

# Trinity Tempo

November 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to thank each and every one of you for your love and patience with me and one another this past year. As I reflect on last year, I noticed my focus was strongly on the denomination as a whole. Much of my energy and time were spent worrying and praying for disaffiliation, General Conference, and Annual Conference. I was very wrapped up in how the denomination would handle the split and fallout. I was

focused too much on the denomination and not enough on what was in front of me.

Though I know we do not all agree on whether the outcome of the General Conference or some of the legislation of the Annual Conference was honoring to God, I am so happy that we are together and serving the Lord.

During the disaffiliation process, Manor has done much work trying to figure out where God is calling them on the issue of human sexuality. They have learned how to continue to work together and seek what it is God is calling them to.

Trinity voted to wait and see what the result of the General Conference would be. When it was revealed, the denomination was moving in a more progressive direction, I helped to lead discussion on what was next for Trinity. These talks were not easy and challenged us in different ways. It made us grapple with what was important and how we might be able to serve God faithfully.

After presenting the decisions of General Conference to both churches we decided it may be a good idea to focus on what it means to be United Methodist Christians. We have just completed this study, and I am thankful for everyone's participation. Following the study, I believe we may be able to articulate why God has placed us in this denomination and how God may be calling us to serve Him, the Church, and the communities in which we live.

Also, following this study, I believe I will be in a better place to let God do whatever God is going to do with the UMC and focus much more on how we can serve the Lord by serving Trafford and Manor.

As always, I look forward to what God is doing with us and what God will do through us in the days to come. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

# Trinity Happenings

## Thanks for Voting

BY JANE POGUE

Voting is a wonderful privilege we are entitled to because we are Americans living in a democracy.

Please get out and vote Tuesday, November 5. To thank all you voters in the church and the community, Trinity UMC is sponsoring a free dessert and coffee event on Election Day from 4-8 p.m.

Come, have some refreshments and visit with others who appreciate the benefit of one of our greatest freedoms.

## Holiday Craft & Vendor Show

The Holiday Craft & Vendor Show is almost here! Crafters and vendors have reserved tables and now we are in the final planning stages.

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. Time slots are still open for anyone who wants to help with the event: from setup and breakdown to operating the concession stand and baked goods sale.



And, of course, tasty treats are always welcome for the bake sale. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule for those of you who will provide some type of baked good.

Whether you plan to help at the event or like to shop, COME! We look forward to seeing you there!

## Christmas Candy Fundraiser

Trinity is accepting orders for the annual Sarris Candies Christmas Fundraiser. Brochures are in the vestibule. November 10 is the last day to place an order using the brochure.

You may also order online at [SarrisCandiesFundraising.com](http://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). December 15 is the last day to place an order online.



## Hanging of the Greens

Trinity will pull out the wreaths and garland, trees and bows for the Hanging of the Greens. Everyone is welcome to take part in the decorating, fun and fellowship. So, stay after the service on Sunday, November 24 and help Trinity get ready for Advent.

## Out & About Tour

The new bishop, Sandra Steiner Ball, is 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.

The event for the Greensburg District laity and clergy will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 15, at Community Church. RSVP to Pastor Justin before November 7.

Community Church is located at 3487 Route 130, Harrison City, PA.

## Angel Tree Program

BY JOANNE ONDULICH

“Angel Tree: More Than Just Your Donation of Money”

Angel Tree Prison Ministries has been near and dear to our church for many years. This year, Angel Tree administrators set a new minimum number of children a church can sponsor. This new number is 20 children. In the past we have had 6 to 12 kids to shop for and wrap gifts, and I have been doing most of it myself for the past couple of years with only a little help. The program is now a job for several people, not just one or two, and I need help! Volunteers are needed to:

- Contact caregivers to explain the program and get gift ideas.



- Shop for gifts for the children.
- Wrap gifts and correctly tag gifts.

Once all the gifts are bought and wrapped, we will organize a day for the caregivers to pick them up so the kids can have them for Christmas Day.

I will hold a short meeting with volunteers on Sunday, November 3 following the worship service. We will pass out the assignments and go over what needs to be said to the guardians of the children and how to go about that. Please let me (412-378-8074), Pastor Justin, or Linda Yocum know if you would like to help. Thank you and God bless you.



## Accelerated Reader Program

Trinity continues to support the Trafford Elementary School's accelerated reader program. This is Trinity's third year supporting this program and encouraging young students to read.

We have already collected \$215 and need just \$85 to reach our goal of \$300! Thank you to everyone who has donated.

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."

## Pastor Appreciation Sunday

BY JANE POGUE

On Sunday, October 27, 2024, we honored Pastor Justin with a reception after church in the library area. We are so blessed to have had him as our pastor for more than 10 years, and we wanted him to know how much he is appreciated!

## Special Sundays Youth Service Fund, November 3

This Conference-wide special Sunday supports youth missions and youth programs across the Western PA Conference. The program is run by, with and for youth, and addresses poverty, illiteracy and social justice at church, community, national and international levels.

## United Methodist Student Day

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards approximately \$5.5 million in financial aid to United Methodist students. Your gifts on November 24 support these scholarships.

More than 70 scholarships are available for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral United Methodist Students.

Prayerfully consider giving to these special offerings on November 3 and 24.

## Community Dinner

Trinity will collect cans of whole kernel corn for the Penn-Trafford Ministerium's Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held Tuesday, November 26 at 6 p.m. St. Barbara Parish (111 Raymaley Rd, Harrison City) is hosting the dinner again this year with a worship service to follow.

A donation box is in the vestibule for the canned corn. Volunteers are also welcome to help serve the meal. Speak with Pastor Justin if you would like to be a part of this community-wide event.



## Holiday Greetings

When sending cards to your friends and relatives, don't forget some of your Trinity family that we don't have a chance to see very often. Below are addresses of church family members who are homebound, whose health prevents them from coming to church, who have other commitments, or who live out of the area.

Jim and Eileen Bentley  
(Kayla Eiseman)  
203 Edgewood Ave  
Trafford, PA 15085

Bob and Mary Ann Casper  
104 Plum Dr  
Trafford, PA 15085

Sandy Chiappetta  
309 East Edgewood Ave  
Trafford, PA 15085

Mrs Kay Dale  
227 Orchid Lane  
Wauchula, FL 33873

Rob and Emily Kalanja  
(Sophia and Robert)  
502 Fairmont Ave  
Trafford PA 15085

Harry and Marge Little  
127 Saunders Station Rd  
Trafford, PA 15085

Ms Judy Mason  
Concordia at Ridgewood Place  
Room 227  
1460 Renton Rd  
Pittsburgh PA 15239

Olga and Volodymer Medunytsia  
(Marina)  
520 Brinton Ave 2F  
Trafford, PA 15085

Mrs Marjorie Myers  
821 Lake Port Blvd  
Apt M510  
Leesburg, FL 34748-7671

Ms Ronda Powell  
328 Cavitt Ave  
Apt 2  
Trafford, PA 15085

Pat Puckey  
5721 County Line Rd  
New Bern, NC 28562-9474

Love Ruffner  
327 Fairmont Ave  
Trafford PA 15085

George and Julie Ann Silowash  
(Alex, Sebastian, Benjamin)  
60 Slate Ave  
Northfield VT 05663

Roger and Marlene VanRyn  
101 Short St  
Trafford, PA 15085

Bill and Joan Vowler  
8 Westmoreland Rd  
Trafford, PA 15085

# Joys & Concerns

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

## Pray for

Lou Booher  
Mary Ann Casper  
Sandy Chiappetta  
Bryce Dulemba  
Harry and Marge Little  
Paolo (Olga's brother)  
Bill and Joan Vowler

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

## Birthdays

- 2 Joyce Rogers
- 7 George Silowash
- 8 Emma Chichilla
- 10 Morgan Hainsey
- 14 Thelma Johnson
- 16 Anna Kitchen, Elias Hanna
- 21 Dante Venturo, Diane Haney
- 22 Tom Fanty
- 24 Matt Johnson
- 30 Spencer Boehm

## Anniversaries

- 29 Ed and Patty Aubele,  
David and Sandy Keller



## November

### Altar Flowers

- 3 open
- 10 Pamela Story, Darlene Cirilli, and Vicki Truninger
- 17 Susan Gibson and Sandy Yamamoto
- 24 open

# November

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.
<b>27</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 3 p.m. Welcome Service for new bishop at Community Church	<b>28</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:30-8 p.m. Trick or Treat <i>Halloween</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion/ All Saint's Day Rose Service 12:15 p.m. Angel Tree Meeting <i>Youth Service Fund Day (offering)</i>	<b>4</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>5</b> 4-8 p.m. Thanks for Voting <i>Election Day</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7 p.m. Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Holiday Craft & Vendor Show
<b>10</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 4 p.m. Bible Journaling	<b>11</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends <i>Veterans Day</i>	<b>12</b> 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 p.m. Choir	<b>15</b> 6:30 p.m. Bishop's Out & About Tour at Community Church <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	<b>18</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 p.m. Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Hanging of the Greens <i>United Methodist Student Day (offering)</i>	<b>25</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Thanks-giving</i> (church office closed)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the December issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, Nov. 15, 2024.



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

## 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.

## 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.