

# Trinity Tempo

January 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Advent and Christmas are seasons of great celebration for the Christian people. We celebrate the presence of Jesus in our lives and world. We celebrate the beginning of the salvation story. We celebrate the love of God who gave the world another opportunity to be in right relationship with God and each other.

On the other hand, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are quite

different. On New Year's Eve we stand on the top of a large mountain that allows us to see our past year behind us. We are able to take stock of how well we lived, what kind of accomplishments we had, whether or not we reached our goals. Looking back on that mountaintop fills us with many different emotions: triumph, sadness, joy, shame, happiness, frustration, and love. There is only one way off the mountain though, and that is forward. The past is behind us and as we peer at it, we are able to learn from it and grow, but we can't change it. No, the way to go now is into the unknown.

As clear as the view is behind us, the view in front of us is shrouded by fog. We are unable to learn much about what lies ahead. We cannot gain an advantage from our mountaintop. So, our emotions are different moving forward: fear, expectation, and longing. We may begin our journey forward afraid of what we might face. Unsure of the valleys and hills ahead, we do not know how to proceed or what to bring. But our past has taught us what we can expect. We will be met by adversity and joy, success and failure, confusion and confidence. As we look out over the fog, bracing ourselves for the unknown, we long for certain manifestations. We want to accomplish our goals, we desire relationships to begin or be mended, and we hunger for promises to be fulfilled.

Even though we feel so much on that mountaintop, there is one thing that can help us take the first step into the unknown with confidence. Christmas helped to give us that. Hope. Unlike longing, hope comes with a promise that Christ walks with us and will meet us in the valleys and on the hills we journey through. Hope drives us forward into the fog, with the understanding that it will be alright. Jesus has given what we need to handle it. Hope lights our path and God helps our footing become sure. I am excited for 2025, whatever it may hold.

I pray everyone has a blessed New Year.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

# Trinity Happenings

## Food Drive

For the tears and tickles, the runs and drips, the sneezes and coughs in life, few things do the job like facial tissue.

Let's support members of our community this month by collecting boxes of facial tissue for the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank. Submit your donation by Sunday, January 12, 2025. A box is set up in the overflow area.

## Warm Hearts/Warm Coats

BY JANE POGUE

We have participated in the *Good Morning America*/Burlington Coat Campaign for many, many years. Your faithfulness in donating warm coats to our local citizens has been above and beyond expectations, meeting our goals every year. However, due to your kindness I know we have run out of our own personal used coats! So we are putting our Warm Hearts/Warm Coats program on hold.

Now I know many of you do have some warm outerwear that you no longer need, and we are asking you to bring them and place them into the blue bins outside the church. They are made available to people in need, plus we get money for our Campership Program for our donations. It's a win-win situation! Our church has always been a wonderful, giving church and I want to thank you all for your years of "stepping up" when there's been a need. May you continue to be blessed to be a blessing.



## Accelerated Reader Program

Trinity just received the final \$21 needed to meet the goal of \$300 for this program offered by the Trafford Elementary School librarian.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this program for the last three years and thank you for your continued support of our community!

## Financial Statements

BY JANE POGUE

Your 2024 financial statements will be available on Sunday, January 12, 2025. If you attend the church worship service, they will be in the vestibule. If you are on Zoom or unable to attend church, they will be mailed out on January 20, 2025. If you want your statement at a different time, please contact me at (724) 864-2858 and I will make sure you receive it.

Happy New Year!

## Church Roof

BY PASTOR JUSTIN JUDY

When I first arrived here in 2014, I was told the roof was 20 years old and needed to be replaced sooner rather than later. The last 10 years have been spent raising money and repairing leaks. I am happy to announce that we have locked in a bid from Rain Remodeling and Restoration, Inc. to replace the roof for just over \$100,000.

Through your pennies, other contributions to the roof fund, and a generous donation in memory of Chuck and Ouina Johnston, we have raised \$38,265.

If you feel led to donate to the roof fund, there is still time. The work will begin early in 2025 when the weather permits. But we would like to thank everyone for their generosity and patience while the Trustees and Ad-Council tackle this large project. If anyone has any questions about the project, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. We have been blessed in so many ways.

## Altar Flowers

The 2025 altar flower calendar is in the vestibule, waiting for you to reserve dates to honor, thank, recognize, remember, celebrate, or commemorate friends, family, and loved ones. Reserve a date for one vase or both vases for any given Sunday. Pricing remains the same as 2024: \$20 for a single vase and \$40 for the pair of vases.

Payment is due on the date(s) you have reserved. Payment envelopes are available in the vestibule. You may also pay online through the church website. Please do not order flowers through the donation platform, it is for payment only.

For out-of-towners who want to reserve dates, contact Linda Yocum in the church office at (412) 373-0835 opt 2 or by email at [office@tumctrafford.org](mailto:office@tumctrafford.org). Provide the date(s) and name(s) of the person(s) you want to honor or remember.



# Joys & Concerns

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

## Pray for

Lou Booher  
Mary Ann Casper  
Sandy Chiappetta  
Larry George and family  
Harry and Marge Little  
Paolo (Olga's brother)  
Shirley  
Family of Jim Winterbottom  
David Yocum

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

## Birthdays

- 1 Kayla Eiseman, David Yocum
- 3 Josh Keefer
- 4 Sebastian Silowash
- 8 Sophia Kalanja
- 10 Erin Kennison
- 11 Marlene VanRyn
- 12 Brett Lloyd
- 18 Donna Race
- 23 Aiden Johnson
- 25 Kara Soles, Scott Ebner
- 26 Drew Dulemba, Jeff Johnson
- 27 Art Loutsenhizer III
- 28 Gina Lloyd
- 30 Elijah Judy, Chris Kerrigan

## Anniversaries

- 5 Harry and Margie Little

## Homeless

**Mats:** 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.

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

## MLK Jr Worship Service

Monroeville UMC will host the annual Martin Luther King Jr worship service on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 4 p.m. It will include special musical performances, guest speaker Dr. Joe Smith, and remarks by Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball.

Dr. Joe Smith is the Director of Spiritual Formation at First UMC, Pittsburgh. He teaches theology and ethics at Duquesne University. Monroeville UMC is located at 219 Center Road, Monroeville, PA.

## January

### Altar Flowers

- 5 open
- 12 open
- 19 open
- 26 open



# January

*Bible Journaling* will not meet in January. It will resume in February on 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	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day (church office closed)	2 7:15 p.m. Choir (tentative)	3	4
5 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/Communion <b>Epiphany Sunday</b>	6 1 p.m. Senior Friends	7	8	9 7:15 p.m. Choir	10	11
12 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	13 1 p.m. Senior Friends	14 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	15	16 7:15 p.m. Choir	17 <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	18
19 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Human Relations Day</b> (special offering)	20 1 p.m. Senior Friends <i>MLK Jr. Birthday observed</i>	21	22	23 7:15 p.m. Choir	24	25
26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <b>Camping Sunday</b> (special offering)	27 1 p.m. Senior Friends	28	29	20 7:15 p.m. Choir	31	1

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## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the February issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, Jan. 17, 2025.



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

## Special Sundays

**Human Relations Day, January 19**  
This denomination-wide Special Sunday is held before Martin Luther King Jr's birthday to recognize his vision of "the beloved community." Your gifts support social justice as well as community and youth outreach ministries.

**Camping Sunday, January 26**  
This conference-wide Special Sunday is held to raise awareness of the camping opportunities offered by the Western PA Conference, to encourage participation in the upcoming summer camping season, and to collect an offering to help support these agencies.

Three local camps that benefit from the special offering include Jumonville, Camp Allegheny, and Wesley Woods.

Prayerfully consider giving to these Special Sunday offerings.