

Trinity Tempo

March 2026

**Remember
Repent
Return**

**Insights from
Pastor
Steven's Ash
Wednesday
Service...The
Beginning of
Lent**

Our season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, not with a celebration, but with truth. It began beautifully.



The season of Lent is not meant to discourage us. Rather, it is meant to free us. We are dust but that does not mean we are worthless. The two Ash Wednesday truths are: 1) We are fragile and yet infinite. 2) We are created by and loved by God.

We began Lent with an invitation, not an accusation. In living, we give our hearts to lesser things. We need to turn and give our whole hearts to Jesus!

As we move through this Lenten season, ponder these questions. Where did we harden our hearts? Where did we wander? Where do we need mercy?

We need to pray...and seek God. We need to give...out of compassion. We need to fast...to make a space for God.

Lent points beyond repentance and reflection toward hope. Remember, repent, return. We are marked by dust and mercy. We are beloved of God, marked by dust and mercy.

Trinity Happenings



In the News

SUBMITTED BY LARRY AND BECKY MALLIK

Miranda Mallik has been very busy this year. She plays hockey for the Pittsburgh Pens Elite Girls 10 and under league as well as the Allegheny Lady Badgers. She works very hard at both hockey and school where she is an excellent student and plays the flute in the Elementary School Band. We are very proud of her!

Miranda is the daughter of Nick and Danielle Mallik and the granddaughter of Larry and Becky Mallik.

Altar Flowers

Many dates remain open for altar flowers is year. To reserve dates, fill in the calendar in the vestibule, or email or write to the church office and include the date, name of the person or group being honored or remembered. The cost remains the same as last year: \$20 for a vase or \$40 for the pair of vases.

Available dates are:

March 8 and 15

April 5, 12, 19, and 26

May 3 and 31

June 14, 21, and 28

July 5, 12, 19, and 26

August 2 and 9

September 6, 13, and 20

October 11 and 18

November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

December 6, 13, 20, and 27

Payment is due on the reserved date and can be made by cash, check or the online giving platform. Please use the online giving platform only to make payment. Do not reserve dates through it. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

UMCOR Sunday, March 15

This Church-wide Special Sunday occurs on the fourth Sunday in Lent. Your gifts support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). This organization provides immediate assistance in the wake of disasters and ongoing support of ministries that provide food, shelter, health, and peace. Giving to this special offering enables UMCOR to use 100 percent of designated gifts for specified disaster response or other ministries. Prayerfully consider giving on UMCOR Sunday.

Gathering with the Bishop

Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball is holding gatherings across the Western PA Conference to share updates on how “we continue moving forward as a people empowered by God’s Spirit,” Conference staffing and restructuring, as well as the ministry and mission that have continued since Annual Conference. The dates and locations for March are listed below.

- Edinboro UMC
 - March 14 from 3-5 p.m.
- Monroeville UMC
 - March 15 from 3-5 p.m.
- Trinity UMC McMurray
 - March 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Warren Grace UMC
 - March 19 from 6-8 p.m.

Use the [link to register](#) if you plan to attend one of the sessions. This will help them plan accordingly and communicate any schedule updates.

Homeless Kits

Trinity continues to assemble and distribute homeless kits. Pick up a kit or two and keep them in your vehicle. When you encounter a homeless person during your travels and the opportunity presents itself, offer a kit to the individual.

Mats

Trinity continues to collect plastic grocery bags and plastic shopping bags to make mats for the homeless.

We plan to hold another training session in early

spring. If you want to learn the process of mat-making, or if you want a refresher on the process, please plan on attending. We will announce a date later this month.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

There is still time to take part in Trinity’s annual Easter Candy Fundraiser. Order candy online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com.

1. Click on Online Ordering.
2. Enter Trinity’s group id# 10-0582.
3. Start shopping.

Online orders are shipped directly to your home; a \$7 packaging and handling charge applies to all orders under \$100. Online ordering is open through March 22, 2026.



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

Tom Bradley (Patty Aubele's nephew)
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Jeff Johnson
Family of Becky Leeman (Lou Booher's sister-in-law)
Harry and Marge Little
Olga, Volodymer, and Maryna Medunytsia
Beverly Piper
Les and Donna Race
Bill Silvasy (Colleen DiVito's nephew)

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

Birthdays

- 1 Patty Aubele
- 4 Randy Kerrigan
- 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

March

Altar Flowers

- 1 Evelyn Felmlee
- 8 open
- 15 open
- 22 Jacob and Shelli Dale
- 29 Larry and Becky Mallik



March

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 2 nd Sunday in Lent 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion	2	3	4	5 7:15 p.m. Choir	6 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	7
8 3 rd Sunday in Lent 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	9 1 p.m. Senior Friends	10 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	11	12 7:15 p.m. Choir	13	14
15 4 th Sunday in Lent 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship UMCOR Sunday (offering)	16 1 p.m. Senior Friends	17 Tempo Deadline	18	19 7:15 p.m. Choir	20	21
22 5 th Sunday in Lent 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	23 1 p.m. Senior Friends	24	25	26 7:15 p.m. Choir	27	28
29 Palm/Passion Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	30 1 p.m. Senior Friends	31	1	2 7:15 p.m. Choir	3	4
Holy Week						

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Articles and information for the April issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Tuesday, March 17, 2026.



Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't be late! Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7.



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