

For Sunday, December 23, 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

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.

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 poinsettia in a bag to protect it from the cold air as you leave the church.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - DECEMBER 23 & 30 - EXCEPT FOR MESSENGER BIBLE STUDY

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

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**.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - DECEMBER 23 & 24

Still looking for the perfect gift? Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering celebrate present and future leaders through support to 3 schools that support a diverse ethnic enrollment. It also supports current and past leadership of churches meet unusual and unexpected financial needs. Spread Christmas Joy to the past, present, and future with your gift.

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.

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.

CAMP SUNDAY - JANUARY 6

January 6 is Camp Heartland Sunday. Michael Megraw from Camp Heartland will be at Trinity to share information about overnight camps, Traveling Day Camp, Grand Camp, Family Camp and meet with the Triniteens. Michael will be in the lobby before worship to answer your questions. Wear your camp attire or Camp Heartland tshirt to church. .

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION - JANUARY 20

On Sunday, January 20 third graders will receive a Bible during worship. A card basket will be available. The following third graders will be recognized: Cade Schoffelman. If you have a third grader who would like to receive a Bible on January 20 please contact Karen Meenen.

LEAVE YOUR POTLUCK CASSEROLE DISHES AT HOME - JANUARY 27 - ANNUAL MEETING

Plan to attend the annual meeting on January 27. Leave your pot luck casseroles at home. Triniteens will be serving lunch. A free will offering will be received to raise money for youth mission projects. Summer 2019 the Triniteens are attending Triennium.

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 dedicated in honor and in memory of loved ones and to the glory of God.

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Jess Danner, Barbara Koci, Deacon Oroke, David Shriver

Nursery Helpers: Judy Rundell & Janis Holiwell

Sound Room: Mary Nestor

Video: Felishity Blubaugh

Deacon of the Week: Deacon Oroke Liturgist: Jenny Lee



TO THOSE WHO HAVE
CONTRIBUTED HOURS OF
YOUR TIME IN 2018,
PLEASE ACCEPT ...

A heartfelt
Thank You

Trinity Volunteers are the BEST!

DECEMBER 2018

WEEKLY GLANCE AT THE CALENDAR

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Christmas Joy Offering 9:30 AM No Sunday School - All classes except Messenger Bible Study 10:15 AM Nursery Open 10:30 AM WORSHIP 4:00 PM THE HEAT (YOGA)(FH)	24 CHRISTMAS EVE - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LELC CLOSED 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service - Family Friendly	25 CHRISTMAS DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED all activities cancelled LELC CLOSED	26 12:00 PM THE HEAT (Kickboxing) (FH) 6:00 PM NO Trinity Game Group (P)	27 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) NO Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Rm 11)	28 12:00 PM The HEAT Cardio Strength (FH) 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14)	29 9:00 AM The HEAT-CARDIO REMIX (FH)

Joys and Concerns – DECEMBER 23, 2018

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Andy & Kelly Huff
 Dan Hughes and Karen & Morgan Moss
 Heather & Madison Hughes
 Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes, El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery Of Northern Ks:

Memorial Presbyterian - Marysville, KS

Sympathies:

Elaine Alexander and Family on the death Charles

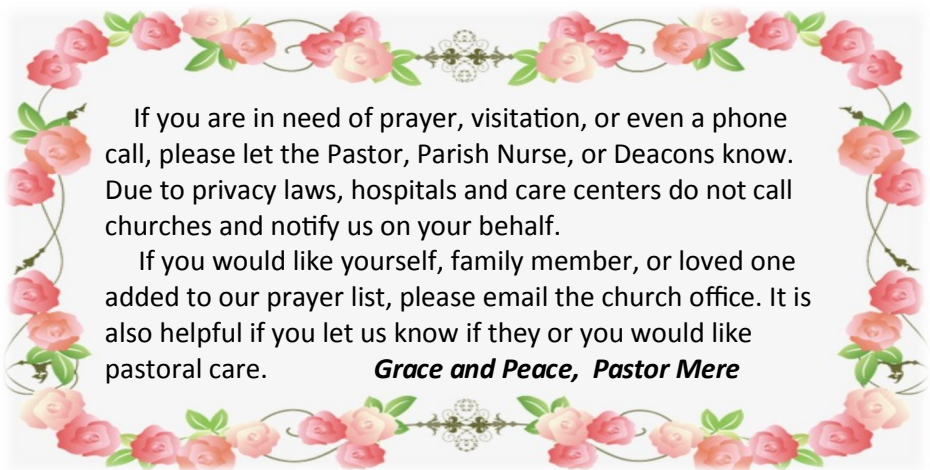
Ongoing Concerns:

Bill Allen
 Chuck Linn
 Dave Scheer
 Deacon Oroke
 Marjie Marrs
 J. and Pauly Ricks
 John Eddy
 Joyce Adcock
 Judy Williams
 Laura Sidlinger
 Mary Kresie
 Muriel McClenny
 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).