

For Sunday, December 2, 2018

THE *trinity candle*  
A Weekly Newsletter

"Glorify God, Share Christ's Love. Make New Disciples."

Trinity Presbyterian Church 4746 SW 21<sup>st</sup> Street Topeka, Kansas 66604 785 272-2620

9:30a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Study Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan 10:30 Morning Worship Service

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/CHILI FEED - DECEMBER 2

Our annual Triniteens' and Children's Christmas Programs will be held this coming Sunday, Dec. 2. They will be DURING WORSHIP at 10:30 am. The Triniteens will present "Warning! Youth Group at Work" and the children will present "Don't Freak Out: A Christmas Program". Immediately after worship at 11:30, you're invited to enjoy a great lunch at our annual Triniteen Chili Feed. A free-will offering will be received to raise money for youth mission projects. Summer 2019, the Triniteens are attending Triennium.

#### POINSETTIA PLANT ORDERING DEADLINE - DECEMBER 2

If you wish to dedicate poinsettias to loved ones, be sure to complete a poinsettia order form and mail or turn it in, with your check made out to Trinity Presbyterian church for \$8.00, by Dec 2. (Please write "Poinsettia" in the memo line of your check.) Separate Poinsettia ENVELOPES are available to put your form and payment in the collection plate (so they are credited properly.) Get an order form from the ushers on Sundays or check the church lobby and office.

#### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES

Triniteens Practice: Sunday, December 2 at 8:45 am; Children Kindergarten - Sixth Grade Practice: Sunday, December 2 at 9:30 am; Children Infant -age 5 Practice: Sunday, December 2 at 9:30 am

#### A CHRISTMAS CANTATA - DECEMBER 9

The Heritage Choir, under the direction of Andy Huff, will perform a Christmas Cantata, "The Glory of Christmas" during worship on Sunday December 9th. Please make plans to attend this event. The choir has dedicated their time to learning this glorious music and look forward to sharing it with you all during this Christmas season.

#### IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP HEARTLAND - DECEMBER 9 DEADLINE

Camp offerings and dates for summer are available at [www.heartlandcenter.org](http://www.heartlandcenter.org) for youth that have completed 2nd grade through completed 12th grade. There is a significant reduction in cost if you register early. Registering and paying a \$75 deposit online by December 18 will allow you the following discounts (excluding family and grand camp); if online registration or payment is not an option for you, a paper registration and \$75 check must be received in the church office by December 9 for the following discounts: ...15% cost of camp by Heartland Center ...1/3 cost of camp by Presbytery ...1/3 cost of camp by Trinity Presbyterian. Registering after December 18 you will only receive the 1/3 cost of camp discount by Presbytery. If you sign up for camp and have a conflict with the date you signed up to attend, you can switch to another camp date if there are openings by contacting Heartland Center.

#### CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED

Sending a child to camp makes a great Christmas gift! Please consider helping to send a Trinity youth/child to summer camp at Heartland. We have several families who could use some financial assistance in order to send their child to camp. If you would be interested in making a donation to the camp fund, please contact Karen Meenen or Pastor Mere.

#### END OF YEAR 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Please turn in all 2018 financial contributions as soon as possible. Contributions received after December 27, 2018 will be posted to 2019. For those who want to use them, 2019 Pledge envelopes will be available in the church foyer.

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The church office will be closed for Christmas - Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25, and for New Years - Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019.

#### PNK WINTER YOUTH RETREAT/TUBING

Plan to attend a fun weekend January 12 & 13 tubing with youth from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas. Please arrive at First Presbyterian Church Topeka on Saturday, January 12 at 11 am. We will spend Saturday tubing at Snow Creek Resort in Weston, Missouri. We will return to Topeka and spend the night at First Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$75 per person before December 1st. After December 1st the cost is \$90. Cost is inclusive of meals, transportation, and lodging. Trinity will pay a portion of the early bird registration (see Youth News) if form and payment are received by December 1st. Questions? See Karen.

#### TRIENNIUM - JULY 16-20, 2019

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a five day event for high school age youth (entering freshmen through graduated seniors). The Youth Triennium occurs every three years. The event is held at Purdue University and typically has more than 5,000 participants. We are accepting registration forms with a \$50 deposit.

#### TRIENNIUM SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED

What a great Christmas gift to help send a youth to Triennium. We have several families who could use financial assistance. If you would be interested in making a donation, please contact Karen Meenen or Pastor Mere.

#### CHILDREN - INFANT THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

We invite and encourage families to bring all children in to Sunday worship services. After the Young People's Message, if parents wish to, infants through Kindergarten age children can be taken to the Nursery/Pre-school room until the end of worship.

#### TRINITY'S 2019 BOOK OF LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Please join Trinity's family and friends in writing a Lenten devotional for our 2019 Lenten Devotional Book. Our 2019 Lenten devotionals will focus on DOUBT. We stand in a long line of great people like John the Baptist who have experienced DOUBT. We can be confident that our DOUBT does not offend God. DOUBT is not displeasing to God, but is, instead, part of God's design for our lives. DOUBT is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of our humanity. Please share how doubt has played a role in your faith journey. Please send your devotionals to [jenny222lee@gmail.com](mailto:jenny222lee@gmail.com), OR put into Jenny Lee's box in the church office.

volunteers  
do good, feel good

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - SATURDAY - DECEMBER 1**

Join TDC Learning Centers for family friendly holiday celebration from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the VFW on 3110 SW Huntoon St. Enjoy an early meal with games and goodies to celebrate the season with Jolly Ole St. Nick. Proceeds from this event will help TDC purchase books, toys, technology and room furnishings for five locations so we can continue innovative care and early instruction for young children across the Greater Topeka area. Advanced tickets: 0-2: Free/ 3-13: \$4/ 14 & older: \$6 (Use online portal at [www.learnplaygrow.org/events](http://www.learnplaygrow.org/events)) Tickets at the door: 0-2 Free/ 3-13: \$5/ 14 & older: \$8

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY**

The flowers in the sanctuary have been provided to the Glory of God by Jim and Ruth Jenkins in loving memory of our dads and Jim's brother, Larry

**SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Ushers: Triniteens  
Nursery Helpers: Julie Friedstrom, Natalya Thomblison  
Sound Room: Mary Nestor  
Video: tbd  
Deacon of the Week: Rhonda Ross



**DECEMBER 2018**

**WEEKLY GLANCE AT THE CALENDAR**

For more calendar information, go to our website: [www.trinitypresbyterian.net](http://www.trinitypresbyterian.net).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b> Advent 8:45 AM Triniteen Pageant Dress Rehearsal and Group Picture (Sanctuary) 9:15 AM Nursery Open 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Childrens Pageant Dress Rehearsal/Group Picture (Sanctuary) <b>10:30 AM WORSHIP- Christmas Pageant/ Children &amp; Youth</b> <b>11:30 AM Annual Chili Feed (FH, K, P)</b> 3:30 PM Vespers at Presby Manor 4:00 PM THE HEAT (YOGA)(FH)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30 AM Mondays with Mere (Classic Bean) 12:00 PM Bible Bites (Bible Study) (P) 12:00 PM THE HEAT Kickbox Fusion (FH) 1:00 PM Sticks 'n String (P) 5:00 PM NO MISSION CMTE (P) 5:30 PM The HEAT Strong by ZUMBA (FH) 6:15 PM The HEAT- Pilates Fusion (FH) 7:15 PM Men's Group - Football @ Jeremiah's</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (P) 12:00 PM The HEAT Yoga (FH) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm 13/14) 5:30 PM THE HEAT-ZUMBA FITNESS (FH) 5:45 PM DEACONS Mtg (Rm 12) 5:45 PM WORSHIP (Rm 12) 6:10 PM Nursery Open 6:15 PM THE HEAT- Cardio Interval (FH) 7:15 PM Squares Dance Lessons (FH, K)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 12:00 PM THE HEAT (Kickboxing) (FH) 1:30 PM Mary Ruth Circle NOON NOELS-1ST PRES 5:00 PM EVANGELISM Mtg (Parlor) 6:45 PM Esther Circle (P) lesson starts at 7</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11:00 AM R &amp; R with the Word 12:00 PM The HEAT- Pilates (FH) 5:00 PM Yoga (Rm 13/14) 5:30 PM The Heat Cardio Interval (FH) 6:00 PM PROPERTY Committee (Rm. 12) 6:10 PM Nursery Open 6:15 PM THE HEAT-ZUMBA FITNESS (FH) 6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Rm 11)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 12:00 PM The HEAT Cardio Strength (FH) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:00 AM JUMP RESEARCH KICKOFF MEETING (FH, P, RM 12, K) 9:00 AM The HEAT -CARDIO REMIX (cr st) 10:00 AM Staff Christmas Party (Farrell-Higgins home)</p>

**Joys and Concerns – DECEMBER 2, 2018**

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Cathy & Devan Headworth  
Thomas Henstock  
Alden & Enid Hickman  
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery Of Northern Ks:

First United Presbyterian - Mahaska, KS

Sympathy

Bev Thompson & family on the death of her mom, Lois Spees

New Concerns:

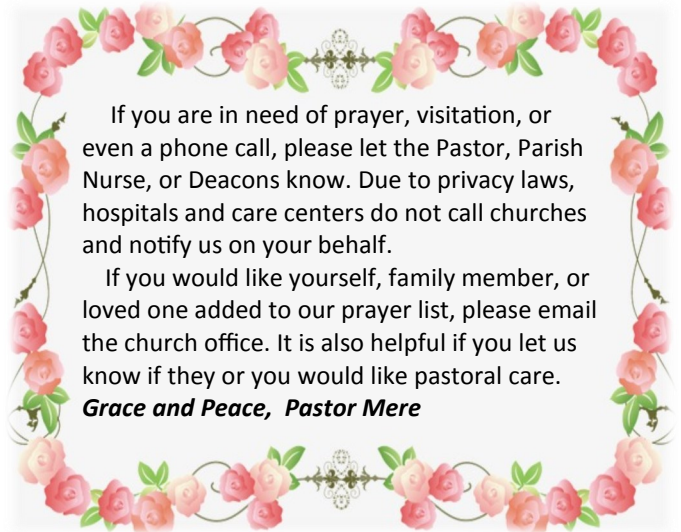
John Eddy  
Doug Meenen's brother in law, Randy Brown

Ongoing Concerns:

Bill Allen  
Charles Alexander  
Chuck Linn  
Dave Scheer  
Deacon Oroke  
Marjie Marrs  
J. and Pauly Ricks  
John Eddy  
Laura Sidlinger  
Mary Kresie  
Nelson Spaulding  
Pam Oroke  
Rose and David Fritz  
Tim Tauer  
**Our troops overseas**



ANN MARIE SNOOK; BECKY JONES' daughter-in-law, Erin & friends, Janice Pechacek and Cheryl Arney; CARMEN RAINES friend, Lori Christensen; CAROL SHANNAHAN'S friends, Angela & Janet; DONNA WHIPPLE'S friend, Mikal; DOUG MEENEN'S dad, Don; KAY HOWARD'S friend, Donna's grandson, Isaac and family; LETTIE CARLSON'S friend, K.C; MARILYN LEINACKER'S daughter, Lisa; MARTHA MILLER'S great-niece, Meleya and father, Robert Cordell; MARY NESTOR'S nephews, Bobby & David Fessler ; MIT AND SUSAN WINTER'S niece, Jennifer Kidd; NELSON SPAULDING'S daughter, Deborah Harris; PAT THOMBLISON'S friends, Jason & Elise; PEG TOLLEFSON'S grandson, Christopher (Chris); RUTH & JIM JENKINS' Brother-in-Law, James Nielsen; friend, Vicky; VIRGINIA PELTON'S sister, Ruby Nauman; ZIMMERMAN family



If you are in need of prayer, visitation, or even a phone call, please let the Pastor, Parish Nurse, or Deacons know. Due to privacy laws, hospitals and care centers do not call churches and notify us on your behalf.

If you would like yourself, family member, or loved one added to our prayer list, please email the church office. It is also helpful if you let us know if they or you would like pastoral care.

**Grace and Peace, Pastor Mere**



Please keep in prayer all of our friends and family who are not able to be in worship with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Kathy Welch (Parish Nurse), or Susan Burris (Deacon Moderator).