

Trinity Tempo

May 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce our move. After eleven years at Trinity and six years at Manor First the Lord is calling me and my family to Grace United Methodist Church in Somerset. With my youngest son graduating high school this year, the new appointment is not a total surprise. But that does not make it easy.

My last Sunday will be June 15.

Pastor Angelique Edmonds has been called to serve you starting July 1.

We have experienced much together: funerals, weddings, a 500-mile walk, COVID-19, disaffiliation, a changing *Book of Discipline*, a sabbatical. Through all these events and more the Lord has used each of us to pray for one another, support each other, hold each other accountable. We loved, cried, laughed, hoped, felt loss, and trusted in God together. Through these past years the Lord has graciously written another exciting chapter of each of our lives. I am blessed that each of you play such a significant role in this story.

I know in my heart that God is far from done with you. In the years to come there will be many more chapters. Each will be punctuated with the love and grace of our Lord Jesus. I am confident you will continue to serve the Lord in the same sincere, inviting, and embracing love that I have respected since the first time I met yinz.

In my time with you I have experienced what it means to be a family of God. A family bound by the Holy Spirit that still recognizes it is incomplete without others. A family that quickly embraces its neighbors hoping they experience God's love.

My prayer for you is to continue to keep your eyes open. Open not only to the movements and changes of the world, but also to the movements of the Holy Spirit. Remember that the church building is a wonderful place that helps to keep the rain off your head. But the Church is being called to bring comfort and hope through Jesus' name *in* the storms raging in this world. And you are a wonderful part of the Church. Have confidence that the Lord has worked and will continue to work in and through you.

Thank you for a blessed season! Thank you for helping me to become the person I am today. May the Lord bless you always!

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

Trinity Happenings

Graduation Sunday

BY JANE POGUE

It's that time again! It's graduation! We are honoring three graduates. One has already graduated and we have two who will be graduating high school this year.

Jonathan Judy



Jonathan will be graduating from Penn-Trafford High School, where he has been active in the school's ski club. He is also very interested in music theory with a concentration on the violin. He plans to take a year off from school and continue focusing on the violin specifically, and Jonathan's future plans are to major in Music Performance, possibly at Seton Hill.

With your talent and God's blessings we feel sure you will be very successful in your future endeavors!

Also, Stephanie Judy wants the congregation to know that you are all invited to Jonathan's graduation party in the church social hall on Saturday, June 7 from 1-4 p.m.

Ashley Kitchen



Ashley has shown her faith and her determination for many years to improve herself. Ashley is married, takes care of her home, is in the process of raising three children and working many jobs, and continues her schooling. This past December, Ashley graduated with an associate's degree in early childhood from Westmoreland County Community College. She is now attending Carlow College where she is working on her bachelor's degree in early elementary education. We are so proud of you, Ashley, and pray that God opens many doors for you.

Maryna Medunytsia

Maryna, the daughter of Olga and Volodymer Medunytsia, came to Penn-Trafford last year from Ukraine (via Germany). Even though she graduated while in Germany she attended PT for socialization and learning the American culture. She will officially graduate from Penn-Trafford in May and will attend Kent State in September. Maryna, we hope that God continues to bless you and keep you here to achieve your educational goals. Good luck from all of us!

We will be honoring our graduates on **June 8 during the church service**. Please stay afterward for a small reception in their honor in the library area. We want to let them know how special they are!



Food Drive

Ads always show people using paper towels to clean up spills. But they can be used for so many more tasks such as an impromptu coffee filter or DIY wet wipes.

How do you use paper towels? What other uses can you think of besides cleaning up spills? Post your suggestion on the mission's bulletin board in the sanctuary.

While doing your weekly grocery shopping, pick up one or two extra rolls of paper towels for the Trafford/Level Green food bank. Place your contribution in the box in the church vestibule by Sunday, May 18.

Special Sundays

Native American Ministries Sunday

Gifts to this special offering provide scholarships to Native Americans studying at United Methodist schools of theology, and help strengthen Native American ministries within the Annual Conference.

Golden Cross Sunday

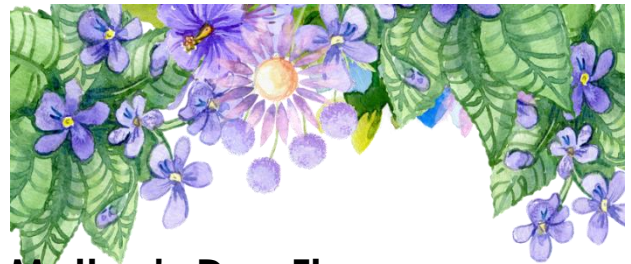
Gifts to this special offering support conference health and welfare ministries.

Prayerfully consider donating to these two special offerings on May 4.

Strawberry Festival

Trinity will hold its Strawberry Festival this year on a Friday afternoon in mid-June. As always, get ready for delicious cake, fresh strawberries, and ice cream as well as a selection of sandwiches, sides, and beverages to complete your meal.

Tickets will go on sale in late May and may also be purchased at the door. Take-out will be available. We will need people to help set up, serve, and clean up. Once the date is set, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the vestibule. We look forward to seeing you there!

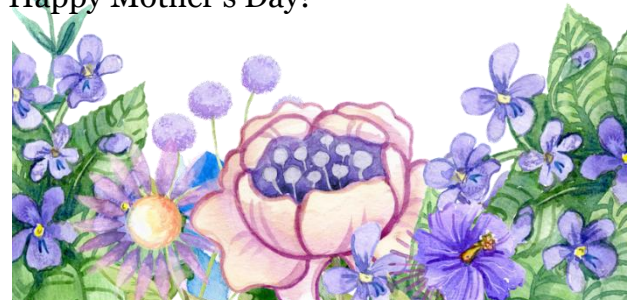


Mother's Day Flowers

BY JANE POGUE

Don't forget that Sunday, May 11 is Mother's Day! The saying "God couldn't be everywhere, so he created mothers" is so true. If you are lucky enough to still have your mother with you, please tell her how much you love her and appreciate all she has done for you. If your mother has passed on, take time to think of all the memories that you have of her and write them down. I think you will be amazed at how much she did for you.

So, as is our tradition, if you are a mother, please take a flower—which will be in the vestibule—on Mother's Day as our way of showing you how much we appreciate you! Happy Mother's Day!



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)
Carol Jean Stude-Gartung
Pastor Justin Judy and family
Harry and Marge Little
Paolo (Olga's brother)
Donna Piper
Sandy and Jim (Joanne Ondulich's and Bob Lovre's cousins)
Those affected by the California wildfires
Myanmar Earthquake
War in Ukraine

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

Birthdays

2 Louise Redinger
5 Jenna Nigro
6 Josie Nigro, Shawn Sciotti
7 Luke Allan Lowery
9 Mary Thornton, Darlene Williams
11 Jane Pogue
15 Amy Keefer, Harry Little, Pat Puckey, Robert Conlogue
16 Nancy Harris
17 Lexi Fanty
19 Robert Phillip Kalanja
20 Gracie Stultz
23 Lou Booher, Aless Hanna
27 Zack Keefer
28 Evelyn Felmlee, Anne Robinson
29 John Graw
30 Alex Silowash, Nicole Dodril
31 Les Race

Anniversaries

6 Alan and Sandy Yamamoto
18 Nick and Danielle Mallik

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.

May

Altar Flowers

4 open
11 Yocum family
18 Larry and Becky Mallik
25 Jeff, Matt and Tim Johnson



May

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
27 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	28 1 p.m. Senior Friends	29	30	1 7:15 p.m. Choir <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	2	3
4 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i> <i>Golden Cross Sunday</i>	5 1 p.m. Senior Friends	6	7	8 7:15 p.m. Choir	9	10
11 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 1 p.m. Senior Friends	13 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council Meeting	14	15	16 Tempo Deadline	17
18 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Heritage Sunday</i>	19 1 p.m. Senior Friends	20	21	22	23	24
25 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	26 <i>Memorial Day (church office closed)</i>	27	28	29 <i>Ascension Day</i>	30	31

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Tempo Deadline

Articles for the June issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, May 16, 2025.



Prayer Space

The Western PA Conference has created a new online prayer space. Volunteers are invited to commune with God and to offer prayers of praise and adoration, of petition and intercession, of thanksgiving.

Go to the Western PA Conference website at wpaumc.org/prayer to learn more about this new opportunity and to participate.

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

