, Pastor Justin Judy, Kris Peters, Jane Pogue, Donna Race, and Jeanne Ruccio. If you would like to know more about the prayer chain or become part of it, speak with Donna or Beverly Piper. And during your prayer time, take a moment to thank God for these dedicated people.

Thank You!

BY JANE POGUE

I just wanted to say “thank you” to all my church family for the kindness I was shown during my Cancer Journey. I appreciated all the cards, phone calls, visits, and food that I received. You don’t realize how special people are until you need them.

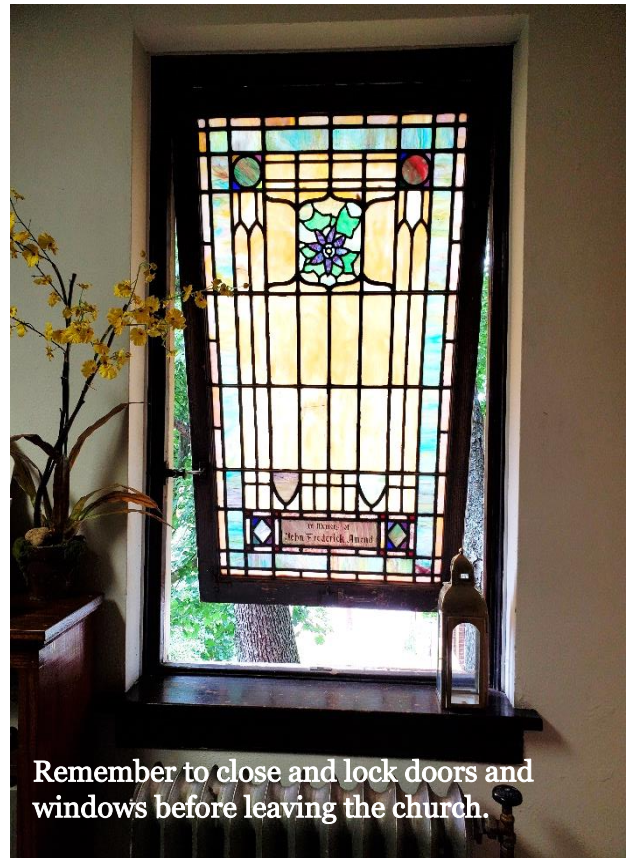
Our church family has so many wonderful angels that supported me. Please keep the prayers coming for me as I have some major decisions yet to make. I pray God helps me make the right decisions, and I will still honor Him.

Hospitality Center

The Greensburg District is hosting the hospitality center at the Westmoreland Country Fair, August 18-26, and is seeking volunteers. The center will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. To volunteer, call First Irwin UMC at (724) 863-6858.

Food Bank Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the July food drive. We delivered 40 rolls of paper towels to the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank. Your continued support is appreciated!



Remember to close and lock doors and windows before leaving the church.

Be a Good Steward

Warm weather means doors and windows open, fans running and longer daylight hours. If you are holding a meeting or event in the church, remember to close and lock windows and doors, turn off fans, and turn off lights before leaving the building.

Church Picnic

BY JANE POGUE

My health concerns have pretty much reduced my mobility and depleted my energy the past two months, so, I am planning on having the church picnic near the end of September. I know this is much later than usual, but I don’t think I will be ready much sooner than that. Also, I will be needing my trusted friends’ help with what too! More details will be coming in the September newsletter.

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Harry and Marge Little
Donna Piper
Jane Pogue
War in Ukraine

Looking for Volunteers

Harrison City Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteers to commit to about two hours each month. Interested in helping? Contact Marlene at (412) 613-5973.

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

Birthdays

4th Larry Mallik
5th Jen McCune, Julie Sippel-Silowash
10th Angel Spell
12th Lynn Antoon, Rob Hainsey
13th Mary Henry
14th Carol Piper
15th Bill Vowler, Damian Kitchen
16th Cindy Graw
19th Bill Fenton
21st April Beam, Joanne Ondulich
22nd Beverly Piper
23rd Graham Theodore Ruccio
24th Dan Musser
26th Mike Kitchen
28th John Musser, Becky Hughes
31st Alvin Lafferty

Anniversaries

3rd Joe and Lynn Antoon
6th Caleb and Corrie Baker
7th Nate and Stacey Ruccio
12th Bob and Mary Ann Casper
15th Bill and Joan Vowler
22nd Larry and Becky Mallik

August Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

August 13 and 27

- 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 Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
13th open
20th Larry and Becky Mallik
27th Yocum Family

August Calendar

Bible Journaling will resume in September. So, get your supplies ready and your creative side warmed up. The group meets the fourth Friday of the month at 6 p.m.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
30 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	31	1	2 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	3	4	5
6 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Rural Life Sunday</i> <i>(special offering)</i>	7	8 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	9	10	11	12
13 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Disability Awareness</i> <i>Sunday (special offering)</i> Scrip Order Day	14	15	16 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	17 Tempo Deadline	18	19 10 a.m. Planning Meeting
20 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Blessing of the Backpacks	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day	28	29	30 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	31 7 p.m. Choir (tentative)	1	2

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the September issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Thursday, August 17, 2023.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Special Sunday

This month we celebrate two special Sundays within the Western PA Conference: Rural Life and Disability Awareness. Prayerfully consider giving to these two areas of service.

Rural Life Sunday, August 6

Your gifts strengthen witness, nurture, and outreach programs in rural areas of Western PA.

Disability Awareness Sunday, August 13

Your gifts fund grants to congregations with accessibility projects which make it possible for all people to attend worship and participate in church activities. It strengthens and enriches their faith and, in turn, strengthens and enriches our own.