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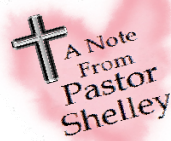
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### October Worship Attendance

	10:30a	5:00p	Total
10/2	163	45	208
10/9	172	26	198
10/16	140	n/a	140
10/23	176	34	210



## Trinity's Steward-Ship: Quite a Catch



*"Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch." (Lk 5: 4)*

Ever been fishing with Jesus? Jesus doesn't stay on shore and shout directions with water lapping at his toes. Jesus strides up the ramp with us, challenging us to sail into deeper waters for a miraculous catch. Yet, the disciples' catch that bursts their brimming nets is *not* the miracle. The miracle is that after a night of failed fishing, they set out with Jesus; make the catch of a lifetime; and then leave the catch and their nets and boats behind to follow Jesus!!

Trinity has already pushed out into the deep with:

- ◇ our new building and remodeling
- ◇ our partnership to bring on board Little Explorers Learning Center
- ◇ our increased educational and small group offerings
- ◇ our Alive@5 Sunday afternoon worship
- ◇ a growing list of mission commitments
- ◇ an increased number of scholarships to El Salvador students
- ◇ an ever widening circle of youth
- ◇ a record number of visitors

Our nets are overflowing with people sharing their fishing poles and nets so that we are graced with their talents and giftedness. The disciples who Jesus called to board the boat with him were regular people like you and me. They were dejectedly washing their empty nets after a long night of fruitless fishing when Jesus said, "Let's go even deeper together."

As Christopher Columbus said, "You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." On our steward-ship, we will cross the depths and we'll lose sight of the shore because:

- ◇ we have Jesus on board with us
- ◇ we have each other
- ◇ the strong commit to upholding the weak
- ◇ the kingdom of heaven lies across the waters

But the "here-and-now kingdom of heaven" means risking our financial resources so there are enough provisions on board to feed our children, ourselves, and those who are broken/bent/busted and who seek refuge from the travails of a cold and stormy world. Let us cast our nets into the deep. Your pledges will bring in quite a catch. And who knows? Perhaps you'll take greater and greater risks for the sake of Jesus and his ministries! My prayer for you is that God will bless your risk taking.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Shelley



**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 19 SESSION MEETING**

- ◇ Approval was given to a five-year lease between Trinity and TDC.
- ◇ Approval was given to disband the Trinity Day Care Committee as of December 31, 2011.
- ◇ Approval was given to a part-time staff position for a Trinity Liaison to TDC
- ◇ Little Explorers Learning Centers.



**BSA TROOP 172 NEWS**

**Garage Sale and Pancake Feed**

which will be held at the church on **Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**. The hours will be from **8 am to Noon**. *All you can eat pancakes and sausage will be \$ 4.50*, and will include coffee, milk or orange juice. *Our garage sale to raise money for camping* and other activities will be that same morning. We are accepting donations for the garage sale. Please contact Hiram Powell, Scoutmaster, at 554-7550 - to arrange pick up of any items you wish to donate.

*Thank You Trinity*

*Dear Faithful Volunteers (Trinity's Sticks 'N String Group) - Thank you for the wonderful donation of purple caps. They are precious! With the help of your group, KCSL has reached the goal of distributing one cap for each newborn in a participating hospital in Kansas. Again, thank you for your time, effort and dedication.*

*Sincerely Anne Auld,  
Kansas Children's Service League*

*Dear Trinity Family, My deepest gratitude for your constant love, support, cards, food, gifts, prayers and many acts of kindness shown to Brice and me during this past year. God is present during life and in death, and His presence is made abundantly clear through His faithful children at Trinity. Special thanks to Pastor Shelley and the women of the church for the beautiful memorial service and meal afterwards. Thank you all very much!*

*Love, The Family of Brice E. Leon  
Karen, Erik, Justyn, Sean & families*



**Random Act of Kindness Event**

**November 6, 2011  
12:00pm-4:00pm**

RAKE is Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00PM to 4:00PM. Volunteer rakers are needed, especially if you have a truck. We also need to borrow rakes. If you can assist, please contact Kim Geist at 785-409-9894 or Vicky Walters at 785-213-2342. Rake is a fun event that helps out fellow worshipers. Lunch will be provided to the volunteer rakers courtesy of the



**Have you ever thought how special the church looks during advent? Join us to help create that look.**

***Hanging of the Greens  
Sat. Nov. 26th at 9:00 am.***

**There's something for everyone to do!!**

**Living into the Answers: A Workshop on Personal Spiritual Discernment - OR - Spirituality & Photography: The Liturgical Seasons - Nov. 7-18 (anytime 24/7) - To register and see a full description visit [www.beadisciple.com](http://www.beadisciple.com)**



**How do you prepare for Sunday worship?  
Shower? Wash your hair?  
Eat breakfast for the energy you'll need?**

**TRINITY NOW PROVIDES TWO ADDITIONAL HELPS TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP.**

Each week, the preacher shares her thoughts as she ponders the scriptures she'll preach Sunday morning. At the top of Trinity's website each week ([trinitypresbyterian.net](http://trinitypresbyterian.net)) you can read "The Weekly Word" - short musings to get you thinking about God's Word to us. Or - you can show up in Trinity's Parlor any Thursday morning at 11:30 to hear what others are discerning as they read and listen to the primary scripture to be preached the coming Sunday. It's a reflective hour spent in God's presence and in the company of thoughtful disciples.

Being dressed and fed Sunday morning isn't enough. Come with God's Word ringing in your ears as you join your family of faith in the sanctuary either at 10:30a.m. or 5:00p.m.



**DON' T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!  
Join the Home Communion Ministry Team**

**Initiation Fee:** Attendance at a 1-hour training session Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**Participation Fees:** 2-3 hours of your time every other month

**Benefits:** getting acquainted with homebound members using your talents to serve others feeling the joy of sharing Christ's love

**Questions:** Contact Pastor Shelley or Susan Bozeman (272-3568)

1. Who is the longest standing regular speaker for Shepherd's Center?
2. How many presenters does it take to create a quarterly "Adventures in Learning" session?
3. Who is Chairman of the Shepherd's Center Board of Directors?
4. Which Shepherd's Center committee has always been chaired by a member of First Baptist Church?
5. How does one become a member of Shepherd's Center?  
(Find the answers to this Shepherds Center quiz on the next page.)



## SANCTUARY FLOWER MINISTRY AT TRINITY

*Flowers were provided to the glory of God on:*

*October 2nd - by Frank Carlson in loving memory of Helen Carlson.*

*October 9th - by Allen & Melissa Ansberry in loving honor of their 34d wedding anniversary.*

*October 16th - by Craig Stafford in loving memory of his father, Robert Stafford.*

*October 23th - by Don & Ruth Jenkins in loving honor of their anniversary.*

*October 30th - by Forrest & Shelley Craig in loving memory of the 88th anniversary of the birth of Forrest's mother, Elizabeth Jane Menk Craig.*



**November 6** - Luke 5: 1-11

**November 13** - Judges 4: 1-7;

Matthew 25: 14-30

**November 20** - Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24;

Matthew 25: 31-46

**November 27** - Isaiah 64: 1-9; Mark 13:24-37

*Advent Sermon Series:*

*"Divine Absence; Longing for God's saving help?"*

### SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

### Anniversaries This Month



11/9 Nelson & Fern Spaulding

11/18 Anton Ahrens & Susan Sticklely

11/19 Rick & Becky Jones

### Celebrating a



- 11/1 Jan Rowland
- 11/1 Blair Armstrong
- 11/5 Rick Jones
- 11/6 Gene Stauffer
- 11/6 Carmen Raines
- 11/8 Kristin Blevins
- 11/10 Karen Leon
- 11/10 Lynn Weaver
- 11/10 Brandon Corneliusen
- 11/12 Gerald Adcock
- 11/12 Angie Wessel
- 11/15 Toni Farrell-Higgins
- 11/17 Craig Stafford
- 11/18 Becky Jones
- 11/20 Kelli Alcantar
- 11/21 Chi Jeong
- 11/21 Cheyenne Brown
- 11/22 Vicky Walters
- 11/24 Ed Raines
- 11/25 Judi Botros
- 11/26 Enid Hickman
- 11/27 Dora Starkey
- 11/28 Debra Stufflebean
- 11/30 Will Ashley

Source for Birthdays and Anniversaries— Call to Service Survey.

### "Jesus' Birth: Unwrapping Swaddling Clothes - Finding a Savior"

Sometimes it's easy to think that Jesus' birth happens without much historical basis or symbolism. However, if we look closely at the gospels, we learn so much more about what happened long ago.



Consider attending an **Advent Bible Study with Suz**... study details about the birth and the special persons involved.

Learn about historical facts that make Jesus' arrival on earth even more fascinating as we welcome the Advent Christ at Christmas.

We will meet at **6:00-7:00 PM every Monday in Advent**, starting Monday, November 28. A light dinner is provided at each session.

## SEEING THE SAVIOR

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November 4, 2011

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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**OCTOBER 15 - NOVEMBER 5, 2011**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

817 S.W. HARRISON STREET TOPEKA KANSAS

(1) Kevin McFarland - "News & Views: A Current Events Discussion"; (2) 40; (3) Dale Foosee from First United Methodist; (4) Hospitality; (5) Paid registration for one quarterly "Adventures in Learning" session per year.



# Christian Education Classifieds

Below is the Christian Ed classified ad section where you will find anything from help wanted to personals to special announcements. It's the meeting place for Christian Education.



## TRINITY'S "GRAND" DAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Children bring your **GRAND** parent or **GRAND** friend!  
**GRAND** parents bring your **GRAND** kids to Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. & Worship at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is at 11:30 for Grand folks. If you would like to **ADOPT** a **GRAND** parent or **GRAND** child for the day, please contact Karen Meenen at 272-2620. Have a **GRAND TIME** at Trinity's **GRAND DAY!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT



Hunger Abounds and Trinity responds: Our Sunday School classes will collect canned goods and household products (toilet paper, soap, deodorant, shampoo) as our mission project for our hungry Latino neighbors through VIDA. October 2 through Thanksgiving: bring your canned goods to the collection box in your classroom. The Sunday School class with the most items donated will celebrate with the party of their choice!

**Keys have been hung on hooks next to the 11 doors** that have to be locked: upstairs janitor's closet, downstairs janitor's closet, new addition storage room, new addition furnace room, basement server room, basement furnace room, basement paint storage room, basement elevator equipment room, Creation Station (CS) furnace room, and 2 CS storage/work rooms. Be sure to return the key to the hook after you've opened the door.

# TEACHER TALK

## Preschool Sunday School (Ages 2 – 4) and Nursery

The Preschool Class is excited about moving to our new nursery in the first floor addition. Our first class in the new room will be on October 30. You'll see us through the window on your right as you come in the front door toward the sanctuary. Please come to visit us in our new nursery space. During November, we'll be learning about Joseph and his family, his dreams, his coat of many colors, and their move to Egypt. Children will be bringing food to help feed the hungry in Topeka, as we learn how Joseph fed his hungry family and the people of Egypt. Stories, songs, age-appropriate learning activities, and creative play reinforce the concepts in our lessons, based on the Wee Believe curriculum. Families may go to [www.pcusa.org/weebelieve/weefamily.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/weebelieve/weefamily.htm) to help their children connect to the lessons at home.

Teacher: Karen Brown

## Ages 5 – Second Grade



Catherine, Reed, and Jace make promise pockets to remember a promise we made when we learned about Hannah promising to give her son to God.

We learned what "gleaning" meant when Ruth and Naomi followed behind the harvesters to get food to eat. We are sharing extras from our cupboards with Vida in our food drive.

Teachers: Joyce Adcock, Cathy Headworth and Peggy McAdoo

## Third Grade – Fourth Grade

We've been using net books in our class room. We found a wonderful website (<http://www.bibleforchildren.org>) with illustrated Bible stories that the children love to read aloud to us. We also use the net books to look up and read bible verses. This month we learned how Moses's mother put him in a basket covered in pitch and floated him down the river. We talked about Ruth's love and devotion to Naomi. The children also learned how God spoke directly to Samuel.

Teachers: Cathy Brake, Craig Stafford and Susan Whipple



**Fifth Grade – Sixth Grade**

What an exciting month! We have learned a lot. We've learned that God's grace goes well beyond our ability to sin. John reminds us that the barrier to grace doesn't come from God but from our inability to see that we need grace. The psalmist reminds us that restoration, redemption, and renewal are gifts of God. Moreover, the prophet Jonah reminds us that God's grace is without limit, coming from a gracious God who is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. We look forward GRAND Sunday and invite all GRAND parents to join our class!

Teachers: Becky Bollinger, Dana Schoffelman and Von Unruh

**Seventh Grade—Eighth Grade (Confirmation Class)**

This month, we have enjoyed learning about Stewardship and what part youth can play in getting on board, as well as looking at an overview of the Old and New Testament. We also had our second faith visit to Most Pure Heart Catholic Church. Over half of the confirmands participated in the PNK Fall Rally that Trinity hosted over October 22-23, where we learned about finding God in the midst of being under pressure. Also, we want to recognize Natalya Thomblison, who served as a liturgist this month as part of her confirmation journey. We are very proud of her courage to get up in front of the congregation and help lead our worship of God!

Teachers: Sheryl Fulton, Cory Schoffelman, Kate McGee and Shelley Craig



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Thanks to the many volunteers who supplied baked goods, candy, trunks or volunteered their time to make Trunk or Treat a huge success!



## MEET OUR FANTASTIC 2011-2012 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We have an incredible group of Sunday School teachers for the 2011—2012 school year. They are motivated, energized and have a passion to teach. We asked each of them the following four questions to get to know them better:

- Number of years teaching Sunday School at Trinity Presbyterian Church
- Why do you teach Sunday School or want to teach Sunday School?
- If you could go on a road trip with your favorite Biblical character who would it be & why?
- Please share a little known fact about yourself.

**Meet our 2011—2012 teachers and read their answers to the four questions.**

### NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

#### Karen Brown

- About 25 years
- I love watching the wonder in children's eyes as they observe God's creation, and their delight when they grasp a new concept. I am blessed to share God's love and stories from the Bible with our young children. I want to help them experience the church as part of God's family.
- If I could walk with Jesus along the same routes he followed during his ministry, I would like to hear some parables for myself in his own voice and then have the chance to ask him questions about what they mean to him. Then we could drive out to the rim of the Grand Canyon or stand under the redwoods, and along the way I would ask him what Jesus would really do about some of the issues we face today.
- While I was taking Personality Development at K-State, I translated several articles about children's cognitive development by Piaget from French as they first appeared in the French Journal of Psychology and wrote abstracts for my professor before they were available in English. This experience really sparked my interest in teaching young children.

### AGE 5 THROUGH GRADE 2 TEACHERS

#### Joyce Adcock

- 4th year
- I enjoy working with the children, enjoy their enthusiasm in learning about the Bible and I learn with them.
- I think it would have been interesting to be with Noah when he built the ark. It must have been difficult for him to believe what God wanted him to do. But to have such faith and trust in God, when all others must have thought he was crazy. How fun to watch all the animals go into the ark, 2 by 2. To understand how everyone and everything survived for such a long time on that ark. How great it would have been when 40 days & 40 nights were done to see that all of God's creation was okay. And what a relief it must have been for everyone and all the animals to get off that ark!!
- I am retired and I enjoy knitting and cooking.

#### Cathy Headworth

- First year
- I am planning on having a future career in teaching. I am currently studying middle school education at Washburn University. I thought that this would be a good way for me to get my foot in the door with education since I have never taught anything before.
- Mary Magdalene - because I can empathize with the rough times she must have had.
- I am a single mom of a two year old named Devan. I moved to Topeka from Akron, Ohio in 2009. Devan was born the same day that I first came to see Trinity and that was when I chose to become a member. He was a week late and I decided that by him being born the night after feeling so welcome into the family at Trinity that this was where we would find a new home.

#### Peggy McAdoo

- This is my fourth year teaching Kindergarten through first/second grade. I also taught a number of years ago.
- I enjoy activities with children.
- I would go to the wedding at Cana with Jesus & friends.
- I like to knit, do word puzzles, and make custom cards.

### THIRD THROUGH FOURTH GRADE TEACHERS

#### Cathy Brake (Third and Fourth Grade)

- 3 years
- I enjoy the learning process for myself and watching and listening to the children. Their insights are always fascinating.
- Mary - because I would want to know her feelings and understand what it was like to be Jesus' mother.
- I have an identical twin sister, Malisa, that live in Kansas City.

**Craig Stafford**

- First year.
- It's a chance to introduce the stories of the Bible and influence values that can benefit a life and lifetime.
- I would like to travel with Jesus. I'd like to hear what everything means at the end of the day. I'd like to fish at the Sea of Gallilee. I'd like to witness the impact of Jesus when He heals and forgives.

**Susan Whipple**

- This is my first year teaching this level. I've had some experience in the nursery previously.
- Jesus. We could go to L.A. and he could explain how we get so far off track.
- My family called me Suzy Q and Pumkin when I was little.

**FIFTH THROUGH SIXTH GRADE TEACHERS****Becky Bollinger**

- This is my fifth year.
- It is so rewarding to have made a difference in a child's life. They are so full of awe and energy that it can't help but rub off on you. Getting to know the children is so much fun, learning what they like and don't like, and watching them grow into a mature young adults.
- I would like to be on the road trip with Mary and Joseph during the birth of Jesus. I would like to sit down with them and find out how they dealt with this miraculous birth and the feelings they must have had.
- During high school, I was on the swim team. I was never a good sprinter but did end up being pretty good at the long distance races. I was also in the Catalina Club which was synchronized swimming.

**Dana Schoffelman**

- This is my fourth year.
- I have fond memories of my experiences in Sunday School when I was young. I also think that we learn by teaching and I enjoy learning alongside the kids.
- The Holy Spirit. I envision that the Holy Spirit has the ability to keep up with my kids!
- Cory and I are both from South Dakota and we enjoy visiting family there on a regular basis.

**Von Unruh**

- 14 years
- I learn so much from the students and we have very interesting and fun curriculum!!
- One of my favorite Bible characters is the little boy who shared his loaves and fish with Jesus and the disciples. I would want to visit with him and ask him how he felt when his 5 loaves and 2 fish turned into enough to feed a large crowd. Did he tell all of his friends and family? Was this a story that he shared with others throughout his life? Did this one event change his life? If so, in what way?
- We have a little Scottie Terrier, Marti, who is 13 years old and runs our house!! She wakes us up each morning at 5 a.m. and tells us when it is time for breakfast and dinner!!

**SEVENTH THROUGH EIGHT GRADE (CONFIRMATION) TEACHERS****Shelley Craig**

- 7 years
- Students inspire me. I want to share my love of the Bible and my love for Jesus. I learn so much by preparing.
- Miriam (Moses' sister) so that we could dance and celebrate together.
- I am the oldest of 4 children and all 4 of us were born within four years.

**Sheryl Fulton**

- 7 years
- Because I learn from everyone else I work with.
- Noah - I would want to learn more patience while on the ark and waiting to see land and not having control of where we would land.
- I am a grandma of nine who likes to travel. My mountain retreat is my favorite place.

**Kate McGee**

- 1 year
- I love teaching to and learning from the youth. They continue to help me think about my faith in new and exciting ways!
- I would road trip with Lydia from the Book of Acts. She always pays attention to what's going on, has her own business, and isn't afraid to ask questions!
- I can touch my nose with my tongue.

**Cory Schoffelman**

- 5 or 6 years
- I enjoy hearing the thoughts and perspectives of our youth, and also getting the opportunity to share some of my own with them.
- Joseph (son of Jacob). The telling of the story of how he was sold into slavery by his own brothers only to become the Vizier of Egypt would be fascinating to hear from Joseph's perspective.
- I could eat at HuHot Mongolian Grill every single day of my life and never grow tired of it.

### **NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE TEACHERS**

#### **Brad Parry**

- 4 years
- I enjoy working with the Sr. High age group. I also find that I learn a lot when I prepare a Sunday School lesson.
- There are a lot of compelling individuals in the Bible, but I can't imagine turning down a chance to go on a road trip with Jesus. Getting the opportunity to get to know him personally, and get to watch and learn as he ministers to others would be the chance of a life time.
- I love to play golf.

#### **David Ross**

- 8 years
- I learn more than I teach. It gives me great joy to have the chance to be a positive influence on young lives. God always seems to tell me what to say.
- Paul - to be inspired by his faith, conviction, courage and confidence that he was doing God's will.
- Until moving to Topeka, I spent most of my life, from birth, in Arkansas City, Kansas.

#### **Pat Thomblison**

- 3 years
- I enjoy teaching Sunday school because I learn so much from the other teachers and the students.
- There are so many, it's hard to pick just one. A road trip with Jesus would be a wonderful experience, but I'd also like to spend time with Mary and share "growing up stories". I know how hard it is to be the mother of a teenager – I wonder what it's like when your son is the Son of God.

### **CHILDREN'S SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

#### **Don Burns**

- I have either been a regular SS teacher or substitute for 4 years.
- I do it to help the kids.
- If I could take a road trip with a biblical character it would be Moses because he freed his people from slavery and oppression.
- I was investigating a homicide in Harvey County shortly after Halloween several years ago. The body of the victim was found at the end of a long driveway leading up to an abandoned two story farm house. I went in to search the house and unknown to me the local 4H had used the abandoned home for a Halloween Spook House. I searched the downstairs of the house then went upstairs. The windows had been boarded up and it was dark in the upstairs portion of the house. I opened one bedroom and entered quickly and there was no one in that room. I then went to the other room and opened the door and stepped in quickly as I had been trained and there stood a 7' tall Frankenstein monster with electrodes in his neck and the whole works. The hair, what little I have, stood up on end and the only thing that kept me from shooting the monster was that I had forgotten my gun and had left it in the car, otherwise, I am sure I would have shot an innocent dummy. As I told Carolyn I could see the headlines in the paper saying "Dummy shoots a dummy" .

#### **Kent Lathrop**

- 3 years
- I enjoy coming to church seeing all of the bright little faces eager to soak up knowledge like little sponges.
- Moses because if you think about it, he was the one who brought back the 10 commandments which pretty much set the stage for all our lives to live by in a nutshell.
- As I have said before, I am a runner, but I also like to fish, play golf (once a year) and anything outdoors – which includes mowing our yard. I also like to fly rockets with my oldest son who lives in Bartlesville. And we are talking about the high powered ones that fly 5,000 to 8,000 feet.

#### **Martha Miller**

(Information unavailable at print date)

#### **Peggy Morford**

- This is my second year to be a substitute. I taught Sunday School when my kids were young.
- I love to work with children!

- I would like to go on a trip with God. He could show me all of the beautiful wonders of our world.

### **Debra Ricks-Copley**

- 4 Years
- I love spending time with the kids in the classroom and always learn so much from their perspective.
- Deborah--not because she's my namesake, but because she was a strong women in the Old Testament.
- I was in the group of dancers that formed Barbara's Conservatory of Dance first ballet company-including the Nutcracker-a favorite Christmas tradition.

### **Peggy Tollefson**

- First year
- I was Sunday School Superintendent/Jr. & Sr. Hi teacher in Hiawatha for many years.
- John
- I am a "farmer's daughter" so I love nature, mountains, the ocean, gardening -- the outdoors.

### **Janet Weatherhogg**

(Information unavailable at print date)

### **Jane Williams**

- Off and on for many years
- I believe part of discipleship is working with others to better understand God and God's message through scripture. I also believe discipleship means participation in God's world and with God's people. I hope that my contribution might encourage other to do the same.
- I would like to go with Rachel because I find her very interesting. She endured hardships, yet persevered.
- I love watching adventure movies.

## **ADULT TEACHERS**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### **Judy Messenger**

- 3-4Why do you teach Sunday school or want to teach Sunday school?
- I am so humbled that I had an inner "call" from God to do teach Bible Study. I am ashamed that I had not served much before....but after I had prayerfully submitted my total life to God, I then became aware that God was calling me to teach Bible Study.
- Paul. I would love to hear him tell all about his transformation from one who tried to punish Jews who believed in Jesus, to a preacher of salvation by faith in Jesus alone.... to not only Jews but also to the Gentiles.
- Not much of a secret, but in addition to trying to become more like Jesus, I love the Yankees, Cruises, wine, and gourmet food. In order to try to accommodate the last three items, I work out with a trainer two times per week.

### **BOOK GROUP**

#### **Bev Lutz**

- 3 years
- I participate in Book Club because I enjoy reading and discussing with others who like to read and discuss. I like small groups.
- Isaiah because of his propheticness.
- I am a local and grew up on a farm near Mayetta.

## **CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES**

#### **Scott Anderson**

- Off and on - 15 to 18 years
- I enjoy the great discussions that we have.
- I'd go to Yellowstone National Park with Jesus. We'd go Fly Fishing and talk and enjoy being ourselves.
- I have two dogs - a Basset Hound and Australian Kelpie.

### **LECTIO DIVINA**

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- I would like to go with Rachel because I find her very interesting. She endured hardships, yet persevered.
- I love watching adventure movies.

**FAITH JOURNEYS****Jon Farrell-Higgins**

- 7 years
- First of all, I have to share how much I truly enjoy the fellowship of the Faith Journey's class. We have a wonderful group and always welcome newcomers to the circle. With respect to teaching, being a teacher helps me to personally dig deeper into the topics we're discussing in class. In so doing, I find that the material we're studying has more meaning for me. I'm also quite touched by what others bring to the conversation. In short, my knowledge and my faith have both grown due to being in a teacher role.
- I'd like to travel with Paul. I find him a fascinating study both in terms of his personality and in terms of how his transformation to a believer in Christ so pervasively impacted the spread of the Gospel. I'd like to ask him a lot of questions about how he came to reflect back on his prior life of persecuting Christians versus being the champion of Christ. That'd make for an interesting road trip.
- I went to the Holy Land when I was a high school junior on a trip led by my parents. It was a powerful experience, and I have hopes of returning to that part of the world someday.

**Toni Farrell-Higgins**

- As long as we've been members I believe – about 12 years.
- It always forces me to learn more about the Bible (which I want to do!) and research current issues that dove tail with my faith. It's wonderful to have discussion with others and learn from their faith journey as well.
- I would like to be a butterfly perched on Jesus' shoulder as he begins his ministry and watch him transform from being a young man to the Savior in the eyes of the world. The transformation process of Jesus coming fully into his ministry would be wonderful to behold.
- I once held a newborn deer in my arms and carried him to the woods to hopefully be reunited with his mother. The newborn deer made noises like a lamb...baa! I don't know if the baby survived, but I certainly hope so.

**Greg Lee**

(Information unavailable at print date)

**Jenny Lee**

- Not sure. Taught youth church school for many years, then I decided I would like to go to Sunday School. A few couples got together and we started a class that discussed contemporary issues...that's been awhile ago. Attending Faith Journeys is one of my favorite times of the week.
- I enjoy teaching and I enjoy learning. I have a lot to learn and Faith Journeys has been a class that has really helped me do that. We have become a close group that respects each others feeling and enjoys each others fellowship.
- Hmmm...it would have to be someone who liked to drive since I really don't like to...don't remember too many cars in the Bible. I think I would probably like to spend time with Mary. What an incredible woman...and what trust she must have had...and to watch her son go through all that he did. I have a feeling she might not talk much in the car...I think she could have used a good rest and time to reflect...might be a quiet trip.

# Thank You!!!

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## DAY CARE COMMITTEE



### October 2011 Day Care Committee Update

✦ One of God's and Trinity's visions for the Topeka community has come to fruition. Our new Learning Center and renovations to Creation Station are complete! TDC has moved into the new addition and into the renovated areas of our building! The blessings from God upon our Trinity congregation are evident and noticeable to our community. We are blessed to be a blessing. Like in Genesis 12: 2-3 where God is calling Abram and says "...and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you..." We are truly blessed to be a blessing to Trinity, to TDC, to Topeka and beyond. The completion of this project demonstrates to everyone Trinity's strong dedication to mission.

✦ Several events are coming up that you will want to be a part of so put them on your calendar. The First is event is a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on **Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 am, immediately following church. The second event is on **Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am, after hanging of the greens, and is a Town Hall meeting to share a recap of the project with you.

The Communication Task force is providing updates on a frequent basis and those can be seen on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall, the screens in worship and the Trinity Candle so check them out! To find out more details and get continual updates on the Day care Committee please use this link on the Trinity website at [trinitypresbyterian.net/daycare](http://trinitypresbyterian.net/daycare) and also under the Wha'Zup section on the home page.

**We are thankful and feel blessed by the faithful prayers that were said for this project.** Please feel free to contact any committee member with any questions you may have. Committee members are Becky Bollinger, Dana Schoffleman, Tammy Hampton, Michael Hampton, Forrest Craig, Karen Meenen, Jane Williams, Phyllis Todd, Kerry Tummons (TDC director) Pastor Shelley Craig or myself. We are praise-filled and are walking in God's love for the successful on-time completion of this project.



In Christ, Cathy Brake, Session Elder and Day Care Liaison



## TRINITEEN YOUTH CALENDAR



**NOVEMBER means getting ready for our Advent Skit!**

**Here are some dates to keep in mind – remember, friends are always welcome.**

**November 6:** **R.A.K.E.** time at Trinity! Join with the whole church in this **Random Act of Kindness Event** to rake yards for those who can't do it themselves. We will have lunch at church at **11:30 am**, then head out! Bring your rakes and gloves!! We will finish by 4:00 pm.

**November 10: Youth Council Meeting** from 7:00-8:00 pm. We will be finalizing details about our chili supper offering on December 4!

**November 13:** It's time to start rehearsing for our awesome **Advent Skit!** We will have lunch provided by the Langfitts at 11:30, and then rehearse until **2:00 pm**.

**November 20:** Another week of lunch (provided by the Ahrens/Stickley family) and **Advent Skit** rehearsal from **11:30 - 2:00 pm**.

**November 27:** We're getting close...lunch and **Advent Skit** rehearsal from **11:30 - 2:00 pm**.

Big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the **PNK Fall Rally** such a great success!

**Save-the-Date: Our annual Youth Advent Skit and Chili Supper** will be offered on **Sunday, December 4, starting at 5:00 pm**. Go ahead and mark your calendars now – we will need all youth and their families to help!

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 <b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b> ---TDC MOVE TO TPC--- 9:00 AM Fellowship with Pastors 9:00 AM Nursery Open 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM <b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> 11:30 AM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 4:00 PM Set up/Clean up for Alive@5 (FH, Kit) 4:30 PM Nursery Open 5:00 PM <b>ALIVE@5 WORSHIP (Light Bites to follow)</b></p>	<p>31 TDC's Little Explorers' Learning Center at Trinity - First Day Open 1:00 PM Sticks 'n String (P) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (P) 7:30 PM Men's Group (Williams Home)</p>	<p>1 <b>All Saints Day</b> 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14) 6:00 PM Deacons Mtg (P) 7:00 PM Peacemaking (P)</p>	<p>2 9:15 AM Rebekah Circle 1:30 PM Mary Ruth Circle (FH) 6:00 PM Nursery by Reservation 6:00 PM NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED 6:15 PM CE Children's Sub Cmte (P) 6:45 PM Esther Circle 7:00 PM Evangelism (P) 7:00 PM Property (Rm. 12) 7:00 PM VIDA 7:30 PM CE Cmte (P)</p>	<p>3 11:30 AM Lectio Divina (P) 5:10 PM Yoga (Rm 13/14) 6:00 PM Nursery by Reservation 6:15 PM Celebration Choir (S) 6:30 PM Adult Bell Choir (FH) 7:00 PM Triniteen Bible Study (Rm 14) 7:20 PM Cantata Choir Practice 7:50 PM Heritage Choir (choir rm)</p>	<p>4 NO Aerobics 6:00 PM Boy Scout Garage Sale Set-up (lobby)</p>	<p>5 8:00 AM BOY SCOUT Garage Sale/Pancake feed (FH, lobby, parking lot, kitchen)</p>
<p>6 <b>COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b> Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 AM Fellowship with Pastors 9:00 AM Nursery Open 9:00 AM NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED 9:30 AM Inquirers Class (Pastor's Office) 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM <b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> 11:30 AM Endowment Cmte (pastor's off) 11:30 AM RAKE Lunch (FH) 12:15 PM RAKE event 3:30 PM Vespers at Presby Manor 4:00 PM Set up/Clean up for Alive@5 (FH, Kit) 4:30 PM Nursery Open 4:30 PM Volunteer: Linda Dolezal 5:00 PM <b>ALIVE@5 WORSHIP (Light Bites to follow)</b></p>	<p>7 11:30 AM Meals on Wheels delivery 1:00 PM Sticks 'n String (P) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (P) 7:30 PM Indigenous Survival in the 21st Century (FH) 7:30 PM Men's Group</p>	<p>8 NO Aerobics 2:00 PM SCT Hand Foot Card Grp (FH) 4:45 PM Serve at Rescue Mission</p>	<p>9 9:15 AM Sew 'n Share (FH) 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch (FH) 7:00 PM Finance Cmte (P) 7:00 PM Mission Cmte (Rm 14) 7:00 PM VIDA</p>	<p>10 11:30 AM Lectio Divina (P) 5:10 PM Yoga (Rm 13/14) 5:30 PM Green Team Mtg (Parlor) 6:00 PM Nursery by Reservation 6:00 PM NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED 6:15 PM Celebration Choir (S) 6:30 PM Adult Bell Choir (FH) 7:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (Rm 14) 7:20 PM Cantata Choir Practice 7:50 PM Heritage Choir (choir rm)</p>	<p>11 NO Aerobics <b>Veterans Day</b> 12:00 PM SESSION REPORTS DUE 6:00 PM <b>FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY</b> 6:00 PM Nursery by Reservation</p>	<p>12 1:00 PM Worship Planning Meeting (FH)</p>
<p>13 GRAND-DAY 9:00 AM Fellowship with Pastors 9:00 AM Nursery Open 9:30 AM Fellowship Cmte (Pastor Shelley's office) 9:30 AM Inquirers Class (Pastor's Office) 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:25 AM NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED 10:30 AM <b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> 11:30 AM Advent Skit Rehearsal (rm 13/14) 4:00 PM Set up/Clean up for Alive@5 (FH, Kit) 4:30 PM Nursery Open 4:30 PM NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED 5:00 PM <b>ALIVE@5 WORSHIP (Light Bites to follow)</b></p>	<p>14 11:30 AM Meals on Wheels delivery 1:00 PM Sticks 'n String (P) 6:30 PM TDC KQRS-Dir. Mtg (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (P) 7:30 PM Men's Group (McAdoo Home)</p>	<p>15 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14) 7:00 PM Home Communion Training (Kit)</p>	<p>16 12:00 PM ROMEO's 5:15 PM Worship Cmte (P) 6:00 PM <b>Session (FH)</b> 6:45 PM Nursery by Reservation 7:00 PM VIDA</p>	<p>17 11:30 AM Lectio Divina (P) 5:10 PM Yoga (Rm 13/14) 6:00 PM Nursery by Reservation 6:15 PM Celebration Choir (S) 6:30 PM Adult Bell Choir (FH) 7:00 PM Triniteen Bible Study (Rm 14) 7:20 PM Cantata Choir Practice 7:50 PM Heritage Choir (choir rm)</p>	<p>18 9:00 AM Serve at Let's Help 4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14)</p>	<p>19</p>
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**December**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>Advent</p> <p>9:00 AM Fellowship with Pastors</p> <p>9:00 AM Nursery Open</p> <p>9:30 AM <b>HOLIDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL</b></p> <p>10:30 AM <b>MORNING WORSHIP</b></p> <p>11:30 AM Advent Skit Rehearsal (rm 13/14)</p> <p>4:00 PM Set up/Clean up for Alive@5 (FH, Kit)</p> <p>4:30 PM Nursery Open</p> <p>4:30 PM NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p> <p>5:00 PM <b>ALIVE@5 WORSHIP (Light Bites to follow)</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 PM Sticks 'n String (P)</p> <p>6:00 PM Advent Bible Study (FH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (P)</p> <p>7:30 PM Men's Group (Langfitt Home)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM Personnel Cmte (Pastor's office)</p> <p>7:00 PM VIDA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM TDC- Christmas Program Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>11:30 AM Lectio Divina (P)</p> <p>5:10 PM Yoga (Rm 13/14)</p> <p>6:00 PM Nursery by Reservation</p> <p>6:15 PM Celebration Choir (S)</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Bell Choir (FH)</p> <p>7:00 PM Triniteen Bible Study (Rm 14)</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Council (Rm 14)</p> <p>7:20 PM Cantata Choir Practice</p> <p>7:50 PM Heritage Choir (choir rm)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM TDC- Christmas Program Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14)</p> <p>5:30 PM TDC- Christmas Prog set-up (S, FH)</p> <p>7:00 PM TDC-Christmas Program &amp; Reception (S, FH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Advent Skit Rehearsal and Chili Supper Set up (FH, S)</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p><b>NO MORNING WORSHIP</b></p> <p><b>NO Sunday School</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Set up/Clean up for Alive@5 (FH, Kit)</p> <p>4:30 PM Nursery Open</p> <p>4:30 PM NURSERY VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p> <p>5:00 PM <b>ALIVE@5 WORSHIP (Light Bites to follow)</b></p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>1:00 PM Sticks 'n String (lba)</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (P)</p> <p>7:30 PM Men's Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2:00 PM SCT Hand Foot Card Grp (FH)</p> <p>4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14)</p> <p>7:00 PM Safe Street Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:15 PM Adult CE Sub-Cmte mtg</p> <p>7:00 PM Personnel Cmte (Pastor's office)</p> <p>7:00 PM VIDA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:30 AM Lectio Divina (P)</p> <p>5:10 PM Yoga (Rm 13/14)</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Bell Choir (FH)</p> <p>6:30 PM Celebration Choir (S)</p> <p>7:00 PM Triniteen Bible Study (Rm 14)</p> <p>7:30 PM Heritage Choir (choir rm)</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Aerobics (Rm13/14)</p>	<p>31</p>

### PNK Fall Rally 2011

“What is a PNK Rally?” I’ve heard this question quite a few times over the past couple months, as we worked to prepare to host the Fall Youth Rally at Trinity a couple weeks ago. It is a giant youth lock-in, where youth and their friends from all across the Presbytery are invited to gather to play games, do energizers, sing worship music, listen to keynotes, discuss in small groups, work on a mission project, worship together, and spend time together in Christian fellowship in a safe environment. This rally’s theme was “Under Pressure,” based on James 1:2-4. The theme and Scripture was developed by the Presbytery’s Youth Council, as was the rest of the rally. The rally, while supported strongly by adult leaders, is an opportunity for youth to use their leadership skills – organizing, planning, leading small groups, and offering their gifts in worship are all essential elements to a successful rally.



I keynoted this rally, along with Rev. Austin Ashenbrenner from First Presbyterian in Salina. We spoke about the downside of pressure, and where to find God in the midst of pressure; what kinds of pressure Biblical characters faced and how it shaped their faith; the upside of pressure as we encourage each other to be of one mind with Jesus Christ and be a cloud of witnesses; and the top five ways to deal with pressure.

Many of the youth who come to these rallies don’t have the opportunity to regularly attend youth group, or even church. Many of the youth have unstable family situations, with lots of pressure from parents and step-parents. The PNK Rallies are opportunities for the youth to encounter Jesus in a safe environment, surrounded by friends and adults who care about their spiritual, emotional, and mental growth.

Thank you for your willingness to let me be a part of these rallies as my Presbytery commitment. Thank you for the wonderful space of Trinity that allowed learning and excitement about God to freely flow. Thank you especially to Pat Thomblison, Susan Stickley, Anton Ahrens, Meredith Langfitt, Ann Fincham, Toni Farrell-Higgins, Christa Sloop, Cory Schoffelman, Karen Meenen, and Lee McGee for working hard to offer hospitality through providing food, hosting meals and clean-up! Thank you also to Carmen Raines and Jaron Marcus for offering your musical talents to enhance our worship and music time. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Love, Pastor Kate

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to Jane Smelser, Marilyn Leinacker, Jane Williams, and Mike Stufflebeam for their generosity in supplying treats recently for your Sunday morning enjoyment and to coffee servers Lynn Weaver, Lou Nell Gustavson, and Ann Fincham.



**ART IN THE PARLOR** for November will feature Thanksgiving and Fall platters and serving dishes, reminding us to be thankful for our food and all our blessings. If you have a dish you would like to add to the display, put your name on the bottom and add it to the display table in the parlor in early November.

**FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY IN OCTOBER** Everyone enjoyed an evening together! Nice weather, great appetizers and beverages, wonderful Fellowship!



**FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

BEVERAGES & APPETIZERS ONLY at 6:00 P.M. PEPPERTREE CLUBHOUSE, 56 S.W. Peppertree Lane

Come for a fun and relaxing evening with a cozy fire, great appetizers, enjoyable conversation! A time to be thankful to spend special fellowship time with Trinity friends/visitors. Bring a friend! Daycare Provided (6-9:30 P.M.)

Sign Up Sheets will be available in the Narhtex THIS SUNDAY. (note: this is a date change)

## PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE

Dear Trinity Friends,

The Peacemaking Committee would like to thank all of you for your generous support of the Talpetates Scholarships. We have enriched the lives of so many young people and have opened our hearts to a whole other part of the world. This is a commitment that Trinity has shown to the Talpetates community and one we wish to continue. Please keep these students in your hearts and prayers as you thoughtful consider a donation to this fund. For the next few months we will share a few letters of the recipients. Enjoy.

Talpetates July 26, 2011

*Dear Brothers and Sisters of Topeka,*

*I greet you very affectionately in the hope that you are in good health along with your loved ones, the most important thing in our lives.*

*I want you to know that I am very happy, since I will graduate from high school at the end of this year. I enjoy my classes very much since we get to do research outside of class.*

*My family and I send you greetings and thanks for the way that you have blessed my life. May Almighty God bless you and keep you.*

*With great love, Maria Haydee Diaz*

**Have you seen flag-waving groups of people as you drive to church on Sunday morning?**

They are a group called Journey4Justice. Their mission is to honor our fallen military men and women and any other groups targeted by the Westboro Baptist Church.

They carry the American flag at locations where WBC gathers each weekend in an attempt to counteract the hateful rhetoric and signs of WBC. They have successfully displaced the Phelps group at many locations and follow them wherever they go on Sunday mornings. Pastor Shelley has given J4J permission to stand on Trinity property if the Phelps' are in our area. If you see Journey4Justice, honk & wave...they are making progress!



## Christian Perspective Class

Scott Anderson will lead a three-week analysis & discussion of the book Turning the Tide by Dr. Charles Stanley on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.

The first class in the series will review the list of the twenty issues & conditions that Dr. Stanley describes as a rising tide that is threatening the United States. Examples of the twenty issues & conditions include unemployment, banking issues, terrorism, and challenges to Christian values. During the second class, the underlying causes for the issues & conditions will be discussed, along with an examination of what the role of the federal government should or should not be in resolving the current economic & financial challenges. Then the third week will focus on the twenty prayers that Dr. Stanley provides at the end of the book.

Regardless of whether you have read Turning the Tide or whether you agree or disagree with Dr. Stanley's perspective, come join us for a thought-provoking discussion!



## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE



As a member of Trinity's Endowment Committee one of my responsibilities is to write an article periodically for publication in Talking Trinity. The November issue is easy to write because it comes at a time of year when the committee is requesting various committees submit ideas for grants the Endowment Committee tries to give each year. This practice was started a number of years ago and generally is focused on three areas of growth for the church. These are property, new programs and mission.

The Endowment Committee is once again requesting grant applications from the committees of the church. Given the constraints on various budgets and the desire to have certain funding available, we're hopeful to receive a number of requests. The exact amount of each gift has not been determined at this date but often is in excess of \$900 per gift so it can be beneficial.

Last, but certainly not least, our committee continues to suggest how each of you might consider The Endowment Committee in your annual giving to the church and in your estate planning. Seeing gifts actively 'employed' each year we feel is a good way to share with you how your dollars are effectively working to do God's work. If you would consider The Endowment Committee in your annual giving and in your final plans we would certainly appreciate it.

Galen Unruh



Trinity delivers on the first and second Monday of each month. To help, contact Cory at [cory.schoffelman@bartwest.com](mailto:cory.schoffelman@bartwest.com)

**NEXT TIME TRINITY SERVES:**  
**November 18**  
**(3rd Friday of the month)**



## MISSION COMMITTEE

### TRINITY'S 2011 CROP WALK RESULTS



The Trinity CROP Walkers raised \$1,465 in this year's walk that was held on October 2 at Lake Shawnee. The anticipated total from all Topeka/ Shawnee County Walkers is \$25,000. Donations will go for hunger needs throughout the world. Twenty-five percent will stay in Topeka and go to Doorstep, Fellowship & Faith, I Care, the Salvation Army and the Topeka North Outreach. Trinity walkers included: Pastor Shelley Craig, Pastor Kate McGee, Mike Hampton, Tamara Hampton, Jon Farrell-Higgins, Toni Farrell-Higgins, Karen Brown, Heather Sells, Lynn Weaver, Kristin Blevins, Carol Calvin, Jeannine McKinnon, Claire Stevenson, Kenzie Latimore, Anna Ahrens, Donna

Whipple, Shane Ahrens, Kent Lathrop, Becky Bollinger, Martha Miller, Deacon Oroke, and Stan McAdoo. The Mission Committee wishes to thank all the walkers and Trinity's generous sponsors. A special thank you goes to Deacon Oroke and Stan McAdoo for serving as Trinity's 2011 CROP Walk Coordinators.



### RESCUE MISSION NEEDS

**CHRISTMAS WISH LIST** - The Rescue Mission would like to receive donations of new, unwrapped items for Christmas gifts for their guests and others from their community who are in need.

**FOR WOMEN/TEEN GIRLS:**

Jeans, shirts or sweaters (Jr. 4x), briefs (especially sizes 5 -8), socks and plus size clothing.

**MEN/TEEN BOYS (SIZE 30 -50):**

Jeans, shirts, socks, boxers, stocking caps and gloves, cologne gift sets, plus size clothing and sports team logo items.

**BOYS AND GIRLS (SIZE 6 -10):**

Educational gifts (games/books), jeans, shirts, hoodies, underwear and socks.

**INFANTS AND TODDLERS:**

Sleepers/pajamas, shirts, tops, jeans, winter clothing, boys and girls underwear, toddler socks and diapers sizes 3 - 6.

**MISCELLANEOUS GIFT ITEMS:**

Twin blankets, full and queen sheet sets, bath gift sets, pots and pans, coffee makers, small appliances, toasters, 4-5 qt. crock pots, small adult gifts, headsets, radio/CD players, bath towels and washcloths, cooking utensils, tool sets, wallets, shaving bags, AA batteries.

**FOOD ITEMS:** The Mission will need turkeys and hams.



Gifts may be delivered to the Distribution Center, 401 NW Norris, Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 3:00PM or weekends to the Mission, 600 N Kansas Ave., if questions, call 785-357-4285. **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!**

## FINANCE MATTERS

**2011 Update:** Your third quarter pledge statements were mailed last month. Thank you for reviewing them, and contacting me with any questions or concerns.

### Looking Toward 2012!

I would like to express a big "Thank You" to all pledgers who are writing the fund name (Pledge) on the check's memo line, in place of your pledge number. Even if you use pledge envelopes, this notation on the memo line is very important. Writing the fund name instead of your pledge number on the check is more helpful to me as I enter your gifts each week in Trinity's records. Beginning in 2012, un- numbered pledge envelope boxes will be available for pledgers to use. These unnumbered boxes of envelopes are significantly less expensive than the traditional numbered sets, but will still provide a means for you to make a pledge gift if you desire envelopes.

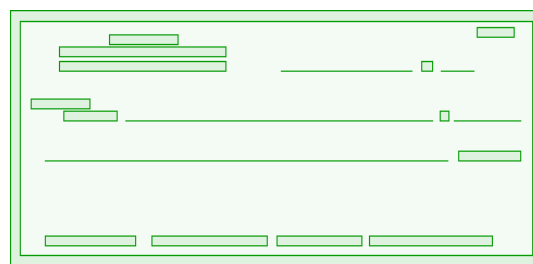


No, we are not quite at the end of the year, but please begin thinking about completing your financial pledges and gifts to Trinity before Saturday, December 31 2011. The timeliness of your gifts is appreciated in order for your Financial Secretary to correctly process and record them, especially since December 31 falls on Saturday this year!

More and more contributors are taking advantage of their bank's online bill-pay feature. It is usually free, and your gifts arrive in Trinity's mail and can be secured directly in the safe until they are deposited. Unless **you** specify otherwise on this bill-pay check, your gift will be listed as "pledge."

Perhaps you are considering making a gift of mutual funds or appreciated securities to Trinity? If so, please contact me **before** you make the transaction. Our broker will notify me of the amount of the sale, and the name of the stock; but, I have no way of knowing the owner or purpose of the fund or stock gift. Knowing ahead of time about your gift helps me track the transaction, especially if some, or the entire gift, is for the current year or prepaid pledge. Trinity suggests you begin to initiate your transfers by **December 9 2011** to allow sufficient time to process your gift. More information is available on the website or contact me.

As always, if you need an update of your 2011 pledge, please call me (478-4552) or email: [Leemail2@cox.net](mailto:Leemail2@cox.net). If you wish to prepay your 2012 pledge, please make sure it is *clearly marked* "2012 Pledge" to ensure it is correctly recorded. The 2011 Giving Statements will be mailed in January, so you will have them before you begin tax preparation.



# Thank You!

Trinity is grateful for the continuing faithful support of our pledgers, and we additionally solicit financial support from any of our churchgoers who may not have pledged.  
Thank you, Lee Langfitt



# Oral Health as We Age

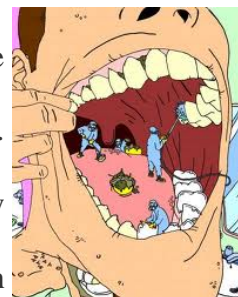
“Your teeth are like a flock of sheep just shorn, coming up from the washing. Each has its twin; not one of them is alone.” – Song of Solomon 4:2

“When we think of oral health, the teeth and visits to the dentist are our first thoughts.” Who can forget the 5 year old child boasting to her great-grandmother about loosing a tooth. Grandma in turn showed her the trick she could do with her teeth! It sounds like something from a comic strip, but you know it has happened many times over in real life! “In reality no one wishes for dentures, or as a young adult says, “I can’t wait for my first root-canal!”



The following facts will give you something to think about, questions to ask of your dentist, or considerations when caring for yourself or a loved one through the aging process.

- ✦ Many medications prescribed for high blood pressure have “dry mouth” as a side effect. Dry mouth can lead to tooth loss and oral infections. (Remember the salivary glands are part of oral health.)
- ✦ Persons with Alzheimer’s disease may not be able to tolerate extensive dental treatment in the later stages of the disease. It’s crucial to receiver a thorough dental exam and treatments while it can still be tolerated in the early stages.
- ✦ Serious infections of the mouth are common in cancer patients who receive radiation or chemotherapy, because of how it affects the salivary glands.
- ✦ Arthritis of the hands can limit the ability to hold and use a toothbrush and/or floss. Special adaptive devices can be found with a dentist’s help.
- ✦ Oral cancers are neither painful nor symptomatic in the early stages. Screening by dentists provides early detection and minimizes pain and also starts early treatment.
- ✦ Increased blood sugar levels for diabetes make controlling bad bacteria in the mouth more difficult, leading to significant fungal infections that can affect the entire body.



If a stroke affects nerves on the side of a face, people can repeatedly bite their cheek or tongue and not feel it. They also may not detect ulcers caused by dentures on the inside of the mouth.

These are all things we take for granted when it comes to maintaining our pearly whites. Considering that oral health is an indicator of total body health makes one think twice about being sure dental care is available through the lifespan and through the various disease processes that are affecting people everyday.” (article by Janet Barton, Parish Nurse - used with permission)

Be good and “true” to your teeth, or they’ll be “false” to you!



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**Free Senior Resource Fair – November 4<sup>th</sup>** at Fairlawn Plaza Mall (21<sup>st</sup> & Fairlawn), from 10 - 2. This **free** fair is being sponsored by the Topeka Area Continuity of Care (TACC) and the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging (JAAA). Exhibitors and their representatives from many local community health & social service providers will be there distributing literature and answering questions. Walgreens will be offering the flu shot for a fee (Medicare pays for 100%). Also available are free screenings for blood pressure, pulse, oxygen stats and weight. SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas) will provide assistance with Medicare Part D enrollment. A Medicare card and photo ID are required to enroll in the plan. If you have any questions, please call Gail Shaheed at 785-272-6101.

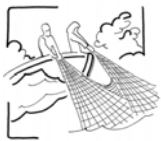
Blessings in Christ,  
Kathy Welch, Parish Nurse



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## A Stewardship Testimony - by Shane Ahrens

As I have grown in faith over the past 18 years, my church family has helped me mature and learn the value of giving back. So much has been done for me by others that I feel a responsibility to return what I have to offer to the church. I like to think of it as my Trinity of gifts, a Triune of T's: Time, Talents, and Treasures.

My time has always been tough to prioritize, but whenever I spend time in mission or youth group, I feel fulfilled in the work I do. From El Salvador to Heifer, Vida to the Rescue Mission, I feel called to share my treasure with the less fortunate. Although my calling is not as a public speaker, it is to be an advocate of my beliefs, giving through my actions, pledging to use what I have been given to the glory of God. To everyone who is not able to financially support the work of this church, your time and talents are just as important. To everyone who pledges at any amount, your time and talents are still very critical. A balance in the Trinity of giving is required, and as we begin this journey on our steward ship, I ask you to pray and listen for your call to pledge your 3 T's.

*Glorify God. Share Christ's Love. Make New Disciples.*



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9:30 a.m.**  
Sunday School for all ages

**10:30 a.m.**  
Morning Worship

**5:00 p.m.**  
ALIVE@5 Worship

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