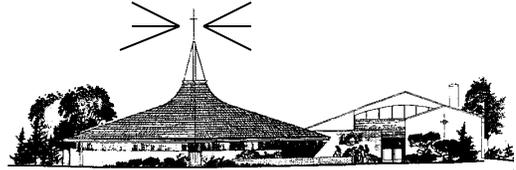


Trinity BEAMS

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



At its March meeting, the Session welcomed representatives from the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Kansas State. ECM has approached the church about forming a partnership that would allow the ministry to use a portion of our downstairs area for office and meeting space. ECM is a seventy year old campus ministry that provides a welcoming, Christian environment for students of both traditional and non-traditional faith backgrounds. Trinity Presbyterian is one of the ministry's supporting churches, with board representation (I am a board member; Karyl Croft is on the Advisory Board) as well as offering the parking lot on football Saturdays as a fundraiser. The board and ECM's director, Rev. Christian Watkins, are asking if we would consider expanding our relationship by allowing the ministry to share space with us.

The need comes from ECM's budgetary shortfall. Although grant money is plentiful for programming, sources of income for the administration of the ministry are decreasing. Currently, ECM is housed in a building on Sunset which also provides housing for tenants. The income produced from this model is not sufficient to cover the upkeep of the building as well as the staffing required. The board is considering selling the building, investing the proceeds, and reimagining the ministry with a greater emphasis on relationship building with students free of the distraction and monetary drain of the current building.

I suggested to the board that they approach our church given that we had ample space downstairs which could serve as a temporary home while ECM envisioned the next phase of its ministry. The ministry would need office space for the director and the program interns, a meeting room, and lounge or study area for the students. In exchange, ECM would make a donation to the church to offset any expense and provide additional revenue to the church.

ECM provides a community meal on Fridays called "Real Food Lunch". This is the one program area that would require use of the upstairs facility. ECM would need access to our kitchen on Thursday night and access to the fellowship hall on Friday at noon. During the pandemic, this meal has been prepared in advance as a take-out option but once the pandemic is behind us ECM will again offer a sit down meal to the community. I fully understand what is being asked of the congregation to allow its kitchen to be used by an "outside group". It is certainly one of the aspects of this opportunity that will take careful consideration.

I want to emphasize that this relationship is meant to be more than "building use". Although our congregation would not interact directly with ECM (unless we chose to), for this relationship to be successful the congregation will need to think of the ministry as an extension of its own mission. My personal vision is an older, traditional congregation and a younger, non-traditional ministry, sharing space and resources in mutual support. In this relationship we would need to forebear each other as necessary. There would be opportunity for deliberate intersection if we chose, such as a monthly common potluck where we could mingle as different generations, each learning from the other.

Although it is the Session's task to lead this conversation and ultimately decide, it is truly a congregational endeavor and will take the congregation to be successful. The Session and I are eager to hear from the congregation as to the viability of this opportunity. I hope you will give this request of ECM your prayerful consideration.

- 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



Our prayerful sympathy is extended to the family of Erma McManis on her death, February 25. Erma and her late husband, Ray, were charter members of Trinity. A memorial service will be held May 28 at Trinity. The family suggests memorial contributions be given to Trinity Presbyterian and may be sent to the church.

April Birthdays

- 6. Nancy Webb
- 11. Donna Hawkins
- 29. Joshua Ellerbeck (5 yrs.)

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Women's Circle

Thursday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.

Meet in the sanctuary.

Pastor Jim leads the study.

TPW Coordinating Meeting

April 19, 1:00 p.m.



Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary service

Thursday, April 1—Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary service with communion

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday
9:00 a.m. parking Lot service
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary service



The 9:00 a.m. parking lot worship service will resume on Easter Sunday. The service will continue through the Sundays of Easter (April 4-May 16), and will be reevaluated at that time based on vaccination rates and recommended best practices. The 10:00 a.m. sanctuary service will continue. That service will also be live streamed on Facebook, and the link sent out each Monday.

Church Investment Committee Forming

The Session has approved the formation of an investment sub-committee of the Finance Committee. This group will have the responsibility for managing Trinity's investment funds. An open invitation is extended to any member who feels they would like to be part of this committee. If you are interested, please contact Arlo Biere or Pastor Hawley. The Committee will likely meet for the first time in May.

Do You Have Family Graduating?

If you have family members who will be graduating from preschool, 6th grade, middle school, high school, or college this spring, please let the church office know so your graduate(s) can be recognized in the May BEAMS.

OUR CHURCH'S

**FINANCE
 REPORT**

The Finance Committee is grateful and encourages you to continue your 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 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-February 2021

Income -	\$14,281.86
Expenses -	\$25,823.41
Net Income -	(\$11,541.55)



Trinity Presbyterian Women have scheduled the annual rummage sale for **Friday and Saturday, April 30-May 1**. Box up your items you no longer want and save them for the rummage sale. We take most anything in good condition — furniture,

household, kitchenware, tools, toys, clothes. The fellowship hall will be available April 25-29 for you to bring your items. Workers are needed to set up, work the sale, and clean up. Contact sale coordinators, Susan Tolley and Sheryl Kobiskie.

Blessed to be a Blessing



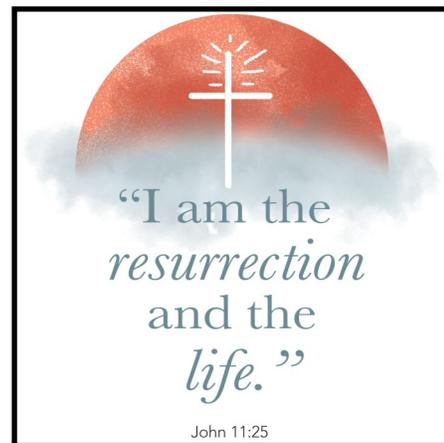
Thank you to everyone who continues supplying items for the Blessing Box located on the west side of the parking lot near the church sign. It has seen a lot of use by the community. When you add items to the box, if you find something that has been

opened or damaged, please remove the item(s) so that our box is kept clean and presentable. Remember, no over the counter medications or food in glass containers. Thank you again for your support of this mission project!



Trinity's first social dinner, since the Covid shut-down, was enjoyed by 16 people the evening of March 17. Comfortably social distanced in the fellowship hall, every-

one brought their own dinner, with dessert provided by Sheryl Kobiskie. The ability to have conversation and fellowship with various members of the congregation was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to the Fellowship Committee for hosting this event.





- Church Events -

1 - Thursday	10:00 a.m.	TPW Circle/Bible Study in sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service with communion
2 - Friday		Good Friday
4 - Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Drive-in Easter Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary
6 - Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons meeting
7 - Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting
11 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
14 - Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting.
18 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
19 - Monday	1:00 p.m.	TPW Coordinating Team Meeting
25 - Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
30 - Friday		Rummage Sale in the fellowship hall
May 1 - Saturday		Rummage Sale in the fellowship hall

The fellowship hall is reserved April 25-May 1 for the Rummage Sale.

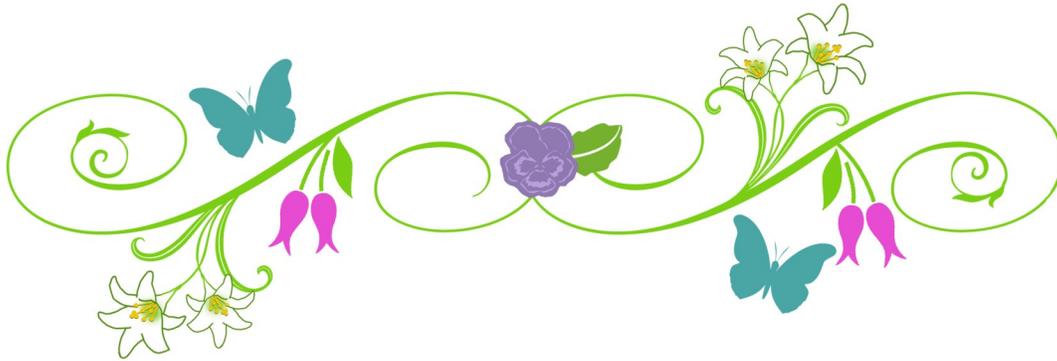


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Encourage Wonder

For a new perspective on Bible accounts you've heard over and over, play "I Wonder" with children and adults alike. Similar to "I Spy," it encourages a deeper dive into familiar passages. Simply explore ideas that aren't detailed in the Bible, starting with the phrase "I wonder." For example:

- I wonder if any Roman soldier was standing in the back *not* mocking Jesus (Matthew 27:27-31). If so, what was he thinking as others threw about insults?
- I wonder how long it took Joseph of Arimathea to cut his own tomb out of the rock (Matthew 27:57-60). What did he think about as he worked?
- The day after Jesus' ascension, I wonder which disciple spoke first at breakfast — and what he said.

Scholars may have chimed in on some of these ponderings, but there's likely no right answer. Playing "I Wonder" can help you slow down to really pay attention and experience more of a Bible passage — especially one you seem to know by rote.

Add meaning to this year's Easter celebration by letting your wonder wander during Holy Week. Then continue the practice whenever you're eager to gain new insights on the "old, old story ... of Jesus and his love."

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