

# Trinity Tempo

December 2025



Dear Beloved in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we enter this sacred season of Advent, our hearts turn once again toward the promise and the mystery of God's coming among us. Advent is a time of holy waiting, of hopeful expectation, and of joyful preparation. We pause to reflect on the Hope,

Love, Joy, and Peace that Christ brings into a weary world.

In this season, we remember the words of the prophet Isaiah who foretold the coming of the Messiah— "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

This Christ Child—born in humility in a manger—comes to bring light where there is darkness, peace where there is conflict, and love where there is brokenness. His birth reminds us that God's promise never fails and that even in uncertain times, "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5).

As we journey toward Christmas, may our hearts be rekindled with the flame of hope that anchors our faith, the love that binds us together, the joy that uplifts our spirits, and the peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Let us prepare Him room—not only in our homes and sanctuaries, but within our hearts. May this Advent season draw us closer to the One who came as Emmanuel—God with us.

May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

With hope and joy in Christ,

Rev. Angelique Edmonds

# Trinity Happenings

## Angel Tree Ministry

The Angel Tree program is underway. We have received the names of children and are in the process of contacting their parents or guardians to get the information we need to purchase gifts. Once all the gifts are purchased, we will wrap them.

This year we will be having a “Christmas Party” in the social hall for the families when they come for the gifts. The event will take place on Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We do need some help, so if you are interested in donating, or wrapping, or helping with the party, contact Jane Pogue at (724) 396-4151. We are



blessed to be a blessing, and this is a perfect way to brighten everyone's Christmas Spirit!



## Sarris Candy Fundraiser

Trinity is taking orders for Sarris Candy. The locally made candy makes a great last-minute gift or a perfect treat during holiday parties. If you miss the December 1 deadline to submit a paper order form, you still can order online at [SarrisCandiesFundraising.com](http://SarrisCandiesFundraising.com).

Trinity earns 25% profit from all online orders. Candy is shipped directly to your home for a \$7 shipping fee (for orders under \$100). December 14 is the last day to place an order online on the Sarris Candies website.

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



text me at my cell number, 412-607-1759. You can leave a message if your call is not answered.

If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, contact me. Prayer requests are sent via cell phone group text message. I can explain the other guidelines.

## Trinity Prayer Chain

BY BEVERLY PIPER

Our church has a group of seven people who are dedicated to interceding in prayer for any request made by anyone in our church family, at any time. We are the Church Prayer Chain.

We receive prayer requests for emergencies such as people involved in accidents, sudden illness, family crisis, personal catastrophe. We receive requests for people looking for a new job, scheduling surgery, facing a personal challenge, people needing encouragement, hope and healing.

The prayer request can be made by the caller for themselves, for a family member, a friend, an acquaintance or on behalf of someone else who has asked them to pray.

Prayer requests are kept confidential among the Prayer Chain members. This is important and strictly honored. To make a prayer request, you can call or

Chris Tomlinson wrote “...prayer only happens when God is involved.”

In Hebrews 4:16 we are told “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Acts 2:42 tell us that the Followers of the Way, the early Church believers, “...devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2.

Thank you to each current Prayer Chain member for your true commitment, your caring, your heart for Jesus and for others. Pray on!



## Happy Halloween!

BY BEVERLY PIPER

On Halloween night, Carol, Colleen, Jeanne, Genny, and I handed out about 80 bags of assorted candy. Each bag included a Christian pamphlet with funny games and the Good News of Jesus shared inside. We also served 40 grilled hotdogs in buns—with toppings—and a gallon and a half of apple cider! Diane was handing out flyers with information for the free haircuts she is offering in December.

It was an enjoyable evening! Lots of fun seeing the kids in their costumes and very pleasant chatting with the parents. The hotdogs were greatly appreciated. The weather even cooperated.

Thank you to April, Colleen, Diane, Esther, Genny, and Jeanne for packing the bags of candy. Thanks to Carol for grilling the hotdogs. Thanks also to everyone in our church family who donated money and/or candy. It's really a nice event for us to have in our community.



Pictured left to right: Diane Haney, Jeanne Ruccio, Colleen DiVito, Beverly Piper, Genny Triponey.

## Accelerated Reader Program

As we announced last month, Trinity has committed to donating \$300 in gift cards for the Trafford Elementary School's accelerated reader program. This is Trinity's fourth year supporting this program and encouraging young students to read. The gift cards are rewards given to students who complete their reading goals and pass the quizzes to confirm their achievements.

So far, we have raised \$90 toward the gift cards. If you would like 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.

## Holiday Happenings

Trafford's annual Holiday Happenings takes place on Saturday, December 6. The event kicks off with a Craft & Vendor Show at the American Legion from noon to 4 p.m.

From 4:30-8:30 p.m. enjoy offerings from food vendor on Cavitt Avenue and the Manchester Room lot.

Caroling takes place in the library parking lot at 5 p.m.

Hang around for the Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. followed by the tree lighting at 6:15 p.m.

End the evening with a photo session with Santa in the Manchester Room for children (12 and younger) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.



## Joys & Concerns

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

### Pray for

Lou Booher  
Mary Ann Casper  
Sandy Chiappetta  
Steve Dorko  
Mike Elias (Cindy Graw's cousin)  
Harry and Marge Little  
Paolo (Olga's brother)  
Family of Donna Piper  
Les and Donna Race  
Family of Sandy Yamamoto

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

### Birthdays

3 Gloria Stultz  
5 Linda Yocum  
7 Brent Clausner, Dana Hainsey  
12 Caleb Baker  
21 Noell Stultz  
23 Rosalie Kitchen  
26 Judy Cromer  
29 Susan Rising  
30 Anthony Keefer

### Anniversaries

8 Les and Donna Race

## Worship Services for Advent and the New Year

Wednesday, December 24, 2025: The Candlelight Festival of Holy Nativity

Manor First: 6 p.m.

Trafford Trinity: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 4, 2026: Owlah Service of Repentance and Forgiveness

Manor First: 9:30 a.m.

Trafford Trinity: 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, January 18, 2026: Human Relations Sunday/Worship & Celebration  
Service in Honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Manor First: 9:30 a.m.

Trafford Trinity: 11:15 a.m.

## December Altar Flowers

7 open  
14 Chancel Choir  
21 Kay Dale  
28 Bill Vowler



# December

Women's Bible Study will resume meeting in early 2026. The date and time will be announced during the Sunday morning worship service.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>30</b> 1st Sunday of Advent 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>UM Student Day (offering)</i>	<b>1</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Haircuts (by appt.), Social Hall
<b>7</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	<b>8</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>9</b> 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Angel Tree Party, Social Hall
<b>14</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	<b>15</b> 1 p.m. Senior Friends	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	<b>18</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Haircuts (by appt.), Social Hall
<b>21</b> 4th Sunday of Advent 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day (office closed)</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 1st Sunday after Christmas 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve	<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day (office closed)</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



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Articles and information for the January issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025.



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

## Holiday Haircuts

Diane Haney has generously volunteered to give haircuts for children, teens, and adults on Saturday, December 6 in the Social Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Haircuts are by appointment only, so space is limited. If you know of someone who might benefit from a complementary haircut, tell them to contact Diane.

