

For Sunday, December 16, 2018

THE *trinity candle*
A Weekly Newsletter

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

Trinity Presbyterian Church 4746 SW 21st Street Topeka, Kansas 66604 785 272-2620
9:30a.m. Sunday School Adult Bible Study Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan 10:30 Morning Worship Service

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE, DECEMBER 16, 4:00 P.M.

The Advent and Christmas Season is not always a time of brightness and cheer. For those experiencing loss, family stress, or other complicated emotions, it is not "the most wonderful time of the year." Please join Rev. Meredith for a quiet, contemplative service this afternoon, December 16. Amidst the candlelight and prayers, we will lift our concerns to the God who is always with us, even when the days do not seem merry and bright.

MESSENGER BIBLE STUDY - DECEMBER 16

We will be reading the book of Titus - all 3 chapters, as Paul presents an outline as to how we should live out our faith.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE and COOKIE AND PUNCH RECEPTION - DECEMBER 24

Join us Monday, December 24th at 7:30 for our candlelight, family friendly Christmas Eve worship service. Immediately following the service, we invite you to join us at a cookie and punch reception. If you would like to provide cookies for the reception or are interested in helping serve, please contact Janis Holiwell at 785 231-8445.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - DECEMBER 23 & 30

The Bible Study class will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. The other classes including children are taking a holiday break. Nursery will be open during worship beginning at 10:15 a.m

POINSETTIA PLANTS - REMINDER

This is a reminder for those of you who ordered Poinsettia's that you plan to keep. Please pick them up right *after* worship on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, from the sanctuary. Deacons will be on hand to wrap up your poinsettian in a bag to protect it from the cold air as you leave the church.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - DECEMBER 23 & 24

The Christmas Joy Offering provides critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Consider your gift to support past leadership as well as present leadership as they face times of great financial need or uncertainty due to unforeseen circumstances. Give through the congregation – envelopes are in the pews, indicate Christmas Joy on the memo line of your check **OR** Text JOY to 20222 to give \$10 **OR** give online at www.presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy. The Angel Tree in the Narthex has suggestions for donations to benefit the TDC Little Explorer's Program and Talpetates Scholarship Fund. Select an ornament. Place items in the box by the tree. The scholarship donations should be clearly marked for the Talpetates Scholarship Fund and placed in the offering or Peacemaking mailbox.

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**.

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.

FLASH - HEARTLAND CENTER JUST NOTIFIED US OF CHANGES HAPPENING IN 2019.

Overnight camp:

- will only be the 4 weeks of July (7, 14, 21, 28) and
- will only be able to accommodate 371 kids at those camps and is expected to fill quickly.

Cost changes are:

- Camp Prices are lower but there is no 15% early bird discount.
- 1/3 cost of camp will be paid by Presbytery
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 - you register and pay a \$75 deposit online by December 18 or
 - we receive your paper registration and a \$75 check in the church office by December 9.

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 may be able to 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.

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, OR put into Jenny Lee's box in the church office.

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The flowers in the sanctuary are Poinsettia plants purchased by members and friends of Trinity and dedicated in honor and in memory of loved ones and to the glory of God.

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Marvin Burris, Susan Burris, Carl Rundell, Vicky Walters
 Nursery Helpers: Judy Rundell
 Sound Room: Mary Nestor
 Video: Felishity Blubaugh
 Deacon of the Week: Susan Burris
 Liturgist: Jenny Lee



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WEEKLY GLANCE AT THE CALENDAR

For more calendar information, go to our website: www.trinitypresbyterian.net.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 9:15 AM Nursery Open 9:30 AM Sunday School - All classes 10:30 AM WORSHIP 4:00 PM THE HEAT (YOGA)(FH)	17 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) 5:30 PM The HEAT Strong by ZUMBA (FH) 6:15 PM The HEAT -Pilates Fusion (FH) 7:15 PM Men's Group - Football @ Williams'	18 FOLDING TALKING TRINITY (P) 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) 6:10 PM Nursery Open 6:15 PM THE HEAT- Cardio Interval (FH) 7:15 PM Squares Dance Lessons (FH, K)	19 12:00 PM THE HEAT (Kickboxing) (FH) 7:00 PM SESSION (FH)	20 11:00 AM R & 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) 6:10 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)	21 First Day of Winter 9:00 AM Serve at Let's Help 12:00 PM The HEAT Cardio Strength (FH) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14)	22 9:00 AM The HEAT-CARDIO REMIX (FH)

Joys and Concerns – DECEMBER 16, 2018

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

David Houser
 Ralph & Kay Howard
 Connie & Pat Hubbell
 Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery Of Northern Ks:

First Presbyterian - Manhattan, KS

New Concerns

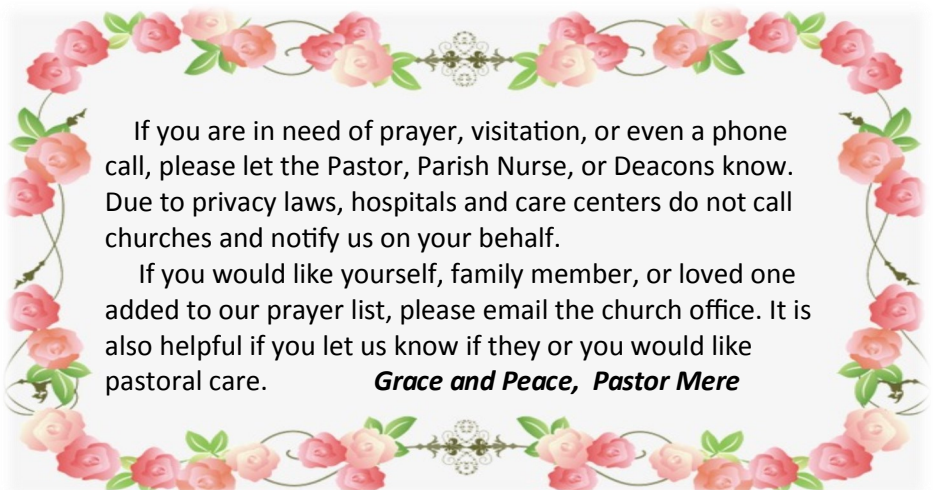
Muriel McClenny
 Judy Williams

Ongoing Concerns:

Bill Allen
 Charles Alexander
 Chuck Linn
 Dave Scheer
 Deacon Oroke
 Marjie Marrs
 J. and Pauly Ricks
 John Eddy
 Joyce Adcock
 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).