

# **The Circuit Rider**

*Trinity Methodist Church of Scottdale*

*PO Box 343*

*501 Mulberry St.*

*Scottdale, PA 15683*



*May ~ June*

**2026**

## Janet's Jottings



It is such a privilege to serve as your pastor! There are so many good things happening in the life of this church that I can barely keep up with them all anymore.

- We had deeply meaningful worship services throughout the Lenten season, all leading to a glorious celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.
- We have visitors so often that we have now come to expect them...and many of them return!
- Our community lunches continue to serve almost 100 people per month with nourishment not just for their bodies, but for their souls through the fellowship enjoyed.
- Our mission projects and special offerings reach those in our immediate area and throughout the world.
- Our PreSchool enrollment is full for next year, with a waiting list.
- The women enjoyed a fancy tea at the Grandeur in Greensburg, and the men have a fellowship breakfast planned in Connellsville on May 9.
- We are making improvements to our facility, both inside and out.

Through it all, and most importantly, we are growing deeper in our discipleship and spiritual growth. Several of you have told me how helpful the daily prayer calendar was during Lent. Currently we're working through a series on establishing daily routines for putting God first, and have added a mid-week gathering in homes to discuss the theme of the week in an informal setting.

This summer we will spend time learning about the Original Disciples and how much they really were just ordinary people like us through whom God accomplished something extraordinary. The key is availability and obedience, something we can all strive for and achieve. **We are also looking for anyone who would like to share special music this summer. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the office.**

Finally, thank you all for the many kind words and cards for my birthday! I told someone that if I aged a year everytime you all sang Happy Birthday to me, I'd be 102. God is blessing all of us in so many ways, and I can't wait to see where He leads us in the days to come.

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Rev. Janet F. Lord, Pastor

Lou Ann Beadling-Leighty, Choir Director  
Drenda Conn, Administrative Secretary  
Janet Keibler, Business Manager

Martha Banks, Organist  
Susan Harrold, Assistant Secretary  
724-887-6000 Church

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Sunday Worship Time  
9:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. in May  
No Sunday School during summer

**Contact the Church**

Church office at 724 887 6000.  
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Facebook: Trinity Methodist Church of Scottdale

***Visit our Website at [Scottdaletrinity.org](http://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](mailto:jflrd425@aol.com)

Church Office is Open Tuesday – Thursday

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** The Global Methodist Churches, People of Trinity, Our Country, Prayers for Peace, Pastor Janet & her family, Joe Hawk, Kathy Warman, Drenda Conn, (cataract surgery), Gabby (daughter of Kathy Ansell's co-worker), Darlene Stoner (friend of Pam Dudeck), Keith Dudeck's mother, Richard Moore, Steve Brown's uncle. & Sandra Hebenenthal Moural, Sally Travis-Jamison, Lisa Barclay, Rene Blasco, Keith Dudeck's mother, Judy Falcon, Lynne Gribble, Sydney Hawk, Alice Helman, Joanne Hough, Laura Kloock (Shaffer's granddaughter), Lou Ann Leighty, Marsha Neurohr, Brian Rock, Richard & Twila Snyder.

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

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY & FAMILIES:**

Brianne Allegra, Rev. Jonathan Bell, Kenny Bell, Kristopher Bell, Paul Blycheck, Tim Boots, Kevin Claycomb, Derek Cummings, Garrett Dillard, 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 want to wish all the mothers a very blessed and happy Mother's Day. Next month it is the fathers turn to have their special day, so happy Father's Day to them. May God Bless you and your families.

Our best wishes to Amanda Lebe and Cody Cline on the birth of their son, Dakota Lee Cline who was born on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Nashville. His proud grandparents are Gloria and Calvin Lebe. A baptism is planned for June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Dorothy Moore on her recent passing.

Please contact the office with the names of any graduates for this year. (high school, college, trade schools). We would like to honor you on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 May 11th and June 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 MAY**

Keith & Pam Dudeck

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



## NEW SERIES: SUMMER WITH THE DISCIPLES

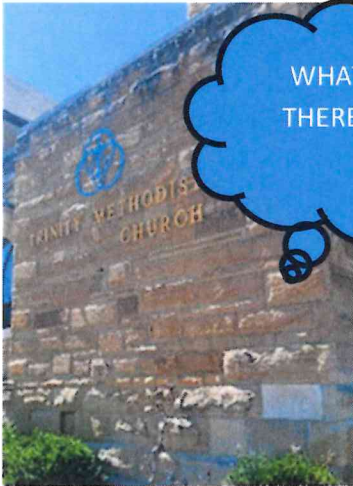
*“There were twelve disciples Jesus called to help Him,  
Simon Peter, Andrew, James, his brother John;  
Philip, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus,  
Simon, Thaddaeus, Judas, and Bartholomew.”*

What better way to spend the summer than getting to know the Original Twelve??? Depending on what list you read, the names vary slightly (particularly Thaddeus, Nathanael, and Bartholomew), so that will be one thing we will sort out. The Big Four are pretty well known: Peter, Andrew, James and John. Thomas is remembered for just one thing: doubting. Matthew has become dear to those of us who are watching “The Chosen”. And then, of course, there is Judas. We’ll dig into each one and learn more about them and what their message might be for us today. You might be surprised to learn something about yourself in the process.

May 31	Andrew
June 7	Peter (Communion)
June 14	Matthew (Graduate Sunday)
June 21	James and John (Father’s Day)
June 28	<b>Opening the 1976 Time Capsule</b> What Will Be Our Legacy for 2076?
July 5	Simon the Zealot (Communion/Fourth of July Weekend)
July 12	Thomas
July 19	(Pastor Janet on Vacation)
July 26	Thaddeus (a.k.a. Jude, or Bartholemew)
August 2	Phillip (Communion)
August 9	Nathanael
August 16	James the Less
August 23	Judas
August 31	(Pastor Janet at General Conference in South Africa)



## JOIN US ON JUNE 28!



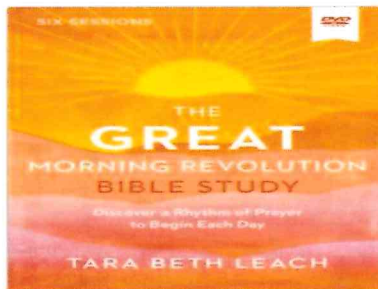
WHAT'S IN  
THERE?????

Some of you will remember that when the church was rebuilt in 1976, items were placed in a time capsule and sealed into the cornerstone. We thought that 50 years was a pretty good time span to pass before opening it up, so that's what we'll be doing on **Sunday, June 28** at the 9:45 service.

How often do you have an opportunity to travel back in time? Who knows what treasures we will find, left by the courageous souls who rebuilt our church literally from the ashes.

But wait...there's more! We're planning a fabulous **Church Picnic** following the service. We will need some help getting ready for this the week of June 21-27. The Events Committee is coordinating the picnic and is looking for some people who might have pop-up tents to lend us and who could also help with setting them up on Sunday morning. If you can help with this, please let Darcy Pallone or Donna Guest know. During the week we would like to power wash the tables from fellowship hall, and also power wash the pavilion on Saturday, June 27. If you can help with this effort, please see George Banks or Joe Leighty.

Plan to join us!



### G.R.E.A.T. Morning Revolution Continues

In May we will continue to work our way through growing in our discipleship through strengthening our individual devotional time. Each week's sermon will focus on the theme of the week, with a bulletin insert to guide daily Scripture reading and reflections. Pastor Janet will be leading a study following worship that will go into the theme in more depth, as well as showing a video that accompanies the series. Also, we will have GREAT Weekly Gatherings in homes on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. Please join us for any or all!

Sunday, May 3	<b>Exalt</b>	Sermon: "Yet" Scripture: Habakkuk 3: 17-19
Wednesday, May 6		Weekly gathering at Cheryl Eichner's home
Sunday, May 10	<b>Ask</b>	Sermon: "Mother, May I?" Scripture: Matthew 7: 7-11
Wednesday, May 13		Weekly gathering at Michelle Reich's home
Sunday, May 17	<b>Trust</b>	Sermon: "What, Me Worry?" Scripture: Matthew 6: 25-34
Wednesday, May 20		Weekly gathering at Darcy Pallone's home

## MIRACLE OFFERING FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Each year during the Allegheny West Annual Conference a Special Offering is received for a designated project. One year it was to support our Mission Partnership with emerging Global Methodist Churches in Kenya. Last year was for support of clergy scholarships. Trinity has consistently supported these offerings, which are received in a grand celebration during one of the evening worship services. It is a wonderful thing to witness!

This year's Miracle Offering has been designated for support of our Mission Partnership with the Democratic Republic of Congo. **Our Church Council voted to send \$2000 for this offering.** Here are excerpts from Bishop Greenway's letter describing how this money will be used:

*Our Conference Council has recently agreed to enter a mission partnership with the West Congo Conference—a body that spans 25 of the Democratic Republic of the Congo's 26 provinces, with its headquarters in Kinshasa. We are partnering in this effort with the North Carolina Conference. The West Congo Conference is doing the same thing we did three years ago—starting a new annual conference—but they are doing it in a world where the average wage is \$1 a day. They need our help.*



*The West Congo Conference has 192 congregations and 48 prayer places where they intend to plant churches—yet they own just one building. Their congregations are served by 18 ordained elders, 4 ordained deacons and 218 lay preachers.*

*Our Miracle Offering for 2026 will go toward meeting some immediate needs as identified by Rev. Henriette Okolo, the Conference Superintendent, and her leadership team:*

- **Clean Water — \$50,000:** 1,000 water filters at \$50 each, providing clean drinking water for families or small rural communities. Lack of clean water is the leading cause of health challenges in the DRC.
- **Motorcycles — \$13,500:** 10 motorcycles at \$1,350 each, enabling the ten Presiding Elders to travel their circuits.
- **Transportation — \$35,000:** One used SUV to give Conference Superintendent Rev. Okolo dependable transportation as she travels across the conference — those familiar with the DRC say this is an absolute necessity.
- **Education — \$19,950:** The West Congo Conference is currently supporting 4 doctoral students (\$1,200/student/year for two years), 1 master's student (\$450/year for two years), and 7 bachelor's students (\$450/student/year for three years). A total of \$19,950 will see all 12 students through to completion and fund the faculty needed to train the conference's 218 lay pastors.
- **Micro-Business Loans — \$10,000:** A revolving loan fund providing grants of up to \$500 to help start businesses that will sustain local churches and pastors.
- **Partnership Escrow — \$30,000:** A bridge fund to help meet needs while we build direct connections between circuits in Allegheny West and West Congo.

## THANK YOU

Trinity Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of 98 spaghetti sauces and 98 packages of noodles. We are also grateful for your generous donation of \$700 from your Advent offering. Your kindness ensures we can continue to help feed many families experiencing food insecurities. From all of us here at Connellsville Area Community Ministries we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless you all abundantly.

Gratefully,  
Courtney F.

A special thank you to all who helped with the Maundy Thursday service by bring up the tables and chairs up from the fellowship hall and taking them back down to the fellowship hall after the service. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Worship Committee

Dear TMC Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards and support after the passing of our mother. Thank you, Pastor Janet and Martha for the wonderful funeral service. Also, thank you to Richard and the kitchen volunteers for the delicious funeral luncheon. We truly appreciate everything you have done for us.

Thank you,  
The Dorothy Moore family  
Dick, Marsha, Gloria, Calvin, Amanda & Edward

Funeral Luncheon Committee,

Thank you so much for the wonderful funeral luncheon you prepared for our family and friends. We really appreciated it.

Thanks,  
The Moore Family

Thank you for your prayers, concern and Easter Lily, cards, greetings and the gift to the food pantry were added blessings.

God is Good.  
Lincoln & Sally Travis-Jamison

Thank you to my Trinity family for the altar flowers, Easter Lily, gift card and all your prayers and well wishes. You are truly a gift from God.

Linda Sladky

Thank you to all my church family for the altar flowers, your meal and monetary donations as well as your prayers and messages of sympathy on the passing of my dear sister Phyllis Ansell in March and for visitation by some members and Pastor Janet.

Richard Means

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation. We are honored to be the recipients of the "Joyful Noise Kids Change." We appreciate your support and hope to see you in the library soon!

Kristy Smith, Director Scottdale Library

Thank you to Becky Elnikar and Gloria Lebe for the beautiful altar decorated for Easter. Also to Georg Banks and Martha for extra time and effort over the Lenten season.

## *“Let Yourself Laugh”*

The silence of winter is broken in springtime by birds chirping, the buzzing of bumblebees, the hum of lawnmowers, and the delightful sound of laughter in the air. Why did God give us laughter? God has given us the ability to laugh for a reason. It may seem like a little thing, but laughter is vitally important in the battle against stress, anxiety, fear and worry. It’s a tool from God that benefits us in so many ways.

The Bible portrays laughter as a positive, holy and medicinal emotion that springs from trusting in God’s faithfulness, often in the face of, or after challenging times. Also, joy and laughter are profound expressions of faith, divine blessing and restoration. The Psalms encourage us to make a joyful noise. Ecclesiastes states that there is a time to weep and a time to laugh. It is a promise that God will once again fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy. Divine laughter emerges, aspiring us toward a future where every being realizes the fullness of joy.

Laughter is a balm that heals the soul, providing a gentle breeze that sweeps away the worries of adults. The laughter of little children is likened to angels when they sing. A child’s laugh is the purest sound anyone can hear. Laughter is one of those little miracles that we take for granted in our daily lives. God created laughter; therefore, let yourself laugh and often.

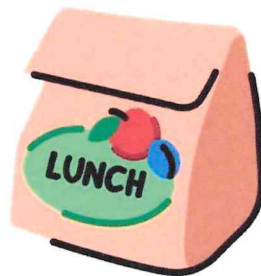
Written by Rene Snyder Blasco



## From Richard Means, Mission Chair

TMC mission project for April is collecting diapers (any size) to be donated to Alternatives. Please bring to the church and we will have them delivered in early May. This organization provides various confidential pregnancy services at no cost. They are located at 1829 University Drive, Lower Level – Suite 102, Dunbar Pa.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be preparing and delivering bag lunches to residents at the Scottsdale Plaza apartments. We tried this as a trial run last November and it was well received. Lunch will include a sandwich, container of macaroni salad, applesauce and cookie.



American Red Cross does a blood drive in Scottsdale on a regular schedule. The next one will be May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 5:00. They are held at the Scottsdale Mennonite Church, Market St. After May, the next ones will be July 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 5:00 and November 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 6:00.

Adult Sunday School (Seekers) will not meet during the summer months. We will begin again in September. Dale and I will keep you posted as to what we will be planning for the coming year.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH ~ APRIL 2026**

Local (General)	24,064.12
Connectional Funding	925.35
Trustee Account	7,066.00
Endowment Reimbursement	1,275.00
Discretionary Fund	168.00
Food Pantry	635.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Christmas Eve	1,415.00
Advent	150.00
Preschool Taxes	2,026.67
Lenten Offering	1,975.00
First Responder gift	50.00
Diaper Fund	40.00
Kitchen	100.00
Campership	90.00
Easter Flower Fund	2,205.00

**MARCH ~ APRIL 2026 CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

Mar 1	80
Mar 8	85
Mar 15	86
Mar 22	89
Mar 29	84
April 5	103 Easter
April 12	78
April 19	84
April 26	76







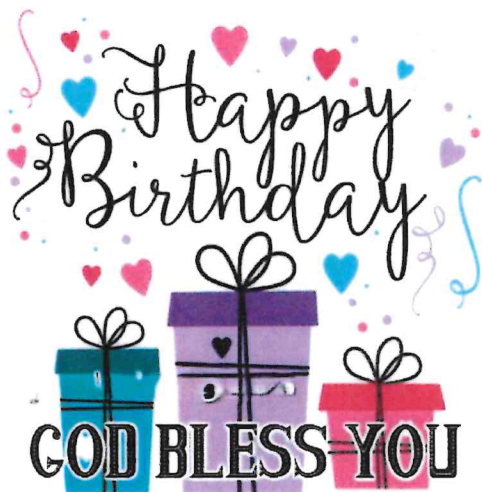
# Happy Birthday Blessings to the following:

## May Birthdays

1 Kevin Dudeck  
3 Alice Niswonger  
3 Paul Barclay  
4 Jeremy Hunker  
4 Jeannine Lee  
15 Elliana Hutchinson  
16 Bill Scott  
16 Caroline Shipley  
20 Jack Tarr  
21 Donna Hunker  
24 Nola Lonigro  
24 Keith Dudeck  
25 Frances Smith  
25 Chad McClain  
25 Marty Stepanic  
25 Lincoln Jamison  
26 Sara Keltz  
26 Ethan Kosoglow  
27 Charlotte Bandemer  
31 Bill Keefer Jr.

## July Birthdays

1 Cameron Walter  
3 Twila Snyder  
4 Jim Hammaker  
4 Troy Zelenka  
5 Cassandra Colland  
7 Kristy Ansell Philburn  
8 Edward Richter  
9 Barbara Keefer Trice  
10 Jessie Dudeck  
10 Janet Kaczynski  
10 Doug Dunlevy  
11 Jessica Mitchell  
11 Joseph Harrold  
11 Sutton Keltz  
13 Georg Banks  
15 Patti Kimmel  
15 Sean Gribble  
17 Sally Travis-Jamison  
18 Charlotte Sethman  
18 Kristina Leighty Keith  
18 Isabelle Ferrari  
20 Kathleen Warman  
23 Chesea Nagy  
24 Kathy Ansell  
27 Amanda Lebe  
27 Jim Harrold  
28 Rachel Helman  
28 Justin Dodd  
30 Richard Snyder  
30 Tabatha Hunker



In Jesus time, the dogwood grew to a stately size and lovely hue. 'Twas strong and firm its branches interwoven for the cross of Christ its timbers were chosen. Seeing the distress of this use of their wood Christ made a promise which still holds good. "Never again shall the dogwood grow large enough to be used so. Slender and twisted it shall be with blossoms like the cross for all to see. As blood stains the petals marked in brown The blossom's center wears All who see it will remember me, Crucified on a cross from the dogwood tree."

