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TRINITY'S WEEKLY E NEWSLETTER

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FOR THIS SUNDAY

ACTS 2: 1-21
JOHN 15:26-27;
16:4b-15



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May 20, 2021

Dear Friend in Christ,

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Trinity Session has continuously followed local, state, and national recommendations in response to COVID-19. Now that more people are vaccinated, case counts are down, and COVID hospitalizations are at their lowest since the beginning of the pandemic, the Session is happy to announce the following updates to our COVID-19 protocols at Trinity:

1. **Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged.** (Yes, this includes Sunday mornings). Whether or not you wear a mask is a personal preference, and all decisions will be respected.
2. **Social Distancing will remain in place.** The Session will revisit this decision at the June Session Meeting. This means that you will still need to avoid each other on Sunday mornings. The colored dots in the church foyer will remain as a visual guide for how to enter the sanctuary.
 - a. Ushers will maintain flexibility in seating congregants based on capacity and attendance. This means that you can sit by others who may not be in your family group.
 - b. However--please ask before you can sit next to someone you may not know. Some people may wish to maintain greater social distance.
3. **The Parlor will be open on Sunday Mornings and during Sunday Worship.** Bathrooms are open but, we ask that you not crowd them and maintain social distancing. There will still be no nursery. Families with young children are enthusiastically encouraged to join us in the sanctuary.
4. **Small Groups, Relational Groups, and Committees now have the to option to meet in the building.** If your group would like to meet in the building, please contact the church to reserve the space on the calendar. Your group is also encouraged to continue to meet by ZOOM.
5. **Understanding that Funerals are a time of Christian hospitality and pastoral care, Funerals and Memorial Services will be permitted to host receptions with light food and drink.** The pastor, parish nurse, and deacons will work with the family on arrangements for receptions.

If you have any questions about these updates, you are encouraged to reach out to Pastor Meredith.

We appreciate your prayers, cooperation, and patience.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Meredith and the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church



Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan
Minister

Kathy Welch, R.N.
Parish Nurse

Karen Meenen
Dir. of Christian Education



Sunday, May 23rd, is the Birthday of the Church or Pentecost Sunday.

It is when the Holy Spirit was received by believers after the Ascension of Jesus.

It is traditional for believers to wear red on Pentecost! So, wherever or whenever you are able to join us for worship, let's light Topeka up with RED symbolizing the flame of Holy Spirit!!

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP MAY 23TH

IN-PERSON or ON-LINE

Church doors open at **10:10** a.m.

Worship will begin at **10:30** am.

You will be able to access it either on Facebook or on the Trinity website.

LINKS to the Livestream-online service:

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

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



Outsourcing Trinity's Financial Secretary Position

Trinity has had a long run of dedicated volunteers to fill the Financial Secretary position. However, it has been a continual struggle to find replacements who have the time, feel the calling and have the required skill set. Therefore, the Finance Committee recommended and Session approved outsourcing these duties to the C.P.A. firm of Mikoleit, Inc. - the same company Trinity outsourced the Treasurer's duties to in 2019.

Carol Shannahan will remain the person to call if you have any questions about your pledge or other donations that you have made or want to make.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact anyone on the Finance Committee: Michael Hampton, Dennis Williams, Susan Bozeman, Marvin Burris, Carol Shannahan or Lee Langfitt.

PENTECOST OFFERING

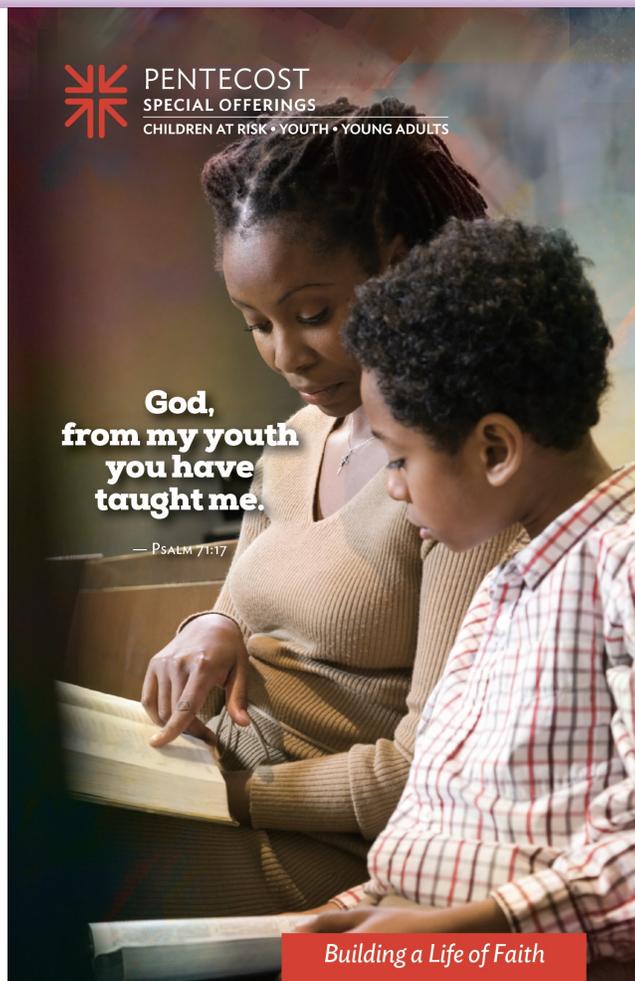
Trinity is currently collecting the **PENTECOST OFFERING**. This offering supports young adults and inspires them to share their faith, ideas and gifts with the church and the world.

When you give to this offering, you are helping to support our own Trinity youth since 40% of money received stays local. This 40% will go toward helping our youth as they do mission work at Heartland Center Work Camp this summer.

Please consider giving to the Pentecost Offering to support its important activities.

You can mail in your offering or drop it off in the offering box at in-person worship.

You can also give through **Trinity's website** at www.trinitypresbyterian.net.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Christian Education Committee has been busy reviewing and selecting materials for fall Sunday School! Please stay tuned for more information.

Sunday School has a variety of components to help us study God's word, share and learn from each other and grow in our spiritual journey.

We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 8:45 for Zoom Sunday School

PAGE TURNERS FRIDAY BOOK STUDY

Trinity's book group, Page Turners, will be starting a new book on June 4. We'll be studying Made for Goodness and Why This Makes All the Difference by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. The group meets via Zoom at 1:30. If you are interested in joining us and getting a ZOOM invitation, please email Carol Thomas at ctmshm@gmail.com.

TUESDAYS WITH THE WORD

Tuesday mornings at 9:00am. This is a Zoom fellowship and Bible study time with Pastor Mere. We use the **Wired Word** as a resource. Join us! Email Pastor Mere at: Meredith@trinitypresbyterian.net to get a ZOOM invitation.

NEEDED: upright or chest freezer or a refrigerator.

Contact Pastor Mere or Karen at: mere@trinitypresbyterian.net karenmeenen@trinitypresbyterian.net Or, call the church at 272-2620. Thanks!



FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES

USD 501 children have returned to the classroom, which means Trinity has returned to distributing free school lunches to children ages 1-18 years. "Grab 'n Go" school lunches are given out on **Wednesdays** from 11a to 12p in the parking lot at Trinity Presbyterian Church when school is in session through June 2nd.



OPERATION FOOD SECURE

May 26, 2021 is the last drive-through distribution for Operation Food Secure due to the discontinuation of the Federal program. We have been honored to serve people in our community. We are looking into other ways to help with food insecurity in Topeka. Please put this endeavor on your prayer list.

GRAB & GO SUMMER FREE MEALS

Trinity has been approved to continue as a site for USD 501 for meal distribution when school is out. The USD 501 through the USDA Summer Food Service Program distributes meals to children ages 1-18 when school is not in session. Households will be able to drive up and receive a bag with 7 days of meals for each child on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. Distribution begins June 9th.



Two volunteers will be needed each week - at least 1 will pick up and return meals to French Middle School. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please call Peggy McAdoo, 785-224-5113.



Karen Willard, Director
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Shepherd's Center's Smoked Pork BBQ Fundraiser July 1



Pulled Pork Sandwich with Sides



Whole Smoked Pork Butt

Get ready for our first Shepherd's Center BBQ Fundraiser! All proceeds will go to SCT to help with expenses. If you love smoked pulled pork sandwiches seasoned to perfection and smoked for twelve to fourteen hours until fork-tender, this fundraiser is for you! You will be able to order a whole pork butt, just in time for July 4th, or a meal that will include a sandwich, two sides, and maybe a sweet treat!

Our offering will be limited. We will only be selling 40 whole pork butts and 200 meals. You will want to place your orders as soon as we start taking them because we will advertise to the public (unless we sell out before then).

Orders will be taken online, by email, or by phone. A drive-thru pick-up time will be determined and will be at the Lowman United Methodist Church parking lot. More information to come. **Volunteers are still needed; please email me.**

Joys and Concerns -May 23, 2021

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Jess & Margaret Danner
Brenda Dietrich
Jeff & Linda Dolezal
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery of Northern Ks:

Trinity Presbyterian - Manhattan

Prayers for the Ecumenical Church

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

New Concerns:

Christa Sloop
Olive Ubel
Wanda Sorber

Ongoing Concerns:

Ann Fincham
Audrey & Jacob Barnard and Marilyn Leinacker
Carol Shannahan
Carolyn Burns
Cheryl Lindstrom
Chuck Pullen
Claudia Jackson
Helen Rhodes
Joyce Adcock

Jessie Zimmerman
John Eddy
Kay Wildman
Marilyn Leinacker
Marilyn Watt
Pat Thomblison & Kathleen Thompson
Pam Oroke
Rose Fritz
Ruth Jenkins
Our troops overseas



Becky Jones' friends, Janice Pechacek & Cheryl Arney; Becky Schooler's sister-in-law, Jill; Brad Stipcak's mother, Beverly; Carol Shannahan's friend, Janet; Carmen Raines' friend, Mark; Carolyn Burns' sister-in-law, Carol Jessop; Carrie & Art Lancaster's daughter, Grace Ray; Cathy Headworth's aunt, Jniece Bell; Iris Neuenswander's sister, Rosalee; Jaron Marcus' mother, Sherilyn; Judy Williams sister, Pat Schummer & friend, Linda Rhodes; Kay & Ralph Howard's stepbrother, Max Hall, nephew in-law Doug; Kay Wildman's niece, Renee Wohletz; Lettie Karlson's friend, K.C; Maddie Mellies' stepfather, Dave Leinweber; Marilyn Leinacker's daughter, Lisa; Mary Nestor's sister, Kay Fessler; Nelson Spaulding's daughter, Deborah Harris; Ruth & Jim Jenkins' sister, Donna's grandson, Chase, friends JP & Peter, and great niece & husband, Michelle & Tony; Toni Farrell-Higgins' mother, Loretta Farrell; Wendy Pullen's friend, Gerald Manchester; Zimmerman family



May 2021

- 23 Pentecost Sunday
8:45 AM ZOOM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person & Online
- 24 Trinity's Anniversary/May 24, 1953
2:00 PM Sticks 'N String SR Group ZOOM
- 25 9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word via ZOOM
- 26 11:00 AM Free School Lunch Distr.
12:00 PM PERSONNEL CMTE MTG - ZOOM
1:00 PM OFS FREE FOOD DISTR
- 27 --
- 28 1:30 PM Page Turners Book Study (ZOOM)
- 29 --

MONDAY - MAY 31: Church Office is closed for Memorial Day.

**UPDATED (3-1-2021)
TRINITY MEMBER
DIRECTORY IS 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.



Advice from a Pickle

- Life can be hard sometimes. Dill with it.
 - Relish every moment you share with those you love.
 - The door to happiness is always ajar.
- If you want life to be sweet, you have to know what sour tastes like, too.
- Remember, life is never a dill moment.
 - Don't worry— in the end, everything will be just brine.

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WAYS TO GIVE TO TRINITY

By personal check:

Mail it to-
Trinity Presbyterian Church
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Online-Bank 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*
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Online-Trinity 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 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



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- Secretary..... Becky Crowl
- Music Director Brad Stipcak
- KeyboardistJaron Marcus
- Audio/Visual Technician.....Peter Sandquist