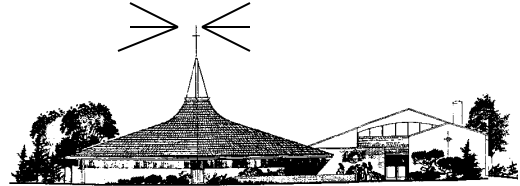


# Trinity BEAMS

the newsletter of  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Manhattan, Kansas  
June 2020



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

## ***From the Desk of Rev. James Hawley***

I remember the beginning. Our daughter was home for break on March 11. One simple word—"wow"—started it. She was looking at her phone. The NBA game between the Jazz and the Thunder was postponed. The dominos started to fall and shortly we went from "normal" to pandemic on the grand scale.

On March 16, San Francisco became the first major city to issue a stay at home order. The day before, March 15, was the last time we worshipped in the sanctuary.

As I write this, seventy-two days have passed since that time. That is twenty-six days longer than Lent—thirty-two if you don't count the Sundays. That is forty-nine days longer than Advent. It is thirty-two days longer than it took the flood waters to recede. At this point we are hoping we do not challenge the forty years the people were in the wilderness.

Seventy-two days feels like the wilderness. And like that band of former slaves, we are starting to get restless. We have manna but we want quail. We wonder what is taking so long. Memorial Day weekend was full of scenes right out of Exodus 32: "[Aaron] took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel... They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings... and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.'"

The Lord was not pleased that day and that is a lesson we need to heed. Although the wall to wall revelers at the Lake of the Ozarks are not exactly idolaters, they do present an image of blatant disregard for their own and others' welfare. Into the fire went the advice of scientists and the urging of our more concerned public officials and out came the golden calf of hedonistic pleasure.

There was a lot of bloodshed associated with the golden calf. Moses orders the sons of Levi to "kill your brother, your friend, your neighbor" for disobeying. We will do no such thing. At least not directly. But the sad truth is that every beach blanket revelry or mask-less assault neighbor commits on neighbor will do the work for us. At least Moses was honest about the cost of human life that comes with such selfishness. Today, when "three thousand of the people fall", it won't be the Lord's doing. It will be ours.

- Jim Hawley



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

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

**Wayne Bailie** - Meadowlark Hills

**Ron & Dorine Bergren** - Home

**Bernice Brighton** - Meadowlark Hills

**Mary Lou Kenworthy**

- Presbyterian Manor, Wichita, KS

**Erma McManis** - Stoneybrook

**Joe Ann Wood Moore** - Meadowlark Hills

**Delores Nash** - Home

**Bob & Mary Smith** - Meadowlark Hills

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**Concerns**

Remember **Mary Smith** in your prayers as she recovers from a fall and moves from her apartment at Meadowlark Hills to Lyle House.

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**June Birthdays**

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

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We are in need of volunteers to help with the summer lawn mowing at the church. A weekly scheduled has been posted on the bulletin board so that you can sign up. You can also call the church office to reserve a week. The lawn mower is furnished. Check with Property & Maintenance Chair, Dick Green, for information regarding what needs mowed each week. Your help is greatly appreciated as we do not have anyone hired for this job and depend on volunteers to keep our church grounds well groomed!

# DRIVE IN SERVICE

Until further notice, we will continue to have drive-in worship service on Sundays, 10:00 a.m. We are also recording the service and it is posted on Trinity's Facebook page by Sunday afternoon.

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Trinity Presbyterian Women's Annual Rummage Sale possible dates: August 28-20 or September 25-26. Please be saving your items. More information during the summer.

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**Thank you** to the congregation for participating in TPW's Birthday Offering in March. \$283 was received.

TPW donated \$800 to the Manhattan sponsored Go for Green Match Day to five community organizations.

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**Deacons' Meeting**  
**June 2, 6:30 p.m.**

**Session Meeting**  
**June 10, 6:15 p.m.**

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## Trinity's Blessing Box Guidelines



Our Blessing Box, located on the west side of the parking lot near the church sign, is designed for anyone to bring items, or take items as needed. Please feel free to add any food items to the box when you come by the church. Suggestions for items to be placed in the Blessing Box that

have been well received are: fruit or pudding snack size cups, canned items, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, tooth brushes. Do not place any over the counter medications or food in glass containers in the box, please.

### Property & Maintenance at Work

During this time of closing the church building for worship and other activities, the Property & Maintenance Committee has been doing some deep cleaning in the fellowship hall. Windows were washed, and all the furniture was moved out so the floor cleaning could begin. All Star Services of Manhattan was contracted to strip and wax the floors, and as you can see in the picture, a job well done. Once the furniture was moved back in, it was decided that all the glides on the chair legs needed to be replaced so the newly waxed floor would not be scratched when moving chairs back and forth. This was followed by a decision to have the upholstered chairs cleaned professionally. Again, we contracted with All Star Services, and in the picture below, you can see Cody at work. Everything is back in place, waiting for the day when we can meet together for fellowship and other activities. Also, the mop sink in the boiler room was repaired due to poor drainage. Thank you to Dick Green, chair of P&M, for overseeing these projects, and those assisting with moving furniture in the fellowship hall and replacing chair glides. You all are very much appreciated!



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### Meadowlark Hills Trustee Needed from Trinity

As a founding church, Trinity has a seat on the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community Board of Trustees. Meeting quarterly, the full 17 member Board consists of representatives of each of the founding churches as well as Meadowlark residents and Manhattan business and community members. In addition, board members serve on one of 3 working committees. The term of service is 6 years and two terms may not be served consecutively.

The term of our current representative, Sherry Nelson, expires in June. Please contact the church office or Sherry if you would like to continue Trinity's oversight as Meadowlark works to fulfill its mission of providing homes, service and quality of life for seniors in the Manhattan area.



OUR CHURCH'S  
  
**FINANCE  
REPORT**

The Finance Committee is grateful for your contributions during this time of social-distancing due to COVID-19. Until we are worshipping together in the sanctuary, we ask that you continue to mail your contributions to the church at 1110 College Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502. As a Presbyterian Church all of our financial information is available for members. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our Treasurer, Karyl Croft, or Financial Committee Chair, Arlo Biere.

<u>April 2020</u>		<u>January-April 2020</u>	
Income	\$18,104.55	Income	\$42,873.32
Expenses	\$ 8,421.55	Expenses	\$37,025.45
Net Income	\$ 9,683.00	Net Income	\$ 5,847.87



Following are the lectionary readings for June.  
 We hope you will take time to read through the scriptures each week.

June 7-Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2  
 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 14 -11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19)  
 Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 21-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;  
 Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

June 28 -13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;  
 Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

**Church Staff/Strategic Personnel**

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 Secretary - Berneda Jewell  
 Music Director - Susan Tolley  
 Accompanist - Rinaldi Yonathan  
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