

Trinity Tempo

July 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers
in Christ,

I am not what you would call a handy kind of guy. When I was in my early teens my dad did his best to pass his backyard mechanics know-how down to me. In my adolescent smugness I told him I didn't need to learn how to fix a car because I would make more than enough money to pay to have it fixed. Well, it's 30-some years later

and I think I made a mistake. I wish I could go back in time and have a little talk with that know-it-all child.

Not only can I not fix a car, but if I tried, I am pretty sure I would break it even more. How someone can grab the same knife I am holding and whittle a beautiful bird or use a chainsaw to carve a tree into a bear or take a hammer and build a house I will never know. A tool in one person's hand equals creation, while the same tool in another's hand means destruction.

Tools have no moral value in themselves. They are neutral objects. It's the use of a tool that has moral value. A scalpel can be used to heal, or it can be used to harm. When it comes to tools, I think the internet, and social media in particular, have a very bad rap. I have, on many occasions, called social media a cesspool of bitterness and hatred. It often feels like it is used for the worst possible reasons. But that does not make social media evil. It is above all else still a tool, lacking moral qualities. Which means social media can be, and has been, used for good. Churches and others have used social media to encourage others and to share the Gospel of Jesus. Social media has been a way for those who cannot physically go to worship with their friends to be able to worship with their friends still.

1st United Methodist Church of Manor, PA (that's how it is listed on Facebook) livestreams its worship service on the social media platform so that some of those at home can worship with us. Manor has been doing this for more than a few months now. But just recently Facebook changed its policy and now requires a Facebook profile to have at least 100 followers to livestream anything. Manor, as of June 16 had 12 followers. We were not able to stream that Sunday. I put out a plea to the church, my family, and friends. After
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Trinity Happenings

Food Drive

Nobody wants to run out of necessities like facial tissue, paper towels or...toilet paper. To help our neighbors who use the food bank, Trinity will collect single- and 4-roll packs of toilet paper now through July 14. A collection box is in the vestibule.



Mats for the Homeless

Trinity continues to collect plastic bags to make mats for the homeless. Plans are being made to hold a training session for this program. Volunteers will be taught how to prepare the bags and make the plarn; how to crochet the plarn into mats, and how to work the loom.

Pastor Justin will announce a date for this training later in July. Please continue to bring in your plastic bags and place them in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

If you would like to learn more about this outreach program, contact Pastor Justin. Thank you for your support of this new TUMC ministry.

Be a Good Steward

Summer weather means open doors and windows, ceiling fans, and longer daylight hours. Be good stewards. When holding a meeting or event in the church, remember to close and lock windows and doors. Turn off fans and turn off lights before leaving the building.

Altar Flowers

The following Sundays are still open for altar flowers. The cost is \$40 for the pair of vases (\$20 per vase). Available dates are July 21; August 4; September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 3, 10, 24; and December 1, 8, 22, 29.

To reserve a date, complete the space on the altar flower calendar (in the vestibule) or contact the church office. Payment is due on or before the Sunday you reserved.

Pastor's Letter

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five days, with the help of churches like Sewickley UMC and others, Manor now has 86 followers. I am confident that by the time July rolls around we will be able to livestream our worship service once again.

It reminds me that God can use any tool to share the love of Jesus. We also need to be aware that with some prayer and imagination, we too can share God's message of Love and Salvation in so many different ways. Thank you for loving Jesus the ways you do.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

July

Women's Bible Study will meet every other Wednesday evening during the summer. Meeting time remains the same, 6 p.m. Meeting dates are July 3, 17, and 31; August 14 and 28.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
30 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	1 1 p.m. Senior Friends	2	3 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	4 Independence Day (church office closed)	5	6
7 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Altar Flowers: Larry and Becky Mallik</i>	8 1 p.m. Senior Friends	9	10	11	12	13
14 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Susan Gison and Sandy Yamamoto</i>	15 1 p.m. Senior Friends	16	17 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tempo Deadline	18	19	20
21 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Altar flowers: open</i>	22 1 p.m. Senior Friends	23	24	25	26	27
28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Altar Flowers: Evelyn Felmlee</i>	29 1 p.m. Senior Friends	30	31 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	1	2	3

Birthdays

2 Antonious Hanna
 4 Paul Ondulich
 7 Danielle Mallik, Connor McCune
 8 Isaac Jartin
 11 Margaret Plecenik
 13 Whitney Lowery
 14 Jenna Beam
 23 Kim Soles

26 Mary Ann Casper
 27 Hope Conlogue
 31 Dorothy Henry

Anniversaries

24 Antonious and Mildren Hanna
 28 John and Cindy Graw

Tempo Deadline

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



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Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 a.m.

Joys & Concerns

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

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

Vicki Stokes

Bill and Joan Vowler

