

# Trinity Tempo

January 2026



Hello, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On December 23, 2025, the Staff-Parish Relations Committees (SPRCs) of Trafford Trinity and Manor First received very unexpected news from District Superintendent, Rev. Paul Ritchey. Pastor Angelique is being placed on medical disability to care for the condition of her eyesight. Her service as our pastor ended December 31, 2025.

Following the December 28 worship service, our joint SPRC met Pastor Steven McIlvaine. Pastor Steven has been appointed as our part-time pastor for the Trafford: Trinity/Manor: First Charge from January 1 to June 30, 2026. In July, we hope to have a full-time pastor appointed again to our churches. Pastor Steven will be in the pulpit every Sunday and will be available to serve us on Mondays as much as possible. He will be introducing himself to us during Sunday worship on January 4.

In Pastor Angelique's sermons on both Christmas Eve and December 28, she encouraged those of us who have known Jesus as our Savior for many years, to open our hearts and receive fresh insight, purpose, and joy from the Holy Spirit. She urged those who have not yet asked Jesus to be their Savior to ask Him now. This is the very best way to begin the new year!

As we begin 2026, together...we will trust God to make a way for us all, in our church and in our lives. Please pray for our churches, for Pastor Angelique, and for Pastor Steven.

In Jesus' Love,

*Beverly E. Piper*

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SPRC Chairperson

# Trinity Happenings

## 2025 Financial Statements

BY JANE POGUE

Your 2025 financial statements will be available on Sunday, January 11, 2026. If you attend the church worship service, they will be in the vestibule. If you are on Zoom or unable to attend church, statements will be mailed out January 20. If you want your statement at a different time, please contact me and I will make sure you receive it.

### Pastor's Gift

As a reminder, since pastor's gift donations are exactly that, a gift, your donation will not appear on your financial statement. If you have any questions, please contact me. Happy New Year!

## Accelerated Reader Program

In November, we kicked off our support of Trafford Elementary School's accelerated reader program. Again, we committed to raising \$300. I am very pleased to announce that we have already reached—even exceeded—our goal having collected \$340!

Most of the gift cards have been purchased and have been delivered to Jenny Winters who runs the program. The remaining \$40 will be carried over to be used toward the program for the 2026-2027 school year. If you would like to learn more about the Accelerated Reader program, contact Beverly Piper. And thank you for your support!

## A Prayer for the New Year

God of the ages, you have blessed us with another year. Help us to make room for the blessings that are in store for us in the coming months.

May we be open to learn the right lessons, even if they hurt a little. Help us to be patient so that we won't miss divine opportunities.

Show us how to be fulfilled without material possessions, so that we will not miss what it means to be a blessed people. Enable us to be a blessing so you will recognize us as the ones who gave you bread when you were hungry, drink when you were thirsty, and clothes when you were naked.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Adaptation of a prayer by the Rev. Kevin B. Smalls

United Methodist Church Communication. (n.d.) *Downloadable prayers for the New Year. A Prayer for the New Year.* Retrieved December 29, 2025, from <https://www.umc.org/en/content/downloadable-prayers-for-the-new-year>



# Angel Tree Christmas

BY JANE POGUE

Again, this year we participated in the Angel Tree Christmas program which buys gifts for children of incarcerated parents. We had a total of 10 children this year, and it was a blessing to bless others, especially children. Here are some pictures of our gift-wrapping party and the Christmas party where the gifts were handed out.

Thank you especially to Jeanne Ruccio, Colleen DiVito, and Bill Vowler for all their help in making this year's program a success. Thanks to all of you who so generously donated toward the gifts.

We went above and beyond what we expected. If you are interested in helping next year, or if you would like to get involved in the year-round Angel Tree program, please contact me. I have lots of information, and help is always needed. Thanks again and have a blessed New Year.



# Joys & Concerns

Please keep Trinity family, friends and neighbors in your prayers. To share a prayer concern, call Beverly Piper, (412) 607-1759.

## Pray for

Lou Booher  
Mary Ann Casper  
Sandy Chiappetta  
Pastor Angelique Edmonds  
Mike Elias (Cindy Graw's cousin)  
Harry and Marge Little  
Les and Donna Race  
Bill Silvasy (Colleen Divito's nephew)

Mary Ann Casper has been moved to William Penn for rehab. Her room number may change, but we will keep you updated through the bulletin. Cards, prayers, and visitors are welcome.

Mary Ann Casper  
William Penn Care Center  
2020 Ader Rd, Rm 319  
Jeannette, PA 15644

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

## Birthdays

- 3 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 Marge Little

## January Altar Flowers

- 4 open
- 11 open
- 18 Roger and Marlene VanRyn
- 25 open



# January

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

Senior Friends will not meet in January; the group will resume meeting at 1 p.m. on Mondays in February.

| Sun.   | Mon.   | Tues.                                | Wed.                        | Thur.   | Fri.                               | Sat.      |
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| <b>28</b><br>1st Sunday after Christmas<br>10 a.m. Sunday School<br>11:15 a.m. Worship | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                            | <b>31</b><br>New Year's Eve | <b>1</b><br><i>New Year's Day (office closed)</i> | <b>2</b>                           | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b><br>Epiphany Sunday<br>10 a.m. Sunday School<br>11:15 a.m. Worship             | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br>Epiphany of the Lord     | <b>7</b>                    | <b>8</b><br>7:15 p.m.<br>Choir                    | <b>9</b>                           | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b><br>Baptism of the Lord<br>10 a.m. Sunday School<br>11:15 a.m. Worship        | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Ad-Council | <b>14</b>                   | <b>15</b><br>7:15 p.m.<br>Choir                   | <b>16</b><br><b>Tempo Deadline</b> | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b><br>10 a.m. Sunday School<br>11:15 a.m. Worship                               | <b>19</b><br><b>MLK Jr<br/>Birthday<br/>Observed</b> | <b>20</b>                            | <b>21</b>                   | <b>22</b><br>7:15 p.m.<br>Choir                   | <b>23</b>                          | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b><br>10 a.m. Sunday School<br>11:15 a.m. Worship                               | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>                            | <b>28</b>                   | <b>29</b><br>7:15 p.m.<br>Choir                   | <b>30</b>                          | <b>31</b> |

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Articles and information for the February issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, Jan. 16, 2026.



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

## Special Sundays

### **Human Relations Day, January 18**

The first of six Special Sundays in the United Methodist Church, Human Relations Day is held just before Martin Luther King Jr Day. The purpose of gifts for this special offering is to support ministries that foster hope, healing, and connection.

### **Camping Day, January 25**

The first of ten Special Sundays in the Conference, Camping Day is an opportunity to celebrate the experiences learned at camp to encourage participation in the 2026 summer camp season, and to collect an offering to be used by camps supported by Western PA Conference. Prayerfully consider giving to these Special Sunday offerings.