



Trinity Presbyterian Church

Monthly Newsletter

January 1, 2023

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“Star Word”

If, by the time you read this article, your Christmas Tree and decorations are still up, you have a wonderful theological and liturgical excuse: Christmastide lasts for 12 days, from December 25 until the Epiphany, January 6. Epiphany marks the arrival of the magi bearing gifts to the infant Jesus. Often the story of the magi is read on Christmas Eve, but they deserve a day all on their own. These seekers from “distant lands” are essential to the ongoing story of the incarnation. As non-Jewish “outsiders,” they are included in the Christmas Story because God’s love transcends socio-economic-racial boundaries.

We will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 8 (2 extra days to keep the tree up!). In worship, you will have an opportunity to draw a “Star Word” for the coming year. The use of star words, also called “star gifts,” is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year that has been growing in popularity in Protestant churches for nearly a decade now. The idea is that a list of intention words, or guiding words, are written or printed on paper stars. Worshippers will be invited to draw a word from the basket, and use that word as a guiding word throughout the year. I encourage you to place your star word somewhere you will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

If you will not be in worship that Sunday, or if you will be worshipping online, please email me and I will be happy to get your star word to you!

Wishing you a joyous Epiphany!

Rev. Meredith



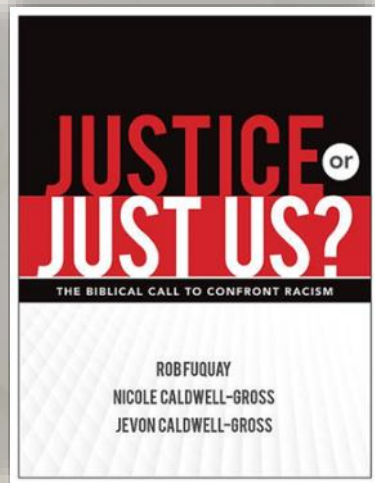
Mark your Calendar

- 1-1 No Sunday School-All ages
- 1-2 Church Office Closed
- 1-4 1:30 pm-Mary Martha Circle-Parlor
6:45 pm-Esther Circle-Parlor
- 1-7 9:00 am-Un-Hang the Greens
- 1-29 11:30 am-All Church 2022 Annual Meeting

Reminders

- * Start collecting soup and crackers for Souper Bowl Sunday in February
- * Trinity hosts Square Dancing throughout the month.
- * Use the on-line church calendar to look up dates and times of Trinity activities:
www.trinitypresbyterian.net

Adult Sunday School



Adult CE invites you to join us on **Sunday, Jan. 8th at 9:30** in Fellowship Hall as we start off 2023 with a guest speaker.

We are excited to welcome **Heidi Pitman** from **Project 2 Restore**. This organization was founded to help provide services for victims of exploitation and

trafficking in our community. Its mission is that survivors would receive support toward spiritual, mental and physical healing and have access to vocational and educational opportunities.

Please join us as we learn more about this organization and the needs in our community.

JOIN US FOR ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

January 15th – February 19th at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall

We will be studying ***Justice or Just Us: the Biblical Call to Confront Racism***.

Confronting racism is not just a social or political matter, but a theological one. The Bible calls us to pursue justice and oppose racism.

This video study is based on a sermon series and anti-racism commitment at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Pastors Rob Fuquay, Nicole Caldwell-Gross, and Jevon Caldwell-Gross will help us acknowledge the reality of racism in our world today, as well as our Christian responsibility to oppose it as individuals and together as the church.

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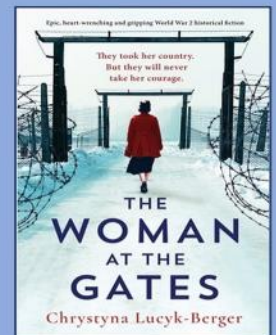


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resumes
on Friday, January 6th.
Meet us at 1:30
at Café Quétzal

to discuss our new book:
The Woman at the Gates
by Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger

We meet at Café Quétzal (2111 SW Belle Ave.)
most Fridays, from 1:30 to 3:00.
Questions??? contact Carol Thomas
at ctmshm@gmail.com or 785-357-1472



**Gripping World War 2
Historical Fiction**

Lunch Bunch

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.





Green Corner

ARE YOU LIVING WITH AN ANTHROPOCENTRIC WORLD VIEW?

Indigenous Wisdom from
Professor Daniel Wildcat, PH. D.



May the sun bring you
new energy by day.
May the moon softly restore you
by night.
May the rain
wash away your worries.
May the breeze blow
new strength
into your being.
May you walk gently
through the world
and
know it's beauty
all the days of
your life.

Apache Blessing

Dr. Wildcat is a professor at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence and shared some of his knowledge in November.

Are you living with an anthropocentric world view? This is a construction of western thought. Indigenous culture does not have this "human centered" view of the world. Because of this difference in perspective (or view), today's culture responds to climate change and its solutions in different ways than do indigenous peoples.

Consider how life would be different with these indigenous perspectives.

+ Resource vs Relative: In today's culture, we "look" for and "use" the world's resources. The world is there for our benefit and its resources are a commodity. In indigenous culture, everything is a relative to us. We are human (animals) and all other creatures are our relatives. In addition, our relatives include the land, air, water, etc. because we need to preserve them to maintain our existence.

+ Right vs Responsibility: In today's culture, many bemoan the loss in inalienable rights (mask wearing) but seldom acknowledge the inalienable responsibilities (protection of relatives) that we also have. In indigenous culture, there is no right without a balancing responsibility, i.e. when a bison (relative) is killed, the entire animal must be respected and used. Think about the question, "How can we live well with our relatives?"

+ Living in created spaces vs Living in spaces created by humans: In today's culture the majority of time is spent in spaces created by humans. Our world then, becomes a human-focused world where we are physically comfortable and awed by human ingenuity. In indigenous culture, the created spaces in nature are our home and dwelling place. We recognize the power, beauty and sustaining role of natural spaces as the basis of our existence.

~Dr. Daniel Wildcat is the author of Red Alert! Saving the Planet with Indigenous Knowledge (2009).~



Finance Matters

2022 Pledge and Giving statements will be mailed this month. Please verify the information on your statement and confirm the contributions you have made in 2022.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Bozeman (telephone 785.272.3568) or email (skboze@gmail.com).



Your financial gifts are recorded with **IN**tegrity and received with much appreciation. 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 Presbyterian Church.

Ways To Give

By personal check:

Mail it to: **Trinity Presbyterian Church, 4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66604.**

Please remember to use the "**Memo**" line on your checks so your financial gifts will be directed to the correct Donations Account - for example, "Pledge." Checks are separated from envelopes, and a blank Memo line can create confusion in the counting process. Please assist our accounting partners!



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.

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I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.”

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Joyce Adcock
Nov. 30, 2022



In Our Prayers



“
Be so busy
loving your life
that you have
no time for hate,
regret or fear.

UNKNOWN

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
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

Birthdays



1/3	Jurahee Shriver	1/20	Reed Schoffelman
1/4	Sheryl Daniels	1/20	Jill Greer
1/4	Meaghan Ricks	1/20	Melissa Bylsma
1/5	Debra Ricks	1/21	David Ross
1/6	Josephine Rogers	1/21	Chuck Pullen
1/7	Aaron Meenen	1/21	Carl Rundell
1/8	Ben Mulegwa	1/21	Kem Sloop
1/8	Ruth Jenkins	1/22	Muriel McClenny
1/10	Titan Osburn	1/26	Manuella Mulegwa
1/12	Nancy Carpenter	1/27	Fern Freeman
1/13	Marvin Burris	1/29	Don Rogers
1/13	Clare Thoman	1/29	Meredith Higgins
1/19	Kelly Voigt	1/30	Ann Fincham
1/19	Beverly Thompson		

Anniversaries



1/4	Janis & Clyde Holiwell	1/8	Cynthia & Dave Stevens
1/5	Marvin & Susan Burris	1/25	David & Jurahee Shriver
1/6	Stan & Peggy McAdoo	1/30	Jeff & Linda Dolezal
1/7	Duane & Martha Huizenga		

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!

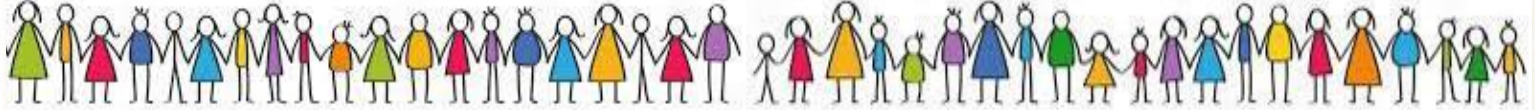
- We will meet at FPC Leavenworth (407 Walnut St, Leavenworth KS) for worship at 10:30am, and then head to SnowCreek (1 Snow Creek Drive, Weston, MO) for lunch and tubing fun!
- Tubing will be from 2-4pm.
- This event is open to any Middle School and/or High School youth
- Tubing tickets are \$39 and 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

Contact Karen Meenen with questions.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



Month	Date	Sunday	In Person	Website	Facebook	Total
NOVEMBER	11/27/2022	4th	75	3	3	81
DECEMBER	12/4/2022	1st	107	2	2	111
	12/11/2022	2nd	94	4	3	101
	12/18/2022	3rd	96	0	1	97
	12/24/2022	Christmas Eve	98	0	2	100
	12/25/2022	4th/Christmas Day	31	2	0	33

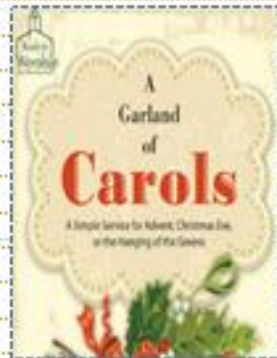
JANUARY 2023

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 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) 6:15pm no Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00pm Square Dance Beginner Lessons (FH, K) set up/out 6:30p/10p 7:30pm no Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)	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
8 COMMUNION Liturgist: Melissa Ansberry Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Susan Burris & Nancy Carpenter HELPERS: Randall/Dennis 9:20am Nursery for Sunday Sch (E1) 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children & Youth Sunday Sch in-person & online 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE MTG (Parlor) 11:30am Triniteens (Rm 14)	9 8:00am -11:00pm Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot Reserved 12:00pm Harvesters Free Food Distribution (Parking Lot) First Come/First Served 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)	10 9:00am Tuesdays with the Word (CAFE QUETZAL) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 1:30pm Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00pm Aerobics (Rm 13/14) 4:45pm Serve Dinner/Topeka Rescue Mission	11 11:30am LUNCH BUNCH (Annie's Place) 6:00pm FINANCE CMTE MTG (P) 6:45pm Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)	12 NO Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S) 2:00pm WORSHIP CMTE MTG via ZOOM 5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (Rm 13/14) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:30pm PROPERTY CMTE MTG - ZOOM 7:00pm Square Dance Beginner Lessons (FH, K) set up/out 6:30p/10p 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)	13 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 4:00pm Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	14
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22 Liturgist: Jon Farrell-Higgins Sermon on the Steps: SOUPER BOWL OF CARING-FOOD COLLECTION USHERS: David & Jurahee Shriver HELPERS: Marvin/Susan 9:20am Nursery for Sunday Sch (E1) 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children & Youth Sunday Sch in-person & online 9:30am New Member Information Class (Rm 9) 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am Triniteens (FH, Rm 14)	23 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING -FOOD COLLECTION 10:30am PERSONNEL CMTE MTG - ZOOM 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 1:30pm WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM MTG ZOOM	24 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING -FOOD COLLECTION 9:00am Tuesdays with the Word (CAFE QUETZAL) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 1:30pm Office Staff Meeting (P) 4:00pm Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	25 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING -FOOD COLLECTION 6:45pm Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)	26 NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) SOUPER BOWL OF CARING -FOOD COLLECTION 5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (Rm 13/14) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00pm Square Dance Beginner Lessons (FH, K) set up/out 6:30p/10p 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)	27 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING -FOOD COLLECTION 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 4:00pm Aerobics (Rm 13/14)	28 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING -FOOD COLLECTION Terminex treatment (all church/outside)
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Look at Trinity!

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 11
CHOIR
CANTATA**



Trinity's youth and young adults took food and visited with members of our congregation!



What an amazing day with our young adults at the Bethlehem experience.



Lunch Bunch enjoyed a fabulous meal at Aunt Netters and tour of the Territorial Capital Museum.



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