

You're Invited to Join Us!
This Sunday, November 21, 2021
for
Thanksgiving Sunday



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, Kansas 66604

Our worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Join us IN-PERSON or

watch our LIVESTREAM service on Facebook at:

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

or on our

Trinity website at: <https://trinitypresbyterian.net/>

[facebook-live-stream-videos/](#)

41ST ANNUAL
TOPEKA COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

“A
JOYFUL
GATHERING”

Please join us in person or online at:
www.facebook.com/InterfaithOfTopeka

Sunday, November 21
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Highland Park United Methodist
2914 SE Michigan Ave.
Topeka, Kansas

Freewill offering recipient:
Topeka Youth Project

Sponsored by: Interfaith of Topeka &
Highland Park UMC

DECORATE
the Church

The Worship Committee will be getting the lobby/foyer ready for **Advent and Christmas** on **Saturday, November 27, at 1:00 p.m.**

If you would like to help in decorating the **Chrismon tree**, as well as the tree in the parlor, we would be most grateful. Many hands make light work, as the old saying goes, not to mention the fun factor!
Come join us!



Do you know the intent behind the Mission Committee Angel Tree? Every year we select a group to support and this year we have chosen to give to our Little Explorers Day Care.

Beginning November 28, the first day of Advent, the Angel Tree will grace our foyer. Items from the wish list below will be written on paper ornaments to hang on the tree. You can take as many of the ornaments as you wish and then bring the purchased items to church and place on the table by the tree. Items should not be wrapped.

Please consider purchasing any of the following items:

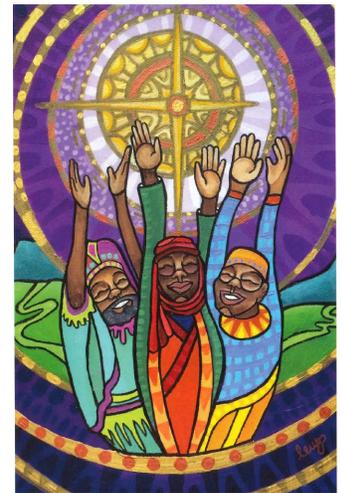
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| Kleenex | Boogie Wipes | Crayons |
| Toilet Paper | Plastic Silverware | Paper Plates |
| Hand Soap | Napkins | Paper Towels |
| Aluminum Foil | Googly eyes | Construction Paper |
| Clorox Wipes | Glue bottles or sticks | Baggies: sandwich, quart, gallon |

The **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is one way we join together as Presbyterians from around the country to meet the needs of vulnerable people we might not be able to meet face to face but who need our support. The gifts we share connect us and also change lives.

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 28 to December 20.

Checks should be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church with the notation “Christmas Joy Offering” in the memo line.



Please give generously, for “if we all do a little – together – it adds up to a lot.”



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Every generous act of giving ... is from above. — JAMES 1:17

The only perfect gift ever given was the one we received in Jesus Christ – a perfect gift from a generous God. Your gifts reflect our generous God by supporting leaders in our Church and world – past, present and future. Please give generously. **When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!**

Name: _____ Envelope Number: _____

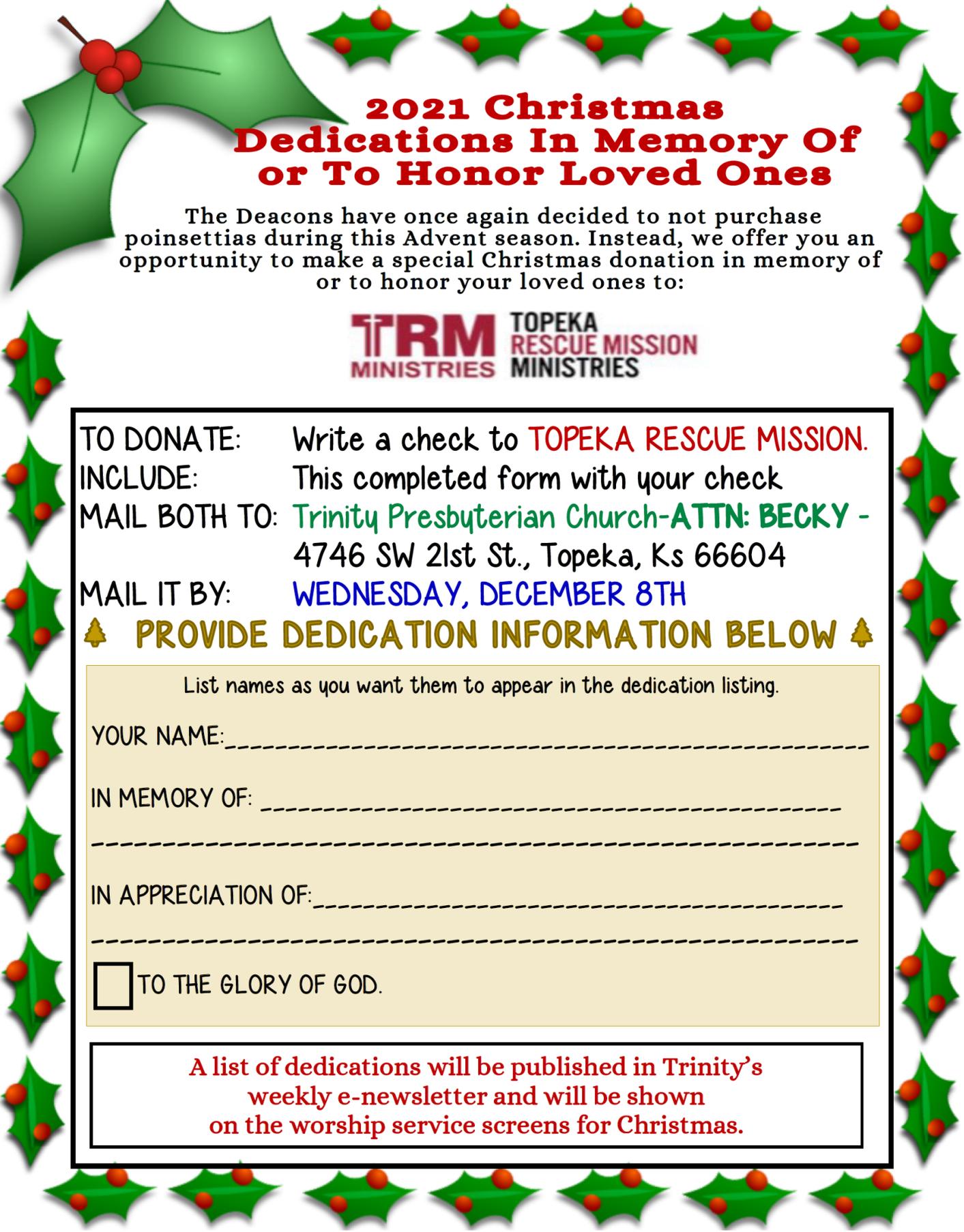
My Gifts: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$500 Other \$ _____

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Visit presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy
for more information or to give online.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission



2021 Christmas Dedications In Memory Of or To Honor Loved Ones

The Deacons have once again decided to not purchase poinsettias during this Advent season. Instead, we offer you an opportunity to make a special Christmas donation in memory of or to honor your loved ones to:



TO DONATE: Write a check to **TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION.**
INCLUDE: This completed form with your check
MAIL BOTH TO: Trinity Presbyterian Church-**ATTN: BECKY** -
4746 SW 21st St., Topeka, Ks 66604
MAIL IT BY: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

🎄 **PROVIDE DEDICATION INFORMATION BELOW** 🎄

List names as you want them to appear in the dedication listing.

YOUR NAME: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN APPRECIATION OF: _____

TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

A list of dedications will be published in Trinity's
weekly e-newsletter and will be shown
on the worship service screens for Christmas.

Forms are available in the church lobby on the Welcome Desk.

HARVESTERS food is distributed the 2nd Monday of every month at Trinity Presbyterian Church in the paved parking lot. Distribution is on a first come/first served basis until all the food is given out. We start at 12 pm. The next drive is **Monday, December 13.**



HARVESTERS
COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Contact Stan McAdoo or call the church at 272-2620.

The Mission Committee has another way Trinity can be of service to those in need!

As the Topeka Rescue Mission volunteers hand out food every week to those who are hungry, people are asking if they have any blankets now that it is getting cold.

Do you have a clean, gently used (not new) blanket or sleeping bag in your linen closet? If you would be willing to part with it, please bring it to the church lobby and place it either in one of the donation boxes or next to them. We will have them delivered to the Rescue Mission.

Thanks so much for helping someone keep warm this winter!



is collecting Christmas items through December 1 for the families it will adopt. Each family will receive a blanket, and a household item (toaster, coffee pot, crock pot, etc.), a health kit and family games as well as a gift card and food basket.

Thanks to your generosity, the health kits are complete and ready to go. We are still collecting blankets, small appliances, games, and puzzles. Leave your donations in the marked boxes in the lobby, and thank you for brightening a Topekan's Christmas.

PNK Junior/Senior High Ski Trip

January 14-17, 2020
Lodging at YMCA's Snow Mountain Ranch / Skiing at Granby Ranch

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Registration Fee \$550 (includes lodging, ski equipment, meals and travel) First-time skiers or snowboarders will pay for a group lesson.

\$200 deposit due with registration by December 3. Balance due by December 31. 20 youth registrations must be received by December 3 to guarantee ski trip.

Should the trip be cancelled for insufficient registrations, full refund of deposits will be made. After December 3, deposits will not be returned.

Travel will be provided by chartered bus through Overland Charters and will begin in Topeka with pickups late afternoon/early evening on Friday with stops in Salina and Hays. Return on Monday with a breakfast stop in Hays and drop-offs in Salina and Topeka by early afternoon.



CLICK HERE to register

CLICK HERE to download the flyer

CLICK HERE to read the skier classification page

LECTIONARY

FOR THIS SUNDAY

REVELATION 1:4B-8
JOHN 18: 33-38

PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners **WILL NOT MEET THIS FRIDAY, November 26th** as we celebrate Thanksgiving. Join us again on December 3rd. We will finish *Every Woman in the Bible* in December.

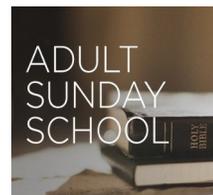
TUESDAYS WITH THE WORD

Please join us for a coffee and spiritual fellowship time with Pastor Mere. We meet on Tuesday, at 9:00 AM at the coffee shop at 21st and Belle, Cafe Quetzal. Join us for this very casual time of fellowship.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL- LOWER LEVEL, ROOM 9 (in-person only)

We will continue with the 3rd lesson in Amy-Jill Levine's book, *The Difficult Words of Jesus*.

Join us as we journey through the Bible and Jesus's stories with Levine's skill, humor and autobiographical insights.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL- FELLOWSHIP HALL (in-person & online)

"How Did That Get In the Bible?"

In the last class, we discussed why the 4 Gospels OPEN the New Testament instead of Paul's letters which were written BEFORE the Gospels. We looked at the time line from the Cross to Revelation-which wasn't the last book really. The 27 "books" (actually letters) were not in that order until around 350 AD. Join me back in 55 AD for more discussion this Sunday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09> Password: trinity

PEACEMAKING: LOS TALPETATES

For almost thirty years, Trinity's congregation has partnered with the people of Los Talpetates, El Salvador. Education is recognized as a solution to the cycle of poverty.



Each year Trinity members provide 25-30 high school and college scholarships. Anyone interested in investing in the education of a young person in Los Talpetates can do so by writing a check to: **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** with **TALPETATES SCHOLARSHIPS** written on the memo line or go to the church website and click "GIVE ONLINE". **Thank you for your generosity!**



Celebrate Advent and Christmas at Trinity

November 28 | 10:30 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent

As we begin Advent, we remember how far from home we are. The world is not as it should be. Many of us feel as if we are wandering with no clear way forward. We long for our home to be made whole, made right, and made well. With deep longing, we watch and wait for God's promises to be fulfilled.

December 5 | 10:30 A.M.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Special Guest Musician- Erin Wood, Harp

In the miraculous birth of John the Baptist, we see the foundation of what is to come. John will go on to prepare the way for Jesus who will guide us all in the way of peace. In this week, we focus on making space—in our lives and our imaginations—for God's blessings to break through.

December 12 | 10:30 A.M.

3rd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist's good news sounds harsh, but he preaches a home for all— where inequities are banished, valleys are lifted up, and all have the resources they need for collective flourishing. Ultimately, John's message is one of joy. Wherever we build, God is there. What we build should be a place with a large table and room for all.

December 12 | 4:00 P.M.

Blue Christmas Service

For those who have experienced loss, the holidays stir up grief in acute ways. This special service is designed to provide space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance amidst the holiday hustle and bustle. Please note that this service will not be livestreamed, but an order of worship will be available to download for those who wish to worship at home at a later time.

December 19 | 10:30 A.M.

Trinity Handbell Choir

After receiving the angel's extraordinary news, Mary retreats to Elizabeth and Zechariah's home to digest her new calling. She seeks refuge and receives a safe haven, a home for her heart to soon sing praise. Sanctuary is anywhere God's love dwells freely and abundantly

December 24 | 6:00 P.M.

Candlelight Christmas Eve with Holy Communion

There is no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn, but babies do not wait! And the time comes to give birth where they are. In many ways, Jesus is born without an invitation, and yet, he devotes his life to inviting people who are cast out. In the same way, we might imagine the story of Christmas as God's invitation to be welcomed home.



Joys and Concerns -Nov. 21, 2021

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Matt, Sarah & Charlotte Williams

Mit & Susan Winter

Ashley Young

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

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery of Northern Ks

Wakarusa Presbyterian Church - Wakarusa

Prayers for the Ecumenical Church

East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

Joys

Congratulations to Melissa and Nick Bylsma on the birth of Ethan Charles on Sunday, Nov 14

New Concerns

Becky Crowl

Ongoing Concerns

Carolyn Burns

Cheryl Lindstrom

Chuck Pullen

Helen Rhodes

John Eddy

Joyce Adcock

Jessie Zimmerman

Jim Jenkins

Judy and Carl Rundell

Kay Wildman

Marjorie Marrs

Marilyn Leinacker and family (Audrey and Jacob Barnard)

Marilyn Watt

Martha Benignus

Olive Ubel

Pat Thomblison & Kathleen Thompson

Pam Oroke

Rose Fritz

Ruth Jenkins

Virginia Pelton

Wendy Pullen

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; Carol Shannahan's mother, Anita & friend,

Wanda; 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; Karen Botkin; 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; Rev. Mike Kuner; Ruth & Jim

Jenkins' great niece, Kaila, friend, Laura Louna, brother-in-

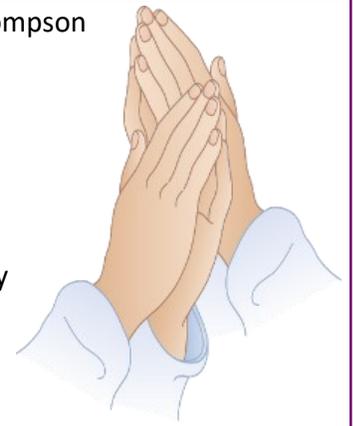
law, Jim, sister, Donna's grandson, Chase, friends JP &

Peter, and great niece & husband, Michelle & Tony; Toni

Farrell-Higgins' mother, Loretta Farrell & Son-in-Law,

Jeremy's mother, Carla Thoman; Wendy Pullen's sister,

Shannon; Zimmerman family



SUNDAY NOV. 21

Liturgist: Michael Langfitt

Sermon on the Steps: Pat Thomblison

USHERS: Craig & Iris Neuenswander

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES in-person & online

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online

MONDAY NOV. 22

Submit hours/ reimbursements to Treasurer

12:00 PM PERSONNEL CMTE MTG - ZOOM

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

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM mtg (P)

TUESDAY NOV. 23

NO Line Dance Lesson

9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal)

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)

WEDNESDAY NOV. 24

THURSDAY NOV. 25

Happy Thanksgiving

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

LELC CLOSED

NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal

NO Heritage Choir Rehearsal

NO Yoga for the Young at Heart

FRIDAY NOV. 26

*CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

LELC CLOSED

NO Aerobics

NO Page Turners Book Study

SATURDAY NOV. 27

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM TRINITY DECORATES FOR ADVENT



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.

Select the "Give" tab in the upper right portion of the screen and follow the instructions. Special Offering can also be designated.



As the current Stewardship campaign comes to a close, we are short of projected revenues sufficient to maintain our programs at their current levels for the coming year. Session is discussing budget adjustments for next year.

If you have not done so, please turn in your 2022 commitment card by mail; in the Sunday offering box; or online by going to the website, selecting the GIVE option and then selecting "2022 commitment" in the drop-down menu.

We really need your generous response now.



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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