

Janet's Jottings



February 7, on a very cold morning (-3 to start, warming to a balmy 7), 25 of us met for a few hours to seek God's direction for our church in the coming year. We were guided by words from Proverbs 16:3 "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

We celebrated what we do well: The warm welcome that visitors experience; our meaningful and relatable traditional worship, with outstanding music; our generosity in supporting both local and international missions; our efforts at feeding our neighbors both physically and spiritually; and our excellent preschool.

We discussed areas that we might try to improve: Being more visible at community events; more intentional follow-up with those missing from worship; better attendance and/or input at meetings; better utilization of our facilities; more opportunities to participate in small group studies; more activities for all ages.

And we imagined what might seem like out-of-reach goals: Every pew filled on Sunday morning; a large youth group; Sunday School classrooms filled with children; handicap accessibility.

We broke into small groups and discussed calendar items but also long range goals, keeping in mind the **why** behind all we do, which is to witness to God's love.

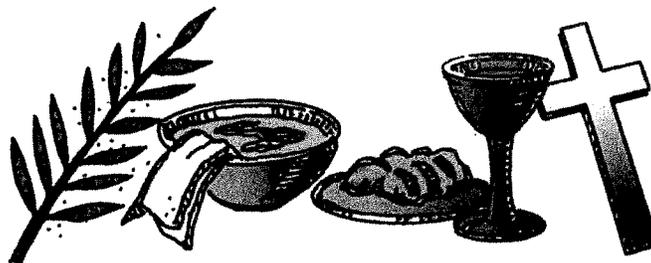
You will read about some of these ideas in other places in this newsletter, but to summarize our discussion:

- **Open the 1976 Time Capsule with Church Picnic** to follow on **June 28**.
- Increase our ability to help **feed our neighbors** through more frequent community lunches, have ready-to-go meals, supplemental summer feeding for children, possibly Community Thanksgiving Meal.
- Investigate the possibility of some sort of **worship service at Woodcrest**.
- Increase **fellowship** opportunities.
- **"Warm-up"** the narthex (visually, not temperature-wise).
- Streamline financial accountability utilizing ChurchTrac.

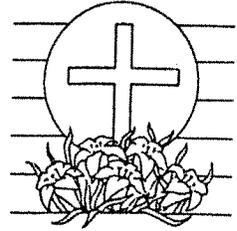
If you have an interest in helping or learning more about any of these ideas, please reach out to Pastor Janet (email is best at jflrd425@aol.com). There is no limit to what we can accomplish together with God's guidance and the help of the Holy Spirit!

Outreach to our Seniors and Shut-ins

While we do a great job of remembering our home-bound members over the holidays, we also need to remember to reach out to them all through the year. We are preparing a list of people who are unable, either permanently or temporarily, to be physically with us on Sunday mornings. One of the ways we can keep in touch is by sharing consecrated, pre-packaged communion with them on a monthly basis. Beginning on March 1, several of these packets will be placed on the altar and consecrated during our communion liturgy. Following the service these will be available, along with a brief printed liturgy, for you to take and share with one or more of our home-bound members. This is intended to be a shared opportunity of the sacrament, meaning that you will read the liturgy and share communion together. **If you are homebound and would like to receive communion, please contact the church office at 724-887-6000.** If you are willing to participate in this very important ministry, please see Pastor Janet for more information.



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March ~ April 2026
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Susan Harrold, Assistant Secretary
724-887-6000 Church

Church Email : tmcs@zoominternet.net

Sunday Worship Time
9:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m.

Contact the Church

Church office at 724 887 6000.
email: tmcs@zoominternet.net

Facebook: Trinity Methodist Church of Scottdale

Visit our Website at Scottdaletrinity.org

Pastor's Office Hours – Pastor Janet plans to be in the office on Tuesday afternoons, all day Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Because of obligations connected with her role within the Allegheny West Conference, there may be times when those hours will need to be flexible. Please call either the office or Pastor Janet to make sure that she will be in.

Contact information: Cell: 412 759 5204 Email: jflrd425@aol.com

Church Office is Open Tuesday – Thursday

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR: The Global Methodist Churches, People of Trinity, Our Country, Prayers for Peace, Pastor Janet & her family, Jessica Mitchell & family on the passing of Genivive, Jack Tarr, Laura Kloock (Shaffer's granddaughter surgery), Dan Lash and his brother David, James Davis, Adam Carnes (Jim Davis's nephew received a heart transplant), Jerry & Laraine Dorsey, Jerry Hayes (Messich's friend), Josie Faith Barrish (Paul & Nancy's great-granddaughter), Sherry Brunot & family, Steve Young, Lou Ann Leighty, Lisa Barclay, Rene Blasco, the Extended Brown Family, Keith Dudeck's mother, Judy Falcon, Lynne Gribble, Joe Hawk, Sydney Hawk, Alice Helman, Joanne Hough, Donna Hunker, Marsha Neurohr, Dorothy Moore, Brian Rock, Richard and Twila Snyder.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR SHUT-INS J.W. Buttermore, Zane Hunker, Becky Sprinkle, Howard Shallenberger, and Stella Tallentire.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY & FAMILIES:

Rev. Jonathan Bell, Kenny Bell, Kristopher Bell, Paul Blycheck, Tim Boots, Kevin Claycomb, Derek Cummings, Cody Dodd, Shane Dodd, Billy Fitzgerald, Rev. Craig Forsythe, Ryan Geisel, Dan Hodge, Ethan John, Justin John, James Marker, Christopher Miller, Tina Minoski, Dan Moore, Derek O'Harrow, Shawn Potter, Fred Rankin, T.J. Reed, Cap. Craig Sebek, Joe Shirer, Gary Turner, David Weimer, Zachary Williams and Troy Zelenka.

THIS AND THAT

We are anxiously looking for signs of spring. There are a few robins around, but not many yet and the spring flowers are pushing up through the ground. Soon we will be enjoying their beauty. It will be wonderful to turn the clock forward on March 8th to start daylight savings time. We all seem to enjoy the longer evenings.

Our sympathy to the family of Genivive Mitchell on her recent passing.



MARCH 15: Potluck Dinner and Picture Day!

Following worship on March 15 there will be a true potluck dinner. Beverages will be provided but beyond that...it's up to you! Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy everyone else's.

ALSO...we are still trying to get pictures of individuals and families as we update our church directory. These do not have to be formal; they just need to show your face clearly. If you have a picture you can either drop it off in the office, email it to Pastor Janet at jflrd425@aol.com, message her at 412-759-5204, or send through Facebook messenger. But if none of that works for you, we will have some volunteer photographers available on March 15 to take pictures of you and your family either before/after worship or at the potluck.

SEE YOU THERE...AND SMILE!

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is held the second Wednesday of each month at the St. John Baptist Byzantine Church at 525 Porter Ave. Scottdale
The next opportunities are on March 11th and April 8th.



MEETINGS

Choir Rehearsal Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Meetings first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Meetings second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. or when announced.

Church Council Meetings third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

COUNTERS FOR MARCH

Susan Harrold & Dorothy Fite

COUNTERS FOR APRIL

Ron & Janet Kaczynski

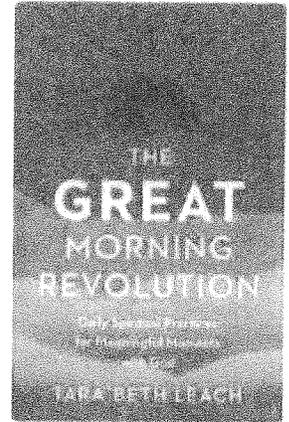
The February-March Mission Project is to provide ingredients for a complete meal. The items will be donated to Connellsville Ministries as we have done in the past. We are asking for pasta and jars of spaghetti sauce.



Are You Ready for a G.R.E.A.T. Spring Study?

Let's face it: Sunday morning worship is a great time to center ourselves for the week by gathering together to worship God. But additional time spent in God's word each week can enrich our spiritual life in a way that worship alone cannot. And if we add to that the opportunity to discuss what we're learning with others, we can grow even more.

Pastor Janet is hoping to find 5 hosts (we already have 2!) and 5 leaders to facilitate small group discussions in homes from April 12 through the week of May 17. During these six weeks, we'll be studying a book called "The GREAT Morning Revolution" by Tara Beth Leach. Don't let the word "morning" scare you! The concepts presented, which spell out the word GREAT, are easily implemented at any time of the day. Each week's sermon will be based on a chapter in the book. A discussion guide will be prepared related to the sermon which will serve as the basis for the small group home discussions. Training will be offered for the discussion leaders, and the guides will be very user friendly.



These weekly groups can meet at any time convenient to the host and leader. The hope is that we can all find one of the five settings that work out for us. These would be ideal opportunities to get to know each other outside of Sunday morning as well as to invite friends and neighbors to join with you to discuss God's word in a comfortable, friendly environment.

If you are interested in being either a host or a discussion leader, please talk with Pastor Janet.



Ladies Tea on April 19th at 1:30 p.m. at the Grandeur Estate

133 Oakland Ave, Greensburg, PA

A light tea type meal will be served with a selection of specialty teas and coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the back to make your reservations. The total cost is \$63.00 with gratuity. Please place your payment in an envelope with your name and label Ladies Tea. Reservations and payment is due by March 29th. Any checks write to Darcy Pallone and any questions please call her cell phone at 724 331 1299.

SAVE THE DATE! June 28 Time Capsule Opening/Church Picnic



Did you know that after the church was rebuilt and rededicated in 1976 that a time capsule was placed in the cornerstone? Don't you wonder what might possibly be inside? Come and find out as we open that treasure during worship on **June 28**. We also hope to create a new time capsule, capturing all of the wonders of our present day life, with the hope that in another 50 years it can be opened and enjoyed. We will be inviting some old friends to join us that day and hear about their remembrance of life in the 1970's. Afterwards we'll enjoy a church picnic, hopefully in the pavilion, share even more memories, and create new ones. More details will be coming, but please try to join us for a great day of celebration!

“THREE EMPTY PROMISES”

The “Empty Cross” reminds Christians that suffering, crucifixion and the grave do not have the final word. It serves as the ultimate proof of God’s power and love, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies regarding the Savior. The empty cross is an ongoing, transformative promise of new life for believers.

The “Empty Tomb” is the Christian symbol of Jesus Christ’s resurrection, signifying victory over death, sin and the grave. It represents the promise of eternal life, and confirms Jesus as the Messiah, while offering hope, and proof of God’s power and faithfulness.

The “Empty Grave Clothes” signify the bodily resurrection, proving Jesus conquered death without needing to unwrap Himself. The linen wrappings, left in the shape of a body, while the separate, folded face cloth suggests order, calmness and the finished work of redemption. A promise fulfilled; Jesus is no longer dead, but alive.

This Easter, let us focus on hope, new life and Christ’s victory, with the assurance that God is present and active. Jesus is still in control until He returns; and that is NOT an empty promise.

Written by Rene Snyder Blasco



Maundy Thursday Service
April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

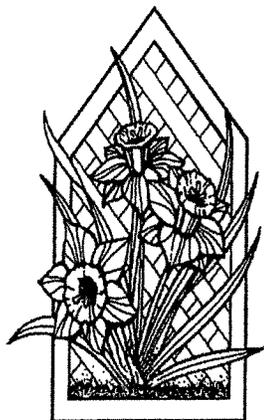
THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

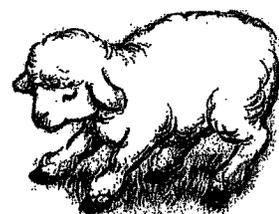
Thank you so very much for the beautiful packet of Christmas cards. They truly brightened my day.

Howard Shallenberger

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY~ FEBRUARY 2026



Local (General)	22,837.37
Connectional Funding	700.00
Trustee Account	4,896.00
Endowment Reimbursement	1,275.00
Discretionary Fund	117.00
Food Pantry	260.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Christmas Eve	1,415.00
Advent	150.00
Preschool Taxes	720.14
Lenten Offering	111.00
Love offering	75.00
Kitchen	100.00

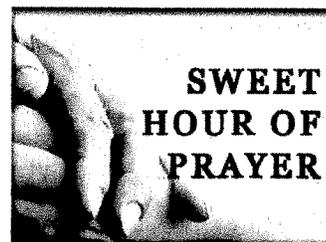


JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY 2026 CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Jan 4	79
Jan 11	83
Jan 18	71
Jan 25	No service because of snow storm
Feb 1	73
Feb 8	70
Feb 15	73
Feb 18	39 Ash Wednesday
Feb 22	71

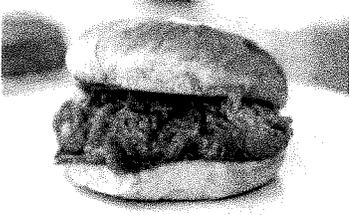
SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER RETURNS ON MARCH 4

Sweet Hour of Prayer has been on hiatus during the cold and dark winter months, but will be back beginning Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 PM in our Chapel. This is a non-structured, quiet hour where you can come and go as you please, allowing yourself to spend some time in conversation with God. The candles are lit and music is playing softly to create a space and time for you to deepen your relationship with the One who made you.



Hi there. Here is the menu for our community lunch for March.

COME AND ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



Ham Barbecue on bun.



Homemade mac n cheese.

Homemade salads, applesauce, cookies and hot and cold beverage.

And, here is the menu for April



Sloppy Joe on bun.



Homemade macaroni salad

Homemade salads, applesauce, cookies and hot and cold beverage.



APRIL 2026 MISSION -TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH



We will be collecting diapers of ALL sizes to support families served by:

ALTERNATIVES LAUREL HIGHLANDS PREGNANCY CENTER

"Strengthening families through pregnancy & infant services"

WHAT'S NEEDED:

- Diapers of ALL sizes
- New, unopened packages are preferred

DONATION PERIOD:

April 1st through April 30th, 2026

DROP OFF LOCATION:

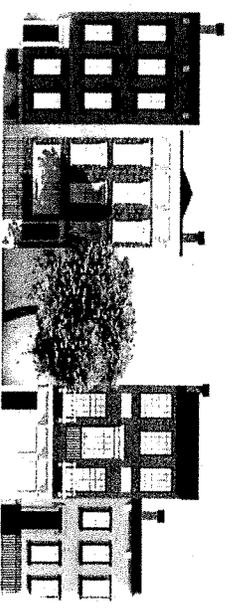
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*All donated diapers will be given directly to **Alternatives Laurel Highlands Pregnancy Center** to help support local families and infants in need.*

We would like to thank you in advance for being a part of our April mission. Let's keep those babies dry, happy, and healthy!



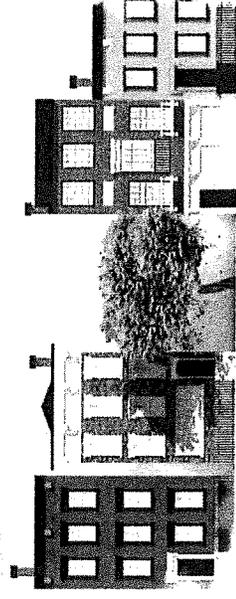
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2	3 Trustee 7:00 p.m.	4 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00 p.m.	5 Choir 7:00 p.m.	6	7
8	9	10 Finance 6:30 p.m.	11 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00 p.m.	12 Choir 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15 Covered Dish Fellowship after church	16	17 Council 7:00 p.m.	18 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00 p.m.	19 Choir 7:00 p.m. Circle of Hope 1:30 p.m.	20	21 Tour of W. C. Food Bank and pack senior boxes
22	23	24 Events Comm. Meeting 6:00 p.m.	25 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00 p.m.	26 Choir 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Community Lunch 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
29 Palm Sunday	30	31	1	2 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.	3 Good Friday	4
5	6	Food Pantry March 11, Lenten Lunches on Wednesdays				

Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Pastor Hours
Secretary's Hours
Tues p.m., Wed all day, Thur morn.
Tues, Wed, Thurs
Office closed Monday & Friday

April 2026



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29	30	31	1 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00 p.m.	2 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.	3 Good Friday	4
5 Easter Sunday No Communion	6 No Preschool	7 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	8 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00 p.m.	9 Choir 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12	13 Secretary's Vac Week (Drenda)	14 Finance 6:30 p.m.	15 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00 p.m.	16 Choir 7:00 p.m. Pastor in Ohio Board of Ministry	17 Pastor in Ohio Board of Ministry	18 Pastor in Ohio Board of Ministry
19 Ladies Tea - Greensburg at Grandeur Estate 1:30 p.m.	20	21 Council 7:00 p.m.	22 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Chosen Study 7:00 p.m.	23 Circle of Hope 1:30 Choir 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Community Lunch
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3	4	Food Pantry April 8th				

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Happy Birthday Blessings to the following:

March Birthdays

2 Howie Walter
3 Tanner Matthew Pitzer
4 Karen Barnhart
4 Jacob Porter
4 Hannah Porter
6 Amelia Cook
7 Jeanette Porter
7 Aliyah Hunker
9 Christina Smithula
12 Lori Cunnard
13 Scott John
17 Zane Hunker
18 Joseph Leighty
18 Sara Harrold
18 Mary Jane Tarr
19 Jerry Dorsey
20 Jeremy Ansell
20 Ashley Seder
22 Sherry Snyder
22 Patrick Stoner
22 Donna Guest
24 Stephen Seder
25 Ron Kaczynski
25 Tristan Brown
25 Austin Hunker
27 Claudia Gardner
27 Darleen Szolek
27 Linda Sladky
30 Olivia Porter

April Birthdays

3 Jim McClain
8 Steve Brown
10 Ted Fite
11 Justin John
11 Dean Hunker
16 Pat Dunlevy
16 Greg Philburn
17 Louis Jamison
17 Pam Dudeck
18 Ethan John
19 Frank Hammaker
19 Kim Ermine
19 Robert Harry
19 Bethany Kelley
20 Wesley Keith
22 Norma Roadman
22 Tammy Buttermore
24 Debbie Parry
25 Pastor Janet Lord
25 David Geary
25 Daryl Geary
26 Janet Keibler
28 Doug Banks
29 Cody Hunker
29 Linda Banks
30 Linda Kozar



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