

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Talking Trinity
Monthly Newsletter
April 2025



THE ROAD TO EASTER CONTINUES



Palm Sunday Service

April 13th - 9:00 a.m. breakfast by the Triniteens in Fellowship Hall;
Easter Egg Hunt for Pre K-Sixth Grade ages on the playground;
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. and Parade of Palms at Trinity

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17th - 6:30 p.m. Communion
Worship Service with Heritage Choir at Trinity



Good Friday Service

April 18th - 7:00 p.m. Worship at
Trinity Presbyterian Church
*Presbyterian congregations and choirs from
Trinity, Westminster and First Church
combined together*

Easter Service

April 24th - 10:30 p.m. Worship at Trinity with
special music, Trumpet, Trinity Handbell
Ringers and Trinity Heritage Choir





Every year the tonal whiplash of Holy Week never ceases to throw me off spiritual balance. Oh sure, I've heard stories for forty plus years, waved dozens of palm branches, consumed bread and juice in remembrance of the one who would be delivered to Pontius Pilate. Within days of shouting, "Hosanna! Save us!", we hear shouts of "Crucify him!" I admit that in my capacity as a pastor and worship planner, it is easy for me to slip ahead to Easter during Holy Week (after all, that Easter sermon is not going to write itself). But if I am truthful, as familiar as the story of Holy Week is to me, I don't like to dwell in its darkness, uncertainty, and disappointment. At times, I'm even angry that Jesus didn't stand up for himself in the court of Pilate, although I am mostly ashamed at the crowd's insistence that Pilate free Barabbas instead of Christ.

Throughout Lent, we have been taking a "Pause" during worship to reflect on the Psalms. During Holy Week, the Pause will be most difficult, and also the most necessary. On Good Friday, we will read some of Psalm 22, which Jesus cries from the cross:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

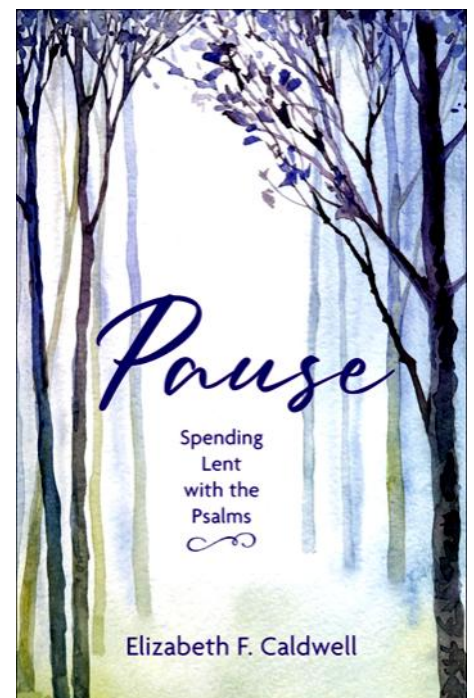
The author of the psalm feels alone and abandoned. Jesus feels his most alone on Good Friday. This is Jesus at his most human, expressing his anguish to the God whom he feels has deserted him. We may feel solidarity with Christ, recalling the moments in our own lives when we have felt alone. We may feel guilt and shame. We may want to rush through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday so we can "get to the good part"- the joy of Easter Sunday.

When we pause with Psalm 22, however, and continue reading, we will note that the psalmist also recounts God's past, present, and future faithfulness:

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted and you delivered them. To you they cried and were saved...

"Pausing" during Holy Week allows us to speak with full-throated honesty the despair of our heart. Yet we are never abandoned, or alone; God's steadfast love remains, and God never deserts us, even and especially on Good Friday. Then we can experience that other great reversal on the Day of Resurrection—tears transformed to laughter and lament into songs of joy. We'll pause at the empty tomb, too—with awe, wonder, and hope. Even louder than the shouts of "Hosanna!" and "Crucify him!" is the announcement- "He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!"

Grace and peace,
Rev. Mere



SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

Trinity Teachers:

You are invited to Teacher Appreciation Sunday, April 6th, where we wish to recognize and THANK YOU during the worship service! Please let Karen Meenen know whether you will be in attendance that Sunday.



Trinity Congregation:

You are invited to attend worship on Sunday, April 6th, to show appreciation for and support of the amazing individuals who volunteer to be teachers at Trinity, many who do it year after year. A card basket will be available.



EARTH DAY - Earth day will be celebrated on **April 6 immediately following church.** This is the 55th year for National Earth Day and their theme is, "Our Power/Our Planet".

The Property Committee and the Visioning Committee are teaming up this year to celebrate Earth Day.

We will plan on cleaning the grounds around the outside of our church - weather permitting. There will also be projects inside the church so either way, **please join us on April 6.**

Lunch will be served followed by our CLEAN UP DAY FOR THE CHURCH. Dress casually. Please bring your rakes, outside cleaning supplies, etc. We will have trash bags available as well as trucks to take the trash bags away. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dan Moseman or Connie Hubbell.



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST ON PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13

Hosted by the TRINITEENS

Bring guests, family, friends, and strangers and support our youth! A Free Will Offering will be accepted.

No reservations needed.

9:15 - 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall



TRINITY'S EASTER EGG HUNT - PALM SUNDAY, April 13th at 10 a.m.

Bring your Pre-K through Sixth grade children to the playground for Easter fun!

Remember to bring your baskets to collect the eggs!



NEEDED FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

- Large plastic eggs (we have small eggs)
 - Trinkets that fit in eggs like...
 - ❖ Stickers
 - ❖ Temporary tattoos
 - ❖ Stamps
 - ❖ Jewelry - rings, necklaces, etc
 - ❖ Hair ties, scrunchies
 - ❖ Small balls or any other fun items you think of!!!
- Individually wrapped non-seasonal candy



We don't need any more small plastic eggs this year, just large eggs are needed. THANKS!



TOPEKA JUSTICE UNITY
& MINISTRY PROJECT

Trinity's justice ministry, **Topeka JUMP**, will hold its **Nehemiah Action Assembly Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 at Washburn's White Concert Hall**. The assembly will focus on the need for affordable housing, reducing violence and a solution to homelessness. Public officials will attend the assembly and will speak to these concerns. Everyone is welcome to attend. **A car pool from Trinity will leave at 5:45.**

Washburn University's White Concert Hall,
1700 SW Jewell Ave, Topeka, KS 66621

Registration at 5:15pm
Starts at 6:30pm



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. **NEXT DRIVE: APRIL 14**



♪ *Take Me Out To The Ball Game* ♪

April 15th – 5:00 pm Falley Field at Washburn
Meet at 4pm for a TAILGATE in Lot 7
Snacks, beverages, and pregame fun.

MaMENTum will be going to an Ichabod baseball game
Against the Fort Hays State Tigers.

Join us on April 15th for another "homerun" of an activity.

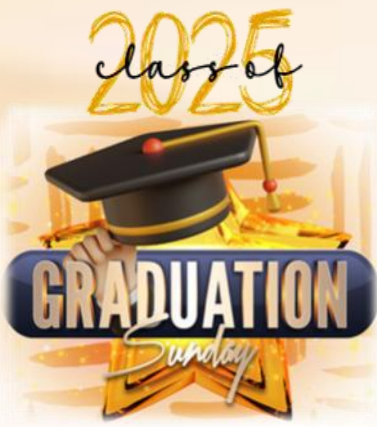
A parking map will be provided, and the cost of the game is FREE!

RSVP to Randall Scott by April 13th.

Those who wish to carpool to the game should meet in
Trinity's parking lot at 3:45 pm.



Friday, April 18
and
Monday, April 21



GRADUATION SUNDAY AT TRINITY WILL BE APRIL 27TH

Do you have a college, high school or eighth grade student that will be graduating this year?

If so, please contact Karen Meenen by April 10th.

We will recognize graduates in worship on April 27 and a card basket will be available in the lobby.

Graduates and their families and guests are invited to lunch in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship that day.



APRIL 2025 LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, April 30 at 10:30 am at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fellowship Hall. Marvin Burris will be our speaker. Lunch out after the presentation. Location to be determined. Each person is responsible for paying for their own lunch. Friends are welcome. Questions contact Karen Meenen.

Over the years Marvin has researched and spoken about former U.S. presidents. This time he will reveal some interesting “didja-knows” about three past presidents: one very popular, one whose stock has risen over the years, and one sometimes known as tricky.

Marvin was born and raised in Abilene, Kansas, graduating from Abilene High School. He earned a business degree from The University of Kansas in 1970, and an MBA from Washburn University in 1988. He became a CPA in 1972.

In 1980, after several years in public accounting, Marvin became a member of the staff of the Kansas Board of Regents. He retired in 2005 as Vice-President for Finance and Administration, having also served as Interim President and CEO.

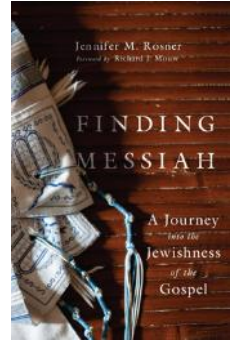
Marvin is a long time member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, where he has served as an elder and deacon. Marvin enjoys walking for exercise, reading and watching old movies. He is a history buff and enjoyed being a presenter for the Shepherd’s Center of Topeka and KU’s Osher Institute.

Marvin and Susan, a retired Topeka school teacher, have been married 46 years. They have a son Eric (Gretchen) and a daughter Jill (Scott) and two granddaughters.





Page Turners is continuing to read *Finding Messiah: A Journey into the Jewishness of the Gospel* by Jennifer M. Rosner and Richard J. Mouw. Jennifer Rosner, a scholar of Jewish-Christian relations, takes us on a personal and corporate journey into the Jewish roots of Christian faith and practice. Trinity's book group meets most Fridays from 1:30 to 3:00. On 1st, 2nd, and 4th Fridays, we meet at Cafe Quetzal (2111



SW Belle Ave.), and on the 3rd Friday of the month we meet in the church parlor. Watch the weekly newsletter (The Trinity Candle) for news about our next book. Questions? Contact Carol Thomas at 785-357-1472 or ctmsm@gmail.com.



Gatherings for Eight dinner groups have been formed. Each group has a coordinator. Expect to be contacted by your group coordinator shortly. If you have any questions please contact Karen.

Welcome
New Member
CARRIE TRAVIS




My name is Carrie Travis, I am from Arkansas. I have 4 amazing kids ages 25, 20, 17 and 4. I have many hobbies such as gardening and dance and homesteading. I also love to read, write, bake and sing. My biggest passion would be sharing my story and trauma with women and children to show them that you can survive what you have been through and still thrive on life.

To spread my love for Christ to others and my faith, and being the best mom I can be.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Directory
of Members and Friends
February 25, 2025



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**Updated
Trinity Directories
are available in the
church lobby.**

March 3, 2024

Dear Trinity,

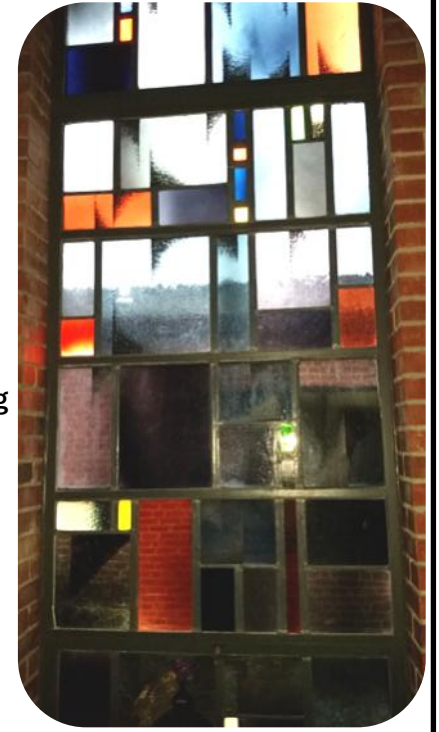
After weeks of searching, discussion, and sample requests, the carpet group made a recommendation to Property which in turn took our information to Session. The recommendation was approved, and John Hall will be installing new carpet in the sanctuary in the coming weeks.

I want to thank the group of Fern Freeman, Tamara Hampton, Toni Farrel-Higgins, Connie Hubble, and Jurahee Shriver (acting secretary), for the collective sense of importance this decision has been. Each member felt a responsibility and freely donated their time and interest to honor the building and the congregation.

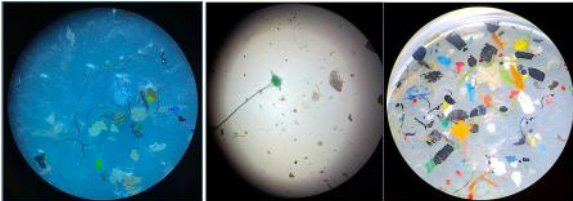
We used Countryside Methodist Church as a model with the blend of carpet and hard surfaces. The coloring of natural wood tones and the stained-glass windows were the inspiration for the final selection. All of us are excited and anxious to see the carpet installed and hope each of you enjoy the selection for the next forty years.

Sincerely,

Jurahee Shriver



EARTHCARE TEAM



Recent research regarding autopsies is revealing that all of us have at least a spoonful's worth of microplastics in our brains, but what is concerning is that this level is 50% higher than just 8 years ago.

Brain tissue harbors 7 to 30 times more plastic particles than organs like the liver or kidneys. The primary sources? The air we breathe, followed by bottled water, with seafood completing the top three sources of exposure.

These tiny fragments - invisible but potentially harmful - enter your body through surprising daily habits. Your morning tea might deliver more than comfort, water bottles serve millions of particles per sip, and synthetic furniture silently sheds microplastics into your home as does your clothing made from synthetics.

Anything made of nylon or polyester - clothes, furniture, curtains, carpets - are shedding microplastic fibers all the time. Therefore we are most exposed in our homes and daily actions. Since plastic is too toxic or costly to recycle -- try to use as little plastic as possible!!





At Trinity, we take the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during the season of Lent and through Easter Sunday. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development and justice for the oppressed through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people safety, sustenance, and hope. One Great Hour of Sharing has helped God's most vulnerable people for over 75 years providing sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. In fact,

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Please consider a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing this Lenten Season. You can find OGHS envelopes in the backs of the pews or donate online. Thank you!

WAYS TO GIVE
 When making a donation by check, be sure to write checks to Trinity Presbyterian Church and put "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) in the memo line. Or, you can also give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering through our website. If you go to www.trinitypresbyterian.net/give, there is an option to give to any of our special offerings.



Make plans to attend **Doorstep's Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing** on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka will share information on their program to provide beds for children. Call Doorstep to RSVP at 785-357-5341 by April 24.

Following the meal will be the drawing for quilts. Tickets for queen-size theme quilts for KU, KSU, KC Royals and KC Chiefs are \$2 each; tickets for other quilts are \$1 each. Art Lancaster and Peggy McAdoo will have tickets for sale if you are interested in a quilt. You do not have to be present to win.

Donor/s Needed: Doorstep is looking for one or more donors who would be willing to donate the matching funds for the Summer Cash Bash. This is Doorstep's 60th year so a special match would be welcome. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Cain, Executive Director at lisa@doorstepinc.com or 785-357-5341.

2025 Doorstep Events

- April 29th** **Appreciation Banquet & Quilt Drawing** ~
 Host: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Program: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka
 Entertainment: St. John's Ev Lutheran Brass Quartet

Quilt Drawing ~ \$2 individual chances for theme quilts (KU, K-State, KC Chiefs, KC Royals)
 \$1 chances to win our other amazing quilts.
- June 7th** **8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run**
 (Saturday) Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2 ~ Start time 9 A.M.
 A Kick-off to our 60th Anniversary in June 2026!!
- July** **Christmas in July** collection of items for adopted families.
 (Tentative) **Summer Cash Bash** donations with matching funds.
Re-Imagined Jewelry purchased from Café Quetzal with the funds going to Doorstep.

Sept 13th **Sertoma Duck Race** ~ Our Goal = 60 donors buying ducks!

Friday Oct 3rd **2nd Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament**
 Tentative date until a course is reserved.

Nov & Dec **Collection of items** for Christmas Adoption Project.
 Doorstep adopts 260 households from the Christmas Bureau each year. We need help providing gifts, food, health kits, blankets, toys, school supplies, and gift cards for 800+ individuals. Gifts needed by Wed, December 10th.

Dec 16th - 18th **Christmas Adoption Project distribution days.**
 Volunteers will be needed!

Donations Accepted:
Monday – Friday
9am – 2pm
 1119 SW 10th Ave
 (10th & Buchanan)
 Use the South Door

Finance Matters

WAYS TO GIVE

Trinity is extremely grateful to members and friends who contribute financial gifts as a response to God's boundless grace and generosity.

By Personal Check:

Mail 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 the 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 may also be designated.

NOTE: This form of giving is especially *secure*. It will not be lost in the mail and cannot be stolen from the outdoor mailbox!

Another way to give via the website:

1. Scan the purple image [QR code] on this page with your smartphone.
2. Open the link that pops up, and you will be taken directly to the Online Giving page for Trinity.
3. Select the fund (s), and you can easily make your financial gift.



Cash:

Cash offerings should only be given in a worship service – do not mail! Please consider using a Pew envelope and label it with your name, if desired. If you do not indicate a fund, it will be recorded as a gift for the General Operating Budget.



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 with the correct and timely recording of your gift.



Gentle Reminder: Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the **Per Capita** fund. Trinity makes this payment to Presbytery on behalf of the membership of Trinity. We ask for a contribution of **\$38 per member**. Any difference in the funds collected and when the payment is due is made up from the General Operating Budget.



ALL Financial Gifts:

THANK YOU for your financial support! Your generous contributions are received with much appreciation and help us grow our ministry and mission.



**TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2025**

DAY CAMP

Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25
Register your children today!

For Ages: completed Kindergarten - completed 6th grade
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Price: \$50 per Camper
Space limited

EVERY DAY, campers *must* bring the following items to camp:

- **Closed toe shoes** (*wear daily except for water activities*)
- Sack lunch (*no refrigeration available*)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Swimsuit
- Water shoes (*for water activities*)
- Towel

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND BELONGINGS WITH THE CAMPER'S NAME.

4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, Ks 66604
272-2620

office@trinitypresbyterian.net



Registration instructions on the next page!

DAY CAMP at TRINITY July 21-July 25, 2025 8am—5pm

FIRST: REGISTER Each Day Camper Separately Online

1. Visit the Trinity website-home page at www.trinitypresbyterian.net
2. Scroll down to "2025 Day Camp"
3. Click on the REGISTER NOW box. This takes you to the Heartland Camps website. Click on the REGISTER HERE (red box.)
4. For each of your campers, complete all the pages of the Camper Application (separately for each child). Choose **Tier 1** for Traveling Day Camp and pick Trinity as the location.
5. When you've completed the REGISTRATION for your last camper, stop at the "charges" screen. **DO NOT PAY** through this site. Close out of this site. *But you are not done...*
6. Go to the **MAKE PAYMENT** section below. Follow the payment instructions to complete the enrollment of your camper(s).



SECOND: MAKE PAYMENT to Complete Enrollment

Make a check to "Trinity Presbyterian Church", and mail or deliver it to 4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, Ks 66604 **OR**

Pay online at Trinity's home page: www.trinitypresbyterian.net

1. On the home page, scroll down and click on **GIVE ONLINE**.
2. Choose **Camp Registration Fees** box. (follow the prompts)
3. Enter total owed for **all** registered children. (Cost is \$50 per child)
4. Select **One Time** for frequency.
5. **Total** will auto fill.
6. **Date** will auto fill.
7. Click on **Continue**.
8. Provide required **Donation Info**.
9. -In the **NOTES** SECTION: You must type: "**2025 Day Camp Registration**" and **all** children's full name for whom you are making payment.
10. Click the **Process** box to complete your payment.



Donations

If you're already logged in, please "Log In" on the right, otherwise continue.

General Operating Fund

For Capital

Stewardship Fund

Gifts and Memorials Fund

2 Camp Registration Fees **3**

Heartland Camps Fund

Youth Projects Fund

Our Great Place of Sharing

Personal Offering

Preschool Offering

Christmas Joy Offering

4 Total: **5**

Donation Frequency: **6**

Donation Start Date:

7

8 **9**

Donation Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

Country:

State:

Zip:

Phone Number:

Account ID:

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Donation Summary

Donation Amount:

Card On File:

Payment Method:

Payment Date:

Payment Status:

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QUESTIONS? CALL TRINITY AT 785-272-2620

An opportunity to print a receipt will come up.

An email will also be sent to the email address provided.

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 located at:
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>6 *EARTH DAY 5th Sunday in Lent Deacon of the Week: Lee Langfitt Liturgist: Beverley Lutz Sermon on the Steps: Teacher Appreciation Sunday USHERS: Marvin Burris & Dennis Williams HELPERS: Becky/Marilyn 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children's, Youth, Young Adult Sunday School 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am DEACONS MEETING (P) 11:30am Earth Day Neighborhood Trash Pick Up Day (volunteers' Lunch at 11:30-11:45a (FH) (clean up 11:45-1:30p)</p>	<p>7 11:00am Office Staff Mtg (Ofc Conf Rm) 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 7:00pm Advanced Square Dance Workshops (FH) set up/ out-6p/9:30p</p>	<p>8 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 1:00pm MISSION CMTE MTG - ZOOM 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 4:45pm Serve Dinner/ Topeka Rescue Mission 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)</p>	<p>9 10:00am WORSHIP CMTE mtg (P) 1:30pm STEWARDSHIP CMTE MTG (P) 6:00pm FINANCE CMTE MTG (P) 6:30pm Adult CE Lenten Meditation (S) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)</p>	<p>10 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:30pm NEHEMIAH Assembly (Washburn U, White Concert Hall) 6:30pm PROPERTY CMTE MTG - ZOOM 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>11 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)</p>	<p>12 no Beginner Square Dance Lessons No Square Dance Lessons PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST SET UP by Friendship Squares 1:00pm Ken Cott Celebration of Life (FH, P, K) 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)</p>
<p>13 *PALM SUNDAY Deacon of the Week: Carol Shannahan Liturgist: Craig Neuenswander NO SUNDAY DAY SCHOOL-ALL AGES Palm Sunday Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Susan Burris & Nancy Carpenter HELPERS: Randall/Dennis 9:15am Palm Sunday Breakfast by Trintees (FH, K, P) 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt (PreK-Sixth Grade playground) 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE MTG (Parlor)</p>	<p>14 SESSION PACKET REPORTS DUE AT NOON 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) 5:30pm ADULT CE CMTE MTG (ZOOM)</p>	<p>15 MAY TALKING TRINITY ARTICLE DEADLINE 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 4:00pm MoMENTum event (Base Ball Game/ Falley Field-Washburn / Tailgate, Lot 7, 4pm) 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)</p>	<p>16 6:00pm SESSION (FH) 6:30pm Adult CE Lenten Meditation (S) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)</p>	<p>17 Liturgist: Carol Shannahan Maundy Thursday 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at TRINITY - no nursery 7:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>18 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Good Friday 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Parlor) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 6:35pm Nursery opens 7:00pm GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at Trinity (S)</p>	<p>19 10:00am Beginner Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) [set up at 9am] 11:30am Plus Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)</p>
<p>20 Deacon of the Week: Cathy Armstrong Easter Sunday Liturgist: Carol Shannahan NO SUNDAY DAY SCHOOL-ALL AGES Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Craig Neuenswander & Dan Moseman HELPERS: Martha/Gerald 10:30am EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online</p>	<p>21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED no Office Staff Mtg 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 6:00pm Square Dance Plus (FH/K) SET UP/ CLOSE 5:30P/9:30P</p>	<p>22 Earth Day 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)</p>	<p>23 6:30pm Adult CE Lenten Meditation (S) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)</p>	<p>24 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>25 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)</p>	<p>26 Terminex treatment (all church/outside) 10:00am Beginner Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) [set up at 9am] 11:30am Plus Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)</p>
<p>27 *GRADUATION SUNDAY Deacon of the Week: Toni Farrell-Higgins Liturgist: Jace Raines, Graduate Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: David & Jurahee HELPERS: Marvin/Susan 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children's, Youth, Young Adult Sunday School 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am Graduates and families Lunch (K, P, FH)</p>	<p>28 12:00pm PERSONNEL CMTE MTG (P) 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 1:30pm WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM MTG ZOOM 5:00pm LADIES NIGHT OUT (Shriver's Home)</p>	<p>29 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)</p>	<p>30 10:30am Lunch Bunch at Trinity in Fellowship Hall; Marvin Burris, Speaker 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)</p>	<p>1 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>2 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)</p>	<p>3 10:00am Beginner Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) [set up at 9am] 11:30am Plus Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)</p>

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<p>4 Deacon of the Week: Judy Williams Liturgist: Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Marvin Burris & Dennis Williams HELPERS: Becky/Marilyn 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children's, Youth, Young Adult Sunday School 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am DEACONS MEETING (P)</p>	<p>5 11:00am Office Staff Mtg (Ofc Conf Rm) 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 7:00pm Advanced Square Dance Workshops (FH) set up/ out-6p/9:30p</p>	<p>6 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 11:00am VISIONING CMTE MTG (Zoom) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)</p>	<p>7 1:00pm JUMP Trinity Team Mtg. (ofc conf rm) 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle Bible Study (P) 6:45pm Esther Circle (P) 7:00pm OUTREACH CMTE MTG (ZOOM) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)</p>	<p>8 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:30pm PROPERTY CMTE MTG - ZOOM 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>9 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)</p>	<p>10 10:00am Beginner Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) [set up at 9am] 11:30am Plus Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)</p>	
<p>11 Deacon of the Week: Janis Holiwell Liturgist: Mother's Day Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Susan Burris & Nancy Carpenter HELPERS: Randall/Dennis 9:00am FIRST STEPS Inquirers Class (ofc conf rm) 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children's, Youth, Young Adult Sunday School 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE MTG (Parlor)</p>	<p>12 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) 5:30pm ADULT CE CMTE MTG (ZOOM)</p>	<p>13 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 1:00pm MISSION CMTE MTG - ZOOM 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 4:45pm Serve Dinner/ Topeka Rescue Mission 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)</p>	<p>14 10:00am WORSHIP CMTE mtg (P) 1:30pm STEWARDSHIP CMTE MTG (P) 6:00pm FINANCE CMTE MTG (P) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)</p>	<p>15 no Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>16 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Parlor) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)</p>	<p>17 10:00am Beginner Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) [set up at 9am] 11:30am Plus Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) 1:00pm Raines family event (FH) 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)</p>	
<p>18 Deacon of the Week: Don Rogers Liturgist: Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Craig Neuenswander & Dan Moseman HELPERS: Martha/Gerald 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children's, Youth, Young Adult Sunday School 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am LEGACY SUNDAY (FH)</p>	<p>19 JUN. TALKING TRINITY ARTICLE DEADLINE SESSION PACKET REPORTS DUE AT NOON 11:00am Office Staff Mtg (Ofc Conf Rm) 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 6:00pm Square Dance Plus (FH/K) SET UP/ CLOSE 5:30P/9:30P</p>	<p>20 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)</p>	<p>21 6:00pm SESSION (FH) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)</p>	<p>22 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>23 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)</p>	<p>24 Terminex treatment (all church/outside) Trinity's Anniversary/ May 24, 1953 10:00am Beginner Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) [set up at 9am] 11:30am Plus Square Dance Lessons (FH, K) 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)</p>	
<p>25 Deacon of the Week: Jurahee Shriver Liturgist: Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: David & Jurahee HELPERS: Marvin/Susan 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online</p>	<p>26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LELC CLOSED/ HOLIDAY Memorial Day 12:00pm PERSONNEL CMTE MTG (P) 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 1:30pm WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM MTG ZOOM</p>	<p>27 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)</p>	<p>28 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)</p>	<p>29 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>30 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)</p>	<p>31 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)</p>	



**Dr. Kennett Samuel Cott, professor emeritus, Washburn University,
died March 4, 2025, age 82.**

Born April 12, 1942 in Elkhart, KS, Ken was the first of three children of Hubbard Yeager Cott and Clyda Hale Cott. Ken grew up in various towns on the High Plains from the Dakotas to Western Kansas. He graduated in 1964 from (then) Fort Hays State College. He received his masters and PhD degrees in Latin American history from the University of New Mexico, with an emphasis on Mexican history. Ken retired as a professor of history and chair of the Washburn University History Department in 2003, after 34 years of teaching and university service. He had a reputation as a challenging, but fair, teacher; an academic who valued scholarship, but took pride in classroom teaching and mentoring students. In 1988-89, Ken served as a Fulbright scholar in Paraguay, the first such scholar the country had hosted.

While there, a military coup ousted the long-term dictator. The Latin American Studies

Association appointed Ken to former president Jimmy Carter's international team to monitor the presidential election that followed the coup. Ken led an honorable life, as an advocate for treating people decently and equally and by trying to improve the lives of people overlooked and shoved aside. He truly lived his commitment to peacemaking in tangible ways. Beginning with his opposition to the Vietnam War, he took leadership roles or served as an active member of Topeka's Amnesty International and American Civil Liberties Union. He founded and led the Topeka Alliance on Central America, and co-founded the Topeka Center for Peace and Justice. In 2013, the Center recognized Ken with its first-ever Individual Peacemaker award.

Ken's legacy will be his leadership and decades long commitment to improving education and healthcare in the impoverished, rural village of Los Talpetates, El Salvador. The Topeka-Talpetates Partnership's mission is to support education in the village. To date, 140 students have received scholarships to attend high school or college. His love and respect for the people of the village was boundless, and his many friends there are mourning his death.

Ken was an avid gardener. He liked hiking, camping, and traveling to historic sites. He was well known for his repertoire of old and quirky songs. He was a fan of the Chiefs, Royals, and Jayhawks. He never lost his youthful interest in Mexico; in retirement he and his wife lived part-time in Queretaro, MX. He was an ordained elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and a lifetime member of the Peacemaking Committee.

Ken married Marion Beth Morris on October 26, 1968. They had two children Marion Annabelle, who died in infancy and Amanda Marion Cott, who lives in Frederick, MD with husband Daniel Gohlke and their two sons, Morris Benjamin, 9, and Cole Samuel, 7.

Preceding him in death are his parents and a brother, Paul. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, a sister, Su Piccioni, and a cousin, Jo Scott, among other relatives.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Topeka, KS on April 12 from 1-3 p.m. In recognition of Ken's lifelong commitment to education and social justice, the family recommends contributions to the Talpetates Scholarship Fund, managed by Trinity Presbyterian Church. Funds are used exclusively for scholarships. Make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church (4746 SW 21st St., Topeka, KS 66604) with scholarships indicated on the memo line, or contribute online at <https://trinitypresbyterian.net>. Gifts to Washburn University, History Department scholarships, are also suggested.

TRIBUTES POUR IN FROM TALPETATES ON NEWS OF THE PASSING OF KEN COTT

Immediately after the people of Talpetates heard of Ken's death, their tributes, gratitude, and love poured in on social media.

Veronica Portillo writes, "May God grant him eternal rest. His work on earth ended but he leaves a great legacy. All of us who studied at Centro Escolar Canton Los Talpetates have beautiful memories that we will always keep in our hearts."

"May God grant him eternal rest 🙏 he will live in our hearts forever 😭. An incomparable human being who contributed so much to us and that many of us are professionals thanks to his unconditional support, fly high uncle Ken Cott an entire community regrets your departure. Your legacy will always be remembered." Maritza Orellana, college graduate from Talpetates.

Since the 1990s, Ken had imagined a scholarship fund that would give students who had completed elementary school in Talpetates, the opportunity to go to nearby villages to complete High School and even University degrees. Since 2002 when the scholarship program was started, over a hundred Talpetates youth have received a High School degree and about 20 have University degrees!

What a legacy that has completely changed the village.

<https://www.facebook.com/talpetates>





**Happy
Birthday**

4/02 Kelly Stevenson	4/16 Charlotte Williams
4/04 Judy Williams	4/17 Carol Thomas
4/05 Glenn Jagodzinske	4/19 Karen Dove
4/05 Craig Neuenswander	4/23 Marilyn Leinacker
4/06 Delaney Njoroge	4/23 Prisca Mulegwa
4/06 Henry Kemp-Pappan	4/24 Jeanie Wallace
4/12 Lillian Kemp-Pappan	4/26 Anna Ahrens
4/14 Anton Ahrens	4/28 Lisa Smelser
	4/29 Jacob Barnard
	4/30 Melissa Oroke



**Happy
Anniversary**

4/18 Bob & Ann Fincham
4/28 Kristin & Brian Chooncharoen

If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not listed, please contact the church secretary at 785.272.2620 or office@trinitypresbyterian.net

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES ON:



TRINITY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2025

- ❖ Pastor Mere will make copies of her sermons available and will be arranging for home communion to be served to those unable to attend worship. She is teaching pulpit supply training for the Presbytery and preparing for Easter. Greg Lee has agreed to fill the pulpit March 23rd in her absence.
- ❖ Trinity has been recognized once again as an exemplary model for food distribution organization at Harvesters.
- ❖ Approved Session Minutes are now available on the Trinity website in the Members password protected site.
- ❖ Update: Solar panels have been installed. Next step is electrical inspection. Flooring installation in the Sanctuary is expected to begin immediately after Easter.
- ❖ Approved a motion from the Stewardship committee to celebrate Legacy Sunday on May 18.

WORSHIP AT TRINITY IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE & ONLINE VIEWING

Month	Date	Sunday	In Person	Online	TOTAL
FEBRUARY	2/16/2025	3rd	96	1	97
	2/23/2025	4th	78	1	79
MARCH	3/2/2025	1st	88	3	91
	3/9/2025	2nd	110	1	111
	3/16/2025	3rd	81	2	83
	3/23/2025	4th	87	3	90

🌲 HEARTLAND CAMPS ♥ OVERNIGHT & DAY

THIS IS WHERE THE JOY IS



EXPERIENCE GOD IN THE OUTDOORS

OVERNIGHT CAMP: COMPLETED 2ND - 12TH GRADE

DAY CAMP: COMPLETED K - 6TH GRADE

2025 DATES: WEEKLY CAMPS JUNE 2 - AUG 15



REGISTER ONLINE: [HEARTLANDCAMPS.ORG](https://heartlandcamps.org)

Register online for Heartland overnight camps at [HEARTLANDCAMPS.ORG](https://heartlandcamps.org). Trinity will pay 1/3, PNK will pay 1/3 and the camper's family is to pay 1/3 for the cost of the overnight camp in Parkville, MO. To receive Trinity's 1/3 contribution, notify Karen Meenen of the camp and date your child will be attending. Trinity and PNK will only pay for one overnight camp per camper.

CAMPS FILL UP FAST AND SOON REGISTER TODAY

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2025!



In July 2025, the Presbyterian Church (USA) will welcome thousands of its high school age youth and their adult youth sponsors to Louisville, Kentucky for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme of “As If We Were Dreaming”.

Most programming and meals will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) with all participants housed at nearby Triennium hotels.

When: July 27-July 31, 2025 (includes travel by bus with Heartland Presbytery Youth)

Where: Louisville, KY

Who: Entering Highschool Freshmen through Graduated Seniors + Adult Sponsors
AND - TWO YOUNG ADULT (Ages 19-23) TRACK OPTIONS!

Estimated Cost: \$600* per person if 2 to a room
\$450 per person if 4 to a room

A \$200 scholarship is available from PNKS for each youth who is a member of a PNKS church.
We encourage member churches to also contribute 1/3 of the cost.

**Contact Karen Meenen to sign up SOON!
Transportation spaces are filling up fast.**

A few of Trinity's Dinner for Eight groups!



Lunch Bunch toured the Washburn University Law Building with Dean Jeffrey Jackson!



Carol Hornecker and Cindy Stevens prepare for Communion Sunday morning.



Trinity member Dana Schoffelman facilitating an Adult Sunday school class about Florence Crittenton!



MoMENTum group Treasure Hunt of Adventures!



Sunday morning at Trinity!



Triniteens Sunday!



Bibles were presented to Third Graders in worship!



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The graphic features a colorful watercolor background with a large yellow Easter egg in the center. The text is arranged as follows:

HE HAS RISEN
Join us for our Easter Service

Sunday, April 20th
Worship begins at 10:30am

at Trinity Presbyterian Church
You can also join us online at www.trinitypresbyterian.net for our LIVE worship.