



THE *talking trinity*

*The monthly newsletter for
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Topeka, Kansas*

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2022

≡HAPPY NEW YEAR≡

Life has no remote.
Let's get up and
change it!

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS!



Harry Ruppel recently became a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church after transferring his membership from Central Presbyterian Church in Topeka. Harry was from a military family with his father traveling many places. They eventually settled in Topeka. He started his career in the Army National Guard at seventeen years of age and continued full time retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He and his wife had two sons and now Harry has two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He doesn't remember when he joined Central Presbyterian church but did so after following a friend there. He follows Washburn University and Kansas University in basketball.

His hobbies are "messing around with model railroads and building models". Harry's reason for joining Trinity Presbyterian Church: He became friends with Ross and Fern Freeman when Ross preached at Central Presbyterian, but also he has received so much love since attending Trinity. He said, "The church does not care for and love people, the people in the church do."

JoAnn Moseman grew up in northeast Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dan and she are from the same home town and were married 42 years ago. They have 2 grown children. Elissa Jones and her family are here in Topeka and son Andrew and his wife, Janet, live in Los Angeles. Elissa teaches ESL at Topeka West and her husband, Chis, teaches religious studies at Washburn.

While Dan served 20 years in the Air Force, JoAnn worked in and around education as they moved to different assignments. When he retired from the military they moved to the Lincoln, Nebraska area. She worked at the University of Nebraska for 18 years as Transfer Coordinator evaluating the credit students transferred to UNL, helping them in the transition and was advisor to a national honor society chapter.

When both retired from UNL in 2020, they moved to Topeka to be near their 2 grandchildren, Wyatt and Hazel. Moving during the pandemic was a little isolating as they didn't know people here. They really felt at home when coming to Trinity so they transferred their membership from Hickman Presbyterian. JoAnn has sung in choir since high school, but is new to hand bells. She really appreciates the warm welcome received at Trinity. In retirement, she enjoys having more time to quilt, sew, read and spend time with family. She cheers on Husker Volleyball and now also Washburn volleyball and the Chiefs. They like to travel and find interesting people and places in Topeka and Kansas.



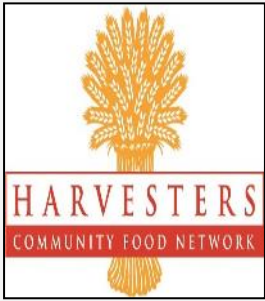
Dan Moseman grew up in a small town in northeast Nebraska and graduated from Saint Martins College. JoAnn and he are from the same home town and were married 42 years ago. They have 2 grown children. Elissa Jones and her family are here in Topeka and our son Andrew and his wife, Janet, live in Los Angeles. Elissa teaches ESL at Topeka West and her husband, Chis, teaches religious studies at Washburn.

Dan served twenty years in the Air Force as an aircraft mechanic and a senior maintenance instructor as they moved to various assignments. After military service, JoAnn and he moved to the Lincoln Nebraska area where he worked for University of Nebraska Landscape Services and completed his Masters degree in Community and Regional Planning.

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★★★★★ We're So Glad You All Are Here! ★★★★★



HARVESTERS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT TRINITY is the 2nd Monday of the month on a first come/first served basis until all the food is given out. We start at 12 pm. The next drive is **Monday, January 10.**

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



Trinity's justice ministry, Topeka JUMP, has kicked-off its 2021-2022 research cycle. Three areas will be researched.

One is a new campaign issue, Mental Health Crisis. Work will also continue in the areas of Predatory Lending and Affordable Housing. The Violence Campaign has finished its research and implementation of SAVE (Strategies Against Violence Everywhere) has started. However, JUMP continues to follow up on its progress. Below is information about each of these justice areas JUMP is pursuing.

The Mental Health Crisis Committee's research will focus on Shawnee County. The committee will work to narrow the topic and research best practice solutions. It has plans to meet with various groups that deal with this subject. These include Valeo Behavioral Health Care, Shawnee County Corrections, and Family Service and Guidance Center. These meetings will be to gather information and build relationships with those who deal with people in a mental health crisis.

JUMP's Predatory Lending Committee continues to be part of the Kansas Coalition for Payday Lending Reform. As a reminder, Kansas law allows companies to charge a much higher rate of interest than companies in states such as Colorado and Ohio. The APR in Colorado is 66.7%, in Ohio 89.58% and in Kansas 239%. These loans are meant to get people through hard times and not a debt trap. Last year, House Bill 2189 and Senate Bill 218 were introduced in the Kansas Legislature calling for payday lending reform. JUMP and the Kansas Coalition for Payday Lending will continue to push for reform with these bills.

The Affordable Housing Committee continues to seek funding for the Housing Trust Fund. Many families making less than \$40,000 a year are sleeping in cars, choosing rent over childcare and groceries or renting unsafe apartments. JUMP, along with Corner Stone of Topeka, Habitat for Humanity, SENT, INC and others concerned with affordable housing are pushing the city to put some of the \$45 million of the American Rescue Plan money into the trust fund. The Committee also continues to work on having a dedicated source of revenue for the fund. Work toward this goal is on-going and includes meetings with the City Manager, Mayor, members of the city council and various interested community members.

**“What does the LORD require of you?
To do justice, to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8**





DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Trinity supports Doorstep as a Coordinating Congregation and therefore includes Doorstep's in our Mission budget as well as interpreting the various events to the congregation for additional support. You may **donate gently used clothing and non-perishable items anytime** during the year. These donations can be placed in the Mission boxes in Trinity's lobby for weekly delivery to Doorstep. There are numerous other events sponsored by Doorstep to extend their fundraising community wide. To help you plan ahead, here is a summary of the events to watch for this year. Thank you for your continued support.

January	Continuing the 55th Anniversary Fundraising Celebration to raise funds to replace the HVAC system in the building. Donations of \$55 or any amount may be made to Doorstep with the notation "55 th Anniversary." Souper Bowl Sunday information distributed. Collection of soup and crackers over Super Bowl Weekend to help stock the food pantry.
February	Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th. Soup and Cracker Collection
March	Trinity's month for major food donations and clothing room assistance. Buy the Case Project Opportunities to assist in the Clothing Room to be announced. At the current time Doorstep is restricting additional volunteers due to COVID.
April	Annual Volunteer Banquet ; Quilt Drawing Event to be determined based on COVID.
June	Summer Cash Bash – Depends on having match money available.
July	Christmas In July throughout the month to collect items for the 260 households involving over 800 individuals to be adopted by Doorstep in December for Christmas. Items need to be new or nearly new and will be stored at Doorstep until December. Flyers distributed to let people know what we need and help spread the cost of donations between July and November/December.
August	NHN Walk/5K Run information mailed.
September	Cinnamon Roll & Tamale Sale – To Be Determined based on COVID
October	<u>Sunday, October 2nd, Doorstep Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run, Lake Shawnee 2pm</u>
November	Doorstep Christmas Store. Collection of items for the 260 households adopted for Christmas by the agency & congregations.
December	Christmas Store ~ Gifts, volunteers and monetary donations needed by December 1 Christmas Store Distribution_- December 13th – 16th

GREEN CORNER



Ever wonder how large a carbon footprint you or your family is creating?

Our basic habits each day contribute to the greenhouse gas emissions and make up our carbon footprint.



The Environmental Protection Agency has an easy to use tool to help us determine our basic footprint based on our household energy, transportation usage, and waste. We can enter information such as our electricity bills or usage, our mileage, and our recycling habits to see how we compare with the average American. It also offers ideas for decreasing that footprint on the tool.

If you would like to try it, go to: www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator

Next we can put our church into the calculator and see how we do!

BOOK/DISCUSSION GROUPS



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.

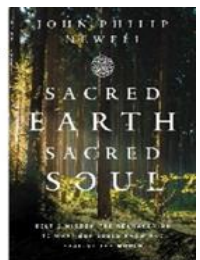


Page Turners **WILL NOT MEET** during the **month of January**.

Please plan to **join us again in February**, when we will begin

Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul by John Philip Newell

Contact Carol Thomas (785-357-1472) for questions.



Adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JANUARY

9:30-10:15 SUNDAY MORNINGS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:30-10:15 SUNDAY MORNINGS IN RM 9, LOWER LEVEL



TRINITY CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS 2021

*The years'
Christmas
Dedications
reflect generous
donations to the
Topeka Rescue
Mission.*

Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries

Who We Are

Our Mission: Ministering to those in need by bringing help and hope through sheltering and serving the homeless and feeding the hungry.

Our Vision: Working together to transform the community through the love of Jesus Christ.

What We Do

The Topeka Rescue Mission is a Christian organization dedicated to helping the homeless by providing emergency shelter, meals, clothing and other needed items, programs, and services, to men, women, and families, as well as providing food and other necessities to the needy in the Topeka Community.

THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS!

"IN APPRECIATION OF"

DONOR:

Marvin & Susan Burris
Jim & Ruth Jenkins
Art & Carrie Lancaster
Greg & Jenny Lee
Dan & JoAnn Moseman
Carol Shannahan

IN APPRECIATION OF:

Our children and grand children
Our sons and their families
Oklahoma Rescue Mission
Children and grand children
Rita Moseman
Friend dear to my heart

CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS

"IN MEMORY" & "TO THE GLORY OF GOD"



DONOR:

Joyce & Gerald Adcock

Jan Allen

Mike & Karen Dove

Bonnie Gray

Jim & Ruth Jenkins

Becky A. Jones

Art & Carrie Lancaster

Michael & Lee Langfitt

Greg & Jenny Lee

Marilyn Leinacker

Carolyn Lillie

Jim & Peggy Morford

Dan & JoAnn Moseman

Craig & Iris Neuwander

Helen Rhodes

Becky Schooler

Carol Shannahan

Glenda Tegethoff

Jerry & Bev Thompson

Don & Vicky Walters

Judy Williams

Mit & Susan Winter

IN MEMORY OF:

Joyce's parents & brother; Gerald's parents & sister;
To our 15 Saints from Trinity

Bill Allen, husband

Our Parents

Husband Ronald Martin Gray

Family & Friends

Richard Jones, Jr.

W. Don Law

Our parents

Parents

Lynn Barnard

Jim Lillie

Clint Morford

Dwain Moseman; Elna & Barb Kinkaid

Myron & Iliff Nichols (Iris's parents)

My husband, Frank Rhodes

Mary & Bryce Kresie

My Dad & Other Relatives

Duane L. Tegethoff & Lisa R. Holmes

Lois & Glen Spees

Howard & Betty Lee Swanson & JJ & Kathryn Walters

Husband Don Williams and son Jeffrey Williams

Our parents

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Art & Carrie Lancaster

THIS IS TRINITY!

RAKING DAY AT TRINITY

THANK YOU TO THESE
EXCELLENT VOLUNTEERS

Carolyn Lillie

Dan Moseman

(special thanks to JoAnn for the treats and drinks)

Dennis Williams

Janis Holiwell

Martha Miller

Meredith, Henry & Lilly Kemp-Pappan

Michael Langfitt

Mike Dove

Peggy and Stan McAdoo

Ralph Howard

Randall Scott

Robert Hachiya

Susan Stickley

Vicky Walters (recycled leaves)





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Liturgist: Anton Ahrens NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Sermon on the Steps: no message USHERS: Dan Moseman & David Shriver 9:30 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL in-person & online 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online	27 CANCELED - PERSONNEL CMTE MTG - ZOOM LELC closed 1:30 PM Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)	28 9:00 AM NO MTG Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00 AM Line Dance Lesson (FH) CANCELED 1:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	29	30 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)	31 *CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S EVE NO Page Turners Book Study 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	1 New Year's Day 9:00 AM Terminex
2 Liturgist: NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Marvin Burris & Dennis Williams 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES in-person & online 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online	3 1:30 PM Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)	4 NO Line Dance Lesson 9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal) 12:30 PM MISSION CMTE MTG ZOOM 1:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14) 5:00 PM DEACON CMTE MTG - ZOOM	5 1:30 PM Mary Martha Circle (P) 6:45 PM Esther Circle (P) lesson starts at 7	6 Epiphany 5:00 PM Yoga for the Young at Heart (Rm 13/14) 6:00 PM PROPERTY CMTE MTG - ZOOM 6:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)	7 NO Page Turners until Feb. 2022 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	8 2:00 PM Friendship Squares Dance (FH,K) set 1pm
9 Liturgist: Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Susan Burris & Nancy Carpenter 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES in-person & online 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30 AM PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE MTG (Parlor)	10 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) 1:30 PM Worship Cmte via ZOOM	11 9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00 AM Line Dance Lesson TBD 1:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14) 6:00 PM P.E.O. FJ Meeting (FH, K, P)	12 6:00 PM FINANCE CMTE MTG (P)	13 12:00 PM JUMP Clergy Mtg (FH) 2:00 PM Worship Cmte via ZOOM 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)	14 NO Page Turners until Feb. 2022 PNK Youth Ski Trip 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	15 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE PNK Youth Ski Trip
16 Liturgist: PNK Youth Ski Trip Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Craig & Iris Neuenswander 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES in-person & online 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online	17 Martin L. King, Jr. Day SESSION PACKET REPORTS DUE AT NOON 1:30 PM Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)	18 9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00 AM Line Dance Lesson TBD 1:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	19 7:00 PM SESSION (FH)	20 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)	21 NO Page Turners until Feb. 2022 12:30 PM PEO-PS (P, K) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14) 7:00 PM Friendship Squares Dance (FH, K) set up at 6p	22 Submit hours/ reimbursements to Treasurer
23 Liturgist: Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Dan Moseman & David Shriver 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES in-person & online 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online	24 12:00 PM PERSONNEL CMTE MTG - ZOOM 1:30 PM Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)	25 9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00 AM Line Dance Lesson (FH) 1:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	26	27 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)	28 NO Page Turners until Feb. 2022 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	29
30 Liturgist: Sermon on the Steps: Trinity Annual Meeting (ttba) USHERS: Ann Fincham & Marvin or Susan Burris 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES in-person & online 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online	31 1:30 PM Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)	1 9:00 AM Tuesday's with the Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00 AM Line Dance Lesson (FH) 12:30 PM MISSION CMTE MTG ZOOM 1:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14) 5:00 PM DEACON CMTE MTG - ZOOM	2 1:30 PM Mary Martha Circle (P) 6:45 PM Esther Circle (P) lesson starts at 7	3 5:00 PM Yoga for the Young at Heart (Rm 13/14) 6:00 PM PROPERTY CMTE MTG - ZOOM 6:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)	4 1:30 PM Page Turners Book Study (Thornton Place Chapel) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	5 9:00 AM Terminex 2:00 PM Friendship Squares Dance (FH,K) set 1pm

PRAYER CONCERNS as of DECEMBER 21, 2021

Ongoing Concerns:

Carolyn Burns
Cheryl Lindstrom
Chuck Pullen
Helen Rhodes
Jim Jenkins
John Eddy
Joyce Adcock
Jessie Zimmerman
Judy and Carl Rundell
Kay Wildman
Marjorie Marrs
Marilyn Leinacker and family (Audrey and Jacob Barnard)
Marilyn Watt
Martha Benignus
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' cousin, Alison, 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, Niece Bell; Elise (Higgins') friend, Katy Everitt; Iris Neuenswander's sister, Rosalee; Jaron Marcus' mother, Sherilyn; Karen Botkins, Line Dance Instructor; 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; ; Zimmerman family



In Loving Memory

Elaine Alexander
10/23/2021

Jerry Dietrich
11/25/2021

Dale Langley
11/27/2021

Olive Ubel
12/5/2021



Happy Birthday

3-Jan Jurahee Shriver
 4-Jan Sherul Daniels
 4-Jan Meaghan Ricks
 5-Jan Debra Ricks
 5-Jan Ian Anabe
 7-Jan Aaron Meenen
 8-Jan Ben Mulegwa
 8-Jan Ruth Jenkins
 10-Jan Titan Osburn
 11-Jan Joyce Adcock
 12-Jan Nancy Carpenter
 13-Jan Clare Higgins Thoman
 13-Jan Marvin Burris
 19-Jan Beverly Thompson
 19-Jan Kelly Voigt
 20-Jan Reed Schoffelman
 20-Jan Jill Greer
 20-Jan Melissa Bultsma
 21-Jan Chuck Pullen
 21-Jan David Ross
 21-Jan Carl Rundell
 21-Jan Kem Sloop
 22-Jan Muriel McClenny
 26-Jan Manuella Mulegwa
 27-Jan Jaxton Zabokrtsky
 27-Jan Fern Freeman
 30-Jan Ann Fincham

Happy Anniversary

4-Jan Janis & Clyde Holiwell
 5-Jan Marvin & Susan Burris
 6-Jan Stan & Peggy McAdoo
 7-Jan Duane & Martha Huizenga
 25-Jan David & Jurahee Shriver
 30-Jan Jeff & Linda Dolezal

Joys

Tom Ashley announces
 the marriage of his son
 -Clayton & Kate Ashley
 married on 12/13/21.

Congratulation to Michael and Madison Meenen on the
 birth of **Violet Evelene Meenen**.
 She was born on 12/14 weighing 8 lbs 1 oz. Mom, Dad,
 brother and sister are doing well. What a blessed joy!



THANK YOU

I want to thank the Deacons for the
 gift card for finals week. It came in
 handy and I really appreciate it!
 Sarah Meenen

2021 In-Person Worship

November 21	78
November 28	63
December 5	94
December 12	91
December 19	86



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Christmas



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