

The Circuit Rider

Trinity Methodist Church of Scottsdale

PO Box 343

501 Mulberry St.

Scottsdale, PA 15683



July ~ August

2026

Janet's Jottings



How times flies! I recently noticed that on June 14 of this year it had been 25 years since my ordination. On that day, if anyone would have told me that I'd be doing what I'm doing today I would have looked at them like they were crazy. But on July 16 we will begin our fourth year of serving God together here at Trinity. Trusting God, we took a chance on each other and I believe God has blessed our efforts. I remember sitting behind the pulpit that first Sunday and counting a total of 34 people. At least 12 were in the choir, and 2 were my friends who come to support me. It was the first Sunday in 50+ years that I had not been sitting on an organ or piano bench, and I prayed for God's help in ways I never had before.

Over the past three years, I have watched with joy as the number of people in worship has grown steadily. God is sending us visitors on an almost weekly basis...and many of them come back! Our attendance averages between 75-80. But church health and growth is not measured by numbers. The signs of a healthy and thriving church are found in an ever deepening sense of God's presence, a vibrant prayer life, dependence on God's Word, and a desire to reach others with God's love.

During this summer we are diving into the lives of the first disciples, the ones who spent daily time with Jesus, who were eye-witnesses to his miracles and teachings, and after his resurrection, through the power of the Holy Spirit, changed the world by spreading his message. None of them were religious scholars. If asked, none of them would have felt up to the challenge before them. Many of them had personalities that were aggressive, boisterous, and sometimes stubborn. Others were content to work behind the scenes. Yet Jesus chose *all* of them, and shaped them into what *he* knew they could be, not what they thought were.

Jesus does the same with each and every one of us. It's called discipleship, and we are all called to it. We may not feel worthy, or equipped, and the fact is that none of us are...until Jesus begins to mold us into what he has always seen in us: Beloved children of God.

Come and join us. See what God might have in store for you!

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting yielded and still.*

(New members will be received soon. If you are interested in becoming an official part of our church family, please contact the church office (724-887-6000) or speak with Pastor Janet.)



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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

Church Email : tmcs@zoominternet.net

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.
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, Prayers for Venezuela, Pastor Janet & her family, Dorothy Fite, Bev Sterrett, Linda Banks, Patti Kimmel, Sherry (Darcy's friend), Jeannine Miller, Susan Speakman, Mark Bell (friend of Ansell's), Jack Tarr, Mark Robinson, Richard Scott (Nancy Dove's brother), Jeannine Lee, Keith Dudeck's mother and Steve Brown's uncle, Lisa Barclay, Rene Blasco, Keith Dudeck's mother, Judy Falcon, Lynne Gribble, Joe Hawk, Sydney Hawk, Alice Helman, Joanne Hough, Laura Kloock (Shaffer's granddaughter), Lou Ann Leighty, Richard Moore, 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

A Baptism was held on June 21st for Dakota Lee Cline the son of Amanda Lebe and Cody Cline. He was born on April 13th in Nashville at the Vanderbilt University Hospital. His grandparents are Gloria and Calvin Lebe and great grandson to Betty Lebe and the late Dorothy Moore. The family has been enjoying a visit from Dakota along with his parents from Tennessee.

June 28th we had a great time at the church picnic and reviewing what was in the Time Capsule that had been in our cornerstone for 50 years. It was interesting to see the items it held. We were pleased to have some visitors for the event, Dr. Edward and Karen Thoronblade and their daughter, Tracey Belmont. Ed related how Carl, his father mortared in that cornerstone. Dr. Paul Morris and Georgia, and two Shipley brothers, Neil and Tim were also in attendance. There was much delicious food and a beautifully decorated flag cake.

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

The Adult Sunday School (Seekers) will not meet during the summer months. We will begin again in September.

Have safe and happy Fourth of July! Happy 250th Birthday America!



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 July 8th and August 12th.

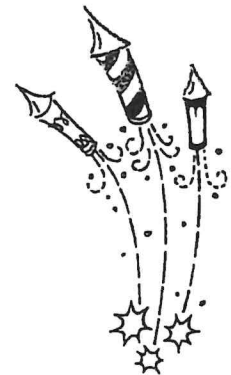
MEETINGS

Choir Rehearsal First Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. during the summer.

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.



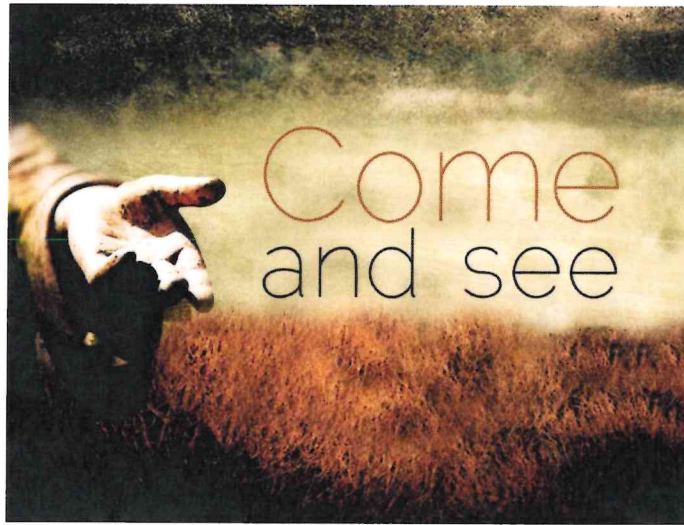
COUNTERS FOR JULY

Angelo Pallone
Steve Brown
Buck Lockinger

COUNTERS FOR AUGUST

Dorothy Fite
Susan Harrold

THE SUMMER WITH THE DISCIPLES CONTINUES



*"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."*

So far, we have met, Andrew, Peter, Matthew, James and John. What better way to spend the summer than getting to know the Original Twelve??? We have seven very interesting disciples to look at.

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)

MISSION PROJECT

HELP THE BOOSTERS WITH SNACKS FOR ATHLETES

We are looking for donations for the next few months for the High School and Middle School athletic programs. We have a few athletes in our church. Many families that play sports do not have the additional money to help with snacks for away games when it's their turns. Athletes of our church play soccer, volleyball, basketball, and run track. There will be a room dedicated for snacks. We are looking to help many of the booster programs that struggle and it's always the same families that give. This is a way to help out. When you are doing your shopping at Walmart or Giant Eagle and want to help out we are looking for the following.

Gold Fish individual	Oreo Snack packs
Chip Bags - individual	Rice Kripsy treats
Small Gatorade bottles	Capri Suns
Pretzels	Applesauce packets
Gummy Packs	\$ Donations

This will be an ongoing campaign this year. Ashley, Alli, and Amelia will talk about the campaign on August 8th. We appreciate your support!

Walk Thru the Bible event at the Faith Global Methodist Church

Walk Thru the Bible event will be held on Saturday, August 29th at the Faith Global Methodist Church of Delmont, 305 Freeport St. Delmont PA 15626

Event: Walk Thru the Bible – New Testament Live Event

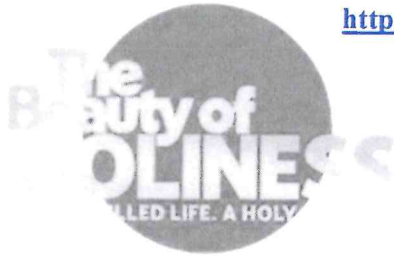
Time: 9:00 – 12 p.m.

Registration: online at website – www.faithdelmont.org

Cost: \$25 for adults \$10 for youth ages 8-18

Global Methodist Church General Conference Johannesburg, South Africa

August 30 – September 5, 2026



<https://www.beautyofholiness2026.org>

Clergy and laity from around the world will gather to share in fellowship, worship, and decision-making as we shape the future of the Global Methodist Church. The GMC General Conference unites clergy and lay delegates worldwide for prayer, worship, and decision-making. It serves as a vital time for spiritual renewal and discerning God's will together.

This historic decision marks the first time the denomination's General Conference will be held on the African continent. It is a powerful affirmation of the Global Methodist Church's commitment to being a truly global movement.

Pastor Janet will be attending as an elected delegate from the Allegheny West Conference. Please be in prayer for safe travel for her and all of the delegates who will be attending from every part of the world. You can follow the worship and many of the live proceedings at the website above.

MEALS TO GO!

During June, we collected items to prepare several shelf-stable, easy to prepare meals in a bag. These will be kept on hand (location to be determined) to provide help for people in a variety of situations where a quick, easy meal option might be appreciated. If you have a need, or would like to deliver one of these meals to someone you know, please call the office to arrange for a pick-up time. You can also speak with Pastor Janet on Sunday mornings and she will make sure you get what you need. This will be an ongoing project. We are looking for someone who would like to coordinate. If this is you, let Pastor Janet know!

Opportunities to Serve

We now have a dedicated space in the rear of the sanctuary for all of our many sign-up sheets. Please take a look and see where God might be calling you to volunteer.

Current projects include:

- **Scottdale Fall Festival:** We're evaluating interest in sponsoring a booth at the Festival in September. We will need to make a decision and start making plans in early July. Please sign up if you think this is a good idea and indicate what areas you might be willing to help out with.
- **Summer Music:** We'd love to have some of you share your musical talents with us this summer. We tried this last summer with great response! If you are willing, please sign up!
- **Painting Help:** We will be refreshing the walls in the Fellowship Hall prior to the start of Preschool. This will probably be a multi-phase project over a few days. Please sign up if you are willing to lend a hand.

THANK YOU

Dear TMC Family,

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers after my injury this spring. Also, the beautiful flowers were greatly appreciated.

God Bless,
Kathy Warman

Thank you so much to my church family for the beautiful altar flowers. It was very thoughtful and kind and brightened up my day.

Thank You Again,
Jeanette Porter

Trinity Methodist Church,

Thank you for your kindness. On behalf of the "Scottsdale Plaza" residents, we thank you for filling our stomachs and our hearts with God's Love.

Rene Snyder Blasco

Trinity Methodist Church,

Rich Blaney is home from the hospital after suffering a heart attack. Kristen & Rick thank everyone for the much, appreciated prayers and caring thoughts.

The Blaney's

Dear Trinity Church,

Thank you for showering Alternatives Yes with much needed diapers. We are always in need of diapers and we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
The Alternatives Yes Team

Have you noticed the beautiful flowers around the pavilion and in the planters by the patio? One very ambitious girl with a green thumb like no other is responsible for this beauty to our church.

Thank you so much to Susan Harrold. You are very appreciated.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY ~ JUNE 2026



Local (General)	22,939.27
Connectional Funding	992.00
Trustee Account	6,125.00
Endowment Reimbursement	1,805.00
Discretionary Fund	290.00
Food Pantry	380.00
Memorial Fund	50.00
Preschool Taxes	2,315.80
Lenten Offering	25.00
Kitchen	160.00
Campership	50.00

MAY ~ JUNE 2026 CHURCH ATTENDANCE

May 3	75	June 7	47 (Severe Storms)
May 10	80	June 14	71
May 17	70	June 21	101
May 24	79	June 28	92
May 31	70		

“SUMMER SPIRITUALITY”

Vacations from work are necessary, but you don't take a vacation from the Creator who never takes a vacation from you. While rest from worldly labor is healthy, your relationship with God is a constant journey. Whether traveling near or far, instead of leaving your faith at home, pack a journal, a devotional and your Bible. You may need to adjust your busy day, but no matter, allot quiet time for the Lord.

While hiking, pause at a rushing waterfall and smell the wildflowers. Every step you take peels back layers of everyday stress. The wind hums, distant birds call, undeniably refreshing the spirit. When swimming in the ocean, feel the rhythmic breathing pulse of the tide's pushing and pulling in an embrace. You are a welcome guest in the ocean's home. Enjoy the golden hour on a lake, the surface flawless with the scent of pine in the cooling air. A river is an enduring metaphor for the journey of life, the momentum of time moving forward. God has 'gifted' you with all these pleasures. For that reason, rather than viewing nature as an escape from church, view the environment as God's creation. A moment of gratitude and prayer into an outdoor adventure becomes a lifestyle where faith and recreation overlap.

If you choose to stay home, while sitting on the porch or patio, meditate as the morning sun filters through the trees. Open your Bible, using the peaceful, slower rhythm of vacation time at home to read and reflect deeply. Keep worshiping, keep giving, keep praying and keep loving. But keep in mind, even while traveling, you cannot escape God's presence. Wherever your travels take you, He is already there. Seek Him.....

Written by Rene Snyder Blasco



**Keep God Close
Wherever We Are**

Whatever We Do

SUMMER

July 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	2 Choir 7:00 p.m.	3	4 
5 Communion	6	7 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	8 Food Pantry Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	16	17	18 Pastor's Vacation July 18-25
19	20	21 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Pastor's Vacation July 18-25
26	27	28	29 Sweet Hr of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	30	31	1
2	3	Notes				



August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Communion	3	4 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	5 Sweet Hr. of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	6 Choir 7:00 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11	12 Food Pantry Sweet Hr. of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	19 Sweet Hr. of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Preschool Open House	27 Pastor at General Conference in South Africa	28 Pastor away	29 Pastor in South Africa returning Sept 6
30 Pastor away	31 Pastor away	Notes				

Happy Birthday Blessings to the following:

July Birthdays

2	Susan Lynch
3	George Large
4	Lainie Allen
5	Beckett Bandemer
6	Robert Onder
7	Brenda Mayers
8	Greyson Philburn
9	Dennis Hunker
9	Douglas Hunker
9	Riley Banks
10	Bill Keefer
11	Emma Philburn
12	Dorothy Fite
14	Lynda Keefer
16	Glenn Pitzer
18	Jeannine Miller
20	James Bandemer
25	Tommy Hixson
27	Buck (Darl) Lochinger
28	Justin Dodd
31	Joanne Hough

August Birthdays

1	Lou Ann Beadling-Leighty
4	Lynn Gribble
5	Nancy Barclay
7	Ryan Barclay
8	Chris Banks
10	Jessica Conaway
10	Kaely Connors
11	Felicity Bandemer
12	Angelo Pallone
13	Richard Smith
13	Pastor Steve Moore
14	Jason Smith
15	James Conaway Sr.
16	Marcy Cameron Crosby
17	Gracie Rock
19	Holly Dillon
20	Susie Keim
20	Amy Nichelson
23	Jacob Smithula
24	Susan Porter Young
24	Micah Spaugy
26	Betty Barbery
26	Dana Hull
29	Katie Pallone Bandemer
30	Luke Champlain
31	Nancy Dove

