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Stu’s News



Hello!

I’m about to go through the second Christmas with y’all.
It’s hard to believe.

I want to say thank you for all that we’ve shared and all that we will share. The laughter and tears mingle well and remind us that we are alive.

I recently read a Christmas letter that started out with all the joys and yet all the way through those joys, you could see a but coming in the story that unfolded. My friend proceeded to make comments about our world.

Wars continue to rage, hunger wipes out little lives while here in the states we throw more food away than we eat, or it seems that way.

I’m not sure how we should enter 2026. But ignorance is not an excuse. As followers of Jesus Christ we always have the standing invitation to walk in his steps. I look forward to 2026 and being a part of the Trinity community of Faith walking in Christ’s footsteps.

Stu



**9:30 am & 11 am Sunday
Worship in the sanctuary
& via Facebook Live**

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TFC NEWS

Second Sunday and Saturday Services!

On January 11, we will have a 9:30 AM service but won't have our 11 AM service. There will be a 4 PM service in person Saturday, January 10!

Senior Luncheons Of Naples, NY

Senior Luncheons are coming to you right here in Naples! Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12pm the Senior Luncheons are hosted by the Council of Churches at St. Januarius Church! This month's Luncheon is on January 21 and will be serving Turkey Vegetable Soup, egg salad sandwiches and dessert! All luncheons are free, but if you have a wish to donate, you can donate at the St. Januarius luncheon where all proceeds will go to the Naples Open Cupboard! See you there!

Come Pre"prayer"ed

Sermons

1.4.26- "Together"
1 Corinthians 1:3-10

1.10/11.26 "Faithfulness"
Galatians 2:16-21

1.18.26- "Richness of God's Grace"
Ephesians 1:3-12

1.25.26- "Empty or Full"
Philippians 2:5-11

4 PM Chats

1.4.26-Darkness: the Earth
(BYO Snacks, Drinks and Tableware)

1.11.26- Darkness: Fear
(BYO Snacks, Drinks and Tableware)

1.18.26-Darkness: Drum Beats
(BYO Snacks, Drinks and Tableware)

1.25.26-Darkness: God's Light
(BYO Snacks, Drinks and Tableware)

Second Sunday Switch

January 11: No 11 AM service Sunday the 11th but a 4 pm Service on December 10th!

Upcoming Church Events

January 9: Un-decorating the Church

January 31: Annual Church Meeting

Weekly/Monthly Meetings

4PM Chats: Sundays @ 4 PM (BYO snacks, drinks and tableware to share over Biblical Discussion Time!)

Council of Churches Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 10 AM @ St. Januarius Church

Senior Luncheon at St. Januarius Church: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 12PM

Prayer
LIST

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Annual Reports!

It's that time of year again! If you are on the board at Trinity Federated Church, please be prepared to write your department's annual report and email it to Paige Howard no later than January 22nd so she can compile and print them before the annual meeting set to take place on Sunday, January 31. Thank you!

Reports Needed:

Pastor's Report

1. Lay Leader to UMC Annual
2. Conference Report
3. Church Council Report
4. Memorial Fund Report
5. Membership Report and summary as of January 2026
6. Proposed Officers for 2026
7. Trustees Annual Report
8. Deacons Report
9. Worship, Music and Sacraments Report
10. Christian Ed Report
11. Naples Council of Churches Report
12. Treasurer's Year End Report
13. Budget

Naples News: TFC News Continued

Poinsettias at TFC- *in honor and memory of those we love*

Each year at Christmas we line our church sanctuary with these lovely Christmas flowers to remember those who live in our hearts and to give thanks to the friends who still walk beside us. Here is a list of some of those who we honor and remembered this season:

From Stu and Laura Buisch ~ In Memory of Loved Ones

From Pat Peck ~ In memory of Bill, Frank and Eleanor Staples and Rev. and Viola Peck

From Penny Baader ~ In memory of Jarry Baader

From Pam and Jim Hale ~ In memory of our parents and sister, Nancy

From Sharon and Jack Fredericks ~ In memory of Family & Friends & In honor of our church family

From Stephanie Lipp ~ In memory of my mother

From Sherie and Mike ~ In honor and memory of our loved ones

Current TFC Missions:

Missions are in full swing this year as we continue with the multiple missions we have from December! Here is how you can help

Donating Shelf-Stable Food for the Naples Open Cupboard

Dropping off your empty cans/bottles or your bottle deposits to help benefit Courtney's can Crusade. All proceeds go to upcoming expenses that Courtney may need for the year.

Donating winter woolies, hats, socks, gloves, mittens etc for the open closet and Naples Elementary School.

Thank you for helping our beautiful community!

~TFC Missions

New

By: Paige Howard

Breathe in.

The new air reaches my lungs as my night flips to day.

What will be the change?

Breathe out.

The new year thrill that rolls from the top of my head to the tip of my tongue.

What will I shout from my lungs?

Breathe in.

Every thought and feeling I have for a new year;
it enthralls my being as I think about the new being I'll be.

What's in store for me?

Breathe out.

A newness that will walk with me and a newness that will only pass by for a momentary hello.

What shall I hold or let go?

Breathe in.

A wide open new year I'll hold dear but I'll let go looking into the distance that cannot be predicted.

What can I know about what the future has written?

Breathe out.

Only this, the comfort of knowing that the new year gives me a new beginning;
it offers me only to take life one step at a time,
to allow my breath to balance and align,
to let my heart beat steady as I live my life.

Only this: the comfort of knowing that every day I'm here, I can conquer this important, simple task.

Breathe in, Breathe out.