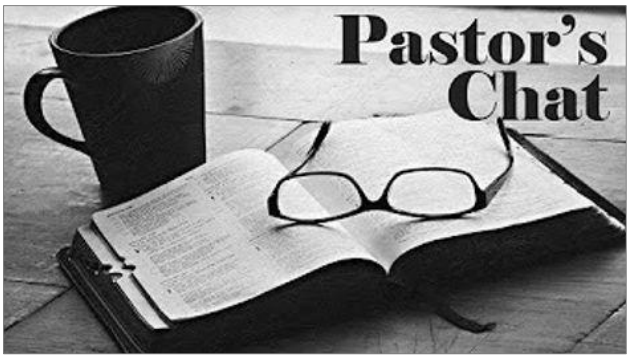
Trinity Tempo

November 2026



[16] Rejoice always, [17] pray without ceasing, [18] give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. [19] Do not quench the Spirit. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

For me, November is not the nicest month. We go from cooler fall weather to snow in November. We go from sitting outside around campfires to sitting inside looking out at leaves from the oak tree piling up. All the flowers have died due to the frost and freezing temps. And we are left with a bleak outlook for the next few months. (I understand some of you really appreciate this time of year, and for you I am happy.)

I do remember one year going to my aunt and uncle's home in Virginia for Thanksgiving and it was beautiful. The weather was like a nice fall day and after dinner we went for a stroll around their neighborhood. To this day, it is one of my favorite Thanksgiving memories. I say this to help remind all of us that even in the midst of what we feel is a bad season, we can still find good things to hold onto and celebrate.

Paul helps us to remember what we are to always be doing as disciples of Christ—not just on Thanksgiving Day, but throughout the entire year—we are to rejoice always, "pray without ceasing, **give thanks in all circumstances**, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for each of us. Do not quench the Spirit."

When we watch our favorite sports team lose a game they should have won and we want to throw in the towel on them to when we are praying for someone we know that needs God's love in their life—all of these interactions should be focused on how we interact with others as Christians.

And as Christians we need to remember to give thanks for all things in our lives. For the sun coming up, for the ability to come to worship on a Sunday morning or watch through Facebook or Zoom, for the instances in our lives where we can help others…all of these are reasons to give thanks to God each day.

I also know that some of us are hurting, tired, and in need of healing and we are weary in this time. That is okay for us to be in this place and even needing help while we are in this place; however, we can still thank God for what we have—our homes, our

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Trinity Happenings

Accelerated Reader Program

Trinity kicked off its support of Trafford Elementary School's Accelerated Reader Program in September. We have exceeded our goal of $300 already! Along with the $40 that carried over from last year, you have generously donated $490 to the program! Thank you for your faithful support of the Accelerated Reader Program, and for encouraging young students to read.

Crafting Night at Manor First

BY PASTOR ALI

We will be starting a new ministry at Manor First where people of all ages and crafting aptitude can come together one night a month and create something special while enjoying fellowship with others. Craft night will be held on the fourth Monday of every month. In November, it will be on the 23rd. We will be making fall suncatchers and pumpkins. We will start at 7 pm but come when you can! The crafts are not extremely hard to make but can be nice décor when finished. Come join us for some fun and fellowship! We will be meeting in the Preston Building across from the church, (Wear painter clothing this month.)

Angel Tree Ministry

BY JANE POGUE

We will once again be participating in the prison ministry known as the Angel Tree Ministry. Parents who have been incarcerated have an opportunity to sign their children up to receive presents with a nice little message from that parent. We have 8 children on our list so far and we can take up to 10. Our volunteers contact the children's caregivers and they find out what interests the child.

The gifts are purchased, and we have a big volunteer "wrapping party" to get those presents ready for pickup! Finally, arrangements are made with the caregivers to have those gifts picked up in early December. It's great fun to use the Church's money to shop with and even more fun to eat, drink, and wrap those gifts! We have been truly blessed by our congregation, and have a nice amount of money for us to use. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact me (724.396.4151).

Remember, we are blessed to be a blessing!

Prayer Bead Making

BY PASTOR ALI

Six people participated in the prayer bead making event in September where we got to fellowship with one another and make these prayer beads to be used in our daily prayer journey. Some even made them for others. Join us the next time we make prayer beads!

Thanksgiving Dinner

Penn-Trafford Ministerium invites members of the community to a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 24. It will be held at St. Barbara Catholic Church (111 Raymaley Rd, Harrison City). Dinner will be served at 6 pm followed by a brief worship service.

Bring a dessert to share, if you are able, and join in an evening of food and fellowship. Servers are always welcome to help with the dinner. Act 33/34 and FBI clearances are required of volunteers.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner is sponsored by the churches of Penn Township and Trafford Borough.

Trinity is collecting cans of whole kernel corn for the Thanksgiving dinner. A donation box is in the vestibule. Drop off your contribution by Sunday, November 15.

Mission Barn

The Mission Barn has seen a lot of activity in the aftermath of recent flash flooding. In the past few weeks, 72 buckets were sent to Ringgold and 800 buckets, 500 hygiene and 100 menstrual kits were sent to Gary, Indiana. The Mission Barn needs to replenish these kits.

You can donate directly to the Mission Barn or through Trinity (record Mission Barn on your check or envelope).

You can also donate products for kits. The Mission Barn has a wish list on Amazon of products used in these kits. To purchase from the wish list go to https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/LQ4D588UY57P?ref_=wl_fv_le

Bishop's Day on the District is scheduled for November 11 at 5:30 pm, at Albright UMC, 1626 S Pittsburgh St, Connellsville. Everyone is welcome to attend the session.

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

Riding with Christ

BY KRIS PETERS

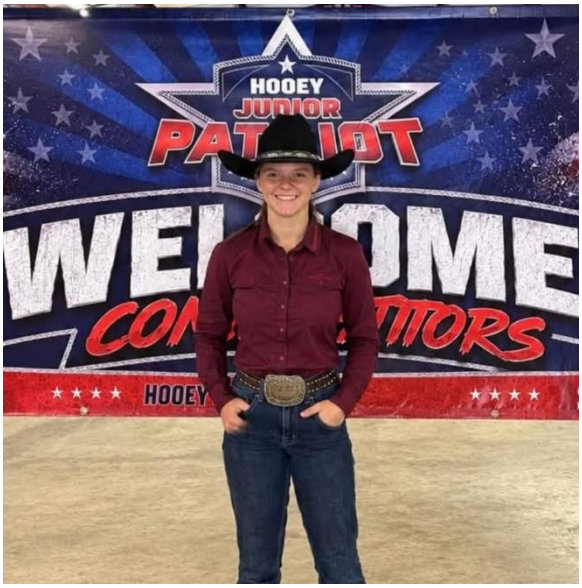
Her name is Laney Baker. She is a 15-year-old cowgirl who loves Jesus, horses, her friends/family and rodeo! Laney can be found working on her family farm, CLC Stables in West Newton with her mom and dad, Corrie and Caleb. (Corrie grew up here at Trinity.)

When asked why she loves rodeo so much, Laney replied, "It supports what I believe in—God, Country and Helping Others. We pray before every rodeo, have Cowboy Church on Sundays, we thank God when we do well, and we thank God when we don't do well. We help each other. Rodeo teaches respect, dedication, hard work and responsibility. I have made friends that will last forever."

Laney joined the Western Pennsylvania Youth Rodeo Association (WPYRA) in 2022. She was just elected treasurer of the Student Board for the 2026-2027 season. Recently, she won the title of Champion All Around Cowgirl 2026 and earned seven silver buckles and a custom-made western saddle, with conchos that depict three crosses on each, designed by Laney. She competes in barrel racing, pole bending, chute dogging, steer riding, sled roping, goat tying and break away roping with her horses Hector, Mister 45 and Bella.

This September, Laney, Bella and her new horse Wacey qualified for the Patriot Junior Rodeo in Fort Worth, Texas, in roping, barrels, poles and goat tying. We will be heading to Fort Worth in March of 2027!

When I asked Laney if she though being a Christian was important to her rodeo career thus far, she replied, "Grandma, you can't do rodeo without Christ!" Enough said…



Sadly, on October 24, after this article was written, Laney's horse Wacey had to be euthanized at a rodeo. The Baker family would like to thank all of you for your prayers that weekend. Please keep Laney in your prayers as she continues to work hard chasing her rodeo dreams without her friend.

Bless Those Pets!

BY JANE POGUE

We had the Blessing of the Pets on Trinity Porch on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026. What a fun time! Each pet was blessed by Pastor Ali, and they received a treat from the treat table! We had 8 dogs who attended and several treat bags were sent home with their owner. We had more dogs than ever before, and we hope to have even more next year. If you weren't able to attend, please contact Pastor Ali and she will be glad to have your own pet's personal blessing!

Below are the names of our blessed pets!

Owner's Name	**Pet's Name**
Jane Pogue	Addie
Collen DiVito	Simon
Gina McDonald	Koda
Bill Vowler	Breezie
Jake Dale	Daisy, Dozer, Dani

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Heat!

The heating system for the church and Trinity House has been turned on. The thermostats have been programed for the worship service, Sunday School and other regularly scheduled events and meetings.

It takes over an hour to heat a space, so please contact Kris Peters if you have a meeting or need that isn't on the calendar.

The building is big and expensive to heat, and rooms are connected in the system based on usage. Therefore, the trustees ask that you do not try to adjust or program the thermostats. Also, if you open interior doors as you move through the church, please close them behind you to maintain the temperature in heated spaces. If you have questions or concerns, reach out to the church office or a trustee.

Pastor's Letter

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church family, our immediate family, and most importantly that God is in our lives walking with us each new step of each new day.

Let us remember when we wake up to when we go to sleep to give thanks to God for the day we have received!

Trust Him
Honor Him
Appreciate His Blessings
Notice His Goodness
Keep giving thanks
Share His love!

Until the whole world hears,

Pastor Ali

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
Laney Baker
Lou Booher
Mary Ann Casper
Sandy Chiappetta
Jim Johnson
Matt Lovre
Olga, Volodymer, and Maryna Medunytsia
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 Wade Ruccio
2 Joyce Rogers
7 George Silowash
10 Morgan Hainsey
14 Thelma Johnson
16 Anna Kitchen
21 Diane Haney, Dante Venturo
22 Tom Fanty
24 Matt Johnson

Anniversaries

29 Ed and Patty Aubele, David and Sandy Keller

Join us on November 22 after the worship service for Hanging of the Greens: from wreaths and garland to trees and nativities. Enjoy fellowship as we get the church ready for Christmas. Everyone is welcome!

November

Altar Flowers

1 open
8 open
15 open
22 open
29 open

November

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship/ Communion *All Saints Sunday*	**2** 7:30 pm Trustee Meeting	**3**	**4** 6 pm Women of the Third Morning	**5** 7 pm Choir	**6**	**7**
8 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship/ Communion *Youth Service Fund (offering)*	**9**	**10** 7:30 pm Ad-Council Meeting	**11** 6 pm Women of the Third Morning 5:30 pm Bishop's Day on the District *Veterans Day*	**12** 7 pm Choir	**13**	**14**
15 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship 3:45 pm Charge Conference at Manor First	**16**	**17**	**18** 6 pm Women of the Third Morning **Tempo Deadline**	**19** 7 pm Choir	**20**	**21**
22 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship 12:15 pm Hanging of the Greens *Doorways to Hope at Home (offering)*	**23**	**24** 6 pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Service	**25**	**26** *Thanks-giving* (church office closed)	**27**	**28**
29 **1st Sunday of Advent** 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship *United Methodist Student Day (offering)*	**30**	1	2	3 7 pm Choir	4	5

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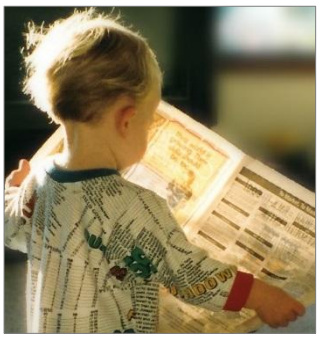
Articles and information for the December issue of the newsletter are due in the church office by Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026.



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

Special Offerings

Youth Service Fund
November 8
Your gifts support youth mission programs across the Conference.

United Methodist Student Day
November 29
Your gifts help provide scholarships and educational programs for students.

Doorways to Hope at Home
December 6
Your gifts support the five regional mission agencies in Western PA which offer shelter, food, clothing, skill-building support and care for the homeless, people living in poverty and those simply struggling to survive.