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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

REMINDER: We have returned to online worship only due to the current upsurge in Covid-19 cases across the state and our community. We hope you will join us this Sunday **online**.

The worship service will begin at 10:30 am. You will be able to access it either on Facebook or on the Trinity website.

LINKS to the online service:

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityTopeka/>

<https://trinitypresbyterian.net/facebook-live-stream-videos/>

NOTE: Due to internet issues, the video might not always be uploaded to the Trinity website right at 10:30am. If you are having issues getting the worship video, wait 10-15 minutes and try refreshing the web page.

HELLO TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

The church office is always the "hub" of every church, including ours, and it is no different during COVID. The rise in COVID cases, combined with this being one of the busiest seasons in church life means that it takes even more creativity and flexibility to make sure that essential functions of the office are covered, while, at the same time, the health of the staff is safeguarded.

Effectively immediately, Becky Crowl will work a hybrid schedule, meaning that she will work from home remotely in the mornings, and then will be in the office daily from 12:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Even though she will be in the office, the office is still closed to members and visitors, unless an appointment is made in advance. If you have business in the church office (examples: needing to use the volunteer computer or copier), you will need to conduct your business when Becky is not in the office. If you need to stop by and pick something up, please call ahead and we can arrange for it to be sitting on the visitor's kiosk in the lobby.

Masks are still required to enter the building, even if you are just picking up something from the lobby.

I also want to remind you that you can always reach me by my cell phone, (405) 905-8900. If I am in a meeting or can't answer right away, leave a message or text and I will return your call as soon as I am able.

I thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In Christ, Rev. Mere

CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING

There will be a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, December 20, 10:00am for the purpose of electing church officers. The meeting will be conducted via ZOOM.

Meredith Kemp-Pappan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. You may join the meeting via the link below, or you may call in to the meeting with the provided mobile number. If you are new to ZOOM, please contact Rev. Meredith and she will be happy to walk you through the process.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09)

[pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09)

Meeting ID: 823 489 5951

Passcode: trinity

One tap mobile

Joys and Concerns -Dec. 13 2020

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Amy Thompson & Rosie Thompson-Row

Jerry & Bev Thompson

Phyllis Todd

Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery of Northern Ks:

Faith United Church Presbyterian - Clifton

Prayers for the Ecumenical Church

China, Hong Kong, Macau

Sympathies:

The family of Nelson Spaulding on his death.

Kiara Robinson (Triniteen) on the death of her uncle, Donald Sexton. (Linda Griffin's brother)

New Concerns:

Lot Weckerling

Ongoing Concerns:

Audrey & Jacob Barnard & Marilyn Leinacker

Carol Shannahan

Cheryl Lindstrom

Chuck Pullen

Dolores Kirk

Don & Carolyn Burns

Elaine, Mike & Vicky Alexander

Helen Rhodes

Jace Raines

Jamie Merklein, Felishity Blubaugh & Kenadee

Jessie Zimmerman

TALKING TRINITY NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2021

The January issue of the Talking Trinity monthly newsletter will be sent **electronically** to all Trinity members and friends who have an email address listed in our records. Paper copies will be mailed to those without an email. This method will reduce close contact activity related to folding & mailing during the upsurge of COVID-19 cases. If you receive an emailed copy, but need a paper copy, please contact the church secretary.

OPERATION FOOD SECURE AT TRINITY

Our next free food distribution will be at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 23.

2020 CHRISTMAS DEDICATION FORM

The Deacons will not be ordering for the Christmas season. Instead, we would like to give you the opportunity to donate the money you would normally have spent on a plant to one of the worthwhile causes listed below and have your donation in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Those remembered and honored will be shown on the worship screens during the ONLINE 10:30 a.m. service on December 20th.

NOTE: EXTENDED DEADLINE

YOUR NAME: (please print) _____

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES: (select with a check mark):

- Los Talpetates Scholarship Fund -----DOLLAR AMOUNT: _____
- Presbyterian Disaster Fund -----DOLLAR AMOUNT: _____

Be sure to write the Fund name of your choice in the memo of your check.

DEDICATE MY DONATION AS FOLLOWS: (List names as you want them to be printed in the dedication flyer.)

IN MEMORY of: _____

IN APPRECIATION of: _____

to the GLORY OF GOD.

EXTENDED DEADLINE

WHEN TO PAY:

Payment & order form are **due** in the church office by **Tuesday**
DEC. 15, 2020 to have your dedication included in the list shown during online worship the Sunday before Christmas - Dec. 20th.

HOW TO PAY: (REMINDER: the church office is closed / no staff on site)

SEPARATE from your regular pledge, please **mail form and check** to
Trinity Presbyterian Church - **attn: Becky C**
4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66604

Questions? Contact Cathy Armstrong

John Eddy
Joel Maxon
Joyce Adcock
Judy and Carl Rundell
Kristen Choonchoen
Natalya & Pat Thomblison & Kathleen Thompson
Pam Oroke
Pat Miller
Robert Burtch
Rose Fritz
Wendy Pullen
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; Douglas Phenix; Elise Higgins' father-in-law, Bill Ward; Gerald And Joyce Adcock's aunt, Norma Jean; Iris Neuenswander's friend, Robin's family; Jaron Marcus' mother, Sherilyn; Kay & Ralph Howard's friends, Jo Miller, & Karen Swogger and daughter, Sarah, stepbrother, Max Hall, & niece, Marsha Albright & 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; Michelle Sawtelle; Nelson Spaulding's daughter, Deborah Harris; Pat Thomblison's son's colleague & 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

PROPERTY COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

TRINITY'S KITCHEN TRANSFORMED!

The Property Committee appreciates these volunteers for their service:

Toni Farrell-Higgins for selecting the perfect paint color to complement the new flooring. **Michael Langfitt, Ralph Howard, Dennis Williams and Stan McAdoo** for hours of time cleaning, priming and painting. Special thanks to Stan for serving as the project leader.

*Randall Scott,
Property Committee chair*

(Check out the Jan. TT for more pics.)



Want to find joy in 2020? Try giving to the Christmas Joy Offering. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has four church-wide Special Offerings

which help share Christ's love with millions of people around the world. The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. This is a commitment of the Presbyterian Church for nearly 140 years. This offering is collected from November 29 to December 20. There are many ways to give to Trinity right now. Just indicate if your offering is for the Christmas Joy Offering.



Be an Angel this Advent by providing items for the children of essential workers who attend TDC Childcare at Trinity. A list of needed items is in Talking Trinity. Bring items to Trinity (*call ahead or use your code to assure you have access to drop off in the lobby*) or mail a check made out to Trinity Presbyterian Church with Angel Tree

or your designated item in the memo line. Thank you for sharing. Questions can be directed to Peggy McAdoo.

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.

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 30th, 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.

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:

You can find this option on Trinity's website at www.trinitypresbyterian.net. Select the "Give" tab in the upper right portion of the screen and follow the instructions.

TRINITY MEMBER DIRECTORY ONLINE

Visit Trinity's website at www.trinitypresbyterian.net

to access the most recent directory update. If you have forgotten the password, call or email the church office.



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

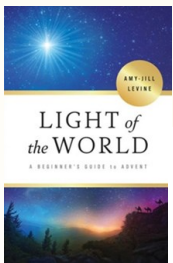
CONGREGATION CARE REMINDER

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.

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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KeyboardistJaron Marcus