

Trinity Tempo

March 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Radical hospitality. It's a phrase that has been thrown around over the past decade or so in our conference. We have been encouraged again and again to show radical hospitality to our church members, to visitors, to the community, to strangers, and even to enemies. But when we look into scripture there isn't a phrase like radical hospitality. In the Bible it is just referred to as hospitality.

There are many examples that show hospitality to others: the good Samaritan, Jesus talking to the woman at the well, the house churches in the epistles, the man who loaned Jesus the upper room, Jesus preparing a room for each of us in his Father's kingdom, the invitation to the thief on the cross, and many others.

None of these are especially radical in their own right. What makes them radical is the resistance our culture tends to have over bringing people into our own space. I grew up with a sense that my house is my space, and all who enter it must play by my rules. But when we look at Biblical hospitality, we see many instances when the life of the person who did the inviting was changed. Jesus' schedule was changed dramatically when he stopped to talk with the woman at the well; Christ brought a thief into paradise; the man had to make room for thirteen people and a meal when he allowed Jesus space for the last supper; the good Samaritan woke up that morning never imagining he would be paying the health care costs of a stranger.

When we welcome people into our life and space certain things about our life and space inevitably change. But we also have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus which we know can change lives as well. I pray we all look for moments we can show God's hospitality to others.

Stephanie has been far better than I at showing hospitality to other people. My family will be hosting Ukrainian refugees in our home for the next several months or longer, starting February 29. They are a mother and daughter, Olga and Marina, respectively. I have provided a letter of introduction written by Olga (page 5 of this newsletter). Please keep them in your prayers as they work to begin a new life in the United States.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Caring for Community

Trinity is geared up to have a greater presence within our community. During 2024 we will continue to hold food drives to benefit the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank. We also have started distributing kits to the homeless in the community and surrounding areas as we go about our daily lives...grocery shopping, running errands, doctor appointments, etc.

Other opportunities will arise throughout the year, and Trinity plans to take advantage of them whenever possible.

Food Drive

Thanks to everyone who supported the community food bank by donating cans of soup in January and February. We delivered 53 cans to the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank.

Homeless Kits

Thanks to everyone who helped assemble homeless kits. Each kit contains a pair of socks, a pair of winter gloves, two bath wipes, some snack-size beef sticks and a five-dollar bill.

Thanks again for your commitment to the health and well-being of the people in our community.

...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. — Matthew 25:40





Easter Egg Hunt

The egg hunt is returning to Trinity! The church will host this indoor event on Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. The event is open to all children in the community, so bring your friends. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please register in advance so that we can be better prepared. Volunteers will be needed to stuff egg and with the event. See Pastor Justin for details or to volunteer.

Penn-Trafford Ministerium Lenten Bible Study

This community Bible Study offered by the PT Ministerium takes place Thursday afternoons at 12 p.m. (noon).

The study enters its third session on March 7. Each session lasts about one hour and is led by clergy from the different churches. It

is a ZOOM only study. Contact the church office or Pastor Justin to receive the meeting ID and Passcode.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

Ordering for the Easter Candy fundraiser through traditional order forms ends on March 3. Online ordering is still an option and is open through March 22, 2024.

Online Ordering

- 1) Click on **Online Ordering**.
- 2) Enter the church's Group ID # **10-0582**.
- 3) Start shopping.

Online orders will be shipped directly to your home; a \$5 packaging and handling charge applies.



Altar Flowers

Many dates remain open on the 2024 Altar Flowers Calendar To reserve dates, fill in the calendar in the vestibule or, email or write to the church office and include the date, the name of the person, group, etc. being honored or remembered. The cost is \$20 per vase or \$40 for the pair of vases. Available dates are:

March 10, 31
April 7, 21, 28
May 5, 12
June 2, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11
September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
October 27
November 3, 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 22, 29

Payment is due on the reserved date(s) and can be made by cash, check or the online giving platform. Please use the online giving platform only to make a payment. Do not reserve dates through it. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

UMCOR Sunday

Offerings received on this Special Sunday support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which provides immediate assistance following disasters and helps support ongoing ministries such as food, shelter, and health. Giving on UMCOR Sunday allows 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for specified disaster response or other ministry, such as the war in Ukraine, hurricanes, flooding and more in the U.S. and abroad.

Prayerfully consider giving to UMCOR Sunday on March 10, 2024.

UMCOR is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church and began operation in 1940.

CharityWatch (an independent charity evaluation organization and watchdog group) gives UMCOR an A+ rating.

UMCOR also meets the 20 standards for charity accountability from Give.org, the BBB Wise Giving Alliance.

Pastor's Letter

(continued from front cover)

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Hello. My name is Olga, I am married and have two children, a son and a daughter. My daughter's name is Marina, she is 17 years old. We are from Ukraine, from a small town.

I am a primary school teacher by profession and I recently graduated from university and received a specialty as a teacher of foreign languages. I love children very much, that's why I chose this profession, but unfortunately, the war did not allow me to enjoy life and my favorite work.

Remembering the first day of the war, tears come to my eyes. It was terrible. It seemed like a terrible dream. People trying to leave the country, panic everywhere. I didn't know what to do myself. I was in shock. For three weeks I could not come to my senses. I did not understand where to go or how to protect my child.

Over time, I began to get used to this situation and look for opportunities to be useful to our military and defenders. To somehow distract myself, I started going to a group of volunteers. We wove camouflage nets for our defenders. It seemed that life was gaining some meaning, but the endless air anxiety did not allow us to forget that we are still in danger.

Later we decided to leave our home and go to Germany, where my husband is. But it's not easy here either. My daughter didn't leave the house for half a year. She didn't talk to anyone. The German language is very difficult and the mentality is completely different.

We are very grateful to Stephanie and Justin Judy family for agreeing to help us and welcome us into their family.

Olga

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Jennifer (Beverly Piper's friend)
Patty Aubele
Mary Ann Casper
Bob Chiappetta family
Sandy Chiappetta
Bryce Dulemba
Taryn Kline (Jeanne Ruccio's sister-in-law)
Harry and Marge Little
Donna Piper
Tom Puckey
Vicki Stokes
Bill and Joan Vowler
Faryn Wolff and family (Ashley Kitchen's friends)
Family of Gerri Zigarovich

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

Birthdays

- 1 Patty Aubele
- 2 Tom Puckey
- 4 Randy Kerrigan
- 9 Robert Cush
- 12 Stephanie Judy
- 13 Ryan Kerrigan
- 16 Vicki Stokes
- 17 Kay Yocum
- 18 Giavanna Stultz
- 23 Matt Knopf, Mattie Fanty, Lia Nigro
- 25 John Ruccio
- 27 Sarah Ebner Scott
- 29 Sarah Lloyd

Joan Vowler is at the following address for the next 2-4 weeks. Visits and cards are welcome!

UPMC Canterbury Place
310 Fisk Street, Rm 11D
Pittsburgh PA 15201

March Schedule

Altar Flowers

- 3 Evie Felmlee
- 10 open
- 17 Larry and Becky Mallik
- 24 Evie Felmlee
- 31 open



March

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 2 nd Sunday in Lent	26 1 p.m. Senior Friends	27	28 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	29 12 p.m. Bible Study (ZOOM) 7:15 p.m. Choir	1	2
3 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion 3 rd Sunday in Lent	4 1 p.m. Senior Friends	5	6 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	7 12 p.m. Bible Study (ZOOM) 7:15 p.m. Choir	8	9
10 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>UMCOR Sunday (offering)</i> 4 th Sunday in Lent <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	11 1 p.m. Senior Friends	12 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	13 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	14 12 p.m. Bible Study (ZOOM) 7:15 p.m. Choir	15	16
17 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 5 th Sunday in Lent <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 1 p.m. Senior Friends Tempo Deadline	19	20 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	21 12 p.m. Bible Study (ZOOM) 7:15 p.m. Choir	22 6 p.m. Bible Journaling	23
24 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Palm Sunday	25 1 p.m. Senior Friends	26	27 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	28 12 p.m. Bible Study (ZOOM) 7:15 p.m. Choir	29 2-5 p.m. Silent Communion 7 p.m. Good Friday Service	30 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
Holy Week						
31 7 a.m. Sunrise Service (B-Y Park) 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion Easter	1 1 p.m. Senior Friends	2	3 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	4 7:15 p.m. Choir	5	6

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the April issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, March 18, 2024.



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Spring Ahead

The big question...do I lose an hour sleep or do I go to bed an hour early?

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10. Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9.

