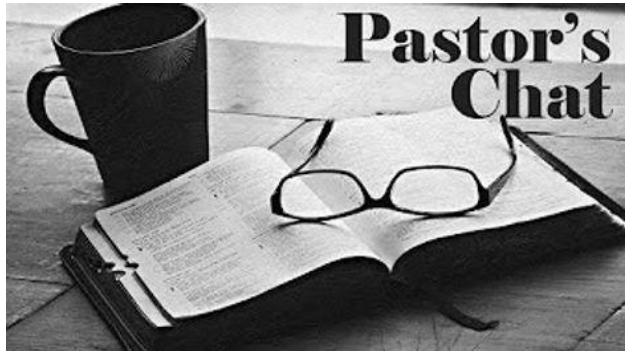


Trinity Tempo

September 2026



"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:11-13

Fall is a busy time of year usually in the church's life. We usually slow things down for the summer and kick start them back up in the fall. We also have a charge conference that requires many people to provide

paperwork to accomplish the needed tasks for this to happen. And sometimes people ask why do we have to do all this stuff? The quick answer is that the conference requires it. The longer answer is, we are a business and as such, certain things need to be addressed yearly but we are also a church and we are asked by God to share our love of Him with others so they too may come to know God and the church is asking us what we have been doing to make this happen. In other words, are we showing hospitality to others and sharing with those in need?

I have heard and seen that we have many prayer warriors within the church so one new way I would like to share God with others this fall is having a craft night where people can make Christian prayer beads for themselves or others. These are not rosary beads but have a Christian theme of how to use these beads to pray on a daily basis. If you are someone that is a tactile learner, this is definitely for you. The great news is, you don't have to be crafty to do this—all you need to know is how to count and you can have your own prayer beads. And I invite you to bring a friend as well. It will be a fun evening with something that you will be able to use daily afterwards. This event will be on September 28 at 7 pm at Manor Church (Preston Building).

Also, on October 4 from 3-5 pm we will be having a Blessing of the Animals for anyone with an animal who wishes them to be blessed. This is an open house type event. I do ask that if you have a snake or spider that they are caged and remain caged the entire time. I am more than willing to bless any animal you wish to bring for a blessing. This will be held outside at Trinity UMC, weather permitting, or in the social hall. Again, please bring neighbors and friends to this event!

What other things can we be doing to show hospitality to ourselves and our communities? Let me know your thoughts!

Until the whole world hears,

Pastor Ali

Trinity Happenings

Accelerated Reader Program

The Accelerated Reader Program at Trafford Elementary School is organized and managed by librarian Jenny Winters. Students who complete their reading goals and pass the quizzes to confirm their achievements are entered into a drawing for \$10 gift cards. This is Trinity's fifth year supporting this program and encouraging young students to read.

Trinity has committed to donating \$300 in gift cards for the school's accelerated reader program and we are kicking off the campaign. 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 this outreach program, contact Beverly Piper.



Pastoral Care and Nursing Home Visits

Every pastor has their own way of wanting to know things that are happening within the church life. For me, I like "the more the merrier" info chain. That means I would like to have 20 phone calls about someone in the hospital or going to a nursing home, etc. over never hearing about it at all.

In the past, hospitals used to call the church to let the pastor know a parishioner was in the hospital but that is not the norm anymore. Even if you list your home church at the hospital, it does not mean we will be called so please call yourself to let me know you/a loved one is in the hospital or nursing home.

If you are a shut-in and would like a visit, please call/text me—(814) 241-2269—and I will set up a time to visit and bring communion if you wish as well. My normal visitation day will be Thursdays but that can vary when needed. I will be working on a visitation schedule in the coming weeks. Based on Safe Sanctuary Policies, I am not permitted to visit home shut-ins by myself so I will need another member of the church to go with me on home visits as well or have a care giver remain in the room with us at all times.



Listening Tours

If you haven't set up a listening tour yet, below are dates and times for some. Please plan to attend one of these so that Pastor Ali can get to know you better. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule with these dates and times for you to sign under (5-6 people per time).

Sept. 16	Trinity House Porch	2 pm
Sept. 22	Parkside Creamery	7 pm
Sept. 26	White Tree Café & Coffeehouse (512 Main St, Irwin)	10 am

Christian Education

September 6 is Christian Education Sunday. This is one of the special Sundays established by the Western PA Conference. Gifts for the day are used by the conference to support educational ministries including training, resources and laity scholarships. Prayerfully consider giving to this special Sunday offering on September 6.

Facebook Devotions

Coming soon, Pastor Ali is planning on doing a once-a-week Facebook devotion which will then be uploaded to the Facebook church page for all to watch at their leisure. This will be a short 10–15 minute devotion on something relevant in Pastor Ali's life and/or the life of the churches and communities. It will be less formal than a sermon and a way to get to know Pastor Ali a bit more, so tune in to see what is happening on Facebook starting mid-September.

Charge Conference

Charge Conference for Trafford Trinity and Manor First will be held at Manor First on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. Leaders, mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Everyone in the congregation is welcome to attend. If you are interested, contact Pastor Ali or the church office.



Looking Ahead

Trick-or-Treat

Trinity will once again distribute candy on Halloween to trick-or-treaters. A bin for donations of candy will be in the vestibule at the end of September. If you can't shop for candy and would like to contribute, place a donation in the offering plate. Mark "Halloween" on your check or envelope.

Helpers will be needed to assemble the bags and to distribute candy on Halloween. Contact Beverly Piper for details.

Blessing of the Animals

As mentioned in her letter, Pastor Ali will be blessing animals on Sunday, October 4 from 3-5 pm. Gather on Trinity House porch, weather permitting.

Angel Tree

Trinity will take part in the Angel Tree program this Christmas season. Jane has already signed Trinity up for the program and is waiting for a list of children. To donate funds for this program, write Angel Tree on your check or envelope. Jane will provide more information about the program in the upcoming months.

Altar Flowers

Several Sundays are still open for altar flowers. The cost is \$40 for the pair of vases (\$20 per vase). Available dates:

September 6, 13

October 11, 18

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

December 6, 13, 20

To reserve a date, complete the space on the altar flower calendar (in the vestibule) or contact the church office.

More Than Summer Camp

Even though the summer camping season at Jumonville has wound down, there are still plenty of activities taking place. A few events are here. To learn more about these retreats, programs and more, or to register, visit the Jumonville website at Jumonville.org.

Family Autism Retreat (Sept. 11-13)

Games, worship, crafts and fellowship are geared toward families living with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities, or other differing abilities.

JAM Retreat (Oct. 9-11)

This retreat is for youth and adults (14 and older) with intellectual disabilities. Adapted activities, friendship, worship and more are offered in a caring, supportive environment.

Adventure Alumni Retreat (Oct. 16-18)

Adventure alumni have a chance to reconnect with old friends and relive the excitement that made your Jumonville camp experience memorable.

Family Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat (Oct. 24)

Games, crafts, seasonal treats, live music, festive activities, and Trunk-or-Treat will be offered on this day of fall fun for the whole family.



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

Patty Aubele
Lou Booher
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Matt Lovre
Dale McCune (Garlan's father)
Garlan McCune
Larry Mallik
Nick Mallik
Olga, Volodymer, and Maryna
Medunytzia
Jane Pogue
Les and Donna Race
Billy and Jennifer (Colleen DiVito's
cousin and his wife)
Courtney (Colleen DiVito's daughter)
Natalia, Rick and Harper

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

Birthdays

- 1 David Nigro
- 3 Dyanna Jartin
- 5 Justin Judy
- 9 Colleen DiVito, Laney Baker
- 10 Bill Jones, David Zimmerman,
Laura Musser, Zack Lloyd
- 11 Sarah Musser
- 17 Rylie Felton
- 23 Beverly Beam
- 24 Gavin Dulemba
- 26 Julie Beam
- 30 Bentley Thoma

Anniversaries

- 2 David and Josie Nigro
- 18 Brett and Gina Lloyd,
Rob and Janet Conlogue
- 20 Brent and Jess Clausner
- 25 Randy and Diane Kerrigan

Reminder!

The cost of altar flowers is \$40 for the set of vases (\$20 per vase). Please pay for altar flowers on or before your reserved date. Be sure to indicate on your envelope that the funds are for altar flowers.

September

Altar Flowers

- 6 open
- 13 open
- 20 Jane Pogue
- 27 Matthew Knopf



September

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
30 11:15 am Worship	31 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting (cancelled)	1	2	3 7 pm Choir	4	5
6 11:15 am Worship/ Communion Christian Education Sunday (special offering)	7 <i>Labor Day</i> (church office closed)	8 7:30 pm Ad-Council Meeting	9	10 7 pm Choir	11	12
13 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship	14	15	16	17 7 pm Choir	18 Tempo Deadline	19
20 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship	21	22	23	24 7 pm Choir	25	26
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Articles and information for the October issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Friday, Sept. 18, 2026.



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Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:15 am

Women's Bible Study

Women of the Third Morning will resume meeting at 6 pm on Wednesday evenings during October and November. To learn more about this group, contact Beverly Piper.

Senior Friends

Senior Friends will remain on a break for the immediate future. Updates will be posted in the Sunday bulletin.

