

# THE *trinity* candle

TRINITY'S WEEKLY E NEWSLETTER

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FOR THIS SUNDAY

PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9,  
22-23

MATTHEW 25:31-46

Come  
Worship  
with us!  
September 19th

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 Meet*.

**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?wd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09>

Password: **trinity**



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 6, 2021

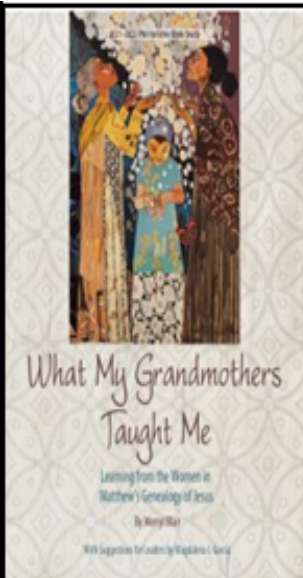
1:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Study Leader: Cheryl Lindstrom

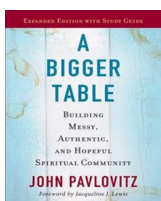
All are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact Susan Bozeman

[skboze@gmail.com](mailto:skboze@gmail.com) or 785-224-0433



"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 is reading, *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 Café Quetzel 2111 SW Belle Ave Suite A & B 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](mailto: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, October 11th 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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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

## Joys and Concerns -September 19, 2021

### Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Carol & Danny Thomas  
Pat & Natalya Thomblison  
Amy Thompson & Rosie Thompson-Rowe  
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

### Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery of Northern Ks:

Summerfield Presbyterian - Summerfield

### Prayers for the Ecumenical Church

Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

### Joys:

Mike and Tamara Hampton on the birth of granddaughters, Mia Diane Wagner to Jacob and Paige Wagner, and big sister Ellie and Nora Elizabeth Hampton to Eric and Hajar Hampton  
Bob and Ann Fincham welcome their first grandchild, James Robert Fincham born 9/14

### Sympathies:

Carolyn & Don Burns and family on the death of her great nephew, Danny Baker

### New Concerns:

Martha Benignus

### 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

Our troops overseas

Becky Jones' friends, Janice Pechacek & Cheryl Arney; Becky Schooler's sister-in-law, Jill; 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' 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



## 19-SUNDAY

Liturgist: Janis Holiwell  
Sermon on the Steps: Carol Thomas  
USHERS: Craig Neuenswander & Pat Thomblison  
9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES in-person & online  
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/  
Online  
11:30 AM JUMP House Meeting In-Person (FH)

## 20-MONDAY

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Sticks 'N String Group  
(Parlor or Zoom)

## 21-TUESDAY

9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal)  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Line Dance Lesson (FH)  
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P)  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM JUMP House Mtg (ZOOM)

## 22-WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Square Dance Lessons (FH, K)

## 23-THURSDAY

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Yoga for the Young at Heart (Rm 13/14)  
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)

## 24-FRIDAY

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Page Turners Book Study (Thornton Place Chapel)  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)

## 25-SATURDAY

9:00 AM Terminex





# PNK News/Events

## Save the Date - Clinton Dedication

The Clinton congregation began worshipping in their new building in late July. Their former church building was struck by lightning and burned to the ground Labor Day weekend in 2019.

We will gather as a presbytery to dedicate their new building and celebrate their continuing ministry on **Sunday, October 10th at 3:00 p.m.** A reception will follow. **SAVE THE DATE** and watch for more information.



## Youth Events Update

**Confirmation Retreat Postponed** - In an abundance of caution, the decision has been made to POSTPONE (not cancel) the Fall Confirmation Retreat to February 12-13. Because of COVID restrictions, there was a need to eliminate overnight accommodations and group meals.

Please mark your calendars for February 12-13, 2022 and save the date.

### Outdoor Ziplining Event Still Scheduled for Sept. 25th

- Youth of PNKS are still invited to gather for Ziplining at Wildwood Adventure Park, 375 Johnson Rd, Manhattan, KS on Sunday, September 26th at 1:00 pm. The event ends at 3:00 pm.

This event will take place 100% outdoors and we will be required to follow all covid protocols that Wildwood has in place. If there isn't a mask mandate at Wildwood, we still encourage participants to bring and wear your mask anytime safe distancing can't be observed.



**[Click HERE](#)** for more information and registration. **Please RSVP by Monday, September 20th.**



## TRINITY MEMBER DIRECTORY IS 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.

## WAYS TO GIVE TO TRINITY

### By personal check:

Mail it to-

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

### 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](http://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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Music Director..... Brad Stipcak  
Keyboardist .....Jaron Marcus  
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