

Trinity Tempo

November 2023



Dear Manor First and Trinity UMC,
The second half of 2022 and the first half of 2023 have been a mixed bag. We have experienced so many amazing things this past year. We have also experienced sorrow, loss, and brokenness. But through all of it each church has supported and upheld one another. We have once again shown that we lean upon the Lord who brings us through all things and blesses us, somehow, in the midst of them.

Both Manor and Trinity have experienced loss in the past year that will always be felt. But during these times of sorrow, we have reminded each other that our loved ones are residing in Peace himself and we have been the beneficiary of Love without end. They will be missed and remembered. Each of them leaves an example of God's love that is deeply meaningful to us, that will never be forgotten.

I dropped the ball last summer and neither church had their planning meeting for the 2023. Despite that lapse, ministry still happened. We were able to have fellowship dinners and dinners for the community. Trinity provided gifts for the Angel Tree program and Manor has been continuing to provide mats for the homeless. Our Bible Studies are going strong while at the same time each church is providing a solid Sunday School program, Trinity provides for the youth and Manor provides for the adults.

Each church also has opportunity for ministry through an extensive card and prayer chain program that sees many people receiving cards and prayers through some of the more difficult times of peoples' lives. It is a wonderful reminder that they are not alone.

I was also blessed to be on the receiving end of that ministry from both churches as you each supported and loved me through my two-month spiritual renewal leave. It was a very healing time away that reminded me that above all else I belong to God. I want to continue to thank you for the gift of time and grace yinz have given to me.

I have come back refreshed and have new tools in place so it will be harder to slip to that same place. Each church has already met for our first session of planning for 2024. I am very

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Trinity Happenings

Get Your Coats!

BY JANE POGUE

Once again, our church will be working with Burlington for the “Warm Hearts, Warm Coats” coat drive this year. The coat drive will begin right after Thanksgiving, so please start now going through those closets and plan to give your slightly used coats to people who desperately need them.

The rules have gotten stricter this year. Only warm coats are accepted. That means no hoodies, windbreakers or light jackets.

Please be generous. The associate at Burlington said there is a greater need this year than any other year. We are making it as easy as possible for you to donate! There will a donation box inside the church by the library area, and another box on Trinity House porch. So, after you go through all your closets, please call your relatives, neighbors, and co-workers and ask them to participate with us in a very worthy project!

It a wonderful Act of Kindness!

Craft & Vendor Show

Trinity’s Holiday Craft & Vendor Show will be held Saturday, November 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Whether or not you volunteer, plan to attend and see what these talented people have to offer. Jewelry, food, clothing, accessories, décor and more. Shop for birthday gifts, Christmas gifts...or a little something for yourself! And don’t forget to stop by the concession stand and bake sale. There is always a wonderful selection to tempt the taste buds!



Angel Tree

Trinity has begun collecting funds for the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program, where we provide gifts to children with an incarcerated parent. This year we have been assigned 12 children. To participate in this program, place a donation marked "Angel Tree" in the offering plate. Joanne Ondulich will need help this year purchasing, wrapping and distributing the gifts. Contact Joann directly to assist with this ministry.

Christmas Fundraiser

Trinity's Sarris Candy fundraiser is still going on. The 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 earns 25% profit from online orders. Candy is shipped directly to your home (\$5 shipping fee applies). The online ordering deadline is December 15, 2023.

Food Drive: Facial Tissue

Thank you to everyone that brought in boxes of facial tissue for the Trafford/Level Green food bank. We delivered 54 boxes of tissues. Your support is appreciated!

Library Fundraiser: Evergreens

BY PATTY AUBELE

The Trafford Community Public Library is taking orders for evergreens. There's a great variety and they smell so good! A price list and an order form are in the vestibule. We expect the evergreens to be delivered after Thanksgiving. If you have any questions, please call me at (412) 607-3364. Thanks for your support!

Guest Speaker

2024 brings new opportunity, and Trinity plans to host a speaker for a community event. The Board would like suggestions from you, the congregation, about a topic (one that would be of interest to residents of Trafford), the day of week and time of day. We are tentatively planning the event for April 2024. Submit your suggestions to Pastor Justin or the church office.

Pastor's Letter

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excited about what tomorrow may bring. We are in the middle of dreaming wonderful dreams for new and improved ministry to one another and our community.

I am also looking forward to Continuing Ed. I will be leading a CCOP group again this year along with looking at what PTS has in store. Each of you are in my prayers and I always encourage you to contact me if there is ever anything I can do for you. I love you and thank God for each church daily.

PTL,
Pastor Justin Judy

Pastor Justin blesses Addie Pogue.



We've Been Blessed!

BY JANE POGUE

On Sunday evening, October 15, Pastor Justin blessed four of our furry pets. It's wonderful to know that God picked special people to watch over his furry creatures. Our blessed dogs were Baily Piper, Simon Divito, Addie Pogue, and Ruby Dorko.

If anyone has any type of pet and would like them blessed, please contact the church office and Pastor Justin will set up a time for you.

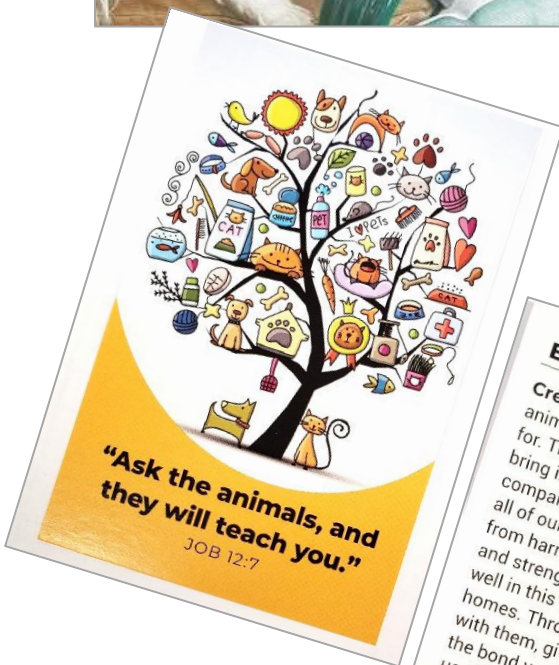
Colleen Divito watches as Simon is blessed.



Blessing of the Animals

Creator God, you created animals for us to love and care for. Thank you for the joy and companionship they provide. Keep all of our pets safe and protected from harm. Give them nourishment and strength to continue to live well in this world and in our homes. Through our attachment with them, give us a glimpse of the bond you have with each of us. Bless the animals in our care as they eat and sleep, move and play, and interact with us. Let us rejoice in you through them. Amen.

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Unfortunately, Max (left) and Chewy (right) Dorko could not be there, so they were blessed by proxy with their collars!



Bailey receives the blessing from Pastor Justin.



Lori Dorko with her pup, Ruby.



Each pet owner received a prayer card and the pets each received a tag for their collar.

Community Dinner

Trinity will be collecting cans of whole kernel corn for the Penn-Trafford Ministerium's Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held Tuesday, November 21 at 6 p.m. This year, St. Barbara Parish, 111 Raymaley Rd, Harrison City is hosting the dinner with a worship service to follow.

A donation box will be in the vestibule for the canned corn. Volunteers are also welcome to help serve the meal. Speak with Pastor Justin if you would like to help with this community-wide event.

Hanging of the Greens

Trinity will pull out the wreaths and garland, trees and bows for the hanging of the greens. Everyone is welcome to take part in decorating, fun and fellowship. So stay after the service on Sunday, November 26 to help Trinity get ready for Advent.

Special Sundays

Youth Service Fund, November 5

This Conference-wide special Sunday supports youth missions and youth programs across the Conference. The program is run by, with and for youth, and addresses poverty, illiteracy and social justice at church, community, national and international levels.

United Methodist Student Day

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards approximately \$5.5 million in financial aid to United Methodist students. Your gifts on November 26 support these scholarships.

More than 70 scholarships are available for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral United Methodist Students.

Prayerfully consider giving to special offerings on November 5 and 26.



Holiday Greetings

When sending cards to your friends and relatives, don't forget some of your Trinity family that we don't have a chance to see very often. Below are addresses of church family members who are homebound, whose health prevents them from coming to church, or who live out of the area.

Jim and Eileen Bentley
(Kayla Eiseman)
203 Edgewood Ave
Trafford, PA 15085

Bob and Mary Ann Casper
104 Plum Dr
Trafford, PA 15085

Mrs Kay Dale
227 Orchid Lane
Wauchula, FL 33873

Ms Marilyn (Joan) Hartley
Concordia of Monroeville
4363 Northern Pike, Room 325
Monroeville, PA 15146

Rob and Emily Kalanja
(Sophia and Robert)
502 Fairmont Ave
Trafford PA 15085

Diane and Randy Kerrigan
35 Sycamore Street
Trafford PA 15085

Harry and Marge Little
127 Saunders Station Rd
Trafford, PA 15085

Ms Judy Mason
Concordia at Ridgewood Place
Room 227
1460 Renton Rd
Pittsburgh PA 15239

Mrs Marjorie Myers
821 Lake Port Blvd
Apt M510
Leesburg, FL 34748-7671

Ms Ronda Powell
328 Cavitt Ave
Apt 2
Trafford, PA 15085

Tom and Pat Puckey
5721 County Line Rd
New Bern, NC 28562-9474

George and Julie Ann Silowash
(Alex, Sebastian, Benjamin)
60 Slate Ave
Northfield VT 05663

Jay and Vicki Stokes
1409 Lyons Chase Cir
Murrysville, PA 15668

Roger and Marlene VanRyn
101 Short St
Trafford, PA 15085

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
Caleb Baker
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Family of Roberta Cuttler
Harry and Marge Little
Donna Piper
Tom Puckey
Family of Ken Simmons (Vicki Stokes' brother)
Vicki Stokes
Israel and Ukraine

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

Birthdays

2 Joyce Rogers
7 George Silowash
9 Joan Hartley
10 Morgan Hainsey
14 Thelma Johnson
16 Anna Kitchen, Elias Hanna
21 Dante Venturo, Diane Haney
22 Tom Fanty
24 Matt Johnson
30 Spencer Boehm

Anniversaries

29 Ed and Patty Aubele,
David and Sandy Keller
30 Tom and Pat Puckey

Wanted: Teachers and Aides

Trinity has a long-lived Sunday School program, offering classes from nursery to adult. Currently, the program needs someone to teach (or facilitate) an adult class and aides for one or more of the children classes.

If you are interested in exploring how you can support or help with the Sunday School program, speak with Pastor Justin or Beverly Piper.

November Schedules

Scrip Program Ordering

November 5 and 19

- 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

5 open
12 open
19 open
26 open

November

Due to Patty's surgery, the Bible Journaling group will not meet in November and December.

| Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 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 7 p.m. Pastor-led Bible Study <i>All Saints Day</i> | 2 7:15 p.m. Choir | 3 | 4 |
| 5 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Youth Service Fund Sunday (special offering)</i> Scrip Order Day Daylight Saving Time ends | 6 1 p.m. Senior Friends | 7 | 8 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor-led Bible Study | 9 7:15 p.m. Choir | 10 | 11 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Holiday Craft & Vendor Show <i>Veteran's Day</i> |
| 12 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship | 13 1 p.m. Senior Friends | 14 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council | 15 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study | 16 7:15 p.m. Choir | 17 Tempo Deadline | 18 |
| 19 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Scrip Order Day | 20 1 p.m. Senior Friends | 21 6 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Dinner/Service | 22 | 23 <i>Thanksgiving</i> (office closed) | 24 | 25 |
| 26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Hanging of the Greens <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> <i>United Methodist Student Day (special offering)</i> | 27 1 p.m. Senior Friends | 28 | 29 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor-led Bible Study | 30 7:15 p.m. Choir | 1 | 2 |



Daylight Saving Time ends
November 5. Turn your clocks back
one hour on Saturday evening.

Tempo Deadline

Articles for the
December issue of
the newsletter are
due in the church
office by Friday,
Nov. 17, 2023.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Reading Program

Trinity has committed to donate \$300 in gift cards for the Trafford Elementary School's accelerated reader program. To date we are two-thirds of the way to our goal having raised \$200. Thanks to everyone who has given.

If you would like to contribute, use one of the special envelopes available in the vestibule. You may also give online through the church website or use your regular envelope; record your donation as "Reading Program." For information about the program, contact Beverly Piper.

