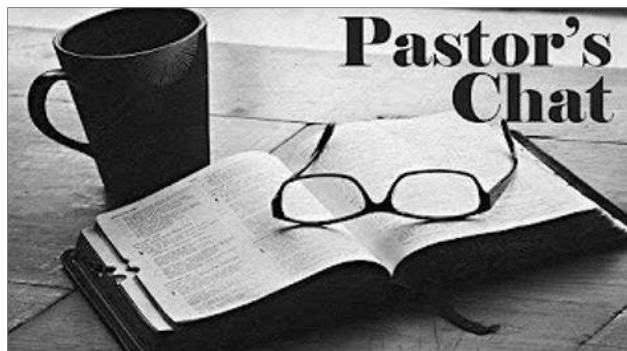


Trinity Tempo

October 2026



"²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and

wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:20-21, 24-25

Many times in our lives our pets are our only company when we are at home, and they are family to us. If we bless humans for a variety of reasons, why not have a time when we can bless our furry friends as well. God created all the animals and us to live together. Some animals are to help us work, others are wild and used for food, and then there are our precious pets that we love unconditionally. On October 4 we will be having a Blessing of the Animals from 3-5 pm at Trinity UMC. You and your pet(s)—or pictures of your pet if they are not socially friendly—can come any time between 3 and 5 for a blessing. We will provide a blessing for each individual pet.

Why do we do this? St Francis of Assisi, known as the Patron Saint of Animals, has dedicated his life to the church and helping the poor, as well as his love for animals and nature. He had blessed many animals in his lifetime and shared with others how important they are to us. At the beginning of October every year we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi Day and many places have Blessing of the Animals to remember what all St. Francis of Assisi had done in his lifetime.

Come bring your animals, tell your neighbors, and we will see you at the Blessing of the Animals on October 4!

Until the whole world hears,

Pastor Ali

Trinity Happenings

Trick-or-Treat

Trinity will once again distribute candy on Halloween to trick-or-treaters. A bin for donations of candy is in the vestibule. Donations of individually wrapped candy, small bags of pretzels and chips, or other snacks are welcome.

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 if you would like to help with this fun and easy community project.

Accelerated Reader Program

Last month Trinity kicked off its support of the Accelerated Reader Program at Trafford Elementary School. This is our fifth year supporting this program and encouraging young students to read.

Trinity has committed to donating \$300 in gift cards for the program. And in one month we have collected \$90 and have \$40 that carried over from last year, giving us \$130. That's more than one-third of the way to our goal! 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.



Church Family News

BY BEVERLY PIPER

If you remember, Jude Lovre graduated with her bachelor's degree just a few months ago. She told us then that she planned to move to Colorado to pursue further education.

Well...Jude left Trafford on August 13 driving a U-Haul van, with her dog Banjo, her cat Teddy, and her friend Kassidi. They all arrived safe and sound in Colorado a few days later.

Jude is living with a roommate in an apartment in Fort Collins, and she is a busy young woman! She is attending the University of Northern Colorado and studying to attain her master's degree in School and Clinical Counseling. Jude also works at a learning center for children called Curious Minds.

Jude is trusting God in this next part of her journey of adventure and challenge. Please keep her in your prayers. If you would like to send Jude a card of encouragement, contact the church office for her address.

Top right: Bob Lovre (dad) sees Jude and her friend Kassidi off on their journey.

Bottom right: Jude and her pets arrive in Colorado on a beautiful sunny day.



E-giving at Trinity

Trinity started accepting gifts through online giving in 2022. Through e-giving you can support seasonal and year-round programs, make one-time gifts to Trinity, or set up recurring donations online. E-giving is one way to stay current with your giving when you are away on business or vacation, when you are recovering from surgery or illness, or simply can't make it to church on Sunday.

1. Visit Trinity's website at [tumctrafford.org](https://www.tumctrafford.org) and click on **Donate**.
2. Select a fund and click the **Give** button. Enter a dollar amount and frequency. Do this for each fund to which you want to donate. Click **Continue** to payment.
3. Select your preferred method of payment, credit/debit card or bank account, and enter the appropriate information.

Sign up for an account to save your information for future donations.

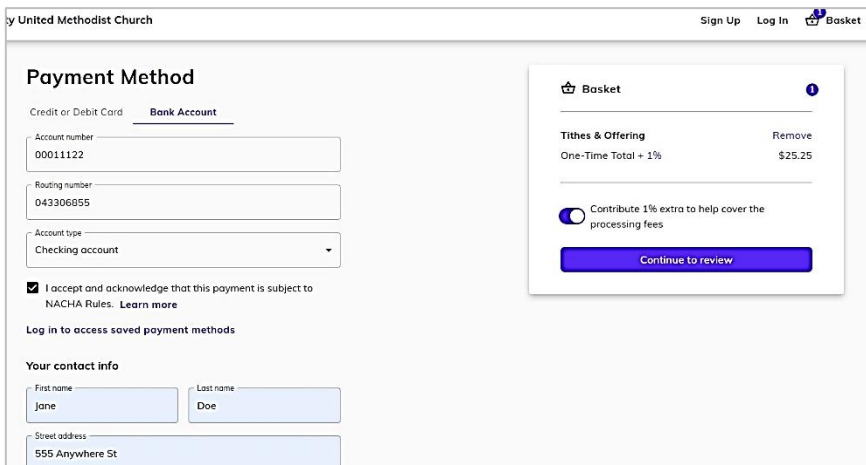
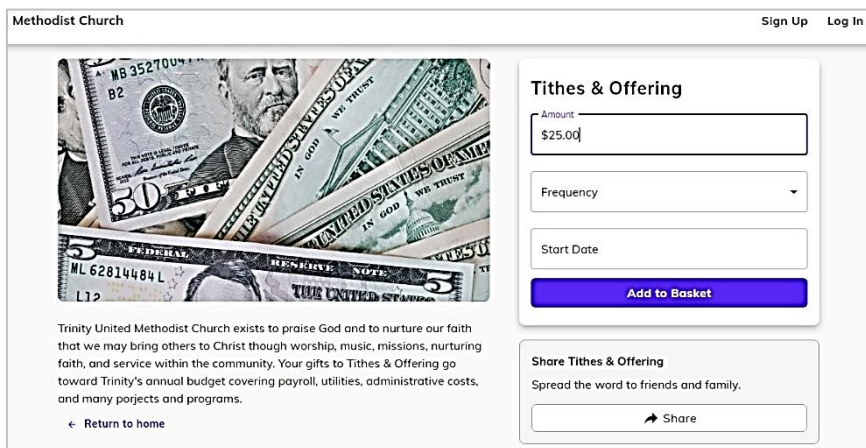
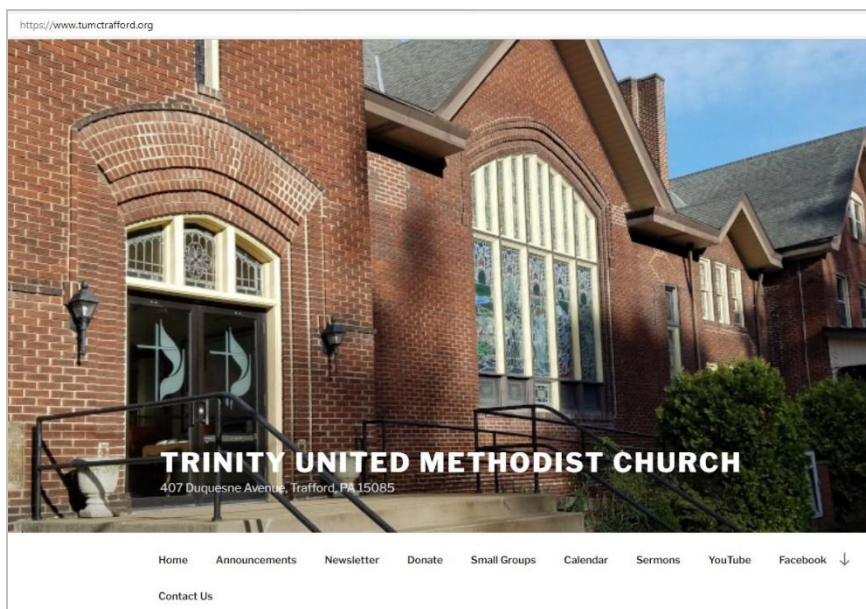
4. Review and complete your gift by clicking **Submit**.

You also have the option to cover the processing fees for e-giving to Trinity. Just click on the button before submitting your gift.

Using Vanco Mobile

You can support our ministries anytime, anywhere with your phone in

just a few simple steps. Contact the church office for more information.





“Come, let us worship
the One who welcomes,
the One who remembers,
the One who feeds the
whole world with hope.”

*-From the World Communion Sunday Call to Worship
by Rev. Nathan Arledge*

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday October 4

Each World Communion Sunday, we remember our oneness in Christ and invest in leaders for tomorrow. Your offering helps fund scholarships for racial-ethnic minority students and international scholars, as well as inclusion training across the church. Give on October 4 and be part of this global impact.

Volunteers in Mission

Awareness

October 18

Your gifts for this special offering help strengthen Volunteers in Mission engagement and participation across the conference.

Save the Date

Bishop's Day on the District is scheduled for November 11 at 5:30 pm, location to be determined. Everyone is welcome to the session.

Charge Conference will be held at Manor First on Sunday, November 15 at 3:45 p.m. Leaders, mark your calendars and plan to attend. Members of the congregation are also welcome.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, held by the Penn-Trafford Ministerium, is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, location to be determined.

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
Jim Johnson
Matt Lovre
Olga, Volodymer, and Maryna Medunytzia
Jane Pogue
Les and Donna Race
Billie Jean (John Ruccio's mother)
Billy and Jennifer (Colleen DiVito's cousin and his wife)

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

Birthdays

- 1 Harper Mallik, Megan Zigarovich
- 2 Kay Dale
- 3 Janet Conlogue
- 7 Corrie Baker
- 8 Jill Fanty
- 15 Jim Bentley
- 20 Jude Lovre
- 21 Kris Peters
- 27 Bruce Aglietti, Cynthia VanRyn
- 28 Jess Clausner
- 30 David Keller, Marjorie Myers

Anniversaries

- 8 Paul and Joanne Ondulich
- 10 Michael and Ashley Kitchen
- 15 Garlan and Jen McCune

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.

October

Altar Flowers

- 4 Yocum family
- 11 open
- 18 Roger and Marlene VanRyn
- 25 Larry and Becky Mallik



October

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
27 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship	28	29	30	1 7 pm Choir	2	3
4 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship/ Communion <i>World Communion</i> <i>Sunday</i> (offering) 3-5 pm Blessing of the Animals	5 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting	6	7 6 pm Women of the Third Morning	8 7 pm Choir	9	10
11 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 7:30 pm Ad-Council Meeting	14 6 pm Women of the Third Morning	15 7 pm Choir	16	17
18 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship <i>Laity Sunday</i> <i>VIM Sunday</i> (offering) Tempo Deadline	19	20	21 6 pm Women of the Third Morning	22 7 pm Choir	23	24
25 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	26	27	28 6 pm Women of the Third Morning	29 7 pm Choir	30	31 Halloween

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Articles and information for the November issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Sunday, Oct. 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.

