

Trinity Tempo

October 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, October is nearly upon us, and the fall has officially arrived. Fall has always been one of my very favorite seasons. I am not a huge fan that winter is next, but I do love the beauty of the changing leaves and the feel of a comfortable hoodie. It is also a great season for reflecting. Sitting outside watching the leaves fall, it's easy to slip into the old memories, the "Do you remember...?" questions.

Do you remember when the leaves fell off the trees by truck loads and you or someone else would rake them into a pile just to scatter them all over the yard again? I lived next to a fenced-in cemetery and all of its leaves would be piled in one corner. We spent many fall weekends jumping in and out of that leaf pile.

Do you remember the days of spending all day walking around in the woods excited for that next discovery? It could be seeing deer eating in the thicket, squirrels chasing each other between two trees, or a new trail you never followed before.

Do you remember waking up early in the morning and seeing the first frost covering the ground and feeling excited? I knew that snow wasn't too far away and, instead of feeling sadness about it, I couldn't wait for sled riding, making snow angels, and eventually having a snow day or two away from school.

I enjoy reminiscing as much as the next person. The trick, however, is not to get stuck there or allow our memories of yesteryear to cloud our vision of today. One day in the future my children will be just as fond of today as I am of yesterday. I feel it is my responsibility to make today something they are able to build an eternity upon. We all know that the only place to build for eternity is on Jesus Christ.

As we look forward to whatever happens next, I ask for your continued prayers, ideas, and involvement in how we can love our youth in the name of Jesus. I know we may not have as many as we want in our church. But remember that the Church is bigger than we can comprehend; the walls of which we cannot see. How can we love a youth in such a way that the Holy Spirit can plant seeds for tomorrow?

PTL,
Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Accelerated Reader Program

The librarian at the Trafford Elementary School runs an accelerated reader program designed to encourage students to read. The reading program rewards children who meet their goals and pass their Accelerated Reading quizzes with gift cards to popular stores such as Target and Walmart.

Last year, Trinity donating \$300 worth of gift cards to the program. Our Board has committed to do the same this year and we cannot do it without your support!

As of the printing of this issue, we have rained \$65 toward our goal. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule for those who would like to help Trinity with



this commitment. You may also give online through the church website or use your regular envelope; record your donation as “Reading Program.” For more information about the program, contact Beverly Piper.

Food Drive: Facial Tissue

Allergies, the flu, the common cold, COVID...all of these illnesses are common

in the fall and all of them (arguably) demand the use of facial tissue, often in abundance.

Trinity is collecting boxes of facial tissue for the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank, now through October 15. Place your donation in the collection box located in the vestibule.





Blessing of the Pets

BY JANE POGUE

Keep Sunday, October 15, 2023 open for the annual Blessing of the Pets. Pastor Justin will be blessing any and all pets that you want blessed!

If you have a pet that does better in a quiet environment, then bring its collar, sweater, or other favored item in lieu of the actual animal.

Weather permitting, we will begin at 6 p.m. in front of Trinity House. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the blessing will take place in the church social hall.

Halloween Candy Giveaway

Trinity is collecting funds and bags of individually wrapped candy—or other snack bag treats such as pretzels or chips—for Halloween.

This year, the goal is to assemble and distribute 125 bags to Trafford trick-or-treaters.

A bin for candy will be in the vestibule beginning October 1. Place donated candy in the bin. If you can't get out to shop, donate fund and mark "Halloween" on your envelope.

Treats will be passed out on Halloween night from Trinity House porch. For more information about the program, or if you are interested in helping prepare the bags or distribute the candy, please contact Beverly Piper at (724) 607-1759.





assist the crafters and vendor as they set up and break down, and people to staff the food area. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

Christmas Fundraiser

Trinity is holding its Sarris Candy fundraiser. These confections are great treats when hosting holiday parties, as stocking stuffers or as gifts to friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

Order forms are available in the vestibule and online. Submit completed order forms and payment to the church office by Sunday, November 19, 2023.

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 (shipping fee applies). The deadline for ordering candy online is December 15, 2023.

Craft & Vendor Show

Trinity's holiday Craft & Vendor Show will be held Saturday, November 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Only a few table spaces remain. If you know of any crafters or vendor who would might be interested in participating, ask them to contact Joanne by email at joanne.ondulich@gmail.com. The cost of an 8-foot table space is \$30.

Of course, we will also have our concession stand and bake sale going on during the show. As always, we will need volunteers to



Charge Conference

Trinity's Charge Conference will take place on Sunday, October 8 at 4:30 p.m., and will be held at Christ UMC, North Huntingdon. The address is 2800 Coulterville Road, McKeesport, PA 15131. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Swiss Steak Dinner

Manor First UMC is hosting its annual Swiss Steak Dinner on Saturday, October 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. Dine in or take out. Manor First is located at the corner of Atlantic and Cleveland Avenues, Manor.

Library Fundraiser: Evergreens

BY PATTY AUBELE

I know, I know! It's October! But after October, we think about the holidays. The Trafford Community Public Library is taking orders for evergreens. There's a great variety and they smell so good! An order form is in the vestibule. We expect them to be delivered after Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please call me at (412) 607-3364. Thanks for your support!

Community Concert

Monroeville UMC (MUM) is hosting a concert by the Pittsburgh Renaissance City Choir at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 1. A love offering will be taken. Pittsburgh Renaissance

City Choir is the only LGBTQIA+ and allies choral group in western PA. The choir seeks to build bridges both within the LGBTQIA+ community and with the community at large. The group performs a variety of works spanning many genres and cultures.

MUM is located at 219 Center Road, Monroeville 15146.

Jesus Adventure and Me (JAM)

Jumonville invites you to their JAM Fall Retreat, October 13-15. The event is designed for people ages 14 and up with intellectual disabilities. The weekend will be packed with crafts, games, Bible lessons and other activities. Register for the retreat through the Jumonville website at [JAM Fall Retreat – Jumonville Camp & Retreat Center](#).



Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Caleb Baker
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Family of Roberta Cuttler
Harry and Marge Little
Donna Piper
Family of Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)
Vicki Stokes
War in Ukraine

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

Birthdays

- 1 Harper Mallik,
Megan Zigarovich-Hart
- 2 Kay Dale
- 3 Janet Conlogue
- 7 Corrie Baker
- 8 Jill Fanty
- 13 Alan Yamamoto
- 15 Jim Bentley
- 20 Jude Lovre
- 21 Kris Peters
- 27 Bruce Aglietti, Cynthia VanRyn
- 28 Jess Clausner
- 30 David Keller, Marjorie Myers

Anniversaries

- 8 Paul and Joanne Ondulich
- 10 Mike and Ashley Kitchen
- 15 Garlan and Jen McCune

World Communion Sunday, October 1: Your gifts for this Church-wide special Sunday offering support scholarships, ethnic scholarship programs and in-service training programs.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM), October 15: This Sunday we recognize all those who offer their gifts, talents, and service in short-term and long-term mission projects. Your gifts for this offering help the Western PA Conference strengthen VIM engagement and participation. Prayerfully consider giving to these Special Sunday offering programs.

October Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

October 8 and 22

- 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

- 1 Matthew Knopf
- 8 Yocum Family
- 15 Larry and Becky Mallik
- 22 open
- 29 Kathy Gleeson-Powell

October Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>World Communion Sunday (special offering)</i>	2 1 p.m. Senior Friends	3	4 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	5 7:15 p.m. Choir	6	7
8 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 4:30 p.m. Charge Conference Scrip Order Day	9 1 p.m. Senior Friends <i>Columbus Day</i>	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 6 p.m. Blessing of the Pets <i>Volunteers in Mission (special Sunday)</i>	16 1 p.m. Senior Friends Tempo Deadline	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 Scrip Order Day	23 1 p.m. Senior Friends	24 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	25 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	26 7:15 p.m. Choir	27 6 p.m. Bible Journaling	28
29 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	30 1 p.m. Senior Friends	31 5:30-8 p.m. Candy Giveaway <i>Halloween</i>	1 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	2 7:15 p.m. Choir	3	4

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the November issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, October 16, 2023.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Faith & Fitness Day

Saturday, October 21

Community UMC, Harrison City is hosting Faith & Fitness on October 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The \$15 fee covers the keynote speaker address and two 30-minute classes of your choosing. Proceeds will be used to purchase Feminine Hygiene Kit items. (Kits are distributed by Global Ministries during disasters.)

So, try a new exercise class; get inspired! And help women around the world receive basic hygiene necessities.

Keynote speaker Melanie Mitro is a business and social media consultant and a coach with Team Beachbody.