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TRINITY'S WEEKLY E NEWSLETTER

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FOR THIS SUNDAY

EZEKIEL 37:1-14
MATTHEW 25:31-46



Please join us for **IN-PERSON OR ON-LINE WORSHIP** this Sunday. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. Watch our **LIVESTREAM** service on Facebook at:

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

or on the Trinity website at:

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



Trinity Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer live online **Sunday School for all ages!** Anyone with an internet connection can join via *Google Meet* and *Zoom*. Children, youth, and adults can join a class **from anywhere** with a phone, computer, or other device. Wifi or cellular data will be needed.

Classes are hosted Sundays at 9:30-10:20 am and can be joined by clicking one of the links below. Join a few minutes early to get connected and meet your teacher. Children's and Youth classes are hosted on Google Meets.

We look forward to joining together as we study the faith!

K-3rd grade Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/itn-rrxa-bix?hs=224>

4th-6th grade Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/azx-xkks-eip>

Confirmation (grade 7 and up) Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yri-ksei-sjx>

High School/College Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fid-vxqu-sbp>

Adult class zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYblhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09>

Password: trinity

All Sunday School teachers to be commissioned this Sunday in worship.

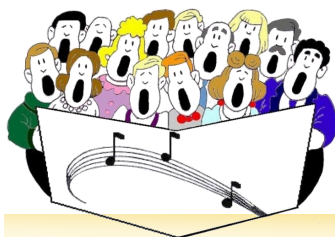
SPECIAL SPEAKER-ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL-THIS SUNDAY

We invite everyone to join us and bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker to help kick off the Fall Season. We have been busy planning the new school year for Adult Christian Education.

Please plan to attend Sunday School at 9:30 on September 12th in Fellowship Hall. We will kick off the year with a guest speaker. We will be joined by Dr. Alan Bearman from Washburn University. He is a Professor of History and the Dean of University Libraries and the Center for Student Success and Retention at Washburn University.

Dr. Bearman will be speaking on the Ichabod Success Institute. This program is designed to assist first time direct-from-high school students prepare for a successful transition into Washburn University.

Please come and join us to hear about this program and its positive impact on students in our community. Looking forward to seeing everyone, meeting new people and learning more about this exciting program at Washburn University!



HERITAGE CHOIR IS BACK! Join us this Sunday and listen to AND SEE the choir as they minister to us with glorious music. **WELCOME BACK CHOIR MEMBERS!!!**



The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. Trinity joins many Christians across the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations. In holy communion, we most deeply celebrate our oneness in Christ.

This year, we are asking for your help in making our altar and communion table a display of that diversity. If you have an item from another country that you would be willing to contribute to our display, please bring it to the church and put it on the table in the parlor. Colorful cloths or items with a little height would be particularly helpful. Please remember to label your

item for retrieval afterward. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, September 29. Thank you for your participation!

Mary Martha

Women's Daytime Circle

Wednesday, October 8, 2021

1:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Study Leader: Cheryl Lindstrom

All are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact Susan Bozeman
skboze@gmail.com or 785-224-0433

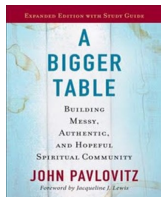


What My Grandmothers Taught Me

Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus
By Meredith

"What My Grandmothers Taught Me" invites us into the stories of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary. How was Jesus shaped by these family stories? What might they have taught Jesus? What can they teach us? How will they lead us into the Good News about Jesus Christ?

PAGE TURNERS FRIDAY BOOK STUDY



Page Turners has started a new book, *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community* by John Pavlovitz. We are continuing to meet in person at Thornton Place in the Chapel on second floor on Fridays at 1:30pm. Thornton Place is off of 29th and behind Hy-Vee (2901 West Armstrong). Text or call Carrie Lancaster with questions.

TUESDAYS WITH THE WORD - NEW LOCATION

Tuesdays with the Word will start meeting at -----
from 9am - 10am. Using a printed lesson, we discuss how Scripture applies to current events.
If you would like to participate, email Rev. Meredith at meredith@trinitypresbyterian.net
so she can get you on the distribution list.

Trinity distributes food from Harvesters the second Monday of every month.
The next drive is Monday, September 13th from 12 pm to ?? It's first come/ first served until the food is all distributed. INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Call Stan McAdoo.





Trinity's justice ministry, Topeka JUMP, will be holding two House Meetings this month. On Sept. 19th, after worship, there will be an in-person House Meeting in Fellowship Hall. Social distancing will take place and masks will be required.

MATTHEW 25

On Sept. 21st at 7:00, there will be a Zoom House Meeting (no masks required- little humor there so laugh). At the House Meetings you will receive issue updates and talk about what keeps you up at night and what worries you have about your family, neighbors and your community. Please contact Jane Williams, Marty Peterson, or Anton Ahrens to make your reservation.



Operation Food Secure - Policy Conference

Trinity was very involved in the last year with the Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM) and Operation Food Secure (OFS). Two representatives from TRM have been invited to join the United Fresh Produce Association Washington Policy Conference on September 20-22 in Washington, DC. United Fresh's working group has consulted with Trinity around the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program over the past year or so, sharing our "on-the-ground" experience and feedback.



The representatives from Topeka will be sharing the story of OFS with Congressional lawmakers and other stakeholders in the fresh produce industry. There will be discussion of the benefits of distributing fresh produce to underserved populations and the advantage of USDA working with nonprofits like TRM and Trinity to do so. OFS had a unique model, leveraging the food far "beyond the box" to focus on "the last mile" and building supportive and meaningful relationships in the communities we served. Having this food opened many doors to other wraparound services: a church helping a single mother fix her car, a NIA president mowing the lawn for an elderly neighbor, a family connected to utility assistance through a volunteer.

The Policy Conference costs \$1600 for two folks to attend. If you would like to donate please send a check to Topeka Rescue Mission (600 N Topeka Avenue, 66608) with Washington DC OFS in the memo line. Any gift will be appreciated.



The Stewardship Committee has chosen the theme "First: putting God first in living and giving" for the 2022 Commitment Campaign. Commitment cards will be mailed the last week of September and the campaign extends through October 24th. Please prayerfully consider how you put God first in your living and giving and return your commitment card in the offering box or by mail. Here are some thoughts from the author of the "First" study series:

The Bible talks a lot about money and material possessions. The Bible also talks a lot about faithful giving, and there are quite a few Scriptures where we are told that God will provide for all our needs. How do we take these Scriptures seriously when we see TV preachers getting obscenely rich while tens of thousands of children starve to death every day? How are we to be faithful to this part of God's word?

It helps us to distinguish between extravagance and abundance. Extravagance is excessive, more than what is really necessary. It's difficult for us to justify extravagance in material possessions when we know that God has called us to share our resources and care for a hurting world.

But abundance is difficult. The abundance described in the Gospels and the letters of Paul is not excessive or more than necessary. The abundance of God fills us at our deepest level and satisfies a hunger that no meals, no matter how extravagant, can touch. According to Paul, God grants us abundance not so we can keep what we are given, but so we will have "more than enough for every kind of good work." Abundance equips us to participate in God's redeeming work in the world, not simply to further the inequality we see all around us.

We experience abundance most fully when we open ourselves to God. When we do so, God plants in us a generosity of spirit that will lead us to provide resources for God's work in the world, not just for our own material comforts. God may not give us every single thing we want, but if we are patient, what we truly need will never be far away.

Author: Mike Slaughter

PNK Youth Confirmation Retreat #1



SAT. - SUN., SEPT. 25-26, MANHATTAN

Explore Confirmation

Hang out with Confirmants from our Presbytery

Lock-In at FPC with fun & games

Attend Praise Fest outdoor concerts

Be Commissioned in Worship

Zip Lining



Drop off: Saturday, September 25th, 11am, FPC Manhattan

Pick up: Sunday, September 26th, 3pm, Wildwood Adventure Park

Cost: \$75 plus spending money for food at Praise Fest

Confirmation is for 7th/8th graders or older youth who have not yet completed confirmation.

Watch for details about a year-long PNKS Virtual Confirmation Program!

LEARN MORE OR REGISTER AT:
pnks.org/upcoming-events

COMPLETE REGISTRATION BY:
September 8, 2021

Confirmation Retreat #1 for Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) youth takes place on Saturday and Sunday, September 25-26th, in Manhattan! This is available for youth in the 7th/8th grade (or older youth who have not completed confirmation).

Click [HERE](#) for Event Information and Registration

Click [HERE](#) for Wildwood Release Form

Click [HERE](#) for PNK Youth Event Registration and Release

Youth Gathering: Faith, Food, & Fun!

On Sunday, September 26th, all Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) middle and high school youth are invited to a youth outing in Manhattan. The event will last from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for Event Information and Registration

Click [HERE](#) for Wildwood Release Form

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PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH GATHERING: FAITH, FOOD, & FUN!

\$65 per youth

SUN., SEPT. 26

WORSHIP: 10:30
LUNCH: 11:30

ZIP LINING: 1:00-3:00

Waiver required!

Worship & Lunch at FPC Manhattan: 801 Leavenworth St., Manhattan
Zip Lining at Wildwood Adventure Park: 375 Johnson Rd., Manhattan

Everyone must turn in a signed, filled out, printed waivers at the course. Participants must weigh between 50 - 275 lbs, wear closed-toed hiking shoes, and bring hair bands if you have long hair. Bring a reusable water bottle! | Registration Deadline Wed., Sept. 8

** Registration & Payment Info at [pnks.org/upcoming-events](#)

Joys and Concerns -September 12, 2021

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Jennifer Tauer & Tim McKenna
Glenda Tegethoff
Jeremy Thoman & Clare Higgins Thoman
Susan Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery of Northern Ks:

First Presbyterian - Solomon

Prayers for the Ecumenical Church

Ghana, Nigeria

Ongoing Concerns:

Audrey & Jacob Barnard and Marilyn Leinacker
Carolyn Burns
Cheryl Lindstrom
Chuck Pullen
Helen Rhodes
John Eddy
Joyce Adcock
Jessie Zimmerman
Jurahee Shriver
Jim Jenkins
Kay Wildman
Marjorie Marrs
Marilyn Leinacker

Marilyn Watt
Olive Ubel
Pat Thomblison & Kathleen Thompson
Pam Oroke
Rose Fritz
Ruth Jenkins
Virginia Pelton
Wanda Sorber

Our troops overseas

Becky Jones' friends, Janice Pechacek & Cheryl Arney; Becky Schooler's sister-in-law, Jill; Carol Shannahan's friend Lise Marie, & friend, Janet; Brad Stipcak's mother Beverly, brother Brett, sister-in-law Jaime Stipcak and nephew Riley Stipcak; Carmen Raines' friend, Mark and family friend, Gage; Carolyn Burns' great nephew-in-law, Danny Baker, & sister-in-law, Carol Jessop; Carrie & Art Lancaster's daughter, Grace Ray; Cathy Headworth's aunt, Jniece Bell; Elise (Higgins') friend, Katy Everitt; Iris Neuenswander's sister, Rosalee; Jaron Marcus' mother, Sherilyn; 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-in-law, Susan Nestor and sister, Kay Fessler; Nelson Spaulding's daughter, Deborah Harris; Ruth & Jim Jenkins' great niece, Kaila, friend, Laura Louna, brother-in-law, Jim, sister, Donna's grandson, Chase, friends JP & Peter, and great niece & husband, Michelle & Tony; Toni Farrell-Higgins' mother, Loretta Farrell; Wendy Pullen and her sister, Shannon: Zimmerman family



12-SUNDAY **WELCOME BACK SUNDAY**

Liturgist: Carol Shannahan
USHERS: Susan Burris & Nancy Carpenter
9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES in-person & online
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/
Online / Commissioning of Teachers
11:30 AM PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE MTG (Parlor)

13-MONDAY

Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference
8:00 AM Mission Cmte Fellowship Hall/Parking Lot)
12:00 PM Harvesters Free Food Distribution (Parking Lot) First Come/First Served
1:30 PM Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor or Zoom)
1:30 PM Worship Cmte via ZOOM

14-TUESDAY

LINE DANCE LESSON (postponed to 9/21)
Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference
9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal)
10:30 AM Wanda Sorber Funeral (S, FH, K, P)
1:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P)
4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)

15-WEDNESDAY

Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference
7:00 PM SESSION (FH)
7:00 PM Square Dance Lessons (FH, K)

16-THURSDAY

5:00 PM Yoga for the Young at Heart (Rm 13/14)
6:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)

17-FRIDAY

7:00 AM LELC Picture Day (FH)
1:30 PM Page Turners Book Study (Thornton Place Chapel)
4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)

18-SATURDAY

7:00 PM Friendship Squares Dance (FH, K)
set up at 6p



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.

WAYS TO GIVE TO TRINITY

By personal check:

Mail it to-
Trinity Presbyterian Church
4746 SW 21st Street
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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*

4746 SW 21st Street Topeka, KS 66604

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.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR MILE WALK OR FUN RUN

Plan to be part of **Doorstep's** Neighbor to Neighbor Mile
Walk or 5K Fun Run on Sunday October 3 at 2 p.m. at
Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road.
Registration forms are available at Trinity on the hall
bulletin board or from Mission Committee members or can
be found at www.DoorstepTopeka.org.

Register early for \$30 to get a t-Shirt. Registrations will be
accepted up to the day of the event without a t-shirt.

Deacon and Pam Oroke served Doorstep faithfully for
many years and Deacon
previously organized Trinity's
walk to support Doorstep.
Let us make a showing this
year in their honor.



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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