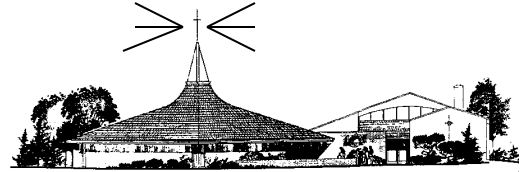


Trinity BEAMS

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



Love permeates the Bible. The Psalms are full of love. Proverbs speaks of love. Isaiah and Jeremiah speak of the love God has for the people even after they have broken the covenant and of how that love will reestablish a newer, better covenant.

Paul said that faith, hope and love abide. The greatest is love.

But there is no writer in the New Testament who prioritizes love as much as the one we know as John. John makes love the center of all things. God is love, John says, and those who abide in God abide in love. Jesus is the great example of love. No greater love has a person than to lay down one's life for friends.

Jesus speaks of a new commandment, that we love one another as he has loved us. This commandment is the source of the name of Maundy Thursday, which we will observe on the evening of April 1. The world will know that we are Jesus' disciples by the way in which we love one another.

This commandment is not about affection. It is about attitude. To love one another in the community is to set the needs and desires of others along side our own. To love one another in community is to understand that we are different and have different interests and tastes. To love one another in the community is to be aware of the ways in which we can honor one another and demonstrate the value we have for one another rather than simply taking what we can get for ourselves.

John presents us with a total picture of love, Gospel style. God is love. God's love for us is unconditional for God so loved the world that he sent his only son so that the world might be saved through him. As God loved us, so should we love one another. The community that bears Jesus' name must show the world that God's love is real by the way in which they love one another. How crucial this is—that we learn how to value and respect each other and are willing to place another's needs ahead of our own. What an inviting community that would be to those disgusted with the "me first" society. After having received God's love and shared it within the community, we take it out into the world and share it with others. Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" If so, feed my sheep.

God so loved the world that he gave his only son. Jesus so loved the world that he gave his own life. We so love one another and the world that we give the body and blood of Jesus to one another in remembrance not only of him, but of his love.

- 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.

Those in nursing centers, assisted living,

Wayne Bailie - Meadowlark Hills

Bernice Brighton - Meadowlark Hills

Mary Lou Kenworthy

- Presbyterian Manor, Wichita, KS

Erma McManis - Stoneybrook

Joe Ann Wood Moore - Meadowlark Hills

Delores Nash - Home

Mary Smith - Meadowlark Hills

March Birthdays

- 3. Sarah Ellerbeck
- 6. Matthew Ellerbeck (6 yrs.)
- 25. Warren Roblyer
- 27. Colleen Roblyer
- 28. Marilyn Gobel
- 30. Berneda Jewell

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.

Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Women's Circle

Thursday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.

Meet in the sanctuary.

Pastor Jim leads the study.

TPW Coordinating Meeting

March 15, 1:00 p.m.

**Daylight Savings Time
begins March 14**



It's not too soon to start saving items you no longer want for our annual rummage sale scheduled for **April 30-May 1**. We take most anything in good workable condition. Furniture, household, kitchen, tools, toys, clothes.

PW Birthday Offering



The annual Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering is being collected throughout the month of March. All are welcome to participate. This year's recipients are Garden Gate Ranch, Inc. Education Center Renovation in Des Moines, Iowa;

Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc. Gymnasium Capital Improvements in Stone Mountain, Georgia; and Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Women's Health Center/OBGYN Theatre in Nkhoma, Malawi.

Offerings can be placed in an offering plate in the narthex or mailed to the church. Birthday Offering envelopes are available near the offering plates. Checks should be made payable to TPW with Birthday Offering in the notation. Thank you for participating in this mission.

Thank you to College Hill Early Learning

Center staff for giving a gift in Trinity's name to Heifer International. They chose a Dream Basket which includes a sheep, heifer, goat, rabbits and a flock of chicks, along with training and education in their care to help women farmers achieve lives of dignity. The Early Learning Center children made cards for the congregation thanking us for the use of our space during the construction of their school in 2019-2020. These thank you cards are on display in the hallway by the mailboxes.

Dear Trinity Presbyterian,

Thank you for your donation of sanitizing wipe and school supplies! We appreciate your support of Lee Elementary!

- Signed by the Lee School staff
(see article, page 4 — February Mission Projects a Success — for items donated to Lee School.)



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all 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 with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 17-April 4), each gift to One Great Hour of sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. **In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.**

One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

- + Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.
- + Receives 32% of funds raised.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

- + Takes action to alleviate hunger care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- + Receives 36% of funds raised.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

- + Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.
- + Receives 32% of funds raised.

Donations can be made to OGHS three ways — through our congregation, donate by credit card online at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs, or by texting OGHS to 20222 to give \$10. You will find envelopes in the bulletins the end of March and early April. When making a donation through the congregation, make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and notate OGHS in the memo line. We will dedicate our donations on Easter Sunday, April 4. Thank you for your support of this worldwide offering.

-The Stewardship/Mission Committee

OUR CHURCH'S **FINANCE REPORT**

The Finance Committee is grateful for your faithful giving during this time of social-distancing. If you are worshipping with us remotely you may 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 foyer. 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.

January 1-31, 2021

Income -	\$11,625.29
Expenses -	\$14,591.90
Net Income -	(\$ 2,966.61)

February Mission Projects a Success

The Stewardship & Mission Committee sponsored two mission projects in February. The first was the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Our total collection was 86 pounds of canned and boxed food and \$1,000 in cash donations. The Flint Hills Breadbasket was our local recipient. Thank you!

The second mission project was **Lee Elementary School**. Using funds in our Lee School Mission account, we were able to order and send directly to the school the following items:

50 (24 count) packs of alcohol hand wipes, 6 sets headphones, 12 blunt and 12 pointed scissors, 5 (4 count) packs glue sticks, 10 (24 count) boxes of crayons, 1 pack (96 count) pencils. Teachers welcome these items as many times they purchase classroom supplies with their personal funds.

- March Church Events -

1 - Monday	12:00 p.m.	Lent Study in sanctuary and by zoom
2 - Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Lent Study by zoom with Revs. James & Amy Jo Hawley
3 - Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting
4 - Thursday	10:00 a.m.	TPW Circle/Bible Study in sanctuary
7 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion—3rd Sunday in Lent
8 - Monday	12:00 p.m.	Lent Study in sanctuary and by zoom
9 - Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Lent Study by zoom with Revs. James & Amy Jo Hawley
10 - Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting.
14 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship—4th Sunday in Lent
15 - Monday	12:00 p.m.	Lent Study in sanctuary and by zoom
	1:00 p.m.	TPW Coordinating Team Meeting
16 - Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Lent Study by zoom with Revs. James & Amy Jo Hawley
21 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship—5th Sunday in Lent
22 - Monday	12:00 p.m.	Lent Study in sanctuary and by zoom
23 - Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Lent Study by zoom with Revs. James & Amy Jo Hawley
28 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship—Palm Sunday
29 - Monday	12:00 p.m.	Lent Study in sanctuary and by zoom
30 - Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Lent Study by zoom with Revs. James & Amy Jo Hawley



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The following is a reflection on 2020 dealing with the coronavirus pandemic from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, 2008 moderator of the 28th General Assembly. It was sent to churches by the Presbytery of Northern Kansas.

We Never Closed.
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We never closed.

We have shifted
We have adapted
We have changed

We have struggled
We have had technical difficulties
We have extended grace

We never closed.

We have laughed
We have wept
We have wondered

We have celebrated
We have grieved
We have yearned

We never closed.

We have lost connections to some
We have found new relationships with others
We have lived the fullness of the Table of God

We never closed.

We have worshipped in new ways together
Praying together
Confessing together
Hearing together
Singing out of sync “together”
Being sent into the world to serve together

We never closed.

Someday we will gather again
Someday we will hug again
Someday we will fully rejoice in this expanding Body of Christ that God is revealing before us

But that day has not yet come.

So for now, we will continue being the gathered church
Called together
Praying together
Exploring the Word together
Seeking justice together
Serving together

We are the church.
We are the Body of Christ.
We never closed.