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A Monthly Newsletter, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Topeka, Kansas - APRIL 2022

Holy Neek

tells the

story

Jesus

Palm Sunday
April 10

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. Worship at 10:30 a.m. Waving of Palms Sermon: God Moves...to the Cross.

Maundy Thursday
April 14

Meditative Worship at 7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Good Friday April 15

We remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10)

Caster April 17

HE IS ALIVE! CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Joyous Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sermon: God Moves...Out of the Tomb! No Sunday School

PASTOR MERE'S LENT SERMON SERIES CONTINUES-

April 4: God Moves Us...to Empty Ourselves

April 10: God Moves...to the Cross

April 17: Easter Sunday: God Moves...Out of the Tomb

Life is full of surprises. With luck, most are the good kind—a chance meeting with a friend on the sidewalk; a secret retirement soiree; an opportunity when it is least expected. Faith is full of surprises, too. The Bible is replete with stories about how God continues to defy human expectations. Perhaps the



greatest surprise is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The women go to the tomb expecting to find the body of Jesus when—Surprise!--they discover the tomb is empty and Jesus is risen.

In the weeks after Easter Sunday, our Sunday worship and sermons will focus on the surprising acts of God in the book of Acts. The early Christians whose stories are told in the book of Acts have no shortage of surprises. The resurrection sets off a host of unexpected events and changes for Jesus' followers, even changes within themselves. If our own spiritual lives have come to seem humdrum and everyday, these stories will awaken in us a new desire for God's work in the lives of unsuspecting, ordinary people like ourselves.

As we explore the journey of surprises in these texts, we will learn the spiritual habit of welcoming an unpredictable God and coming to expect the unexpected.

Surprise-Christ is Risen!

Rev. Meredith



NEW MEMBER INFORMATION CLASS

If you are interested in joining Trinity, or if you would like to learn more about Trinity and the Presbyterian Church, you are invited to the next New Member Informational Meeting on Sunday, April 24, 9:15 - 10:15 during the Sunday School Hour.

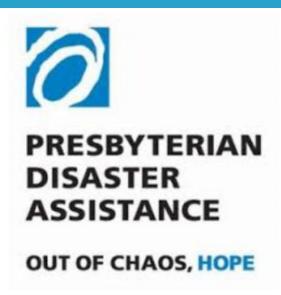
Please contact Rev. Meredith if you would like to attend.

March was a big month! It was Trinity's month to provide food to fill Doorstep's food pantry. The pantry provides food free to patrons to help fill their food needs in times when they cannot afford it. Each year Trinity generously steps up to help. 2022 was no exception. Once again, our Buy The Case program has made a significant impact on Doorstep's food program. As of 3/20/22, we have raised \$2,157.57 for the purchase of food for Doostep! WAY TO GO TRINITY!

A BIG THANKS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT FOR THIS MISSION PROJECT.



One Great Hour of Sharing



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees Receives 32% of funds raised



PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed

Receives 36% of funds raised



SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues Receives 32% of funds raised

When making a donation by check, be sure to write checks to Trinity Presbyterian Church and put "OGHS" in the memo line.

Or, you can also give to the OGHS offering through our website. If you go to www.trinitypresbyterian.net/give, there is an option to give to any of our special offerings.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Update

Thank you again to everyone who donated towards Doorstep's **SouperBowl Sunday** collection of soup and crackers. A total of **5,342 pounds** of food was donated from our member congregations! Trinity contributed 437 pounds (8%) of the total.

Match Challenge Met, Goal Still Attainable

The Match Challenge for March was met which means \$40,000 toward the goal to replace the HVAC system was reached. With \$25,000 remaining donors are still needed to get to the finish line by May 31st!

Amid rising gas and electric costs, the new system will allow increased efficiency to allow savings on the cost to heat and cool the building. Please consider donating to the HVAC upgrade project. Any funds over what is needed for the purchase and installation of the new HVAC system will be used towards additional rent and utility assistance for our neighbors in need. Please send donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th, Topeka, Ks 66604. You can also visit the website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org and donate through PayPal. Make sure to note the HVAC fund on any donation you send for this project.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

As COVID cases drop in El Salvador, school in Talpetates is once again "in person." Plans are being made for a trip to visit Talpetates this summer. The Peacemaking Committee is always on the lookout for members and



to see what Trinity's "walking with the people of El Salvador" looks like, consider being part of this year's delegation.

For more information about the trip, contact Anton Ahrens at 785-232-2060 or antonf58@att.net





GREEN

IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME!

And what better way to have your home really clean but to utilize natural green cleaners instead of commercial ones. Plus it helps keep toxic chemicals out of your home as well. The EPA indicates that many cleaners contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which are suspected or known to cause cancer in humans.



MATTHEW 2

5 basic ingredients will tackle most jobs:

White vinegar, Baking soda, Club soda, Lemon juice, Liquid castile soap

All-purpose cleaner: 1/2 tsp baking soda and a dab of castile soap into a spray bottle with 2 cups of very hot tap water. Shake to dissolve. Spray will keep indefinitely.

Bathroom cleaners: Scouring scrub - combine 1/2 cup baking soda with enough liquid soap to achieve a frosting-like consistency. Optional - add 5-10 drops of an essential oil for fragrance. Club soda works wonders on plumbing fixtures.

Toilet cleaner: Sprinkle baking soda or pour white vinegar into the toilet, and let sit for a few minutes. Scrub with toilet brush.

Glass cleaner: Use club soda in a spray bottle and scrub with terry cloth cotton. Add 1 tsp of lemon juice to increase your window's degreasing power.

Happy Cleaning!



Get Ready Trinity! Your Invitation is Coming!



Invitation On May 9th at 7:00 at Lee Arena on Washburn University campus,

Trinity's justice ministry, Topeka JUMP, will hold its Nehemiah Assembly. JUMP's campaign issues this year include Mental Health Crisis, Affordable Housing, and Predatory Lending. Mayor Mike Padilla and other officials will be in attendance. Everyone is encouraged to attend and provide people power to the assembly. When a Trinity member calls and invites you to the assembly say "YES" to attending the Nehemiah Assembly.



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

TOPEKA JUMP! JUMP FOR JUSTICE!



Shepherd's Center of Topeka (SCT) offers "Adventure in Learning" in April. SCT is a community ministry whose mission is to operate volunteer seniors organization that enhances socialization, physical well-being, spiritual growth, and education for life. Here are some of the important details:

- * 4 Fridays in April (April 8-29)
- ***** 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- * 2 sessions 3 options per session presentations on zoom or in-person
- * First session is free; the monthly series is \$30 or \$25 for SCT members (\$30 annually)
- * Place: Lowman Methodist Church, 4101 SW 15th Street
- * Options include: News and Views with Kevin McFarland, 24 for Life, Norma Pettijohn's organ memories, Keep America Beautiful, Evel Knievel Museum, Coffee Church, the Tallgrass Prairie, Melodears Concert, Sneak Peek at Civic Theater, Library update, Downtown Topeka, Care of Senior pets, and more.
- * Registration is at the website www.shepherdscentertopeka.org, shepherdstopeka@yahoo.com or call 785-149-2158.

BOOK&DISCUSSION

Come read & discuss

Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber with us on Fridays from 1:30-3:00.

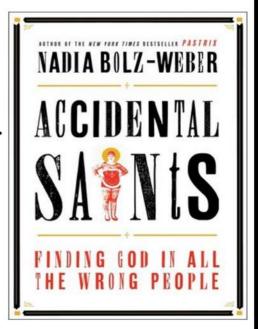
We meet in-person in the chapel at Thornton Place.

(2901 SW Armstrong; west of the HyVee at 29th & Wanamaker)

We will start a new book later in April.

See The Candle online newsletter for details or contact Carol Thomas with questions.

(ctmshm@gmail.com)





Join us as we gather together in the coffee shop, **Cafe Quetzal**, at 21st and Belle!

We meet on Tuesdays, at 9 a.m. for a very casual time of coffee, spiritual fellowship and discussion time with **Pastor Mere.**

WHAT IS A QUETZAL?

The resplendent Quetzal is a rare bird, mysterious and hidden, one that few people in the world have seen. For years, people of Central and South America have sought them out, hoping for a glimpse of this beautiful and secret treasure of God's creation. To look upon a Quetzal is to be a part of something miraculous and unexpected. The marvelous creature is a symbol of freedom for the ancient Maya people, and in fact, the Quetzal cannot live in captivity. It must be free. This timeless and unique creature of God invites our curiosity and our quest for that which is beyond our fingertips; for that which is transcendent. The flight pattern of this bird is a continuous string of hills and valleys much like the inner journey of the spiritual seeker. The Quetzal inspires; it brings hope, life, freedom, and wonder.



As a Matthew 25 church, we are continuing to learn more about how to bring justice to our community...Micah 6:8, "What does the LORD require of you? To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

your God."



We want to thank Ashley Hennessy for the time she spent with our Adult Sunday school class. Ashley shared her experiences and successes with the Oxford House model right here in Shawnee County as well as the state of Kansas and the nation. Oxford Houses are a proven strategy that helps to provide social support, reliable employment, and stable housing for those overcoming addiction. The Oxford Houses will receive \$261,000 from the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) over the next two years which leads to up to 14 new houses and 100 new beds. This all came about with the commitment from Andy Brown with KDADS and the mental health initiative through Topeka JUMP. Thank you Ashley, for keeping us informed!

Sunday, April 10
PALM SUNDAY
DVD title: OPEN
This class/DVD will be a
follow up to our study of the
book Too Busy Not to Pray.

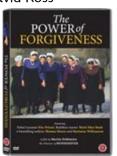
Rob Bell helps us to understand how Jesus prayed. Maybe if we understood how Jesus prayed, our concepts and expectations of prayer would change. Facilitator: Jenny Lee





Sunday, April 24
We will begin our 4 week
study of *The Power of*Forgiveness.

We will study the healing power of forgiveness and discuss how forgiveness can transform our lives. Facilitators: Jon Farrell-Higgins and David Ross



~~~no children's, youth or adult sunday school on easter~~~

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ON-LINE CONNECTION LINKS

Anyone with an internet connection can join via Google Meets 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.

Preschool through College classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday via "GOOGLE MEET" using the following links:

PreSchool-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 (gr. 7 & up) - Video call link: https://meet.google.com/yrj-ksei-sjx

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

The Adult class will meet using the "ZOOM" link below. The on-line room opens at 9 a.m. and class starts at 9:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Adult class ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8234895951?pwd=eFFYbllhUHZlcmVYd05UKzk3REg0QT09

Password: trinity



School Makes a Difference



Confirmation Sunday School Class on a Sunday Faith Visit at Café Quetzal











Pastor
Mere
Hosts
Jump
Clergy
meeting
at Trinity.



Happy Anniversary

4/18 Bob & Ann Fincham
4/28 Kristin & Brian Chooncharoen



THANK YOU

I want to thank you for your calls, cards, prayers and support since moving to Salina. I miss my church family so much!

Martha Benignus



Happy Birthday

4/2 Helen Rhodes

4/2 Kelly Stevenson

4/4 Judy Williams

4/5 Craig Neuenswander

4/6 Henry Kemp-Pappan

4/12 Lillian Kemp-Pappan

4/12 Jacqueline Weber

4/12 Ken Cott

4/14 Anton Ahrens

4/16 Charlotte Williams

4/17 Carol Thomas

4/19 Karen Dove

4/23 Marilyn Leinacker

4/23 Beverly Leonard

4/24 Heather Hughes

4/24 Jeff Dolezal

4/24 Jeanie Wallace

4/26 Pam Oroke

4/26 Anna Ahrens

4/28 Lisa Smelser

4/29 Jacob Barnard

4/30 Melissa Oroke

PRAYER CONCERNS as of MARCH 25, 2022

Ashley Young Carolyn Burns

Cathy and Jon Wasinger

Cheryl Lindstrom

Chuck Pullen

David Shriver

Helen Rhodes

Jessie Zimmerman

Jim Jenkins

John Eddy

Joyce Adcock

Judy and Carl Rundell

Kay Wildman

Kiara Robinson's (Triniteen) mother, Linda

Griffin

Marjorie Marrs

Marilyn Leinacker and family (Audrey and

Jacob Barnard)

Marilyn Watt

Martha Benignus

Pam Oroke

Pat Thomblison & Kathleen Thompson

Rose Fritz

Ruth Jenkins

Stan McAdoo

Wendy Pullen

Our troops overseas

Becky Jones' friends, Janice Pechacek and

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, Jniece Bell; Elise (Higgins') friend, Katy Everitt; Iris Neuenswander's sister, Rosalee; Jaron Marcus, his father, and mother, Sherilyn; Joann Hurt's daughter, Sara Grabil; 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 & Sonin-Law; Zimmerman family



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Month	Date	Week	In Person	Website	Facebook	Average
FEBRUARY	2/6/2022	1st	47	2	4	53
	2/13/2022	2nd	61	2	2	65
	2/20/2022	3rd	61	6	6	73
	2/27/2022	4th	52	6	8	66
MARCH	3/2/2022	Ash Wed	30		3	33
	3/6/2022	1st	87	7	2	96
	3/13/2022	2nd	56	7	3	66
	3/20/2022	3rd	66	4	6	76

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT Liturgist: Laura Sidlinger Sermon on the Steps: Carrie Lancaster USHERS: Dan Moseman & David Shriver 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULTS In-person only 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for Children & Youth in-person & online 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online	28 12:00 PM PERSONNEL CMTE MTG - ZOOM 1:30 PM Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 5:30 PM Worship Planning Cmte ZOOM	Quetzal) 10:00 AM Line Dance	30 8:00 AM Stormont Vail Moblile Health Clinic (Parking Lot) 6:45 PM Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)	31 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)	1:30 PM Page Turners Book Study (Thornton Place Chapel) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	2 9:00 AM Terminex 7:00 PM Friendship Squares Dance (FH, K) set up at 6p
3 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT Liturgist: Connie Hubbell Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Marvin Burris & Dennis Williams 9:30 AM Bread baking-Children's SS Class (K) 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULTS In-person only 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for Children & Youth in-person & online 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online	String Group (Parlor) 7:00 PM JUMP Rally (Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church)	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) 5:30 PM DEACON CMTE MTG - ZOOM	Rehearsal (S)	7 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)	8 12:00 PM VISIONING CMTE MTG ZOOM 12:30 PM PEO-PS (P, K) 1:30 PM Page Turners Book Study (Thornton Place Chapel) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	9
10 Holy Week Liturgist: Marvin Burris Palm Sunday Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Susan Burris & Nancy Carpenter 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULTS In-person only 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL for Children & Youth in-person & online 10:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT - Preschool thru 6th grade (Playground) 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30 AM PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE MTG (Parlor) 1:00 PM ENDOWMENT CMTE MTG ZOOM	11 8:00 AM -11:00pm Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot Reserved) 12:00 PM Harvesters Free Food Distribution (Parking Lot) First Come/First Served 1:30 PM Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)	12 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)	13 6:00 PM FINANCE CMTE MTG (P) 6:45 PM Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)	14 Maundy Thursday 2:00 PM WORSHIP CMTE MTG via ZOOM 5:00 PM Yoga for the Young at Heart (Rm 13/14) 6:30 PM PROPERTY CMTE MTG - ZOOM 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (S)	15 Good Friday HOLIDAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE Visioning Cmte Mtg ZOOM 1:30 PM Page Turners Book Study (Thornton Place Chapel) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	16
17 Easter Sunday Liturgist: Jon Farrell-Higgins Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Craig & Iris Neuenswander 9:30 AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULTS 9:30 AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for Children & Youth 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online		Quetzal) 10:00 AM Line Dance Lesson (FH) 1:30 PM Office Staff Meeting (P)	20 6:45 PM Flute Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM SESSION (FH)	21 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)	22 reimbursements to Treasurer 1:30 PM Page Turners Book Study (Thornton Place Chapel) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	23
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PASTOR MIKE KUNER-BENEFIT

Mike was diagnosed with cancer last Fall and is undergoing treatments.

After countless hospital and rehab stays, pain, and side effects from treatments, he has had to retire.

Join us on May 7, 2022 Wakarusa Presbyterian Church 10135 S.W. Jordan Rd. Wakarusa, KS 66546

MEAL

Served Noon-2:30 p.m.
Pork loin sandwich, side, dessert and drink.
Adults - \$8.00 Kids under 10 - \$4.00

QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 Drawing at 3:30 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION

Noon until 3:15 p.m. LOTS of items to auction off!!

BINGO

Begins promptly at 1 p.m. 10 games will be played. BINGO CARDS 1 pad=10 cards \$15

PRIZES!!! PRIZES!!! PRIZES!!!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED

Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, April 10, during Sunday School. We need individually wrapped non-seasonal candy (size that will fit in a plastic egg). Questions contact Karen.