

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE

January 1, 2023

THE trinity candle

Weekly E-Newsletter



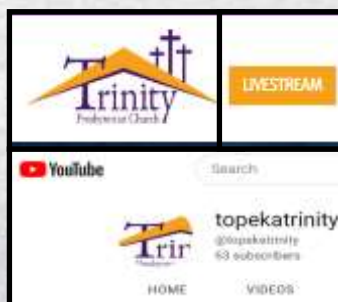
THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

"Never Alone at Christmas" - Video Sermon **The Rev. Brian D. Ellison**

We celebrate Christmas in all the fullness of its meaning -- beyond its beautiful imagery of shepherds and angels and manger and baby -- we claim the promise that the Word has become flesh and dwelt among us, an assurance ever needed and ever new.

Brian Ellison is stated clerk of the Synod of Mid-America and executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a national organization seeking to strengthen the church through equity and inclusion. He is also a host/contributor at KCUR, the NPR affiliate in Kansas City, and he served 13 years as pastor of Parkville (Mo.) byterian Church. He and his partner Troy live in Kansas City with their lovable but recalcitrant dog daughter, Willoughby.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 63: 7-9; John 1: 1-14



WE ARE IN-PERSON FOR WORSHIP
or watch by [Livestream](https://trinitypresbyterian.net/livestream-worship/) on our [Trinity website](https://trinitypresbyterian.net/livestream-worship/) at:
<https://trinitypresbyterian.net/livestream-worship/>
or on [YouTube Live](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDsLOqDqcGUJY-J_7rYv83w/live) at:
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REMINDERS



No Sunday school-all ages

No Nursery

Sunday, January 1st

No Tuesdays with the Word until Tuesday,
January 10th.

No Page Turners until
Friday, January 6th.

No Heritage or Bell choir rehearsals
until January 12th.



2023 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The "I'm **IN**" Stewardship Campaign for 2023 has come to a close with 84 pledges totaling \$355,092. For 2021, there were 87 pledges for a total of \$336,923.

In comparison to last year, thirty-two increased their pledge, forty pledged the same, nine decreased their pledge, and three were new pledges.

We **sincerely appreciate** those who financially support Trinity with a pledge allowing Session the opportunity to create a realistic budget for the coming year.

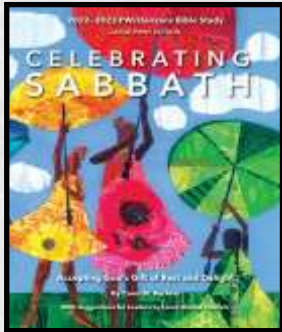
Becky Schooler,
Stewardship Committee Chair





I want to thank all of the people who brought cookies for December 11th when the Triniteens delivered to some Trinity members and, also for Christmas Eve. I don't know who you all are, but thanks for providing so that these fine events could happen at Trinity.

Janis Holiwell, Chair of Deacons



TRINITY WOMEN'S CIRCLES' - 2022-2023 BIBLE STUDY

NEXT SESSION - **Jan. 4, 2023**

Mary Martha - 1:30pm Study Leader: Kathie Wagner;
Contact Susan Bozeman at skboze@gmail.com or
785-224-0433

Esther - 6:45pm Contact Peggy McAdoo at
peggymcadoo@gmail.com



NEXT DRIVE: January 9th

HARVESTERS food distribution occurs on the 2nd MONDAY of every month at Trinity. It is on a first come, first served basis. Food will be handed out no later than 12pm, but might start several minutes earlier, so be sure to arrive early to line up.

To volunteer, contact Stan McAdoo at 785 224.5113.



NEXT TIME WE SERVE: January 10th

Trinity serves meals at the **TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION** on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4:45-6:45pm at the main shelter.

To volunteer, contact Stan McAdoo at 785 224.5113.



The next **LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING** is **Wednesday, January 11**, at 11:30 A.M. and we will meet at Annie's Place, 4014 SW Gage Center Drive, (tell the hostess you are with Trinity Presbyterian Church). Each person is responsible for paying for their own lunch. Our guest speaker is Trinity's own Connie Hubbell, who will give a short presentation about her Father's experiences as a P.O.W. in WW II.



Your Pre-Paid 2023 Pledges

If you wish to prepay any amount of your 2023 pledge, please make sure it is clearly marked “2023 Pledge” to ensure it is recorded correctly.

2023 Pledge Envelopes

Boxed sets are available in the church office for those who want to use them. Pledge envelopes are not required, you may use any type of envelope.

Your 2022 Giving Statements

The 2022 giving statements will be mailed in January 2023 so you will have them before you begin tax preparation. Please contact Susan Bozeman at skboze@gmail.com or 785-272-3568, if you have questions.

ALL Financial Gifts

Your financial gifts are recorded with **INtegrity**. However, our bank and accounting partners need your help to make this happen. **Please complete your check information using the “Memo” line. For example, “Pledge,” “Non Pledge,” “Per Capita,” etc.** Checks and envelopes are separated at the bank, and an empty “Memo” line delays the recording of your financial gifts.

Trinity will be **celebrating its 70th Anniversary** next year! We wish to thank all members and friends for their financial gifts in 2022 and financial commitments for 2023. Your generosity helps support and grow the ministry and mission of Trinity.

WAYS TO GIVE TO TRINITY

By personal check: Mail it to- Trinity Presbyterian Church,
4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66604

Online-Bank Bill Payment:

A service offered by most financial institutions, which creates automatic recurring or one-time gift payments electronically from your bank account. Designate Trinity as payee, and have payments sent to: **Trinity Presbyterian Church, 4746 SW 21st Street Topeka, KS 66604**

Online-Trinity Giving:

You can find this option on Trinity’s website at www.trinitypresbyterian.net.

Select the “Give” tab in the upper right portion of the screen and follow the instructions. Special Offerings can also be designated.

NOTE: This form of giving is *especially secure*. It won’t be lost in the post office and can’t be stolen from an outdoor mail box!

Smile.Amazon.com:

Whenever you shop on AmazonSmile and select Trinity Presbyterian Church as your organization to support. 0.5% of your eligible purchases will go to Trinity.



Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Jeremy & Clare Thoman
Carol Thomas
Pat & Natalya Thomblison
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio Los Bueyes,
El Salvador

Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery of Northern Ks: Wakarusa Presbyterian Church - Wakarusa

Prayers for the Ecumenical Church Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine

Ongoing Concerns:

Carolyn Burns
Craig Stafford
Cheryl Lindstrom
Chuck Pullen
Helen Rhodes
Jace Raines
Jessie Zimmerman
John Eddy
Kay Wildman
Judy and Carl Rundell
Ken Cott
Marilyn Watt
Marjorie Marrs
Martha Benignus
Mary Nestor
Pam Oroke



Robert Hachiya
Rose Fritz
Steve & Rose Timm's son
Wendy Pullen
Our troops overseas
Becky Crowl's daughter, Kelly; Becky Jones'
friends, Janice Pechacek and Cheryl Arney; Carol
Shannahan's mother, Anita, & friend,
Wanda; Carolyn Burns' sister-in-law, Carol
Jessop; Christa Sloop's friends, Kathy, Jamie, and
Chris; Dana Schoffelman's mother, Darlys Kloss;
Elise (Higgins') friend, Katy Everitt; Jaron Marcus,
his father, and mother, Sherilyn; Joann Hurt's
daughter, Sara Grabil; Laura Sidlinger's aunt, Sara
Windsor; Lettie Karlson's friend, K.C.; Pat
Thomblison's friend, Cathy Baer; Maddie Mellies'
stepfather, Dave Leinweber; Mary Nestor's
sisters, Melissa Miller & Kay Fessler and great-
nephew, Mason Ledseck; Ruth & Jim
Jenkins' great nephew, Layton Bereal & great-
great niece, Kaila, friend, Laura Louna, & brother-in-
-law, Jim; Ryan Kemp-Pappan's mother, Liz
Lewis; Zimmerman family



Moderator). It is also helpful if you let us know if they or you would like
pastoral care.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mere

Tubing at Snow Creek!

PNK Winter Youth Event

**REGISTER SOON!
TICKETS WILL SELL OUT!**

Join your PNK youth friends for a few hours of winter fun on January 15th!



- We will meet at FPC Leavenworth (407 Walnut St, Leavenworth KS) for worship at 10:30am, and then head to SnowCreek (1 Snow Creek Drive, Weston, MO) for lunch and tubing fun!
- Tubing will be from 2-4pm.
- This event is open to any Middle School and/or High School youth
- Tubing tickets are \$39 and must be purchased directly from SnowCreek (see registration form for more information)
- Cost of lunch is on-your-own
- Churches/Youth will be responsible for their own transportation to/from the event. If your church is bringing 7 youth or more, you must bring an adult sponsor with you.



RIGHT CLICK ON THIS HYPERLINK TO OPEN AND REGISTER

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/PresbyteryOfNorthernKansas/2023WinterYouthEvent>

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 CHRISTMAS DAY ANGEL TREE COLLECTION SUNDAY CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING Liturgist: Bev Lutz No Nursery NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES NO TRINITEENS Sermon on the Steps: Pastor Mere USHERS: David & Jurahee Shriver HELPERS: Marvin/Susan 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 	26 Day After Christmas HOLIDAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LELC CLOSED NO WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM MTG NO Sticks 'N String Group	27 NO Tuesdays with the Word 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) NO Office Staff Meeting 4:00pm Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	28 6:45pm Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)	29 5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (Rm 13/14) no Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Square Dance Beginner Lessons (FH, K) set up/out 6:30p/10p no Heritage Choir Rehearsal	30 NO Page Turners (returns 1/6/2023) 4:00pm Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	31 

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 WORSHIP LEADER & Liturgist: Carol Shannahan New Year's Day No Nursery NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES NO TRINITEENS Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Marvin Burris & Dennis Williams HELPERS: Becky/Marilyn 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LELC CLOSED 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 7:00pm Advanced Square Dance Workshops (FH) set up/out-6p/9:30p	3 NO Tuesdays with the Word 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 12:30pm MISSION CMTE MTG ZOOM 1:30pm Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00pm Aerobics (Rm 13/14) 5:30pm DEACON CMTE MTG - ZOOM	4 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle (P) 6:45pm Esther Circle (P) lesson starts at 7 6:45pm Flute Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00pm OUTREACH CMTE MTG (ZOOM)	5 5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (Rm 13/14) no Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Square Dance Beginner Lessons (FH, K) set up/out 6:30p/10p no Heritage Choir Rehearsal	6 Epiphany 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 4:00pm Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	7 9:00am UnHang the Greens (P, L, S) 2:00pm Friendship Squares Dance (FH,K) set up/out 1p/5p



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan
 Dir. of Christian Ed. & Outreach Karen Meenen
 Parish Nurse Kathy Welch
 Secretary..... Becky Crowl
 Music Director Brad Stipcak
 Keyboardist..... Jaron Marcus
 Audio/Visual Technician..... Peter Sandquist