

Trinity Tempo

March 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are approaching an important time in the life of the Church. The first day of Lent will be Wednesday, March 5. Ash Wednesday helps to set the tone for a period of preparation through fasting and prayer. The imposition of ashes reminds us that we were created from dust, and as such we can be blown by the wind off the path the Lord desires us to walk. Our lives

here on earth are for a moment, and we do not always do well with the time we have been given. Our need for forgiveness is apparent to us. The services of Ash Wednesday also include Communion. This sacrament helps to retell the story of Jesus giving his disciples the firm footing of his love in the midst of betrayal, pain, death, and loss. For thousands of years to come Christians repeat Communion to be reminded, “Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.”

Having a service that pairs one symbol for our frailty, mortality, and sinfulness with another symbol that reminds us of Jesus’ love, forgiveness, and constant presence helps us to realize we are not alone, and we are in need of Christ’s hand in our lives. During the time of Lent, we then surrender ourselves to a God who desires us to live and dwell in him. The challenge is—of course—this surrender means letting go of that which separates us from God. Traditionally the church practices this through giving up something for Lent. The Catholic church gives up meat on Fridays. The Protestant church would pick for themselves, usually a food of some sort.

Food is always a great place to start because we need it physically. But we know that we are more than physical creatures, we are also spiritual ones. God is one who provides both to us. When we feel hungry, then we proclaim to God that we seek him above all needs.

The Christian life needs the Lord. We all understand that to some degree. This year we will see the Lord’s desire for our lives. Let’s start from a clean slate and allow ourselves to be surprised by God’s hope for each of us as individuals and as a church.

I look forward to praying with you and for you during this Lenten season. May the Lord surprise all of us.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Food Drive

I don't know about you, but sometimes nothing tastes better—or looks better—than colorful ripe fruit. Let's share that sweet taste with the community.

Trinity is collecting cans and jars of fruit for the Trafford/Level Green food bank this month. Peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, applesauce, and more.

When shopping, please choose fruit in plastic jars or cans with pull-tab lids. Keeping healthy choices in mind, select fruit packed in its own juice or with no added sugar. We will also accept multipacks of single-serve fruit cups.

Drop off your donation by Sunday, March 16. A collection box is in the vestibule.

Stay Connected

Stay connected with the Greensburg District and events. Subscribe to the district e-newsletter at wpaumc.org/subscribe and on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/wpaumcgreensburgdistrict.

UMCOR Sunday

The United Methodist Church collects a special offering once a year on UMCOR Sunday to cover administrative costs of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

As a result, when you give to UMCOR for specific advances such as the L.A. wildfires, every penny given goes to those specific situations.

Prayerfully consider donating on March 30, UMCOR Sunday. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

The Moses Project

Community UMC (Route 130, Harrison City) is hosting performances of *The Moses Project*, a one-of-a-kind experience. The production is comprised of songs performed by an orchestra, a choir, soloists and narrators. The story is set during Israel's 40 years in exile with one family sharing the events of their journey.

Four performances are scheduled over March 14, 15, and 16. Go to <https://www.songsforrevival.com/themoseproject> for more information or to purchase tickets.



Why Canned Fruit?

Fruit packaged in cans or plastic jars is nutritious, being rich in vitamins and minerals.

It has a long shelf life and doesn't spoil quickly.

It is ready to eat and makes a great choice for a healthy snack.

Ash Wednesday

Trinity will hold the Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5. The service at Manor First will take place at 6 p.m.

Lenten Bible Study

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball has invited churches in the Western PA Conference to join a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative during the Lenten season. The study guides people through a simple and powerful way of praying.

Pastor Justin will lead our Bible study using the book, *Dynamite Prayer: a 28 Day Experiment* by Rosario Picardo and Sue Nilson Kibbey. Copies of the book are available in the church vestibule.

Trinity's study will take place in person and on ZOOM on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. starting on March 12. Manor First's study will be held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in person in the Preston Building of Manor First.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

Trinity is holding its annual Easter fundraiser with Sarris Candies. Copies of the brochure are available in the vestibule. Submit completed order forms to the church office by Sunday, March 23.

Online ordering is also available through April 13 at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com.

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

Trinity earns 25% profit from all online orders. Candy is shipped directly to your home (\$7 flat fee for ground shipping).

Retreat

Jumonville is hosting a weekend retreat during which attendees will deepen their understanding of the [Sacraments of Communion and Baptism](#). The event takes place Friday, March 21 – Sunday, March 23. The cost covers two nights of lodging and five meals. Registration is required and closes March 1, 2025.



Joys & Concerns

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

Pray for

Patty Aubele
Lou Booher
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Mike Elias (Cindy Graw's cousin)
Pastor Justin Judy
Harry and Marge Little
Paolo (Olga's brother)
Donna Piper
Sandy and Jim (Joanne Ondulich's cousins)
Those affected by the California wildfires
War in Ukraine

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

Birthdays

- 1 Patty Aubele
- 4 Randy Kerrigan
- 5 Kristina Stanley Chichilla
- 9 Robert Cush
- 12 Stephanie Judy
- 13 Ryan Kerrigan
- 17 Kay Yocum
- 18 Giavanna Stultz
- 23 Matthew Knopf, Lia Nigro, Mattie Fanty
- 25 John Ruccio
- 27 Sarah Ebner-Scott
- 29 Sarah Lloyd

Change of Address

Evelyn Felmlee hasn't moved, but her house number has changed from 100 Newell Lane to 96 Newell Lane. Please note the change in your copy of the church directory.

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. Kits are in the overflow area.

March

Altar Flowers

- 2 open
- 9 open
- 16 Yocum family
- 23 Larry and Becky Mallik
- 30 open



March

Senior Friends, Women's Bible Study, and Bible Journaling are on hold for now. Listen for updates on both groups during Sunday morning worship services.

| Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| 23 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Camping Sunday</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 7:15 p.m. Choir | 28 | 1 |
| 2 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> | 3 | 4 | 5 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service | 6 7:15 p.m. Choir | 7 | 8 |
| 9 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i> | 10 | 11 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting | 12 7 p.m. Lenten Bible Study | 13 7:15 p.m. Choir | 14 | 15 |
| 16 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship | 17 Tempo Deadline <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> | 18 | 19 7 p.m. Lenten Bible Study | 20 7:15 p.m. Choir | 21 | 22 |
| 23 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship | 24 | 25 | 26 7 p.m. Lenten Bible Study | 27 7:15 p.m. Choir | 28 | 29 |
| 30 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>UMCOR Sunday (special offering)</i> | 31 | 1 | 2 7 p.m. Lenten Bible Study | 3 7:15 p.m. Choir | 4 | 5 |

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the April issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, March 17, 2025.



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

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.

