



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.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE AN ANGEL by providing funds or items for LELC childcare at Trinity. Bring items to Trinity (**call ahead or use your code to ensure 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.

ITEMS NEEDED

Kleenex
Napkins
Plastic Silverware
Paper Plates

Liquid Hand Soap
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Aluminum Foil

Crayons
Construction Paper
Drawing Paper
Googly Eyes

Baggies – sandwich,
quart or gallon

FINANCE MATTERS

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

Weekly Pledge Envelopes. Boxed sets of 2021 pledge envelopes are available, but not required. You may use any other envelope you choose. Just be sure to write "Pledge" on the memo line of the check.

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.

2020 Giving DEADLINE: In order to include your 2020 donations on your 2020 giving statement, your donations must be **received on or before Wednesday, December 30, 2020**. Anything received after the 30th, will count as a 2021 donation. Please let me know if you need an update of your 2020 pledge.

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

Thank you for keeping Trinity in your Holiday planning.

Joys and Concerns -Dec. 27, 2020

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Bruce, Kelly, Sheridan & Riley Voigt
Alex & Barbara Wales
Adele Wallace
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio
Los Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery Of Northern Ks:

First Presbyterian - Concordia

Prayers for the Ecumenical Church Stateless People

Sympathies:

Family and friends of Rev Tom Henstock

New Concerns:

Ross Freeman
Friends of Tamara Hampton, Becky Bolte and Ed Wiss

Ongoing Concerns:

Audrey & Jacob Barnard and 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
John Eddy
Joel Maxon
Joyce Adcock
Judy and Carl Rundell
Kristen Choonchoen
Lot Weckerling
Natalya & Pat Thomblison & Kathleen Thompson

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OPERATION FOOD SECURE AT TRINITY

December 23rd was Trinity's last food distribution for this year. In the last three months of this year we were blessed to serve a total of 5,582 people with 1,590 boxes of food.,

However, the future of the program is in question. Trinity congregant, Brenda Dietrich has provided us with an update. *Thank you, Brenda!*

12-21-2020

Marissa Dake, the Director of Operation Food Secure at Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries shared this with me today:

*In the final COVID-19 package being negotiated and voted on today, there is a 15% increase in SNAP benefits and additional funding for food banks and senior nutrition programs. It also includes \$13 billion in food purchases and direct support for farmers and ranchers to support and build resiliency in our food supply chain. **However, Farmers to Families was not renewed this round.***

It is Marissa's understanding that the Biden Administration has plans to form another relief package right out the gate, in early February. She plans to keep our advocacy efforts strong as this approaches. Operation Food Secure was invited to join a coalition of nonprofits and ag industry folks who are working on Farmers to Families, so she will be attending those calls as they are scheduled.

I communicated with staff in the offices of our Congressional Delegation asking for funding support for the Farmers to Families Food Box Program. It is unfortunate the funding was not included in the latest COVID Relief bill, but we will continue to advocate and Marissa will let us know the best approach to take with the next administration.

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Dr. Brenda S. Dietrich
Senator-elect KS 20th Senate District

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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.

Secretary, Becky Crawl is working a hybrid schedule, which means she works from home remotely in the mornings, and then works 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 check session chair mailboxes, 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

Pam Oroke
Pat Miller
Robert Burtch
Rose Fritz
Wendy Pullen
Our troops overseas
Becky Jones' friends, Janice Pechacek
& Cheryl Arney; Becky Schooler's
sister-in-law, Jill; Brad Stipcak's
brother, Brett Stipcak; 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
Neuenschwander's friend, Robin's family;
Jaron Marcus' mother, Sherilyn; Kay
& Ralph Howard's friends, Jo Miller, &
Karen Swogger & 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



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The meeting will take place on Sunday, January 31, at 11:30am via ZOOM. We will hear reports from Session committees, receive the 2021 budget, and take action regarding changes in the Terms of Call for Pastor Meredith. If you are new to ZOOM, please contact Rev. Meredith I will be happy to help set you up. **The link to join the Zoom Meeting is:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09>
Meeting ID: 823 489 5951
Passcode: trinity

MARTIN LUTHER KING EVENT

This year's Martin Luther King "Whose Dream Is It?" event will be virtual with music and speakers from the Topeka community, the Martin Luther King National Historical Site and the King family. The event is scheduled for 5 p.m. January 18. More information as to how to attend will be provided closer to the date.

DOORSTEP

The year 2020 was challenging for everyone in some way. Doorstep has felt very blessed during the year with the volunteers who were comfortable coming in to help the staff provide services, and sort donations... and there were many donations with people being home! We also felt very blessed, and supported by all of our donors, and the community as a whole, who helped keep our food shelves stocked throughout the year, and the monetary donations which kept our doors open, and services being provided.

We will start 2021 operating the same way we have been in 2020, with phone intakes for services, and appointments for the clothing room.

At this writing we have not distributed our Christmas items yet, however, Doorstep still adopted the usual 260 households from the Christmas Bureau. This is over 800 individuals who will receive food, gift cards, blankets and health kits. We appreciate everyone who sent monetary donations to help with the increased budget to provide the gift cards this year; and, those who donated blankets, towels and hygiene items.

There will be no Operation Soup Line this year as the Board could not figure out a Covid safe, fundraising positive, way to carry out the event. We have asked our regular sponsors to still donate the funds and basically 'sponsor Doorstep' instead of the event this year as to not lose quite so much money by not having the fundraiser.

We will still proceed with SouperBowl Sunday, February 7th with the collection of soup and crackers to help stock our pantry! Please collect these items to bring to your congregation, or to Doorstep.

We cannot stress enough how thankful and blessed we feel to be so supported during this difficult time as we continue to help our neighbors in need the best way possible.

TO ACCESS THE TRINITY'S MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ONLINE:

- ❖ Go to www.trinitypresbyterian.net
- ❖ Click on **Members/Session**
- ❖ Enter the **password** in the shaded area. (Call or email the church office to get the password.)
- ❖ Select the **Submit** button.
- ❖ Click on **Membership Directory**.
- ❖ Click on **View File** and **you are there!**

TO CHECK THE SESSION MINUTES SECTION, you need a second password. Again, call or email; then:

- ❖ Click **Session Minutes**.
- ❖ Enter the **2nd password**.
- ❖ Click **Submit**.
- ❖ Check out the list of files.

NOTE: To get to **Session Minutes**: when you go to the website, you must **first** enter the **member password**, then select the **Session Minutes**. Enter the **session password** and you are there.

QUESTIONS: Call or email the office.

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 CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS In The Year 2020



The years' Christmas Dedications reflect generous donations to the Los Talpetates Scholarship Fund and the Presbyterian Disaster Fund. Thank you to all.

DONOR:

Gerald & Joyce Adcock
Marvin & Susan Burris
Nancy Clark & Family
Ken & Marion Cott
Glenda L. Tegethoff

DONOR:

Nancy Clark & Family
Mike & Karen Dove
Becky Jones

Martha Miller
Jim & Peggy Morford
Mary Nestor

Becky Schooler
Glenda L. Tegethoff
Jerry & Bev Thompson

IN APPRECIATION OF:

Granddaughter, Allison Sankey
The Amazing Trinity Staff
Phyllis Todd
Amanda Cott
being husband, Duane's, wife for 58 years

IN MEMORY OF:

David H. Todd
Our Parents
Husband Rick & other family members who
have passed away.
My husband, Jeff Miller
Clint Morford
Bobby Fessler, David Fessler, Francis Wheaton,
Shirley Burnett, Care Seltmann, Chance, Willa
My aunt & uncle, Mary & Bryce Kresle
Beloved husband, Duane L. Tegethoff
Lois & Glen Spees

TO THE GLORY OF GOD`

Brenda Dietrich Glenda L. Tegethoff

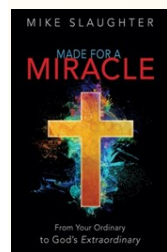
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYERS AND CONCERNS: Please keep in prayer all of our friends and family. If you are in special need of prayer or a phone call, or would like yourself, family member, or loved one added to our prayer list, please email the church office or contact Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, 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.

January 3, 2021 We will kick off the new year with our own Dana Schoffelman as our speaker. Dana will continue our look and study of *RELATIONSHIPS*. Please join us as we start the new year with Dana. This will be zoom Sunday school at 8:45-9:45.



January 10- February 14

We will begin our 2021 year with a new book by Mike Slaughter, *Made for a Miracle*. Mike Slaughter examines the two components of every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, using the abilities we have and directing them toward God's work in the world.

Page Turners Book Study- Zoom meeting at 1:30 on Fridays
A new book for 2021 has not been selected, but watch the Candle for an update.

Tuesdays with the Word- Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM. This is a Zoom fellowship and Bible study time with Pastor Mere. We use the Wired Word as a resource. Join us!

CHILDREN'S-ZOOM-SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us each Sunday

8:45 am - Jr High/Sr High
11:15 am - Preschool
1:00 pm - 1st-3rd Grade
2:00 pm - 4th -6th Grade



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