



**ISAIAH 11: 1-10**  
**MARK 13: 24-37**

## TRINITY COMMUNICATION TEAM

Dear Trinity Family,

Due to the recent rise in Covid-19 cases in our community, the session unanimously voted to suspend in-person worship on Nov. 18th. We will continue to provide worship online via our website and Facebook. This was a difficult decision to make and we will miss seeing one another in person. Along with many churches in our community we are loving our neighbors by making this responsible choice.

If the situation in our community does not change, we anticipate meeting for worship online only until Easter 2021. In the meantime, Trinity continues to serve our church family and friends through education, mission, and worship. Please join us Sundays for online worship at 10:30 am, or watch the recording at your convenience.

Lovingly in Christ, Trinity Communication Team

## DEAR TO MY HEART - STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

All gifts from God's heart to ours should be shared with others in the giving of our time, talents and treasure. In these ways we can show our gratitude to God.

We invite you to look back on the things dear to your heart and prayerfully consider how you will pay it forward for others.

If you did not receive a pledge card or have misplaced yours, please contact Becky Schooler, Stewardship Committee Chair, at 271-7230 or the church office.



Trinity recently implemented an option for individuals to give money to Trinity through our new On-Line Giving process. You can find this option on our website at [trinitypresbyterian.net](http://trinitypresbyterian.net). Select the "Give" tab

in the upper right portion of the screen and follow the instructions. Please contact Carol Shannahan with questions.

### On-line Giving FAQs Trinity Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS

**1. How does one give online?**

Select the "Give" button on Trinity's website and you will be prompted for the needed information.

**2. Do I have to set up an account to give online?**

No. However, creating an account would allow you to set up recurring payments and to review your payment history.

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**Joys and Concerns - NOV 29, 2020**

**Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation**

Rose Swanson  
Jennifer, Tim & McKenna Tauer  
Glenda Tegethoff  
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

**Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery Of Northern Ks:**

First United Presbyterian - Carlton

**Prayers for the Ecumenical Church**

Myanmar, Thailand

**New Concerns:**

Audrey & Jacob Barnard and Marilyn Leinacker  
Dolores Kirk  
Don & Carolyn Burns  
Jamie Merklein, Felishity Blubaugh and Kenadee  
Kristen ChoonchoenGerald and Joyce Adcock's aunt, Norma Jean  
Wendy Pullen  
Kay Howard's friends, Jo Miller, and Karen Swogger and daughter, Sarah Michelle Sawtelle

**Ongoing Concerns:**

Carol Shannahan  
Cheryl Lindstrom  
Chuck Pullen  
Helen Rhodes  
Jace Raines  
Jessie Zimmerman  
John Eddy  
Joel Maxon  
Joyce Adcock  
Judy and Carl Rundell  
Nelson Spaulding  
Pam Oroke  
Pat Miller  
Rose Fritz  
Douglas Phenix  
Our troops overseas  
BECKY JONES' brother, Raleigh Carr, & friends, Janice Pechacek and Cheryl Arney; BECKY SCHOOLER'S sister-in-law, Jill; CAROL SHANNAHAN'S friend, Janet; CARMEN RAINES' friend, Mark; ELISE HIGGINS' father-in-law, Bill

3. **Are there processing fees associated with giving online?**  
Yes. For each donation, the fee is 2% of the total donation.
4. **Who pays the processing fees associated with giving online?**  
The donor is given an option to add an extra amount to help offset the 2% fee. Otherwise, Trinity incurs those fees.
5. **Will online donations appear on Trinity's tax statements?**  
Yes. The donor is given credit for the total donation, including any offset amount. So, if the donor includes the \$2 processing fee for a \$100 donation, the donor gets credit on their statement for \$102. The donor will also receive a year-end tax statement from the Presbyterian Foundation reporting the donor's total donations for the year.
6. **How does the donor specify the purpose of their donation?**  
There is a note section in which the donor is encouraged to indicate the specific purpose of their donation. This would be similar to using the memo line on a check and is necessary to insure the donation is used for the purpose intended.

**OPERATION FOOD SECURE AT TRINITY**

**NEXT FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION IS:**

**Wednesday, DECEMBER 9TH, 1 PM**

**FINANCE MATTERS**

As you prepare for the busy holiday season, please keep in mind the following dates:

**December 2020 2021 Weekly Pledge Envelopes.** Boxed sets of 2021 pledge envelopes are available, please call the church office or Carol Shannahan (559-8551), to arrange a time to pick them up, if you would like to have them. You do not have to use these envelopes; you may use any other envelope you choose. The important thing is to write "Pledge", or appropriate account, on the memo line of the check.

**December 2020 2021 Pre-Paid Pledges.** If you wish to prepay any amount of your 2021 pledge, please make sure it is clearly marked "2021 Pledge" to ensure it is recorded correctly.

**Friday, November 29, 2020 Stock Transfers.** If you are considering a gift of mutual funds or appreciated securities, Trinity suggests you begin to initiate your transfers by November 27 to allow sufficient time to process your gift. Please contact Carol Shannahan, before you make the transaction. Our broker will notify me of the amount of the sale, and the name of the stock; but, I have no way of knowing the owner or purpose of the fund or stock gift if you do not speak with me ahead of time. This advance knowledge will of your gift will help me to track the transaction easier.

**Sunday, December 29, 2020 Final 2020 Giving.** We are not quite at the end of the year, but please begin thinking about completing your 2020 pledges and gifts to Trinity. In order to report your donations on your 2020 statement, we are asking that the donations be received on or before Wednesday, December 30, 2020. The timeliness of your gifts is appreciated in order for the Financial Secretary to correctly process and record them. Anything received after the 30<sup>th</sup>, will count as a 2021 donation. Please let me know if you need an update of your 2020 pledge.

**January 2021 2020 Giving Statements.** The 2020 giving statements will be mailed in January, so you will have them before you begin tax preparation.

**Thank you for keeping Trinity in your Holiday planning.**  
Carol Shannahan, Financial Secretary, 785-559-8551

Ward; IRIS NEUENSWANDER'S friend, Robin's family; JARON MARCUS' mother, Sherilyn; KAY AND RALPH HOWARD'S stepbrother, Max Hall, and their niece, Marsha Albright and husband Doug; LEAH FULTON'S sister-in-law, Shirley Mulkey; LETTIE KARLSON'S friend, K.C; MADDIE MELLIES' stepfather, Dave Leinweber; MARILYN LEINACKER'S daughter, Lisa; MARTHA MILLER'S father & mother, Robert & Phyllis Cordell; MARY NESTOR'S sister, Kay Fessler; NELSON SPAULDING'S daughter, Deborah Harris; PAT THOMBLISON'S son's colleague and friends of the Younger family, & friend Alyssa; RUTH & JIM JENKINS' sister, Donna's grandson, Chase, nephew, Glen Nielson, friends JP & Peter, niece, Debbie, & 8-year old great, great niece, Kenzie; TONI FARRELL-HIGGINS' mother, Loretta Farrell & her aunt, Esther Searls; WENDY PULLEN'S brother, Mike Roy, & friend, Gerald Manchester; CHUCK PULLEN'S sister, Ruth Winterton & brother-in-law, Bud Winterton; ZIMMERMAN family

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Due to the recent rise in Covid-19 cases in our community, and in order to follow the Safer-at-Home announcement from the Shawnee County Health Department, the Church and Church Office will be closed until further notice.

Office staff will be working from home. The office phone will be checked for messages throughout the work week, except on holidays. Please continue to call and email the church if you need anything. Using the secretary's email (office@trinitypresbyterian.net) will give you the quickest response, but, all staff will continue to be available directly during normal working hours by calling their personal cell phone numbers.

**Please stay safe!**

**TRINITY MEMBER DIRECTORY ONLINE**

Visit Trinity's website at [www.trinitypresbyterian.net](http://www.trinitypresbyterian.net) to access the most recent directory update. If you have forgotten the password, call or email the church office.

Updated: 11/10/2020

## FROM THE TRINITY FINANCE COMMITTEE

If you are 70 1/2, you may gain a significant income tax advantage by directing your individual retirement annuity (IRA) distribution to Trinity as a qualified charitable donation. Your distribution would be tax free and, of course, would have no tax implications for Trinity. This provision in the tax law would also apply to required minimum distributions from IRAs when you turn 72.

This provision may be particularly beneficial because with the increase in the federal standard deduction, many people no longer realize a tax benefit from deducting charitable contributions as itemized deductions. By making the annuity distribution a direct gift to Trinity, your reportable income is reduced, resulting in a tax savings. You should consult your tax professional if you are interested in accessing this benefit to both you and Trinity.

### 2020 Doorstep Christmas Adoption Wish List

As with everything else in this year of COVID, Doorstep's Christmas adoption will not be a "Store" this year.

We are still adopting 260 Households from the Christmas Bureau which includes 800+ individuals for Christmas, and **we greatly need your help with a few select donations!**

This year we are all trying to work together as a community and provide for Christmas. The Christmas Bureau and adopting agencies have agreed to provide each household at least a food order and \$15 Visa gift card for each member.

This year each household will receive from Doorstep:

- ♦ Christmas Food Order
- ♦ \$15 Visa gift card for each household member listed on their intake
- ♦ Blanket
- ♦ Health Kit

Send your monetary donation to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, Ks 66604 or visit [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org)

**Please Bring Donations to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan, Mon - Fri from 9am - 2pm (South Door) By Mon, Dec 7th.**

#### How You Can Help...

This year we only need a few things, but we need larger numbers of each.

**Money - Our Biggest Need** - To purchase the food, gift cards for 800+ people, and other items we don't receive in donations.

**Blankets** - Twin (40), Full/Queen & King sized (165)

**Towel Sets** - Bath & Hand (130 each)

**Health Kit Items - Full Size**

Shampoo & Conditioner (200 each), Toothpaste (75), Deodorant (250) & Combs

The Nominating Committee of Cathy



Armstrong, Jan Holiwell, Pat Thomblison, Bruce Voigt and Marvin Burris (Chair), are pleased to report that they have filled the slate of nominees for elder, deacon, endowment committee and nominating committee, for classes beginning in 2021.

Many thanks go to the Committee members for their efforts, plus those who suggested persons to contact, and of course, the nominees for their willingness to serve.

We also thank those persons contacted who felt they could not commit at this time. We hope they will be able to serve in future years.

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## Trinity Presbyterian Church Prayers and Concerns

Please keep in prayer all of our friends and family. If you are in special need of prayer or a phone call, or would like yourself, family member, or loved one added to our prayer list, please email the church office or contact Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Kathy Welch (Parish Nurse), or Cathy Armstrong (Deacon Moderator). It is also helpful if you let us know if they or you would like pastoral care.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mere

### CONGREGATION CARE REMINDER

During this time due to the COVID-19 virus, there will be no visits to hospitals, health care facilities (nursing home, assisted & independent living) or in-home visits unless there are extenuating circumstances.

All Trinity staff are available if needed.  
Call or text their cell phones.

### WAYS TO GIVE TO TRINITY

#### By personal check:

Mail it to-  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
4746 SW 21st Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

#### Online Bill Payment:

A service offered by most financial institutions, which creates automatic recurring or one-time gift payments electronically from your bank account.

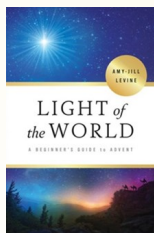
Designate Trinity as payee, and have payments sent to:

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
4746 SW 21st Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

**ONLINE GIVING IS HERE! SEE PAGE ONE OF THIS ISSUE OF THE TRINITY CANDLE.**

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join Adult Sunday school through Zoom every Sunday at 8:45.  
**November 29- December 27**



Join us as Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. She will trace the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations and connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation, and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the Flight to Egypt.

## CHILDREN'S-ZOOM-SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each Sunday

8:45 am - Jr High/Sr High  
12:30 pm - Preschool  
1:00 pm - 1st-3rd Grade  
2:00 pm - 4th -6th Grade



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## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor .....Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan  
Dir. of Christian Education & Outreach..... Karen Meenen  
Parish Nurse ..... Kathy Welch  
Church Secretary ..... Becky Crowl  
Music Director ..... Brad Stipcak  
Keyboardist .....Jaron Marcus