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**New Life Worship Service**  
w/Nursery Care  
9:00 am

**Celebration Worship**  
10:30 am

Live stream both services

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**Pastor Greg's Medical Leave**  
April 5th for 6 weeks



**Summer Outdoor Worship**  
Once a month  
May - September  
MORE INFO LATER

**SOLAR ECLIPSE**  
April 8th



**TAX DAY is coming Fast!**  
Be sure to file your 2023 income  
tax returns, postmarked by  
Monday, April 15th.

**ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, April 23rd**  
Remember Trinity Tower Church  
is a polling place.  
Preschool is CANCELED on Election Day  
& the Social Hall is reserved for voting.



**Sock Hop**  
Sunday, July 28, 2024

**Food Safety Course RE-SCHEDULED**  
Wednesday, July 31, 2024



## "Happy Easter!"

As we go forward into April, the spring and summer, we do so in the light of our celebration of the greatest event in history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

The festival is designed to remind us of the meaning, the turning point, the difference life is and can be for each and all of us. Easter means: life over death; light over darkness; hope over despair; joy over grief; meaning over emptiness; victory that cannot be defeated, that cannot end!

What does it mean to you that Jesus, in his love for you, takes away all your sin and the worst of its consequences? What difference does it make to you, that God's love makes you, your life, and your relationship with the Lord of greater worth, than everything else? The family of God on earth and in heaven, hope and treasure life and relationship together in love to become the greatest joy of our lives and celebrate that it lasts forever!

To face the future empowered by love and victorious over the negative things in our lives and world, is to live and move, and abide in peace, love and joy. It is to always let the good be greater to us than the bad; the hope more important and powerful than the fear; and the love to always be the fuel that empowers us. It does not mean we will not go through challenges, but it does mean, we will live through, above and beyond every single one. Our victory is already won!

To face the future unafraid, is the way to let our faith truly be our guide, and our Lord, to truly "rule" our lives. With Easter, we live higher, better, richer, fuller, and not alone, but together. How much more amazing, wonderful, and beautiful are our lives, as we truly become "Easter People". No wonder we say "Happy Easter", for now the joy and victory is ours every day, forever. No wonder we shout "Hallelujah" and pray, "Amen!"

Happy Easter to you, now and forever. Amen.

*Pastor Greg Spencer*



### Welcome to the New Members of Trinity Tower Church

Wasn't it exciting on Palm Sunday to receive new members? We are delighted to welcome:

Toby  
Chris  
Thomas  
Jodi  
Eric

Let us all make every effort to meet and get to know these newest members of our church family.

**Did you see the Trinity Tower Church Easter Promotion in our local Newspapers?**

Some have encouraged us to promote the church activities in area newspapers. Some hope doing so may attract new persons to our church worship and activities. While this is a good idea and appropriate, the congregation should be aware of the significant costs involved. For Holy Week the papers offered an Easter Special (low price for Holy Week) and were very helpful in putting the announcement together. Still, the cost was in the hundreds of dollars. This is not something we can currently afford to do on a regular basis. For special activities or events, we should and may be able to promote, but we do not currently have a budget for advertising. Of course, offerings or gifts for this purpose are welcome.

**Have you heard of the United Methodist Church Union?**

The Church Union is a superb social service agency serving the greater Pittsburgh Area. Retired Pastor Rev. Mr. Larry Homitsky, serves as executive director. There are many different services they provide across Allegheny County, and they are doing background research to ascertain the needs in the Penn Hills and Plum area.



Pastor Larry will be our guest preacher at both services April 28. He is a fantastic preacher and following the 10:30 Service, during the Fellowship Time in the Social Hall, he will offer a presentation on Church Union and possible ways we may help meet needs in our area. EVERYONE IS INVITED and ENCOURAGED to ATTEND.

**Do you recall our recent water challenges at Trinity Tower Church?**

We are so grateful to God that Sembower-Mikesell staff were ultimately (even miraculously) able to locate the source of the leak and repair it. We announced in worship that the stopping up of the sewage system and its repair enabled the team to locate the water leak. As of this writing, not only has the leak and the sewage system been repaired, but a critical replacement part for our water pump has been installed. In few words, "The church is back to normal!" Praise the Lord!

As expected, the price of repair was quite high. We are deeply grateful to Sembower-Mikesell, for giving us a significant discount. We are also grateful to the water company for writing off much of the cost of the water loss. Even so, though we do not yet have all the bills in, the cost of repair was in the tens of thousands of dollars. Thank God we were able to pay the bills so far, thanks to "The Foundation" and it's Rainy Day Fund.

We do invite and encourage any who may be willing and able, to please contribute gifts to the church to cover bills not yet received, and to ensure our ability to meet any future unexpected problems or repairs.



Meanwhile, we offer our sincere and deep gratitude to all who attended and supported the church, adapting and attending the church through our weeks of hardship. It is a testimony to the community, that we, as people of faith, persevere through adversity, rise above it, and put it behind us. We serve a great and noble purpose, and a more powerful God! We praise the Lord for the blessing of deliverance from our distress, and we look forward to blessing of restoration and growth as we go forward.

**Pastor Greg to be on Medical Leave in April**

Greg is receiving knee replacement surgery on Friday, April 5. The surgery will take place at St. Margaret's Hospital. He is scheduled for a medical leave for up to 6 weeks. Guest preachers have been scheduled April 7 – May 5. (Greg hopes to return to the pulpit by Mother's Day).

While Greg is on leave, Pastor Dale Reese has agreed to provide coverage in case of emergencies, or pastoral needs. (412) 926 – 5896. FYI: The Annual Conference has given \$ 125.00 per week to assist the church in paying for the guest preachers and their service.

**Summer Outdoor Worship**

Wouldn't it be nice to worship outside in the summertime? We plan to offer a single, blended style worship service outdoors the last Sunday each month (May – September). Of course, weather permitting). Details are being developed but we anticipate the single service to be at 10:00 AM and will include both "traditional" and "contemporary" music. Stay Tuned we expect plans to be finalized prior to publication of the May issue of "The Tidings".







WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

*With Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of our  
Trinity Tower United Methodist Church members who are now with the Lord!*

### Our Tribute to Jim

If ever there was a person who loved the Lord to no end,  
It would most definitely be Jim Slopey, our longtime, faithful, dear friend.

Jim was such a caring person to everyone he met.  
He was like a fisherman joyfully filling his net.

He sent cards to everyone no matter what the season.  
Sometimes he just sent a card for really no special reason.

He just wanted everyone to know how important they were to him and for just being in his life.  
He was also that way to Marcia, his longtime, loving wife.

It makes us very happy to know that they are now together again once more.  
Up there in Heaven there are most likely many joys for them in store.

Jim was a longtime wonderful Shepherd who gave his all for working for his God above.  
There probably aren't many people around who weren't touched by his caring and his love.

Jim, we'll never ever forget you and the brightness you brought to our days.  
You were like the sunshine with its constant, faithful rays.

We shall greatly miss you!

Love,  
Bill and Nancy



8/10/34 - 2/20/24



### Remembering Frank Rose

Frank was incredibly involved in numerous activities at Trinity Tower United Methodist Church for many years. Nancy and Bill Busch were good friends of Frank and Jan all through their years at TTUMC. I'm sure there were others since the Roses participated in many distinct aspects of the church. When Nancy and Bill bought a new house in Latrobe, Frank was an immense help to them as they renovated a "fixer upper" into a cherished home. I understand that he was relentless in painting, striping wallpaper, and many other jobs. It was a trip for Frank to go to Latrobe, but he was always there for them with whatever they needed. But that's just the kind of guy Frank Rose was. He also gave that kind of time to his church, Trinity Tower. Among the many behind the scenes things he did was to pick up day-old baked goods from Panera Bread and deliver them to various organizations. He also helped out at Sock Hops, lunches, and other activities at the church. He and Jim Slopey were good friends and shared the duty of opening the church in the early morning on Election Day. I feel certain they are enjoying their ongoing friendship in heaven right now. He was a faithful worker for God and his kingdom. Frank will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.



6/17/38 - 1/10/24

*With love and admiration,  
Frank Rose's Trinity Tower Church Family*

# Trinity Tower Family News



Phyllis E	2
Brett R	2
Dorothy H	4
Megan B	7
John F	7
Gretchen D	10
Jerome C	10
Pat B	14
Josh F	14
Matt P	15
Barbara A	16
Fran C	20
Justin S	21
Kristina M	21
Jill T	23
Melissa C	23
Debbie N	24
Nick L	26
Tyra and Daniece W	26
Rachel R	29
Naomi S	30

### Weekly Altar Flowers and Bulletins



#### FLOWERS

April 7      Open  
 April 14    Happy Anniversary Diane & Buck  
 April 21    Open  
 April 28    Open

#### BULLETINS

April 7      Open  
 April 14    Happy 90th Birthday to  
                  Pat Bl (4/14) and  
                  Fran C (4/20)!  
                  Love, Joe & Patti D  
 April 21    Open  
 April 28    Open

Please consider sponsoring flowers or bulletins. Flowers cost \$20 and bulletins are \$10. You may sponsor the bulletins in celebration, honor or memory of a special day or person. The sponsors help reduce the cost of the bulletins and altar flowers for our church.



Mickey and Debbie P	4
Curt and Diane Z	5
Buck and Diane B	16
Tom and Pat B	27



April 7	Melissa CC
April 14	Marie WC
April 21	Patti DC
April 28	Open



**Please volunteer to help  
in the nursery on a Sunday  
morning at 9:00 am!  
Sign-up sheet in on the  
table in the Narthex.**

**PENN HILLS SERVICE ASSOCIATION  
April Collection**



**Peanut Butter  
&  
Jelly**

**Food Safety Course RE-SCHEDULED**

The Allegheny County Board of Health Food Safety Certification Program has rescheduled the one-day course to be held at Trinity Tower Church.

NEW DATE: Wednesday, July 31.

All participants must be registered in advance.

Books will be mailed to participants in advance.

For hosting the Food Safety Program, Trinity Tower Church receives 5 free registrations.

Persons interested in taking this training please contact Susan or Pastor Greg at the church office. PLEASE NOTE: the Free Registrations are good for 6 months, and persons may choose location where to take the training. (Dates and locations of all the 1 or 2-day training sessions are available).

**SOLAR ECLIPSE - April 8**

The zone of total darkness when the moon crosses in front of the sun, will not be far from our area. (Penn Hills will experience darkness, but not quite total. Cleveland and Erie, are in the middle of the totality zone, where the moon will completely block the sun for @ 4 minutes).

Regardless of where you are if you intend to view the eclipse be sure to have special protective glasses, designed for the eclipse. Many are available. Please be safe.



**Eclipse Timeline for Pittsburgh**

Eclipse starts: 2 pm

Eclipse ends: 4:30 pm

Maximum eclipse: 3:17 pm

Oh Lord  
Thank You for spring, the  
season of Your expression of  
joy! Let every bloom remind me  
of Your grace. Let each sunny  
day bring light to my soul. As I  
spring ahead let these months  
give birth to warm thoughts  
and kind gestures.  
Amen

prayables  
image.com

**Meetings in April**

**W.O.W.**

Friday, April 12  
7 pm at the church



**God Abounds**

Saturday, April 27  
10:00 am Freedom Diner Verona

**THANKS**

**Thanks to Mark,  
for updating of our street sign  
on Saltsburg Road.**



## From Missions and Outreach Council

### Thank You

Thanks to all who donated eggs and candy/snacks to the Military Connections collection last month. Also, a big thanks to the preschool teachers and classes for contributing to the collection and filling the eggs with candy. Kathy D, one of the preschool teachers, delivered 53 dozen filled eggs plus other snacks to Military Connections. There was some leftover candy, which was given back to our church for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 30.



Thanks to all who donated items for The Blessing Board to distribute to those in need. A few carloads of items were delivered to the Blessing Board site on Route 8 in Shaler.

## Updates from Mission Organizations supported by our church

### From *Sheep Inc. Health Care Center* in Penn Hills

In 2023, Sheep Inc. has provided the following free services for uninsured patients: 766 provider patient visits, 1,192 total patient medical services, 402 lab and imaging referrals, 1,365 social services, 2,959 total patient services provided. The ministry has been able to add a Donor Development staff member and a Navigation/Administrative Assistant. Sheep Inc. is providing very valuable services in our local community!



### From *Urban Impact* on the Northside of Pittsburgh



“This semester, we’ve had 33 students and 23 volunteers in our Tutoring Center. A parent night was held where parents could see the learning done in both academics and Bible teaching. Please pray for the spiritual and academic growth of these students.”

Laura and her co-worker Jess are leading a Bible Study for female middle school students who were summer campers in 2022. Please pray that the Lord would use this time to bring these young ladies closer to Him and to each other.

More information about Urban Impact is posted on the Outreach bulletin board in the narthex at church.

### From *Solar Oven Partners*, a UM Advance Special our church supported with our Christmas Alternative Giving donations

Solar oven components were shipped to Sierra Leone, Africa in November 2023, and a Volunteer-in-Mission team helped local participants build the ovens and led a 2-day mandatory cooking seminar. The components were shipped from the Solar Oven Partners Central Workshop in South Dakota. The benefits of solar cooking are being brought to the people of Sierra Leone, the Dominican Republic, and the Navajo Nation in New Mexico. A mission team departed in March for the Dominican Republic to continue the mission there.



From **Rosedale Food Pantry**



“Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,237.50 to our food pantry. We could not continue to feed the community without people like you. This is an uphill battle, and you are a huge help in getting to the top.” In service, John, Director, Rosedale Food Pantry

**April Narthex Highlight**

**Recycling Through TerraCycle**

TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle materials. At TTUMC, we participate in 2 of their recycling efforts: Tom’s of Maine and Gillette. (Note: both programs accept all brands of products, not just their own.) Items for both collections go into the same bin in the Narthex.



**Tom’s of Maine**

Accepted waste includes mouthwash bottles and caps, deodorant containers and caps, toothpaste tubes and caps, plastic wrap soap packaging, floss containers, and toothbrushes. (Shampoo bottles are NOT part of this collection.) TerraCycle will give us 2 cents per item.

**Gillette**

We can recycle all brands of blades, razors, and plastic packaging.



**The “IDEA” Prayer**

As we move forward, looking for ways to reach out into our community for Christ, please be in prayer for our church. Here’s the “IDEA” Prayer, a good guide to use as we seek God’s will.

Inspire us,  
Direct us,  
Equip us, and  
Amaze us!



Great “IDEA!”

Praying this prayer puts God in control, letting Him guide all our efforts. Please join us in prayer!