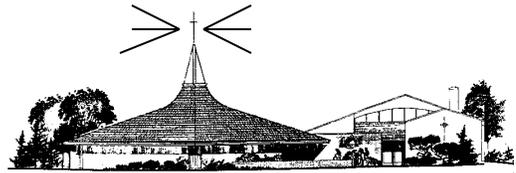


Trinity BEAMS

the newsletter of
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Manhattan, Kansas
June 2021



*People of God... seeking, growing,
and serving through Christ.*

FROM THE PASTOR

June is the month set aside to celebrate fathers. I would like to celebrate mine.

My father died in July, 2010. He had been suffering the impact of Parkinson's disease. He died overnight in the nursing home. I was in New Jersey when he died.

I grew up in my father's church. I lit the candles on occasion. I sang in the choir my mother directed. Eventually I became a Deacon, then an Elder. I have known nothing but the Presbyterian way.

My father's greatest influence was not about being Presbyterian, it was about being human. At the heart of my father's formidable preaching was the enduring confidence in the humanity of the gospel. In Jesus we see the humanity of the gospel. Human beings—their needs, their sorrows, their fears, their hopes, their welfare—are at the heart of Jesus' message. Jesus' message concerns the new reality he called the Kingdom of God. This is grace, and grace was what my father was all about.

My father's words reached out to speak to the existential condition of the congregation. He taught us how to worry wisely, how to let go of the second sock, how to forgive and be forgiven, how to grieve and be thankful. He emphasized the gift of freedom that was inherent in the gospel. He encouraged us to be good stewards of God's creation as well as good stewards of ourselves. At each and every turn he preached the word of grace, for grace is the beginning and the end of our relationship with God. The real needs of people are first, even when the people are not always "just like us".

Near the end of his life my father was despondent. His Parkinson's was cruel. His memory was fading. But he was not afraid to die. My father believed that death was letting go into the hands of the God who loved him in this life. Why would the God who loved him in his life not love him in his death? But he did have one request. He wanted to be appointed guardian angel to his two grandchildren. That this has happened I have no doubt. No one was better qualified for the job.

In late January 1986 the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff. On February 2, my father preached on the tragedy. This is how he concluded that sermon. It speaks not only to that occasion but to our human experience in the hands of God.

But we do weep, for mourn we must; but let us also rejoice in the human spirit that chooses the zest of the unknown, to advance human knowledge, to brave the universe. Let us rejoice in the One whose grandeur and whose power we cannot comprehend, but whose love and care we can never escape. Even the sea of space is but the hollow of his hand, and nothing can snatch us from it ever.

- Rev. Jim Hawley



Below is a listing of members and friends 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. Addresses and phone numbers can be obtained from the church office.

Our Shut-Ins

- Wayne Bailie - Meadowlark Hills
- Bernice Brighton - Meadowlark Hills
- Mary Lou Kenworthy
- Presbyterian Manor, Wichita, KS
- Joe Ann Wood Moore - Meadowlark Hills
- Delores Nash - Home
- Mary Smith - Meadowlark Hills

Concerns

- Kathy Brothers - Recovering from hip surgery
- Carol Geren - Health issues
- Peg Ziser - Health issues

June Birthdays

- 5. Staci Thompson
- 5. Sherry Nelson
- 5. Craig Ellerbeck
- 18. Barbara Green

Deacons' Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.

Session Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 6:00 p.m.

We will be combining the July/August issues of the newsletter. The deadline for news items is Tuesday, June 15. Call, email, or bring information to the church office.

Worship WITH US

Sunday Worship Service—10:00 a.m.

We are not requiring mask wearing, but will have masks available for those wishing to wear one.

Fellowship Hour is Back!

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



Trinity's Farmers' Market is open for the summer each Sunday following worship. Location is the fellowship hall. The Worship Committee invites you to bring something to the market and/or make a purchase at the market.

Items to sell can be: produce from your garden, homemade baked goods, or crafts. Bring your items to the fellowship hall prior to worship. Any items you bring that do not sell is your responsibility. All proceeds will be placed in Trinity's General fund. See you at Market!



OUR CHURCH'S

**FINANCE
 REPORT**

The Finance Committee is grateful for your continued faithful giving. If you are worshipping with us remotely please mail your contributions to the church at 1110 College Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502; or stop by the church office during the week to leave your contribution. For those worshipping in-person, the offering plates are located in the sanctuary's narthex. As a Presbyterian Church, our financial information is available to all our members. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact our Treasurer Karyl Croft, or Finance Committee Chair Arlo Biere.

<u>April 2021</u>	<u>January-April 2021</u>
Income - \$11,532.85	Income - \$45,294.66
Expenses - \$11,313.02	Expenses \$55,923.16
Net Income - \$ 219.83	Net Income (\$10,628.50)

Your Deacons' Contributions at Work

April 22 was Grow Green Match Day for the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. Funds donated to a specific organization were matched 50%. From our Deacons' Fund, \$250 was donated — \$125 to the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc., and \$125 to the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan. Your Deacons Fund contributions are at work within the Manhattan community! Thank you for your contributions to make this possible.

Blessing Box



Thank you to everyone who continues supplying items for the Blessing Box. We, along with others in the community, are doing a great job keeping it filled. When you add items to the box, if you find something that has been opened or damaged, please remove the item(s) or contact the church

staff so that our box is kept clean. Remember, no over the counter medications or food in glass containers. During the summer, it's tempting to place fresh produce in the box, but due to the heat, it spoils quickly so we suggest only canned and box foods.

In addition, the Deacons have placed a chest type box by the Blessing Box. This is for hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, disposable diapers, etc. You are welcome to add those items. If you have any questions about this, contact Sherry Nelson, Moderator of the Board of Deacons.

The Best Father

Unlike an earthly prince, God didn't take a high-and-mighty title, notes 17th-century British preacher Thomas Watson. Instead, God calls himself Father to encourage us to pray to him.

But God isn't just any father. Watson offers these reasons why God is "the best Father":

- He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9).
- He is perfect (Matthew 5:48).
- He is the wisest (Romans 16:27).
- He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 4:16).
- He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8).
- He can reform his children (Acts 9:11).
- He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8).

- The Newsletter Newsletter



- Church Events -

1 - Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons meeting
2 - Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
6 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion Fellowship Hour following Worship
9 - Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
13 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service Fellowship Hour following Worship
20 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service Fellowship Hour following Worship
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Pastor Jim will be on vacation June 14-25.

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