



Trinity Presbyterian Church Monthly Newsletter

The Talking Trinity
OCTOBER 2023

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You are with me.

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ANIMALS**
& Pet Parade!



Stewardship is WORK

When I became a parent, a wise person told me that “your children are your heart walking around in the world.” While that certainly has proven true for me, there are other examples of how I have leveraged my heart for the sake of my neighbors, my church, and my God. For these reasons, my family and I engage in the “heart work” of pledging to Trinity Presbyterian Church. I invite you to reflect on the heart of your giving and to consider pledging to Trinity. We all have different passions of the heart: mission, justice, music, Christian education, service.... Together all of our hearts make Trinity the loving, caring, and accepting place I have had the pleasure of serving these past six years.

Look for your stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail the first week of October. You may return your pledge card to the office at any time, or bring it to worship on October 22 for Stewardship Sunday. Or if you want an even more convenient way to pledge, fill out a quick, easy, and secure form online by going to: <https://trinitypresbyterian.net/give/2022-commitment/>.



As always, you are in my heart!

Rev. Meredith, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

* Melanie Hancock, General Presbyter and Rev. Helen Hutchison, First Lawrence, COM Liaison, visited Trinity Session for their Triennial Visit. Melanie expressed her appreciation for the congregation and Session of Trinity and the many ways they support the Presbytery. Melanie and Helen reminded the session they are available to offer support to the congregation, Session, and Pastor Meredith for their continued thriving in ministry.

- * Harvesters was successful, serving 932 individuals, even with the challenge of rain.
- * Pastor Mere has completed her continuing education course on Supervision and looks forward to sharing her sabbatical proposal at the next Session meeting.
- * The Presbytery increased its portion of the Per Capita by \$1, so the Session voted to ask members to increase their Per Capita giving by \$1 to \$36 per member.
- * The Stewardship campaign is set to launch with the theme, "Stewardship is Heart Work".

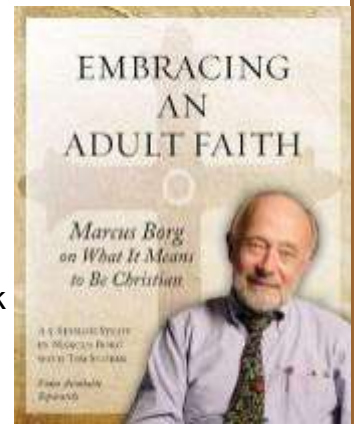




ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Welcome Back! We hope everyone is rested up from the summer and ready for Fall. On September 10th, we started the new Sunday School year at Trinity.

We are currently studying "Hope" by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. This is being led by Anton Ahrens and Susan Stickley and runs thru October 22nd.



Starting on October 29, Laura Sidlinger will lead the class teaching on the book "Embracing an Adult Faith" by Marcus Borg. Please stay tuned for more details and we hope to see you. Adult Sunday School classes start at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.



Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our next **Ladies Night Out**,

Monday, October 9th from 5-7 pm.

We will have an evening of fun and fellowship together at the home of **Martha Miller**.

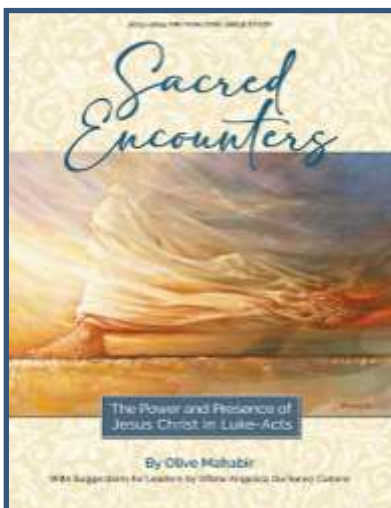
Please plan to carpool (there is limited parking in driveway and no parking on either side of 18th Street).

Meet at the church at 4:45 and join us for the evening.



Tuesdays With the Word has started back up! We meet on Tuesdays from 9-10:00 at Cafe Quetzal.

Join Pastor Mere and friends as we enjoy a time of fellowship and, of course, a great cup of coffee and a yummy morning treat!



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study NEXT SESSION OCT. 4TH

Trinity offers two Study Groups that meet on the first Wednesday of the month, September through May. Any one is welcome to attend.

Mary Martha Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
(for information, contact Susan Bozeman at 785-224-0433 or skboze@gmail.com)

Esther Circle meets at 6:45 p.m. in the Parlor.
(for information, contact Peggy McAdoo at 785-224-5113 or peggymcadoo@gmail.com)



Adult Sponsors have been secured! Train Tickets have been purchased! We need you!!

The Youth Ministries Task Group is excited to announce the 2024 PNKS Summer Youth Mission Trip from July 20-26, 2024 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Trip Coordinated by YouthWorks and hosted by PNKS.

Join your (completed) 6th grade through graduated high school friends for a Mission Trip to Milwaukee, WI. We will spend the week exploring, serving, learning and growing.

On Saturday, July 20th, we will ride the train to Milwaukee, WI, and spend our first night at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. On Sunday, we will explore Milwaukee, and then start our mission work on Sunday evening, 7/21/2024.

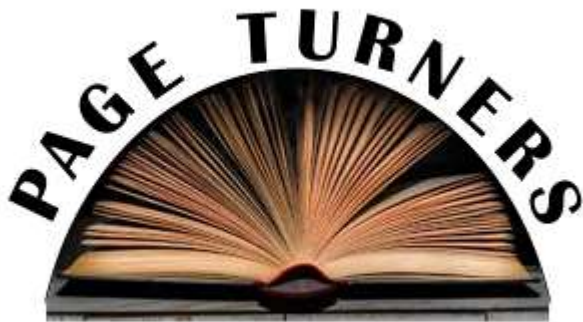
Total cost per youth is \$725 and includes train transportation, most meals and lodging. Reserve your spot by October 1, 2023 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit, and receive a \$50 discount!

Additional cost to be paid by students: 2 lunch meals on the train (one could be a sack lunch packed for Saturday's travel), and lunch at the Milwaukee Public Market on Sunday, and any other spending money. We recommend \$100 to cover these costs.

Payment Schedule:

10/1/2023 - Early Bird Discount: \$50
12/1/2023 - Registration Deadline: \$100
3/1/2024 - Payment Due: \$325
5/1/2023 - Balance Due

CONTACT KAREN MEENEN WITH QUESTIONS.



Page Turners is a small group at Trinity who meet to discuss a variety of books. We gather on most Friday afternoons, 1:30-3:00, for fellowship and thought-provoking discussions.

We usually meet at Café Quetzal (2111 SW Belle Ave.).

Come join us!!!

**We will be starting a
NEW BOOK
in October.**

**Watch the online
newsletter (Trinity
Candle) for updates on
the book title and
location for our
meetings.**

**Questions?
Contact Carol Thomas
(785)357-1472
or ctmshm@gmail.com**

Come one, come all! Join us for F.A.C.T.S.

(Fellowship, Arts, Crafts, on Tuesday, with Snacks)!

WHEN: We meet on the majority of Tuesdays in October (*we will not meet on Halloween, which is the 31st*)

WHAT: This is a casual, fun-loving group open to crafters, art lovers, art inquirers, and anyone who just wants to get together and maybe learn something new.

All crafts are welcome, and each month we'll learn something new together. We are so excited to welcome a speaker from Valeo Behavioral Healthcare in October, who will present on the mental health benefits of coloring and coloring pages/books. Keep an eye on the Candle for the official date.

Each month, we will welcome a different presenter from Trinity or the community. Not a crafter? Interested in trying a new crafting hobby but not sure where to begin? This group is for you! With a diverse group of crafters, inspiration and motivation are sure to find you.

If you get off of work at 5, bring your dinner and relax and craft. Bring a snack to share, bring your crafting supplies, and come enjoy some time together on Tuesdays at 6PM in the Parlor!

Questions? Please email Meredith Snapp at mersnepp@gmail.com or call her at 785-845-2760.



PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE RECEIVES CORRESPONDENCE:

(Excerpts of a letter from a Talpatates High School Scholarship student.)

Hello, I am Tatiana Marisol Chavarria Guardado. Through this letter I offer my most sincere thanks for giving me help to secure my high school degree and, thanks to your big hearts, I also thank you for the help you provide to all other young people so they can continue their studies.

Thank you because you never forget us, and we are always grateful for your arrival in El Salvador and in Talpatates. You are very notable people in Talpatates, and we feel enormous gratitude and ask God to give you strength and many blessings moving forward. May Jesus give you and your families health.

You give us the opportunity to be joyful in becoming people who can make a difference in life. Thank you!

Many blessings,

**Tatiana Marisol
Chavarria
Guardado**

Editor's note: Tatiana is just finishing her second year in high school and is one of about 25 high school and college students receiving support from the scholarship dollars



A Special Worship Service with a
**Blessing
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ANIMALS** & Pet
Parade!



**Sunday, Oct. 15th
10:30am**

Trinity will be worshipping outdoors on the one-way street on the east side of the church building.

Join us for a regular, but brief, service that will include a
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.

Following the worship service, for all who wish to stay for fellowship and fun, we'll have our **2nd Annual Pet Parade** with prizes awarded to the best costumes. For even more fun, join us for **Barking Bingo!**

For all Fur, Feather or Fin baby Parents/Siblings:

You are invited to bring to church, well-behaved animals on leashes or in crates/cages/bowls to be blessed in person.

Or, you can, instead, hold up a photo or phone picture during the service and they will be blessed in abstention.

Because we know all owners of pets are VERY PROUD, you can also begin bringing in your pet photos for a display board that will be located in the foyer!

FINANCE MATTERS

Third quarter pledge statements will be mailed this month. Please verify the information on your statement and confirm the contributions you have made so far in 2023.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Bozeman by telephone (785-224-0433) or email (skboze@gmail.com).

Trinity is extremely grateful to those members and friends who make a pledge. Your financial commitment is the most effective way to support the ministries and missions at Trinity.



Tithes and Offerings

Worshiping God Through Giving



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!



Another way to Give via the website:

1. Scan the purple image on the left [QR code] with your smartphone.
2. Open the link that pops up, and you will be taken directly to the Online Giving page for Trinity.
3. There you can easily make your donation, giving, or pledge.

Required Minimum Distributions:

Are you considering donating all or part of your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) as a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Trinity? If so, please notify Susan Bozeman (785-224-0433 or skboze@gmail.com) of your intention, as well as instruct your financial institution or advisor to indicate the ownership of this type of gift on the accompanying documentation. This identity information, such as your name and directions for your gift, greatly assists our accounting partners in the correct and timely recording of your gift. Regardless of how much you give or how you give, your contributions sustain the ministries of Trinity Presbyterian Church.



ALL Financial Gifts

Our bank and accounting partners need your help! 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.** We want to thank all members and friends who continue to give generously and faithfully.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

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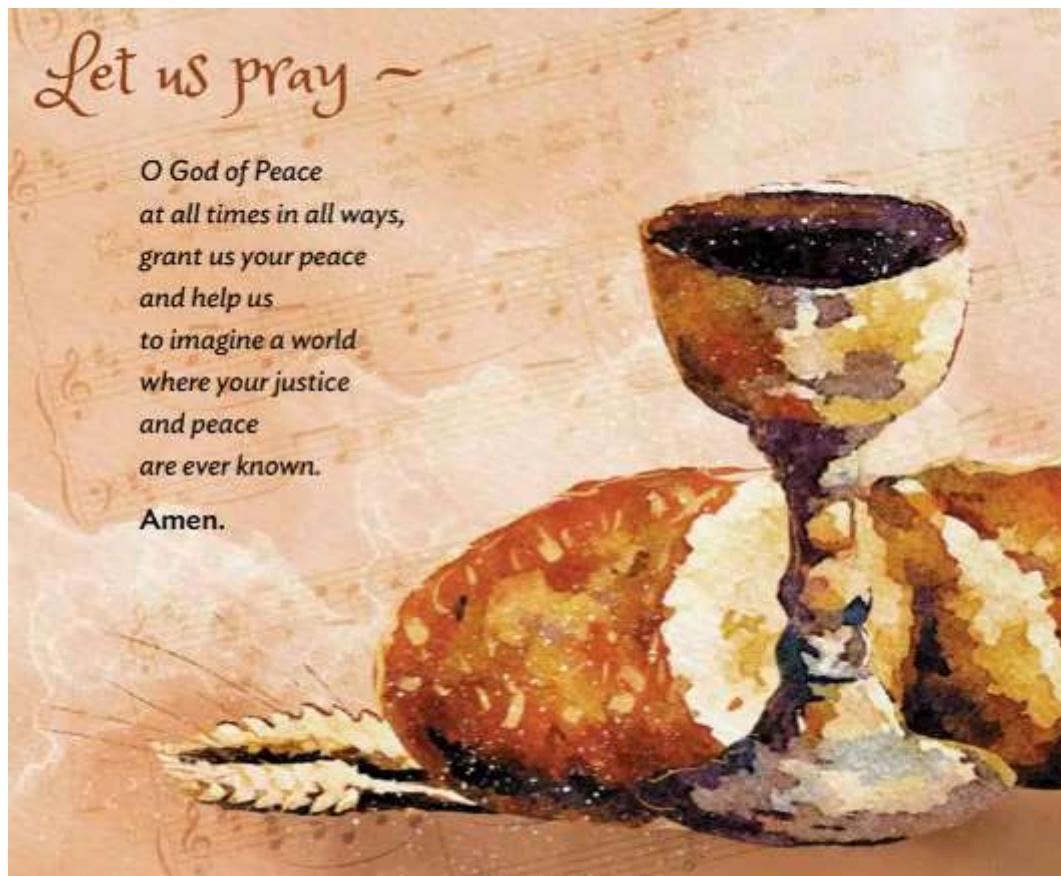
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



Trinity will receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering on Oct. 1, World Communion Sunday.

As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders.

25% of Trinity's offering will be given to the Topeka YWCA's Center for Safety and Empowerment who provide safety, support, and prevention services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.



When making a donation by check, be sure to write checks to Trinity Presbyterian Church and put "Peace and Global Witness" in the memo line. Or, you can also give to the P&GW offering through our website. If you go to www.trinitypresbyterian.net/give, there is an option to give to any of our special offerings.

UPDATE



Doorstep is sporting a fresh new look thanks to volunteers who painted and spruced things up during the Nancy Perry Day of Caring – thanks to all who helped!

Demand remains high for food – you notice your grocery bill going up? This has been devastating to many. **Doorstep has provided 12,000-14,000 pounds of food monthly to households in need, but since April monthly giving has averaged only 1,800-3,000 pounds.** That shortfall has caused Doorstep to spend in excess of

their monthly budget. Additional grants are being sought and received, but it is critical to maintain donations.

Critical needs:

Dry beans – Egg Noodles – Canned Milk – Powdered Milk – Oatmeal – Tuna – Chicken Noodle Soup – Vegetable Soup – Cream of Mushroom Soup – Canned Fruit – Boxed Potatoes – Peas – Boxed Pastas – Spaghetti O's – Ravioli – Spaghetti – Macaroni & Cheese – Pork N Beans – Pancake Mix – Hand can openers or cans with the pop tops

What can you do?

When you see a sale for a reduced cost for buying more than one; buy multiple and donate what you do not need to Doorstep – Bring Donations to Trinity and place in the “Mission” boxes in the lobby Donate as you are able

Support Doorstep's Fundraiser, the 6th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk on October 1st.

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Hygiene items for the Health Kits continue to be in high demand AND each person or household will receive a hygiene kit for Christmas. As you see sales and are inclined to stock up on full-sized items, share with Doorstep:

Shampoo – Conditioner – Bar Soap – Deodorant – Toothpaste – Toothbrushes – Combs – Brushes – Towel, washcloth, hand towel



Join us for our **6th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** set for **Sunday, October 1st, at 2pm**, at Lake Shawnee. Get family and friends together for some exercise, snacks, and fellowship at the lake while raising funds for Doorstep!

Everything for registration is available online on Doorstep's website under the Events Tab: [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org). Download the flyer and registration form to mail in, drop off at our office, or register online. To guarantee an event t-shirt register by **September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Registrations will be accepted up to the day of the event. One child age 10 & under can walk for free (t-shirt extra) with one paid adult. Registration is \$30 per person or get sponsors to cover your fee and donate to Doorstep (sponsor form is also on our website).

Our pal, **Chris Fisher** with WIBW-TV will be Celebrity Starter again this year!



# GETTING TO KNOW OUR 2023-2024 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Our amazing volunteers answered the following questions to give a bit of information about themselves:

- ① What spiritual gift do you “earnestly desire” (1 Corinthians 14:1)?
- ② What biblical person do you relate to the most? ~Why?
- ③ What is your favorite worship song/hymn?
- ④ What is your favorite church memory?
- ⑤ What would you like us to know about you?

## PRESCHOOL



### PEGGY MCADOO

1. Insight into teaching to reach the children.
2. Martha - it is easier to be busy with details than take time for important things.
3. “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”
4. Baptisms and the Imposition of Ashes
5. I’m still learning.



### MARILYN LEINACKER

1. The gift of prayer.
2. Mary. She was a strong person and God chose her to be Jesus’ mother.
3. “The Old Rugged Cross”
4. When my kids were baptized.
5. I like to help people whenever I am able.



### JAMIE MERKLEY

1. Forgiveness - to forgive others easier.
2. --
3. “Were You There?”
4. Helping with Christmas programs and Triniteen fundraisers.
5. I’m very active and enjoy helping.

## KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE



### TOM ASHLEY

1. Patience
2. Joseph - accepted staying in the background
3. “Rock of Ages”, “Open My Eyes Lord”
4. When Shelley was breaking bread surrounded by children from the congregation and she asked what did Jesus say as he poured the cup - Isabel said “cheers”.
5. I like to be outside as much as possible.

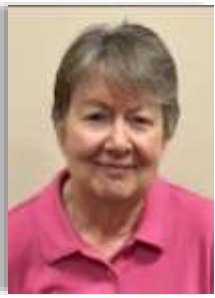


### CAROL HORNECKER

1. Life everlasting.
2. Jesus-He is everything.
3. “Amazing Grace”
4. Joining the church at age 12.
5. I love to help everyone. Love to be with children and people.







### KATHIE WAGNER

1. To follow the 1st commandment.
2. Luke. He was so organized. He wanted the history to be correct.
3. There are so many, but "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" is good.
4. Singing in Sunday School with Mrs. Eagan when I was in first grade.
5. Always trying to be a better Christian.



### BECKY BOLLINGER

1. Forgiveness (letting go)
2. I guess Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist. She had a child at an older age and so did I.
3. "Amazing Grace"
4. There are so many. But the one that stands out, is when 2 young sisters were in church when The Lord's Prayer was being said. I heard one of the girls say, "I know this." This was after we were teaching them that in our class.
5. --

## 4TH GRADE - 6TH GRADE



### JANIS HOLIWELL

1. Patience
2. Zacchaeus
3. "I Danced in the Morning"
4. Father preaching.
5. Love helping in the church.



### LINDA GRIFFIN

1. To have a better relationship with God.
2. Gideon-reluctant to serve, but glad when I do.
3. "Praise Him"
4. Young People's Group
5. I am a work in progress striving to become.

## CONFIRMATION (7TH GRADE & OLDER IF NOT CONFIRMED)



### MELISSA ANSBERRY

1. To speak and show God's love to others by what I say and do.
2. Abigail, because she was willing to do whatever it took to protect her family.
3. "The Summons" God works big and small miracles everyday, and all that we are asked is to follow Him.
4. VBS as a kid. We all made bricks out of mud and grass. All ages of our church membership got involved and it was the most fun and messy. I don't remember the lesson, but I DO remember that feeling of family with all of us working together
5. Trinity was the church my husband, Allen, and I chose to get married in and to raise our family with a family of faith and similar beliefs. I have been a life-long Presbyterian, and I enjoy leading youth as those leaders had a HUGE impact on my life and faith.



### KAY DEEVER

1. Discernment
2. Peter, he asked questions and became a major leader for the new faith at the most difficult time.
3. "It Is Well With My Soul"
4. My time teaching Sunday School when the students participated in the worship service.
5. This church has been a lifesaver for me.

# CONFIRMATION (continued)



## DEANINE ROGERS

1. Love
2. I don't feel like I could compare to anyone.
3. "Amazing Grace" and many more.
4. Serving others.
5. My favorite Bible verse has been for many years: Matthew 25:31-end.

## 9TH GRADE - YOUNG ADULT



## MELISSA BYLSMA

1. Wisdom-I definitely need more of that!
2. I can relate to a lot of people in the Bible for different reasons: Jonah, Thomas, Esther - being afraid, having doubts, trying to be faithful and obedient, I think there's a way to relate to everyone.
3. I've always enjoyed "In the Garden" and "Because He Lives."
4. My favorite memory or memories are with youth group and the trips that we took together.
5. I have three kids, Lincoln (3), Ethan (1 and a half) and a girl who has not yet been born or named as of writing this.



## CONNIE HUBBELL

1. Caring Heart/Generosity
2. Jesus, Our Lord & Savior/Leader
3. "Amazing Grace"
4. My favority memory was my first Trinity Retreat as a Session member. Very moving. Another memory: attending youth activities at Trinity as a teenager.
5. Trinity member for 50 years; former teacher/mother and proud grandmother of 4 fabulous grandkids.



## JONATHAN M. FARRELL-HIGGINS

1. To be of a forgiving and loving spirit.
2. Having preached on Paul, his belief in the ever-presence of God is compelling.
3. "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"
4. I don't have one favorite. I have numerous warm memories from mission trips to Youth Sunday Services to seeing my kids grow in their faith.
5. That I'm a student of history and find that the contexts of the life of Christ stories are important.



## TONI FARRELL-HIGGINS

1. To be a loving and caring spirit who can be calm and helpful to others.
2. Paul, because he so faithfully worked to bring Christianity to others.
3. "Loves Divine, Love Excelling", "Amazing Grace"
4. Getting to go to El Salvador and meet our "other church family," and a women's retreat led by Shelley, our former pastor.
5. I enjoy being with our Sunday School class tremendously. I always learn something (many things!)



## CARMEN RAINES

1. Wisdom.
2. I can relate to Jacob and how he worked 7 plus 7 years to receive his true love Rachel. That's about how long I worked on seminary and all the training to become a minister. I'm blessed that my true love of 33 years, Ed, has been by my side through it all!
3. Choose one? You've got to be kidding!
4. My family, church, and presbytery gathering around me for my ordination!
5. It was just a little over a year ago that God put it on my heart to be a chaplain. I love what I do, and am humbled by the sacred moments that patients and families invite me into.



# SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS



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**JULIE FRIEDSTROM**

1. Kindness.
2. --
3. Contemporary Music. Any songs that make me dance.
4. Shelley Craig brought me back to God!
5. I am a Para-Educator. I work with special needs students at Randolph Elementary.



**JANE HART**

1. --
2. --
3. --
4. I enjoy helping in the nursery and Pastor Mere's preaching.
5. I enjoy gardening, reading, walking my dog, Molly. I have two sons and five grandchildren. They all live in Tucson, Arizona, so I like to visit them as often as possible.



**CLYDE HOLIWELL**

1. Patience
2. Moses
3. Hymns we sang in the Methodist church when I was young.
4. Going to church with my mom.
5. Jayhawk fan.

# SUNDAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED



**JANIS HOLIWELL**

1. Patience
2. Zacchaeus
3. "I Danced in the Morning"
4. Father preaching.
5. Love helping in the church.



**BARB KOCI**

1. Patience
2. Elizabeth
3. "In the Garden"
4. Sitting in church with my husband and parents - we always went out to lunch afterwards.
5. --



**CARRIE LANCASTER**

1. Love
2. Lydia because she supported the apostles with funds and service to others.
3. Love Hymns! "Amazing Grace"
4. My ordination as an elder
5. I love reading, learning pickleball, cooking & sewing.



**DAVID ROSS**

1. To be a better disciple of Christ than I have been.
2. James - faith without works is dead.
3. "Fairest Lord Jesus"
4. Summer church camp.
5. Church is very important to me. I would be lost without it.



**CORY SCHOFFELMAN**

1. Interpretation of Tongues.
2. Cain; I also have a brother who is tough to live with.
3. "Lord of the Dance"
4. Summer youth group trips growing up.
5. I enjoy DIY home improvement projects.



**DANA SCHOFFELMAN**

1. Wisdom.
2. Peter; In subtle ways we do things to deny Jesus.
3. "Blessed Be Your Name"
4. Placerville Church Camp in the Black Hills.
5. I love Trinity!







### LAURA SIDLINGER

1. Wisdom.
2. Mary (Martha's sister) because she wanted to be in the party and sat at Jesus' feet listening to the stories (probably asked a lot of questions.)
3. "I'll Fly Away"
4. Deacon's funeral- it was so joyful...and the KFC Bucket!!!
5. I'm a total J-Cat! I will cheer for KU as long as they are not playing my K-State Wildcats.



### ROBERT SIDLINGER

1. Healing.
2. David - flawed, but dedicated to his faith. (Poet)
3. "Shout to the Lord"
4. My daughter's baptism.
5. I spent my life as a pediatrician and neonatologist dedicated to children.



### CINDY STEVENS

1. To help and serve others.
2. I've never thought about that! I will...
3. "Onward Christian Soldiers"
4. My toddler daughter singing "This Old Man" loudly during a hymn! ☺
5. I enjoy children and want to help where I can. I have experience in working with kids with special needs and know sign language.



### SUSAN STICKLEY

1. The gift of inclusive love.
2. The many un-named women.
3. "What Does the Lord Require of Me?"
4. Teaching 2nd grade Sunday School with a class of 8-10 every week who are now adults with children of their own.
5. I love interacting with children.



### VICKY WALTERS

1. More patience.
2. Peter - doubt arises any given week.
3. "Take, Take, Take Off Your Shoes" by the Stratthees
4. Youth putting on *Godspell* in 199?.
5. A member since 1968.



### JANE WILLIAMS

1. Wisdom.
2. Mary Magdalene
3. "Hallelujah"
4. Attending my mother's Sunday School classes.
5. --





10/8 Bruce & Kelly Voigt  
 10/10 Art & Carrie Lancaster  
 10/11 Allen & Melissa Ansberry  
 10/22 Jim & Ruth Jenkins  
 10/31 Randall Scott & Kay  
 Graham Scott



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| 10/1 Michael Langfitt | 10/14 Dennis Williams  |
| 10/5 Susan Parry      | 10/15 Susan Whipple    |
| 10/6 Jerry Thompson   | 10/21 Cathy Armstrong  |
| 10/6 Margaret Danner  | 10/22 Claire Stevenson |
| 10/9 Tom Ashley       | 10/23 Carrie Lancaster |
| 10/9 Matt Williams    | 10/24 Martha Miller    |
| 10/12 Brad Parry      | 10/28 Rosetta Casselle |
| 10/13 Audrey Chestnut | 10/28 Marion King      |

If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not listed, please contact the church secretary.

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### WAKARUSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 35TH ANNUAL HAM AND BEAN FEED OCTOBER 14 11:30 TO 2:00PM

Bean-Master cooks cook the ham & beans over antique iron kettles over an open fire. Full meal includes bean soup or veggie-beef soup, cornbread, vegetable or fruit salad, dessert and drink. (or buy by the pot!) Adult meals: \$9; Child 3-15: \$.50 per year of age; Pastense Bluegrass Band, B&C Rescue Pony Rides and vendor tables.  
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**\*JOY**



**THANK YOU**



**Thank you Trinity Family for your support, prayers, and phone calls. It truly touched my heart.**

**As of now, after getting the pathology results: I am CANCER FREE! Indeed, there is a God!**

**Julie Friedstrom**

## YouTube Viewing Data

Trinity has established its YouTube channel with live video broadcasts each Sunday. On any Sunday, Trinity members can view the video in either of two ways, on the Trinity website at <https://trinitypresbyterian.net/livestream-worship/> or on the Trinity YouTube Live channel at [http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDsLOqDqcGUJY-J\\_7rYv83w/live](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDsLOqDqcGUJY-J_7rYv83w/live)

Whichever method you choose to access the Worship Livestream, we invite you to identify yourself as a Livestream viewer by signing in.

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE & ONLINE VIEWING

| Month     | Date      | Sunday | In Person | Website |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|
| AUGUST    | 8/27/2023 | 4th    | 77        | 1       |
| SEPTEMBER | 9/3/2023  | 1st    | 59        | 1       |
|           | 9/10/2023 | 2nd    | 120       | 1       |
|           | 9/17/2023 | 3rd    | 89        | 1       |

## **VIEWING TRINITY'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON-LINE**

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### YouTube Viewing Data

| Date    | Number of people watching "Live" | Number of people watching "Live" who identified themselves | Total Views* Since Broadcast | Average View Length |
|---------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sept 17 | 9                                | 4                                                          | 31                           | 7 min               |
| Sept 10 | 6                                | 3                                                          | 148                          | 1 min               |
| Sept 3  | 12                               | 6                                                          | 48                           | 3.5 min             |

\* A "view" happens every time a video is started.



# Joys and Concerns

## Prayers for Families/Persons from Directory Rotation

Portia Maxon  
Stan & Peggy McAdoo  
Muriel McClenny  
Nuevo Calvario, Los Talpetates & Rio  
Los Bueyes, El Salvador

## Prayer Focus Church of the Presbytery of Northern Ks: First Presbyterian - Osage City

## Prayers for the Ecumenical Church Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

### New Concerns:

Walt Miller  
Pat Thomblison

### Ongoing Concerns:

Carolyn Burns  
Craig Stafford  
Cheryl Lindstrom  
Chuck Pullen  
Helen Rhodes  
Jace Raines  
Jessie Zimmerman  
John Eddy  
Judy and Carl Rundell  
Kay Wildman  
Kem Sloop  
Ken Cott  
Marilyn Watt  
Martha Benignus  
Mary Nestor  
Rose Fritz  
Shirley Linn  
Steve & Rose Timm's son

Wendy Pullen

Our troops overseas

Becky Jones' friends, Janice Pechacek and Cheryl Arney; Carol Shannahan's mother, Anita, & friend Bryan. Carolyn Burns' sister-in-law, Carol Jessop; Carmen Raines' friends, Carl and Barbara Lundquist; Dana Schoffelman's mother, Darlys Kloss; Iris Neuenswander's brother, Mel Nicholas; Jaron Marcus, his father, and mother, Sherilyn; Jim Jenkins' sister, Mryna Tweet; 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 sister, Kay Fessler; Martha Miller's brother, Paul Cordel; Ruth & Jim Jenkins' nephews, Ron and Dan, friend, Laura Louna, brother-in-law, Jim & sisters, Betty and Donna; Ryan Kemp-Pappan's mother, Liz Lewis; Stan McAdoo's sister, Sharon Hanson; Steve Skrzypek, Presbytery & Westminster Pres. Church lay pastor; Toni Farrell-Higgins' mother, Loretta Farrell; Zimmerman family





| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                 | Thursday                                                                                                                                                               | Friday                                                                                                            | Saturday                                                                                                           |
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| <b>1</b><br>Liturgist: Craig Neuenswander<br>NO Sermon on the Steps<br>USHERS: Marvin Burris & Dennis<br>Williams HELPERS: Becky/Marilyn<br><b>World Communion Sunday</b><br><b>9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only</b><br><b>9:30am Children, Youth, Young Adult Sunday Sch</b><br><b>10:30am WORSHIP/COMMUNION SERVICE - In Person/Online</b><br>1:00pm DOORSTEP Neighbor to Neighbor Walk, Lake Shawnee                          | <b>2</b><br>1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)<br>7:00pm Advanced Square Dance Workshops (FH) set up/out-6p/9:30p                                                                                                                                                     | <b>3</b><br>9:00am Tuesdays With the Word (Cafe Q)<br>10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH)<br>10:30am Office Staff Meeting (P)<br><b>12:30pm MISSION CMTE MTG ZOOM</b><br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH)<br><b>5:30pm DEACON CMTE MTG - ZOOM</b><br>6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P)                                                                      | <b>4</b><br>1:30pm Mary Martha Circle (P)<br>6:45pm Esther Circle (P)<br>6:45pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)<br><b>7:00pm OUTREACH CMTE MTG (ZOOM)</b>                          | <b>5</b><br><b>2:00pm WORSHIP CMTE mtg (ZOOM)</b><br>5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (FH)<br>6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)   | <b>6</b><br>1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal)<br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH)  | <b>7</b><br>4:00pm International Prayer Group (FH, P)                                                              |
| <b>8</b><br>Liturgist: Marvin Burris<br>Sermon on the Steps: Pastor Mere<br>USHERS: Susan Burris & Nancy<br>Carpenter HELPERS: Randall/Dennis<br><b>9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only</b><br><b>9:30am Children, Youth, Young Adult Sunday Sch</b><br><b>10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online</b><br><b>11:30am PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE MTG (Parlor)</b>                                                                      | <b>9</b><br><b>Columbus Day</b><br>8:00am -11:00pm Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot Reserved)<br>12:00pm Harvesters Free Food Distribution (Parking Lot) First Come/First Served<br>1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)<br>5:00pm LADIES NIGHT OUT (Martha Miller's Home) | <b>10</b><br>9:00am Tuesdays With the Word (Cafe Q)<br>10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH)<br>10:30am Office Staff Meeting (P)<br><b>12:00pm ENDOWMENT CMTE MTG ZOOM</b><br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH)<br>4:45pm Serve Dinner/Topeka Rescue Mission<br>6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P)<br>6:30pm P.E.O. FJP Meeting (FH) 6p set up (confirmed S.B.) | <b>11</b><br><b>6:00pm FINANCE CMTE MTG (P)</b><br>6:45pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)                                                                                          | <b>12</b><br>5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (FH)<br>6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br><b>6:30pm PROPERTY CMTE MTG - ZOOM</b><br>7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S) | <b>13</b><br>1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal)<br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH) | <b>14</b><br>4:00pm International Prayer Group (FH, P)                                                             |
| <b>15</b><br><u>Article Deadline -Talking Trinity Newsletter for-NOVEMBER</u><br>Liturgist: N/A<br>NO Sermon on the Steps<br>USHERS: Craig Neuenswander & Dan<br>Moseman HELPERS: Martha/Gerald<br><b>9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only</b><br><b>9:30am Children, Youth, Young Adult Sunday Sch</b><br><b>10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Live Streamed outside</b><br><b>11:00am TRINITY PET PARADE (grass parking lot)</b> | <b>16</b><br>SESSION PACKET REPORTS DUE AT NOON<br>1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)<br>7:00pm Advanced Square Dance Lessons (FH/K) SET UP/CLOSE 6:30P/9:30P                                                                                                         | <b>17</b><br>9:00am Tuesdays With the Word (Cafe Q)<br>10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH)<br>10:30am Office Staff Meeting (P)<br><b>12:00pm VISIONING CMTE MTG ZOOM</b><br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH)<br>6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P)                                                                                                           | <b>18</b><br><b>6:00pm SESSION (FH)</b><br>6:45pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)                                                                                                  | <b>19</b><br>5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (FH)<br>6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)                                           | <b>20</b><br>1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal)<br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH) | <b>21</b><br>4:00pm International Prayer Group (FH, P)                                                             |
| <b>22</b><br>Liturgist: Carol Hornecker<br>Sermon on the Steps: Jon Farrell-Higgins<br>Stewardship Sunday<br>USHERS: David & Barb Koci HELPERS: Marvin/Susan<br><b>9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only</b><br><b>9:30am Children, Youth, Young Adult Sunday Sch</b><br><b>10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online</b>                                                                                                            | <b>23</b><br><b>11:30am PERSONNEL CMTE MTG - ZOOM</b><br>1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)<br><b>1:30pm WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM MTG ZOOM</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>24</b><br>9:00am Tuesdays With the Word (Cafe Q)<br>10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH)<br>10:30am Office Staff Meeting (P)<br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH)<br>6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P)                                                                                                                                                     | <b>25</b><br>6:45pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)                                                                                                                                | <b>26</b><br>5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (FH)<br>6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)                                           | <b>27</b><br>1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal)<br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH) | <b>28</b><br>Terminex treatment (all church/outside)<br>4:00pm International Prayer Group (FH, P)                  |
| <b>29</b><br>Liturgist: Vicky Walters<br><b>Reformation Sunday</b><br>Sermon on the Steps: tbd<br>USHERS: Ann Fincham & Marvin or Susan Burris<br><b>9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only</b><br><b>9:30am Children, Youth, Young Adult Sunday Sch</b><br><b>10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>30</b><br>1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>31</b><br>9:00am Tuesdays With the Word (Cafe Q)<br>10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH)<br>10:30am Office Staff Meeting (P)<br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH)<br>6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P)                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1</b><br><b>All Saints Day</b><br>1:30pm Mary Martha Circle (P)<br>6:45pm Esther Circle (P)<br>6:45pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (S)<br><b>7:00pm OUTREACH CMTE MTG (ZOOM)</b> | <b>2</b><br><b>2:00pm WORSHIP CMTE mtg (ZOOM)</b><br>5:00pm Chair & Standing Yoga (FH)<br>6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)   | <b>3</b><br>1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal)<br>3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH)<br>4:00pm Aerobics (FH)  | <b>4</b><br><b>Presbytery Meeting - First Pres. Church, Ellsworth</b><br>4:00pm International Prayer Group (FH, P) |



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### **Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop**

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Materials used and taught in the workshop include **Laubach Way to Reading** for basic reading skills, **Challenger** for review of basic skills and skill building, **Focus on Phonics** for improving recognition of speech sounds, and **Laubach Way to English** for English language learners.

#### **LOCATION**

Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library  
1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Topeka, KS 66604  
(Menninger Room 206 on October 28)  
(Hughes Room 205 on November 4)

#### **DAYS AND TIME**

Saturday, October 28, 2023; 9:30am to 5:15pm  
and

Saturday, November 4, 2023; 9:30am to 5:15pm

(Doors open by 9:00am for check-in/registration. Workshop begins promptly at 9:30am.)

For more information, please call the office of the Topeka Literacy Council at 785-234-2806, or email us at [topekaliteracy@juno.com](mailto:topekaliteracy@juno.com). Please **preregister by Monday, October 23** by calling or emailing our office. Or you may mail us a check or money order made payable to the Topeka Literacy Council for \$25.00 to cover the expense of providing workshop materials. If you do not attend and receive these materials, your payment will be returned to you. Lunch break will be 45 minutes and lunch is the participant's responsibility. We invite you to have lunch in the Millenium Café at the library or bring a sack lunch and take it to the Millenium Café. We look forward to seeing you!

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