

Trinity Tempo

May 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers
in Christ,

A couple of months ago we talked briefly about radical hospitality. It was described in such a way to encourage us to make our space welcoming and loving for others. There is another aspect of radical hospitality that can sometimes be trickier, that is to make any space we are currently filling loving and welcoming to others.

This can be more challenging at times. We find ourselves in all kinds of spaces throughout our lives: in the grocery store, a car, a hospital, work, a classroom, a courtroom, the DMV, a gas station, amongst the homeless. Not all of these spaces are easily conducive to being hospitable.

That is one of the places where we see the beauty of radical hospitality. We only do the best we can to love and welcome through the grace of Jesus, but it is the Lord who makes the ground holy, whose presence sanctifies the space, who makes clean and spotless. We, as Christians, need to practice looking for what God can do in any given situation. When we do this, we are able to hope where others see hopelessness; we are able to see strength where there is weakness; we can see value where the world sees junk. Living radical hospitality will challenge us to see God's activity where others may use the phrase "God forsaken."

When we commit ourselves to this way of thinking the "world becomes the parish" (to paraphrase John Wesley). Opportunity to trust in God for the betterment of others surrounds us every moment. I pray we are ready to trust whenever God call us.

For the past year or so, Manor First has been involved in a ministry to support those who are ministering with the homeless of Pittsburgh and beyond. There are groups that travel through the Pittsburgh area and provide prayer, fellowship, food and mats. They reach out to local churches to help support them in this vital ministry.

Manor's part in the ministry was making the mats. These mats are made out of plastic grocery bags. One mat contains hundreds of bags and helps provide a safer and more comfortable place to sleep. The ministry also provides plastic purses and pillows, all of which are crocheted from these bags. Trinity's church counsel is thinking about taking the reins from

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Trinity Happenings

Graduates

BY JANE POGUE

On Sunday, June 2, 2024, we will be honoring our high school graduate, Michael Booher, who is Lou Booher's grandson. In the June *Tempo* we will have more information on Michael's high school activities, and his future plans.

Also, we will be recognizing Drake Clausner who will be advancing to the Middle School, and Damian Kitchen who will move up to Kindergarten next year. Please plan to stay after church on June 2 and help honor our special students.

Mother's Day Flowers

BY JANE POGUE

May 12, 2024 is Mother's Day and as we have always done in the past we will honor our mothers, grandmothers and female caregivers who have always been there for us with a spring flower.

If you aren't able to attend church on Mother's Day please feel free to pick up a flower (they will be on Trinity House front porch) following the worship service. Flowers will also be given to the senior ladies who aren't able to be with us on that day, too! Mothers, we love you!



Pastor's Letter

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Manor and picking up where they have left off. The Pittsburgh ministry will always need the mats.

There are three different opportunities to get involved in this ministry. The first is collecting the bags. We will need hundreds if not thousands of bags. Many hands make light work, as they say. The second opportunity is to cut and prepare the bags into plarn (plastic yarn). This will allow the crocheters what they need to make the mats. The third opportunity is the actual crocheting. If we move forward with this project there will be several chances to learn this skill and crochet hooks will be provided.

Please pray about this opportunity and ask God if you are being called to be a part of this ministry. And if you feel you are not, where is God calling you?

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



Photo by [Lori Rapati](#)

Blanket Sunday

The world has already experienced flooding, wildfires, earthquakes, extreme temperatures and other extreme weather in 2024. Church World Service (CWS) distributes blankets to people in the wake of disasters.

During May, Trinity will collect funds for this program. The cost a blanket is \$10. You may donate funds for one or more blankets or contribute toward the cost of a blanket. Samples of wool and fleece blankets are available near the library.

To sweeten the idea, Blanket Sunday pouches are in the vestibule. Enjoy the tasty treat inside and return your contribution by Sunday, May 26.

Caring for Community Food Drive

Thanks to everyone who donated rolls of paper towels for the local food bank. We delivered 49 rolls in April.

Homeless Kits

We continue to distribute kits to the homeless. A box with assembled kits is 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.

In & Around the Community

Summer Reading

BY PATTY AUBELE

The Trafford Public Library will run start summer reading on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. from June 12 to August 7. This year's theme is "Adventure Awaits at the Trafford Library." The suggested ages are 4-12 and children will be split into two age groups. The library staff also has two special programs planned: a magic show with the library's reading program theme on Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. and "Bugs and Buds" to be presented by the Westmoreland Land Trust on Friday, July 26 at 6 p.m. Both programs will be held in the Council Chambers.

We are so excited about this year's programs. Please register your child by calling the library at (412) 372-5115 or stop in and fill out a registration form. See you there!

Jumonville

Jumonville is holding several activities in preparation for Summer Camp. Refer to the [Jumonville website](#) for registration and more information.

Open House: 9 a.m.-12 p.m., May 18

Jumonville is holding an open house for new campers. Free tours, camp games and activities are geared to help children become familiar with facility and the types of camps available.

Now Hiring

Jumonville is hiring for lifeguards, snack shop, AV/Tech, and kitchen staff for the summer. To learn more, visit Jumonville's website at [Jumonville Camp & Retreat Center - Employment](#).

Amazon Wish List

Jumonville has posted a wish list on Amazon.com The list is filled with craft materials, sports equipment and other supplies used during the summer camping season. If you are interested in purchasing any items from the list, go to Trinity's website ([tumctrafford.org](#)) and click on "Jumonville's Amazon Wish List."

Diaper Drive

Level Green Presbyterian Church is hosting a diaper drive, Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to noon. The event benefits the Western PA Diaper Bank.

Unopened packages of diapers (sizes 4/5/6 and pull ups for potty training are requested the most at the Diaper Bank) and baby wipes will be accepted. For those of you who want to contribute, but don't have time to shop, Level Green Presbyterian will also accept monetary donations on that day to be given to the Diaper Bank.



Berry Festival

Highland Grove UMC is holding a Berry Festival on May 18 from noon-5 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and berries are the menu for the day. Entertainment will be provided by the Highland Grove Praise Team. The church is located at 2090 Highland Ave, McKeesport PA 15132.

Drought & Food Crisis

Zimbabwe is on the cusp of a severe drought which will result in severe food shortage. The Nyadire Connection (TNC) is appealing to congregations for donations to purchase food in Zimbabwe to be delivered to families in need. The cost of a food bundle to sustain a family of five for one month is \$41 and \$287 from June through December.

To donate to this relief effort, note “food crisis” on your envelope. We will collect funds at Trinity through May 26.

The Nyadire Connection was founded in 2006 in the Pittsburgh District and supports the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in Zimbabwe, Africa. The Nyadire Mission numerous services to the community including health care, education, an orphanage, and a farm.

Special Sundays

Prayerfully consider giving to support these special Sundays.

Golden Cross Sunday, May 5

Monies from this conference-wide special Sunday support United Methodist-related homes and agencies located in Western PA: Erie UM Alliance, UM Human Services of Johnstown, WPA Prison Outreach Ministries, Connellsville Area Community Ministries, Greater Pittsburgh Ministries and Eastbrook Mission Barn.



Peace with Justice Sunday, May 26

Your gifts support programs and ministries that result in just and long-lived solutions for peace worldwide.

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:

May 5, 12

June 2, 23, 30

July 21, 28

August 4

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 3, 10, 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. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Regis Aubele (Patty's brother-in-law)
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Bryce Dulemba
Mark Graw (John Graw's brother)
Taryn Kline (Jeanne Ruccio's sister-in-law)
Harry and Marge Little
Donna Piper
Tom and Pat Puckey
Vicki Stokes
Bill and Joan Vowler
Faryn Wolff and family (Ashley Kitchen's friends)

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

Birthdays

- 2 Louise Redinger
- 5 Jenna Nigro
- 6 Josie Nigro, Shawn Sciotti
- 9 Mary Thornton, Darlene Williams
- 11 Jane Pogue
- 15 Amy Keefer, Harry Little, Pat Puckey, Robert Conlogue
- 16 Nancy Harris
- 17 Lexi Fanty
- 19 Robert Phillip Kalanja, Richard Yocum
- 20 Gracie Stultz
- 23 Lou Booher, Aless Hanna
- 24 Megan Beam
- 27 Zack Keefer
- 28 Evelyn Felmlee, Anne Robinson
- 29 John Graw
- 30 Alex Silowash, Nikki Dodril
- 31 Les Race

Anniversaries

- 6 Alan and Sandy Yamamoto
- 18 Nick and Danielle Mallik

May

Altar Flowers

- 5 open
- 12 open
- 19 Larry and Becky Mallik
- 26 Jeff, Matt, and Tim Johnson



May

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.
28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	29 1 p.m. Senior Friends	30	1 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	2 7:15 p.m. Choir National Day of Prayer	3 May Friendship Day	4
5 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Golden Cross Sunday (offering)</i>	6 1 p.m. Senior Friends	7 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting (ZOOM)	8 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	9 7:15 p.m. Choir	10	11
12 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Ascension Sunday</i> Mother's Day	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 Pentecost Heritage Sunday	20 1 p.m. Senior Friends	21	22 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	23	24	25
26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship Trinity Sunday <i>Peace with Justice Sunday (offering)</i>	27 Memorial Day (church office closed)	28	29 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	30	31	1



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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the June issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, May 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).

<https://www.jumonville.org/>

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.

<https://www.campallegheny.org>

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