# Trinity Tempo

April 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are just finishing one of the greatest seasons in our Christian year. Easter reminds us that our faith, hope, and love are founded upon the power and truth of God's promises and Jesus' resurrection. Lent reminded us that we need God in our lives because we are imperfect and sinners. Left to our own

devices, chaos seems to reign more than God's order. We walk down plenty of paths, yet they lead us away from what is good.

However, God, through his wisdom and love, has seen fit to provide for us a beacon to bring us back on course. The resurrected Jesus leads us into the arms of our Father in heaven, and reminds us that God desires us close to Him.

Though Easter is—or almost—past, our celebration and life with Christ has only just begun. We now can be assured that we live because Jesus lives. "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow" the old hymn proclaims. Easter reminds us that our faith is built on the sure foundation of Christ Jesus.

All that we do from this point on is done to the glory of He who died for us and lives for us. There is no greater mission for the Church than to live and proclaim this truth through words, thoughts, and deeds.

Please know I am praying for yinz as we continue along the path that the Lord has laid out before us. The path the Lord has prepared us to walk. God is so very Good.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

# Trinity Happenings

benefits. To help our neighbors, Trinity is collecting rolls of paper towels for the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank.

We will collect rolls of paper towels now through Sunday, April 14. Place your donation in the box located in the vestibule.

### **Homeless Kits**

We continue to distribute kits to the homeless. A box with assembled kits in located in front of the Cry Room.

Pick up a kit, or two, to carry in your vehicle. Pass one along to a homeless person you encounter in your travels. Pick up another kit the next time you are at Trinity.

# Native American Ministries Sunday April 14

On this day we are asked to reflect upon the gifts and contributions that Native Americans have made to our society. Your gifts to this Church-wide special offering support Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the U.S.

Prayerfully consider giving to this special offering on April 14. Envelopes are located in the vestibule.

# Caring for Community Food Drive

People on SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) may use their benefits only on food. Non-food items such as cleaning supplies, paper products, and pet food cannot be purchased with SNAP

### Graduates

Trinity will honor graduates (high school, college, trade school...) at a worship service in June. If you know of someone who will graduate this spring—or has recently graduated—contact the church office.



# Kite & Rocket Day

Jumonville is hosting Family Kite & Rocket Day on Saturday, April 20. Kite kits will be available for families to build, decorate and then fly. Participants may bring their own kites as well.

The camp will also have a station available where families can build and launch rockets made from plastic bottles.

The event runs from 2-5 p.m., rain or shine; there is no fee for attending. Families and individuals may stay for a dinner that starts at 5:30 p.m. for a fee.

Sign up on the Jumonville website at <u>Family Kite Flying -</u> <u>Jumonville Camp & Retreat Center</u>.

# **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:

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 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.

# Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

The Blackburn Center is hosting its 13<sup>th</sup> annual **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**® event on Saturday, April 13 at St. Clair Park in Greensburg to raise funds for the center and to raise awareness about gender-based violence.

Registration fee is \$5 per participant. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. The theme for the 2024 walk is Unity is Strength. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information. To register for the walk, go to <u>www.blackburncenter.org</u>.

# Joys & Concerns

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

#### **Pray for**

Jennifer (Beverly Piper's friend) Patty Aubele Regis Aubele (Patty's brother-in-law) Mary Ann Casper Bob Chiappetta family Sandy Chiappetta Bryce Dulemba Mark Graw (John Graw's brother) Tarvn Kline (Jeanne Ruccio's sister-in-law) Harry and Marge Little Family of Carrie Ondulich (Paul's mother) **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**

- 2 Brandon Dulemba
- 3 Bob Lovre, Dakota Dovalis, Morgan Plecenik
- 7 Miranda Mallik
- 8 Haidynn Dulemba
- 9 Holly Conlogue
- 10 Bob Casper, Lori Dorko
- 12 Love Ruffner, Jonathan Aubele
- 14 Jonathan Judy
- 21 Nancy Valentine
- 25 Jeanne Ruccio
- 28 Drake Clausner
- 29 John Hughes
- 30 Genny Triponey

#### Anniversaries

- 10 Roger and Marlene VanRyn
- 12 John and Jeanne Ruccio

Joan Vowler has returned home to continue her rehabilitation. She looks forward to receiving your cards and phone calls.

### **April** Altar Flowers

- 7 open
- 14 Beam Family
- 21 open
- 28 open



# April

Bible Journaling is on hiatus until September. If you would like to know more about the process and purpose behind Bible journaling, speak with Patty Aubele.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 a.m. Sunrise Service (B-Y Park)	1 p.m. Senior Friends		6 p.m. Women's	7:15 p.m. Choir		
10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m.			Bible Study			
Worship/Communion <b>Easter</b>						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion	1 p.m. Senior Friends	7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	7:15 p.m. Choir		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10 a.m. Sunday School	1 p.m. Senior	10	6 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	17	20
11:15 a.m. Worship Native American Ministries Sunday (offering)	Friends		Women's Bible Study <b>Tempo</b> Deadline	Choir		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	1 p.m. Senior Friends		6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	7:15 p.m. Choir		
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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# Tempo Deadline

Articles for the May issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Wednesday, April 17, 2024.



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

### **Summer Camp**

Registration is open for Summer Camp at Jumonville, Wesley Woods and Camp Allegheny. Each location offers a wide range of a programs to meet the interests of children, youth, and families.

**Jumonville** is located in Hopwood, PA (mountains of Southwestern PA). <u>https://www.jumonville.org/</u>

Wesley Woods is located in Grand Valley, PA (Northwestern PA). https://www.wesleywood.com/

**Camp Allegheny** is located in the Laurel Highlands off Route 30 in Stoystown, PA. <u>https://www.campallegheny.org</u>

Financial assistance for summer camp programs is available through the church. Contact Beverly Piper for details.