

Trinity Tempo

October 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Can you believe the summer is done for now? Where did the time go? Time does feel like it is flying right by us. Though we look back and see the summer behind us, we can look forward and see wonderful times ahead.

Recently, I read a book that the Lord used to open my eyes to the awesome power of his grace. *Ben-Hur* is a

story about a man whose life is bent on vengeance. This motivation is with him for almost the entire book. Then, with only 15 pages left, he has an encounter with Jesus' suffering right before the crucifixion. This changes his life. The act of Jesus' love on the cross cools his revenge and the rest of his life is marked with peace and service to the risen Lord.

What if there was something in history that the world could look to in order to see plainly the tremendous power of Jesus' grace. There is one sign of the redeeming grace of God that is undisputed by the entire world. So complete is its redemption that it is difficult to see evil when we look at it.

The cross was once a symbol of evil, punishment, and humiliation to all the world. Now when holding a cross to most of the world, regardless of religion, people can tell you that Jesus died on it and that it is a symbol for the Christian church. They may not understand it but the cross no longer primarily brings forth visions of humiliation and death. What a redemption it has had!

I get excited when I reflect on the cross. If Jesus can do that with two pieces of wood, imagine what he can do with us, since we have been created in the image of God!

Wonderful times are here, and more are coming. I know this because Jesus loves us far more than the instrument of his death. Get ready for a year of being loved by the Lord through those whom he redeemed by his shed blood.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy



Trinity Happenings

Blessing of the Pets

Trinity will hold the annual Blessing of the Pets at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 13. The event will take place on Trinity House porch, weather permitting. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the blessing will take place in the church social hall.

So, mark your calendars and get your pets ready. If you have a pet that doesn't interact well with other animals or that does best in a quiet environment, bring its collar, sweater, or other favorite item as a stand-in for the animal.

Bible Journaling

BY PATTY AUBELE

We will begin meeting on Sunday, October 13, at 4 p.m. If you haven't tried journaling, we would love to show you what it's about. Do you make notes in your Bible? Do you draw pictures, doodle, and highlight scriptures? This is Bible journaling.

Our regular meeting time will be on the second Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. in the craft room. This is subject to change depending on the needs of participants. We have a brief devotion and then begin. Suggested pictures will be given although you can go "rogue." We will be done in an hour, but you are welcome to stay longer.

Give Bible journaling a try!

Accelerated Reader Program

Trinity has committed to donating \$300 in gift cards for the Trafford Elementary School's accelerated reader program. This is Trinity's third year supporting this program and encouraging young students to read.



We are just kicking off the campaign. 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 outreach program, contact Beverly Piper.

Trick or Treat

Trinity is collecting funds and bags of individually wrapped candy—or other snack bag treats such as pretzels or chips—for Halloween.

This year, the goal is to assemble and distribute at least 125 bags to Trafford trick-or-treaters.

A bin for candy is in the vestibule. Place donated candy in the bin. If you can't get out to shop, donate funds and mark "Halloween" on your envelope.

Treats will be passed out on Halloween night from Trinity House porch. For more information about the program, or if you are interested in helping prepare the bags or distribute the candy, contact Beverly Piper at (724) 607-1759.

Mats for the Homeless

Trinity continues to collect plastic bags to make mats for the homeless. Please 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 TUMC ministry.

Homeless Kits

We continue to make kits available for the homeless. Pick up a kit or two to keep on hand for when you might meet someone who is homeless. The box of kits is in the overflow area.

Trafford Spooktacular

Trafford is hosting its Spooktacular Halloween party on Sunday, October 20 from 1-4 p.m. in the Manchester Room. See the Trafford borough website for more information.





Thanks for Voting

Unfortunately, Trinity doesn't have the people needed right now to host an Election Day Dinner. Instead, Trinity will host a "Thanks for Voting" event open to the community. We will offer free coffee and dessert to our friends, family, and neighbors.

The event will be held in the social hall from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5. Volunteers will be needed to make this new event a success. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule.

Special Sundays

World Communion Sunday, October 6

Your gifts to this Special Sunday offering provide scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international students and U. S. racial-ethnic students. Consider giving on World Communion Sunday and help shape future leaders of the UMC.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Sunday, October 19

This conference-wide Special Sunday calls us to recognize volunteers who engage in short-term mission work across the conference and the work of the UMVIM around the world.

Prayerfully consider donating to these special offerings in October.

New Bishop

The Western PA Conference has been appointed a new episcopal leader, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball. Community UMC in Irwin will host a Welcome Service at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 27. The service will be followed by fellowship and light refreshments.

Community UMC is located at 3487 Route 130, Irwin, PA.

Christmas Candy Fundraiser

Trinity is accepting orders for the annual Sarris Candies Christmas Fundraiser. Brochures are in the vestibule.

You may also order online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com.

- Click on **I am supporting a Fundraiser.**
- Enter Trinity's Group ID # **10-0582.**
- Start shopping.

Trinity will earn 25% profit from all online orders. Candy is shipped directly to your home (shipping fee applies).



Holiday Craft & Vendor Show

Trinity will host the annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Show on Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact Joanne Ondulich if you or someone you know is interested in leasing table space for the event. As always, we will operate a bake sale and concession stand during the show. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule for bakers willing to provide sweet and savory treats and for volunteers willing to help with setup and breakdown and at the concession stand. We look forward to seeing you there!



Trafford Library Halloween Party

BY PATTY AUBELE

Trafford Library will host a Halloween Party on Friday, October 25. Wear a costume and join in the fun. We'll have a story, games, crafts, and a snack. Please call the library at (412) 372-5155 to reserve your spot.

Trunk or Treat

Level Green Presbyterian Church invites the community to their Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27, from 2-4 p.m.

The church is also hosting a Fall StoryWalk which will be available for families to explore in the afternoon. Paths on the

church's front lawn will be open with five fall themed books on display along with interactive activity stations. It's a great opportunity to get outdoors and help children develop a lifelong love of reading.

Evergreen Fundraiser

BY PATTY AUBELE

Do you realize that Christmas is coming in just a few months? The Trafford Library is taking orders for fresh evergreen items and décor. Orders are due on November 1, and they will be delivered right after Thanksgiving.

A flyer and order form are in a folder in the vestibule. Thank you for supporting us.

Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Family of Regis Aubele (Patty Aubele's brother-in-law)

Lou Booher

Mary Ann Casper

Sandy Chiappetta

Bryce Dulemba

Family of Mark Graw (John Graw's brother)

Taryn Kline (Jeanne Ruccio's sister-in-law)

Harry and Marge Little

Paolo (Olga's brother)

Vicki Stokes

Bill and Joan Vowler

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

Birthdays

- 1 Harper Mallik, Megan Zigarovich-Hart
- 2 Kay Dale
- 3 Janet Conlogue
- 7 Corrie Baker
- 8 Jill Fanty
- 13 Alan Yamamoto
- 15 Jim Bentley
- 20 Jude Lovre
- 21 Kris Peters
- 27 Bruce Aglietti, Cynthia VanRyn
- 28 Jess Clausner
- 30 David Keller, Marjorie Myers

Anniversaries

- 8 Paul and Joanne Ondulich
- 10 Mike and Ashley Kitchen
- 15 Garlan and Jen McCune



October

Altar Flowers

- 6 Matthew Knopf
- 13 Yocum family
- 20 Larry and Becky Mallik
- 27 Brent Clausner

October

Join us for *Bible Journaling* the second Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Craft Room

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
29 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	30 1 p.m. Senior Friends	1	2 7 p.m. Being UM Christians Bible Study	3 7 p.m. Choir	4	5
6 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>World Communion Sunday (offering)</i>	7 1 p.m. Senior Friends	8 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	9 7 p.m. Being UM Christians Bible Study	10 7 p.m. Choir	11	12
13 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 4 p.m. Bible Journaling 5 p.m. Blessing of the Pets	14 1 p.m. Senior Friends 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting <i>Columbus Day</i>	15	16 7 p.m. Being UM Christians Bible Study	17 7 p.m. Choir Tempo Deadline	18	19
20 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>VIM Sunday (offering)</i>	21 1 p.m. Senior Friends	22	23 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	24 7 p.m. Choir	25	26
27 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Welcome Service at Community UMC	28 1 p.m. Senior Friends	29	30 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study	31 5:30-8 p.m. Trunk or Treat <i>Halloween</i>	1	2

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the November issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Thursday, October 17, 2024.



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

Out & About Tour

The new bishop, Sandra Steiner Ball will be touring churches and districts in the Western PA Conference this fall.

The Out & About Tour is an opportunity to meet the bishop and share hopes, dreams, concerns and interests. Sessions will take place for clergy and laity.

The event for the Greensburg District laity and clergy will take place on Friday, November 15, at Community UMC, Irwin.