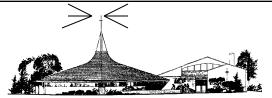
Trinity BEAMS

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

From the Desk of Rev. James Hawley

In the July 19 edition of the Manhattan Mercury, Trumanue Lindsey, director of diversity and multicultural student life at Kansas State University, was quoted in relation to the University's response to the negative experience related by black and other minority students on campus. "We want the culture to be one where if you do practice a racist lifestyle, that our anti-racism is so strong at K-State that it does one of two things: it causes that individual student to change, or it causes that individual student to leave because K-State is not the place for them and their beliefs in that particular manner."

This statement is commendable in the way it shows appreciation that racism is not battled individual to individual, but through cultural change. In my experience, issues such as racism and bullying are treated as a responsibility of the victim. Rather than confronting the culture that promotes this behavior, victims are given "strategies" for coping with the abuser. I applaud the emphasis on making the culture inhospitable to racism rather than accepting it as inevitable.

I would take Mr. Lindsey's comments further. We have an obligation, as citizens of Manhattan, to extend this cultural change throughout the city. Ideally, the culture of our city should mirror the one Mr. Lindsey is promoting for the campus: one in which either the individual will feel compelled to change or to believe that Manhattan is not the place for them and their beliefs.

This cultural shift can happen if it is embraced by the sub-cultures of the city. Churches, schools, neighborhood associations—anywhere people gather in community. This task is not easy, nor will it be universally embraced. It is a task we are called to.

The Presbyterian Church begun an initiative called the Matthew 25 Church. The name is a reference to the passage wherein Jesus commends those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the imprisoned, welcomed the stranger. To become a Matthew 25 Church, a congregation makes a commitment to work in three specific areas: revitalizing the church, working toward racial justice, and addressing poverty. Becoming a Matthew 25 church would be a powerful statement, but it would also be the impetus toward taking concrete action in these areas that are of such immediate concern in our city and our nation. In many ways, this congregation is already living out the mission of a Matthew 25 church through its partnership with agencies such as the Crisis Center and Shepherd's Crossing. The recent positive momentum in the area of race relations provides a wonderful opportunity in that area of emphasis.

I am praying that the initiatives at Kansas State will lead to the inclusive and diverse outcome they are working for—where all students feel welcomed, valued, and safe. I pray for our city as well, that we can all embrace this vision and work together to make real and lasting change. The Session will discuss the possibility of becoming a Matthew 25 church. Let us pray about this opportunity together.



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

July Birthdays

10. David Petterson

19. Emmalee Tredway

25. Ken Schweitzer

27. Glen Nelson

(With Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the Nelson Family — Glen, Nancy, Sherry, Susan and family on the death of Nancy's sister, Jo Ann Horton, June 21. Jo was a resident of Meadowlark Hills. Funeral service was held at Anderes-Pfeifley Funeral Home in Riley.

Sympathy to Daisy Schalles and family on the death of her husband Robert (Bob) Schalles on June 19. A visitation is planned September 19, 1-3 p.m. at Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan. Daisy and Bob are former members of Trinity.



Join us by car, lawn chair, or sit in the sanctuary for our worship service on Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Jim Hawley leads worship outside and it is streamed to a TV in the sanctuary. We are also recording the service and it is posted on Trinity's Facebook page by Sunday afternoon. If you are not receiving the link to the service by email on Mondays, contact the church office with your email address.

TPW Annual
Rummage
Sale

Trinity Presbyterian Women's Annual Rummage Sale possible dates: August 28-29 or September 25-26. Please be saving your items. More information will be forthcoming.

Your Deacons' Fund Donations at Work

In the past, the deacons have give the ladies carnations on Mother's Day and the men chocolates on Father's Day. Due to COVID19 and not holding worship in the sanctuary and being able to pass out carnations and chocolates, the deacons used those funds to share within our community. On Mother's Day \$25 was sent to the Crisis Center. On Father's Day \$25 was used to purchase food items for our Blessing Box. If you would like to donate to the Deacons' Fund, checks should be made payable to TPC and noted Deacons' Fund.

No Deacons' Meeting in July Next meeting: August 4

Session Meeting July 8, 6:15 p.m.

A Mask and An Object Lesson



My mask has become an "object lesson" I take with me as I enter public spaces. The science says that a mask does not protect the wearer from contracting a virus, but it may protect other people from our germs that could cause them sickness or death.

Masks can be a little hot and uncomfortable, especially for a long period of time. It can also be a little humiliating to be the only person in the grocery store wearing a mask. (Yes, I've gotten some of "those" looks.).

The thought that struck me the other day, however, is that I'll bet it was pretty uncomfortable and humiliating for Jesus to have nails driven through his hands and to be hung on the cross to save us from the sickness and certain death of our sins. A lot of people that he came to save scoffed at him, and humiliated him, and didn't think they needed his protection.

So perhaps when you don your masks, forget all the drama and dissension and fear that has surrounded COVID19. Use the discomfort of those masked moments as an opportunity to reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus, who lived and died and lived again so that we can have life, and have life abundantly.

— Commissioned Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Beloit First Presbyterian Church

Property & Maintenance Committee at Work

The Property & Maintenance Committee continues deep cleaning in the church. This past month the carpet in the sanctuary was cleaned by Coby of All Star Services. This involved moving all the furniture (except pews) out of the sanctuary. Our thanks to the men and ladies that helped with the moving in and out. With the school district preschool in the basement, the school custodians have been busy deep cleaning all the classrooms in anticipation of classes resuming this fall. Bob's Plumbing cleaned out floor drains in the basement. Air filters were changed in the fellowship hall and sanctuary heating/cooling units. The weeds in parking lot cracks were sprayed, volunteers continue to keep the church lawn mowed, and flowers planted and watered. Thank you to everyone for all you do on the upkeep of our church!

Trinity's Blessing Box



The Fellowship & Evangelism Committee wants to thank the many volunteers that have provided items for the Blessing Box located on the west side of the parking lot near the church sign. When you add items to the box, if you find something that has been opened and left in the box, please remove the item(s) so that our box is kept clean and presentable. It is a learning process as we find what items are needed in the area. 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. Thank you again for your support of this new mission project!



The Finance Committee is grateful for your contributions during this time of social-distancing due to COVID-19. Until we are worshiping 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>May 20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>January-May 2020</u>	
Income	\$11,094.39	Income	\$53,979.29
Expenses	\$ 9,926.17	Expenses	\$46,951.62
Net Income	\$ 1,168.22	Net Income	\$ 7,027.67



Some years ago, the Session separated the Mission Giving Campaign from the Church Budget Campaign. This year the Session approved the Stewardship and Mission Committee's recommendation to hold the **Second Mile Giving** from Sunday, July 26, to August 30. The campaign period is extended this year because of the uncertainty of the pandemic and from not having services in the sanctuary at this

Our mission giving finances Trinity's commitment to the Presbytery Mission Fund, the Theological Education Fund and to local missions. The Session committed Trinity to give at least \$1,000 each to the Presbytery Mission Fund and to the Theological Education Fund. The Presbytery Mission Fund finances missions of the Presbytery and of the General Assembly, which includes missions around the world where needs are great. In addition, the fund supports its work with churches in the Presbytery that are going through some transition such as calling a new pastor. Recall that the Presbytery was very instrumental in our search process. The Theological Education Fund supports seminaries associated with PCUSA. Finally, Trinity supports a variety of missions in Manhattan.

Christ calls us to work to heal the world and to spread His message. With thanksgiving to God, may we give from our abundance. In July you will be receiving a letter by mail with an enclosed envelope to send your contribution to the church office, or give it to a church officer to take it to the office. May God bless and comfort you in this trying time of pandemic and social concerns.

- Arlo Biere, Chair, Stewardship and Mission Committee

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