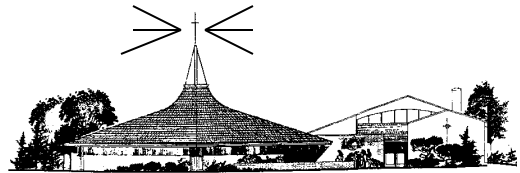


Trinity BEAMS

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



According to the book of Acts, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples they were all gathered “in one place”. It has been quite a while since the same can be said for us. One year ago we gathered in the parking lot for worship, but some were not able to be present. We have provided our service on a live stream and archived video, but this is not being “in the same place” unless we rethink how we understand what it means to “be together”.

Presbyterians believe that when we gather, the Spirit is with us. That is why we have always held that deliberative bodies such as Presbytery and General Assembly meet and deliberate together in person. The pandemic has not necessarily changed the theology of gathering, but it certainly changed the practicality of gatherings. For more than a year Sessions have met remotely, Presbytery has met on zoom. The congregational meeting that elected me Designated Pastor was on zoom with online voting.

This would never have been considered prior to the pandemic because it would violate our understanding of the Spirit’s role in deliberation. Now that the pandemic has forced us to take these new steps, do we need to think about the Spirit’s role in our process and whether we need to be together “in one place”?

Friends and experts tell me worship will not be the same, in terms of “being together in one place”. The pandemic forced churches to put services online and that is where they will stay, at least in part. Bruce Reyes Chow, a well known innovator in technology and worship, advocates what he calls “hybrid” worship. Worship space is no longer restricted to the physical sanctuary. Worshippers can be anywhere, connected live through the internet, and participating actively in the service. On a simpler level, most churches will continue to stream their services. I have talked with several pastors who think that some of their regular worshippers before the pandemic may simply continue to watch online and not return to the physical sanctuary.

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas is having one more zoom meeting on May 1. The next scheduled meeting is in October and will be face to face. Will there be a zoom option? The business committee of the Presbytery is recommending that, even when face to face meetings are restored, zoom be utilized to cut down on travel costs and save time. It is doubtful such an idea would have been considered before the pandemic.

The pandemic has changed us in ways we don’t yet fully understand. The Church is dealing with questions not before asked. Although the Spirit came upon the disciples all in one place, it was not limited to that space. It travels. It leads. It surrounds. The irony, I suppose, is that as we ask new questions and engage in new ways about the Holy Spirit, it is the Spirit herself that is guiding and uplifting us through this and every time to come.

- 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.

Those in nursing centers, assisted living,

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



A Memorial Service for Erma McManis will be held Friday, May 28 at Trinity. The time has not yet been determined. Memorials have been designated to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

May Birthdays

8. Kathy Brothers

10. Lynn Tolley

22. Mary Smith

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Women's Circle

Thursday, May 6, 10:00 a.m.

Meet in the sanctuary.

Pastor Jim leads the study.

TPW Coordinating Meeting

May 17, 1:00 p.m.



Just a reminder that the Rummage Sale shopping days and times are: Friday, April 30, 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, 8-11 a.m. If you have some free time to help clean up after the sale, it would be appreciated. Contact sale coordinators Susan Tolley, 785-564-3901, or Sheryl Kobiskie, 785-341-8729. The proceeds from the sale are designated for missions chosen by TPW.



The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Congregational Brown Bag Dinner on May 19, 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Each person is asked to bring their own dinner. We will social distance around the tables for an evening of fellowship.



LADIES' DAY OUT

Wednesday, May 19

Lunch at the

Friendship House, Wamego.

Join the carpool leaving the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m.

Sign up in the narthex beginning May 2, or contact Jan Byars, 785-539-8365.

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>March 2021</u>	<u>January-March 2021</u>
Income -	\$19,479.95	Income - \$33,761.81
Expenses -	\$18,786.73	Expenses \$44,610.14
Net Income -	\$ 693.22	Net Income (\$10,848.33)



...**Tucker Hartley**, University of Nebraska. Degree in Mechanized Systems Management in the Department of Agriculture. Parents are Todd & Sheri Hartley. Grandparents: Lynn & Susan Tolley.

...**Mattigan Kobiskie**, from Abilene High School, Abilene, KS. Parents are Kris & Becky Kobiskie. Grandparents: John & Sheryl Kobiskie.

...**Morgan Marshall**, from Blythewood High School, Blythewood, SC. Parents are Rhen & Staci Marshall. Grandparents: Lynn & Susan Tolley.

...**Megan Neufeld**, from Marion High School, Marion, KS. Parents are Darin & Jona Neufeld. Grandparents: Rex & Berneda Jewell.

...**Rachel Grace Palmgren** from Anthony Middle School, Manhattan, KS. Parents are Bryce & Jennifer Palmgren. Grandparents: Rex & Berneda Jewell.



40 Years as Trinity's Secretary

How can it be? How did it pass by so fast? What has kept me at Trinity all these years? I ask myself all these questions as I realize this month I have been with this congregation 40 YEARS! My children were young — 1st and 5th grade. As my daughters got older and weren't so dependent on me for rides to school and activities, I considered a career change, but what always stopped me was the kindness of this congregation and how you had become like family. I have shared in your joys and sorrows; you in turn have shared in mine. Being able to work my job around my family was as important to you as it was to me. As the years passed by, I began to realize it was no longer a "job" but a "mission" God called me to do. In my position I am front line in meeting people that come to the church or call during the week. I can share my faith by being helpful and caring, and they in turn often share with me. I have grown in my faith by working at Trinity, and for that I will always be thankful. This past year during the Covid-19 pandemic, you found a way to keep me working in the office with minimal contact to the public. For that I am grateful. You are a blessing in my life and I appreciate all of you!

- Berneda



The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start — a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us to *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, our congregation participates in helping children, youth, and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."

QUICK FACTS

- ◆ Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities.
- ◆ The first Presbyterian Youth Triennium was held in 1980.
- ◆ The Day of Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church.
- ◆ Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$15 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.

We will dedicate this offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Please consider this important offering. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church and notated "Pentecost Offering." You may place your gift in the offering plates located in the sanctuary's narthex on Sundays, or mail it to Trinity at 1110 College Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502. Your gifts are much appreciated!

IMI**M A Y****- Church Events -**

1 - Saturday	8:00 a.m.	TPW Rummage Sale — closes at 11 a.m.
2 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Drive-in Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion in the Sanctuary
4 - Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons meeting
5 - Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
6 - Thursday	10:00 a.m.	TPW Circle/Bible Study in sanctuary
9 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Drive-in Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
12 - Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
16 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Drive-in Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
17 - Monday	1:00 p.m.	TPW Coordinating Team Meeting
19 - Wednesday	11:15 a.m.	Ladies Day Luncheon, Wamego.
	5:30 p.m.	Brown Bag Dinner for Congregation in Fellowship Hall
23 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Pentecost Sunday (no drive-in service)
28 - Friday	TBA	Memorial Service at Trinity for Erma McManis
30 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
31 - Monday		Memorial Day Observed. Church Office Closed

Community Garden

You may have noticed a small garden behind the church. This is part of a project led by Patty McKenna, a Kansas State graduate student. Patty received a grant to introduce community gardening to members of the Manhattan community. Trinity Church is one of her sites. She currently has twelve people from the community contributing to the garden.



“Like” Trinity Presbyterian Church on Facebook to get the latest announcements, worship services, and other items of interest throughout the week.

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