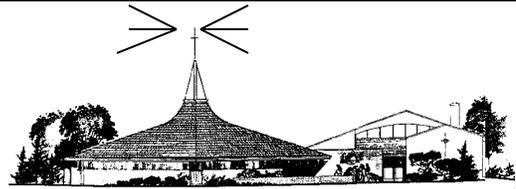


Trinity BEAMS

the newsletter of
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Manhattan, Kansas
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People of God... seeking, growing,
and serving through Christ.



FROM THE PASTOR

There are five prominent voices in the New Testament—the gospels and Paul—and they all hope to influence us in particular ways. Although Matthew, Mark, and Luke appear to be telling the same story, they offer subtle differences. John is quite different, and obviously so. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell the story of Jesus as the bearer of the Kingdom of God. Throughout their story, these three evangelists emphasize how the followers of Jesus are to “take up their cross” and follow him. John has no such language and only rarely mentions the word “Kingdom”. For John, Jesus is the Word of God who came into the world so that the world could be saved by believing in his name. Mark, Matthew, and Luke emphasize actions. John emphasizes belief.

Paul, whose letters are earlier than all of the gospels, emphasizes the death and resurrection of Jesus as the turning point in all creation. God, in Christ, was reconciling the world to himself. We preach Christ crucified. Or, as he puts it in 1 Corinthians 15: “For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures...” We see the contrast: In one sense we are to take up the cross. In another, we are to believe. In the third, we have no part whatsoever, as Christ has done it all.

February brings us Valentine’s Day, and whatever that might provide to the secular world, it is a useful reminder of where the voices of the New Testament converge, rather than differ. Love is the great, unifying theme.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all report that he asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus responds with loving God and one’s neighbor as oneself. John tells us that Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment that they love one another as he has loved them. And Paul, also in 1 Corinthians, reminds the church that love “believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” Of faith, hope and love, love is the greatest.

It is of immense scholarly interest to pick and probe the Gospels for their unique qualities. For the Christian trying to live out their faith, it might be a bit confusing. So when in doubt, love. If we wake up every day committed to loving God in gratitude, loving our neighbor, and loving ourselves, we will never be wrong. For God did so love the world. God is love and those who abide in love abide in God. We can never go wrong with love.

- *Rev. Jim Hawley*



Each month we publish a listing of members and their immediate families, and guests of Trinity who are living in health care, assisted living facilities, semi shut-in at home, hospitalized, or recuperating from surgery or illness. We encourage you to pray for these friends, send them a note, call or visit them. Call the church for addresses/phone.

Those in nursing centers, assisted living,
or semi shut-in at home

Wayne Bailie - Meadowlark Hills
 Ron & Dorine Bergren - Home
 Bernice Brighton - Meadowlark Hills
 Carol Geren - Home
 Mary Lou Kenworthy
 - Presbyterian Manor, Wichita, KS
 Joe Ann Wood Moore - Meadowlark Hills
 Delores Nash - Home

 FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

7. Glenda Schweitzer
 11. Jan Byars
 25. Rev. Jim Hawley
 25. Ruth Lignitz
 27. Bill Schapaugh

 Worship/Music Committee Meeting
 February 1, 1:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting
 February 1, 6:30 p.m.

Session Meeting
 February 9, 6:00 p.m.

TPW Coordinating Team Meeting
 February 21, 1:00 p.m.
 Moderator: Susan Tolley

TPW/Bible Study
 canceled for February



SUNDAY WORSHIP — 10:00 A.M.

If you are not able to worship in person, the service is streamed live on our Facebook page.

 FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Following worship each Sunday we invite you to join others in the fellowship hall for coffee, treats, and conversation.

Fellowship Hour Hosts

1st Sunday - Co Roblyer & Nancy Webb
 2nd Sunday - Carolyn Kelly
 3rd Sunday - Arlo & Diane Biere
 4th Sunday - Lynn & Susan Tolley
 5th Sunday - Marci Harris & Kay Robinson

 Dear Friends,

This holiday season, we called on you for help, and you came through. We are humbled by your participation in the Crisis Center's 2021 Christmas Bureau and honestly could not do this without you! Thank you for your generous donation of 20 new Christmas presents. Because of you, we were able to serve 47 families, including 65 children, with new wrapped gifts. Thank you for choosing to support victims and survivors this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for being a part of our community and a part of the Crisis Center team. I look forward to our partnership and working together.

- Kathy Ray
 Executive Director



The 2022 Souper Bowl offering will begin Sunday, February 6. Soup pots will be placed in the narthex for you to support your team by placing food items in the one labeled for your team. The pots will be out through Sunday morning February 13.

Items especially needed are bottled juices—48 oz size; crackers—Ritz, graham, saltines; canned baked beans—spicy is popular; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese (think Kraft dinner or similar); cold cereals—sugary unfortunately are in demand, not the healthy ones; pancake mixes, and pancake syrup. CASH IS ALWAYS ACCEPTED. Cash donations so labeled can be placed in the soup kettles, offering plate, or given to Berneda in the church office—hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The food and cash donations will be delivered to the Flint Hills Breadbasket following the Super Bowl game on February 13.

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas
Is now a VIRTUAL Office
Effective January 1, 2022

First Presbyterian Church, Salina has been most gracious in allowing us to continue to use our current space. However, for all practical purposes, the Presbytery Office is now a virtual office. You can reach the Presbytery Office at 1-800-0085 or 785-825-1654, or email at office@pnks.org.

TRINITY'S BLESSING BOX



We have done a great job keeping our Blessing Box supplied with food for those in our community that are less fortunate. Stock the Box suggestions for winter temperatures (0-40 degrees) are:

Peanut butter, nuts, rice, pasta in boxes, cereals, instant oatmeal packets, crackers, granola, jelly, pancake syrup, baking and pancake mixes, microwave meals/to-go meals and shelf-stable meal kits, individual serving size items. Keep in mind canned foods can freeze, no foods in glass containers, or over the counter medications.

Last year we were fortunate to receive a \$3,000 grant from Kansas Leadership Center. All but a few dollars has been used. It will now be up to individuals to stock the box. We thank each of you for what you are able to contribute.



TPW Annual Rummage Sale
April 29-30.

Your donations are needed!
We take most anything in good
workable condition.

Furniture, household, kitchen items,
tools, toys, and clothes.

Save your items and bring to the church
the last week of April!

For God so loVed the world
 thAt He gave His
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 SoN,
 thaT whoever
 belIeves
 iN Him should not perish
 but havE everlasting life.
 (John 3:16, NKJV)



FEBRUARY

2022

CHURCH EVENTS

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| 1 - Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. | Deacons Meeting |
| 2 - Wednesday | 1:00 p.m. | Worship Committee Meeting |
| 3 - Thursday | | TPW Circle/Bible Study has been canceled |
| 5 - Saturday | | Presbytery Meeting—Virtual |
| 6 - Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship/Communion |
| 9 - Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | Session Meeting |
| 13 - Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | Fellowship hour following worship |
| 20- Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | Fellowship hour following meeting |
| 21- Monday | 1:00 p.m. | TPW Coordinating Team meeting |
| 27 - Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | Fellowship hour following worship |

Church Staff/Strategic Personnel

Pastor - Rev. James Hawley - 785-577-9330 (cell)
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 Music Director - Susan Tolley
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 Custodians - Steve & Elaine Johannes
 Treasurer - Karyl Croft

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