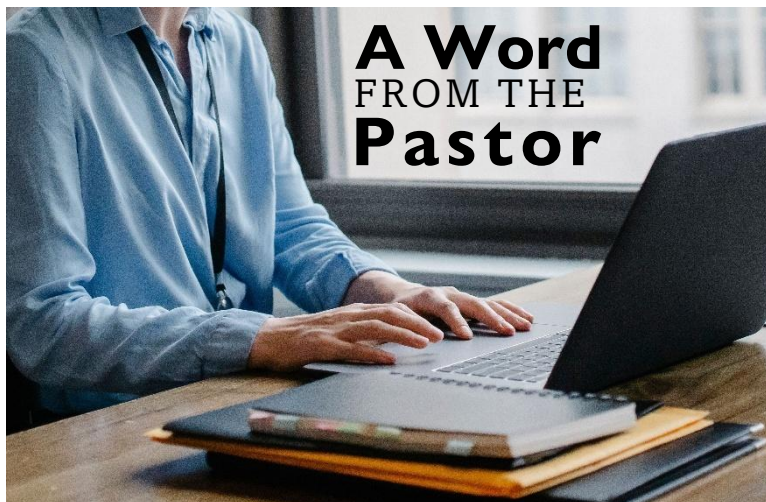


Trinity Tempo

July 2026



My name is Alison Berkey; I like to be called Pastor Ali. I was born and raised in a family of four in Jerome, PA, a small town in the northern part of Somerset County.

I attended Conemaugh Township School District growing up. I was a part of marching band, forensics, and softball in high school. I attended the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, obtaining a BA in communications, minoring in

philosophy. I then attended Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. After seminary I worked as a domestic relations intake clerk, a welfare intake clerk, a preschool teacher and before/after school coordinator, and an adjunct instructor at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. I also attended there, getting a degree in Early Childhood Education to own my own preschool. I was the director of two separate Before/After School programs for one year before I began as owner and ran a successful preschool, before/after program for years until the church took it over as a ministry of the church.

I then went on to do Clinical Pastoral Education in Greenville NC for a year and a half. I returned home and took the necessary classes to be ordained in the UMC. I attended online classes at Drew and in-person classes at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. My first appointment was close to Mt. Tabor in the Indiana District and later that year to Robinson UMC.

In 2012, I was appointed to Faith Community Charge which included Faith Community Church: Bruin Campus and Fairview Campus, and Ridgville UMC. This appointment was also part of a cooperative with the Karns City/Chicora UMC Charge. In 2014, Wade Berkey and I got married at the Outer Banks in May. In June we moved to our new appointments in the Kittanning area. I served Union Ave, Manorville, Ford Memorial, and Roger's Chapel (until they closed during my time there). I was ordained in June 2015. I also served Plumer and Calvary UM churches in Oil City. Before coming to the Trafford: Trinity/Manor: First Charge, I served Fairview, Girard, Lake City, and Weis Library in the West County Parish. **(continued on page 3)**

Trinity Happenings

Graduation Reception!

BY JANE POGUE

On Sunday, June 7, 2026 we honored Jude Lovre with a reception in the Library Area. It was great to see her mom, dad, grandmother, and Aunt Dana and Uncle Matt there to help her celebrate. Jude is working this summer, and will be attending graduate school in Colorado in the fall.



Goodbye, Pastor Steven

BY JANE POGUE

We have been so blessed to have Pastor Steven as our interim pastor. His sermons, conversations, prayers, sincere caring, and positive attitude have been appreciated so much. We want to thank him from the bottom of our hearts for his ministry to us, and wish him the very best at his new charge. He will always be welcome at Trinity Methodist of Trafford!

Above: Jude Lovre

Bottom left: Jude, her parents, Lisa and Bob, and her grandmother, Dolly

Happy 90th Birthday, Judy Mason!

BY JANE POGUE



On June 30th, Judy Mason turned 90 years old. What a wonderful milestone, and she is still as pleasant and optimistic as she ever was! Her cousin, Tom Fox, had a surprise party for her at Concordia at Ridgewood where she resides. She was so appreciative, and of course, wanted to tell everyone at Trinity methodist she said hello! Thanks to all who sent cards and attended the party.

Strawberry Festival

BY JANE POGUE

We were able to have our annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 13, 2026 and it was a great time. Even though we had a little competition from a neighboring church, it was well attended, and we had great food, and great fellowship. It was great to see a few faces we haven't seen for awhile, and that made it even more special.

Thanks to Carol and Bev Piper for handling the set up and of course, making all the delicious food! Thanks to all the cake bakers, food preparers, and servers, and a special thank you to all who came out and supported us. See you next year!

Pastor's Letter

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I enjoy hydroponic gardening, biking, scrapbooking, and making homemade cards. Wade and I come with two cats, Tupac Shapurr (Pax) and Booher (Boo). And on Fridays, I like to continue going on dates with Wade.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you and hearing how God is active in your life, the life of the church, and within the communities that your church serves. I have a heart for welcoming the outcasts into hearing God's story and sharing God's love with everyone. And I love to hear other people's thoughts of what types of ministries we may be able to share as we continue to build God's Kingdom here on earth! Looking forward to seeing you very soon!

Pastor Ali Berkey

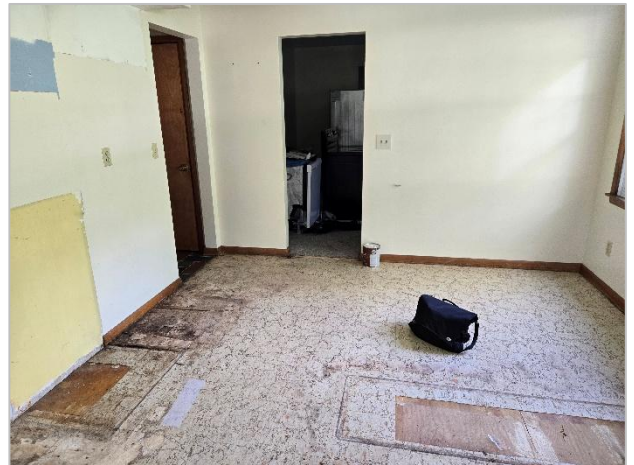
Volunteer Sign-in

Volunteer sign-in sheets and QR codes have been placed in the church vestibule, the church kitchen, inside the entrance to Trinity House and Trinity House kitchen.

QR codes will soon be in place outside of church property for volunteers working on the exterior or grounds of the church or parsonage.

Parsonage Renovation

In May and June, the trustees supervised and participated in the renovation of the parsonage kitchen. The old countertops, cabinets, and flooring were removed. New countertops, cabinets, flooring, lighting and sink were installed. Some of the new overhead cabinets are accessible from both sides with glass panels front and back. Also, the countertop was extended to create a breakfast bar. Check out the demo and before & after pictures on these pages.



Before



After



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

Roger and Jane Beaulieu (Manor First)
Lou Booher
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Diane Haney
Matt Lovre
Dale McCune Garlan's father)
Olga, Volodymer, and Maryna Medunytsia
Jane Pogue
Les and Donna Race
Marlene VanRyn
Billy (Colleen DiVito's cousin)
Michele (April Beam's friend)
Our troops

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

Birthdays

4 Paul Ondulich
7 Danielle Mallik, Connor McCune
8 Isaac Jartin
13 Whitney Lowery
14 Jenna Beam, Angelique Edmonds
23 Kim Soles
26 Mary Ann Casper
27 Hope Conlogue
31 Dorothy Henry

Anniversaries

28 John and Cindy Graw

Don't Forget!

Trinity is seeking people to act as liturgists during the worship service. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Speak with Beverly Piper or the pastor to learn more.

Happy Father's Day!

BY JANE POGUE

Sunday, June 21, 2026 was Father's Day, and we could not let it go by without honoring all the fathers in our congregation. Each gentleman received a patriotic can cover as his gift. Thank you, fathers, for all the love and support you have given us over the many years, and we love you! I donate the Father's Day gifts every year in memory of my wonderful father, Bob Pogue.

July

Altar Flowers

5 open
12 open
19 open
26 open



July

The Ad-Council will not meet during July.
Regular meetings will resume in August.

Senior Friends is on hiatus for the summer.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
28 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	29	30	1 6 p.m. Women of the Third Morning	2	3	4 
5 10 a.m. SS Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship/ Communion	6 7:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting (church)	7	8	9	10	11
12 11:15 a.m. Worship	13	14	15 6 p.m. Women of the Third Morning	16	17 Tempo Dead- line	18
19 10 a.m. SS Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 11:15 a.m. Worship	27	28	29 6 p.m. Women of the Third Morning	30	31	1

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Articles and information for the August issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, July 18, 2026.



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

Food Drive

Did you know...paper towels have been around since 1907. Their loosely woven plant fibers soak up liquids. The embossed designs on the towels help increase their absorbency. Americans use more than 13 billion pounds of paper towels each year.

Trinity is collecting rolls of paper towels for the Trafford food bank. Place your donation in the collection box, located in the vestibule, by July 12.

