

THE *talking trinity*



INTRODUCING OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

With joy and excitement, we announce that Brad Stipcak was unanimously selected to be the next Director of Music at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Brad is a teacher with USD 501. He is an experienced church musician, having served as Choir Director at Westside Christian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church here in Topeka. Brad's passion for music and his demeanor will be a great fit here at Trinity. Brad's start date was September 2. ***WELCOME BRAD!***

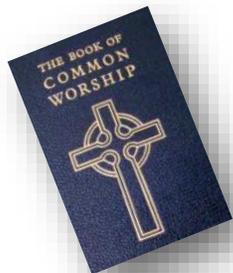


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a word from
Pastor Mere



Baptism is the sign and seal of our incorporation into Jesus Christ. In his own baptism, Jesus identified himself with sinners—yet God claimed him as a beloved Son, and sent the Holy Spirit to anoint him for service. In his ministry, Jesus offered the gift of living water. Through the baptism of his suffering and death, Jesus set us free from the power of sin forever.

After he rose from the dead, Jesus commissioned his followers to go and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them to obey his commands.

The disciples were empowered by the outpouring of the Spirit to continue Jesus’ mission and ministry, inviting others to join this new way of life in Christ. As Paul wrote, through the gift of baptism we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11).

-- *From the Book of Common Worship*

Baptism is one of two sacraments we observe in the Presbyterian Church (the other sacrament is Holy Communion/Lord’s Supper). In our baptism, we are claimed by God and initiated into the body of Christ. Although we Presbyterians tend to baptize infants more frequently, we also joyfully baptize youth and adults who have not been baptized previously. This also means that most of us do not recall the day of our baptism, and only experience it through family lore, photographs, and other heirlooms.

Presbyterians only baptize once, yet we continue to come back to the font, for healing and forgiveness; rest and renewal. In our sanctuary, the baptismal font is front and center, so that we may always remember God’s love for us. We may not have a literal baptism every Sunday, but we do recall that through our own baptisms, we have new life in Christ.

In September, we journeyed through a sermon series on Hope. In October, we will experience Hope through baptism. It will also be a time for us to remember our baptism and re-affirm the promises made (or made on our behalf). Baptism is not a “one and done” event; every time we worship is an opportunity to remind ourselves that we in life and in death, we belong to God.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Meredith

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 On Trinity’s website you can access archived issues of the weekly newsletter, The Trinity Candle, and this monthly newsletter, The Talking Trinity.
office@trinitypresbyterian.net
 Use this email address to contact the office secretary.
www.FACEBOOK.com/TrinityTopeka
 Trinity’s Facebook account has information about upcoming and past activities at Trinity and many great pictures as well.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

"For It Is In Giving, That We Receive."

Trinity's stewardship campaign gets into full swing this month with regular mailings; electronic mailings; and testimonials during worship. Trinity is blessed with a family of givers who generously pledge their time, talent and money.

The Stewardship Committee encourages those family members to continue their financial commitment for 2020, and invites those who have not previously pledged to join that family of givers.

2020 COMMITMENT CARD		NAME/ADDRESS
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
		
2020 ANNUAL COMMITMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES		
FOR 2020, I/WE COMMIT TO GIVING A TOTAL DONATION OF \$ _____, TO BE PAID IN:		
WEEKLY <input type="checkbox"/> ; MONTHLY <input type="checkbox"/> ; OR ANNUAL <input type="checkbox"/> INSTALLMENTS.		
Trinity's Mission: "To Glorify God, Share Christ's Love, Make New Disciples."		

The campaign will culminate with Commitment Sunday, October 20.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18 SESSION MEETING

- Approval was given to approve the use of the Endowment Committee's 2018 contribution (dividends and interests) of \$2,821 to be used to offset the potential 2019 budget deficit.
- Trinity Commitment Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 20.
- Property Committee requested the Personnel Committee to assist in reviewing a draft and help to develop a position description for a proposed church property manager.
- Janis Holiwell was elected as Trinity's Presbytery Commissioner for the October 15 Presbytery Meeting to be held in Wamego.



*Ladies' Night Out - December 2nd
Hubbell Home 5:30 - 7:30 pm*



EGG CARTONS WANTED



Bring your empty, clean egg cartons to the church office and they will be happily repurposed.

FINANCE MATTERS



Third quarter pledge statements will be sent the first part of October. Please review your statement to confirm the accuracy of our records.

Contact the Financial Secretary, Carol Shannahan, by email at carolsbutterflies@sbcglobal.net or phone at 559-8551 if you have any questions.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

2019 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Month	Date	Sunday	Total	Events
SEPTEMBER	1	1ST	108	COMMUNION
	8	2ND	112	WELCOME BACK SUN.
	15	3RD	106	

PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE

A LETTER FROM TALPETATES

Greetings brothers and sisters. We hope that you are well. It is a pleasure to write you on behalf of the educational community of the Talpetates school. We wish you health and blessings from the Almighty. It is the greatest desire of the faculty, students, and parents that all is going well with you. We have been waiting anxiously for the visit of the delegation led by Ken Cott, looking forward to the opportunity to be together. Those who could not come we invite at another time.



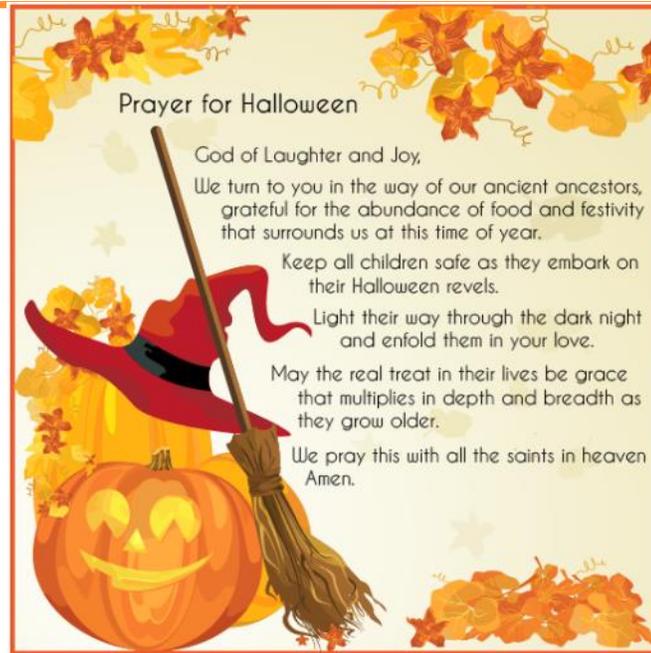
Sisters and brothers of Trinity Presbyterian Church, we recognize the effort that you make on behalf of our school, especially paying the salaries of two teachers, which makes it possible for us to have a full compliment of teachers and serve a student population of 226. We recognize that the past 27 years have required a great deal of work on you part as well as ours, but this brother and sisterhood fills our hearts with joy. Our school bids you a fond farewell. You are always in our hearts. God bless you.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION AT TRINITY

Only **5 more weeks** until Trunk or Treat...our annual event of the Halloween season.

And **WHY** do we have **Trunk or Treat** each year? Well, first of all it's in recognition of religious roots of the celebrating of "All Hallow's Eve", the night before All Saint's Day.

It also allows the children of our community an opportunity to have a safe place to wear their costumes and have fun while celebrating this tradition.



Prayer for Halloween

God of Laughter and Joy,
 We turn to you in the way of our ancient ancestors, grateful for the abundance of food and festivity that surrounds us at this time of year.
 Keep all children safe as they embark on their Halloween revels.
 Light their way through the dark night and enfold them in your love.
 May the real treat in their lives be grace that multiplies in depth and breadth as they grow older.
 We pray this with all the saints in heaven
 Amen.

Friends and Family,



CaringBridge is a great way for us to share what's going on with Jace. We'll update and you'll receive an email or other type of notification, like from the app on your phone. I welcome you to share the address with others who are concerned and will prayerfully follow Jace's journey.

We are not sharing on Facebook at this time and are not looking to garner lots of followers peering in at Jace's story. Instead we want to circle him with caring and support. The info is below.

Many thanks, Carmen and Ed

A **CaringBridge Site** was created for Jace. It's a caring social network to help people stay connected with family and friends during a health event.

Visit Jace's Site:
<https://caringbridge.org/visit/jaceraines>
 Site Name: jaceraines

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - CHILDREN'S

Commissioning of Sunday School teachers 9/8



Senior High Sunday School Class



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.
4:00 p.m. - Games, Activities, Crafts and Food
5:00 p.m. - Parade and Trunk or Treating

Come dressed in your favorite costume and bring a friend! If you plan to participate in the trunk decorating contest, please have your cars, vans, motorcycles, bicycles, etc. prepared by 5:00 p.m. for the judges to view.

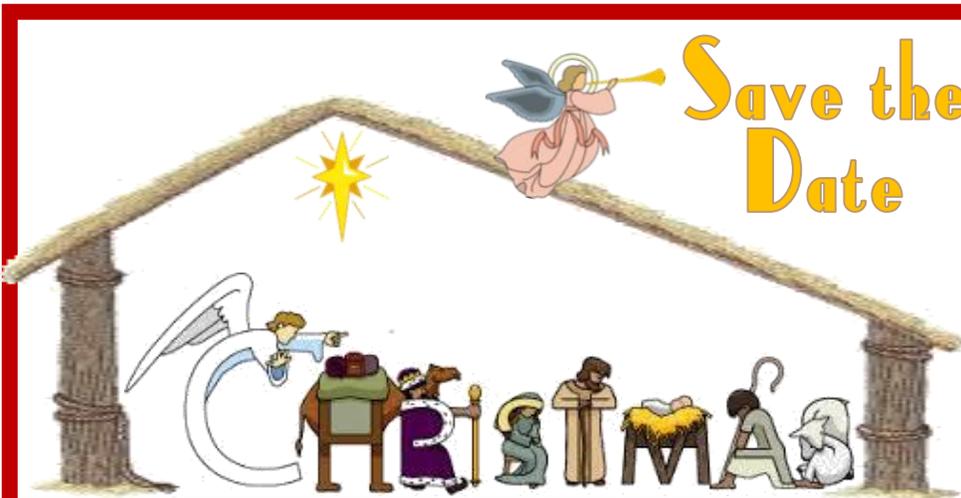
HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

- Donate individually wrapped treats or candy that is not identified as "Halloween" so any leftovers can be used at other events.
- Sign up to be a Trunk or Treat Judge
- Decorate your Trunk
- Volunteer to Work a Booooth
- Bring a friend or neighbor



This has been Trinity's largest on-site mission and outreach to the community. Last year we hosted more than 500 children and adults. This event will be cancelled if we have inclement weather because our building cannot accommodate these activities indoors. Please contact Karen Meenen if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there!



The Trinity children and youth Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 8, during worship followed by the Triniteen Chili Feed.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - TRINITEENS

TRINITEENS MEETING WITH SHARON SULLIVAN FROM WASHBURN UNIVERSITY ON 9/8



PARENT AND TRINITEEN MEETING ON 9/15



TRINITEENS IN WORSHIP ON 9/15

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - TRINITEENS

Presbytery of Northern Kansas - Fall Retreat
 Triniteens **sign up by October 5** at
bit.ly/PNKSZipLining. Questions contact Karen.



PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS YOUTH

ZIP LINING + PIZZA GATHERING

**NEW LOWER
 PRICE!!**

**\$50
 per youth**

**SUN., OCT. 13,
 2:30-5:30PM
 MANHATTAN**

**Waiver
 required!**

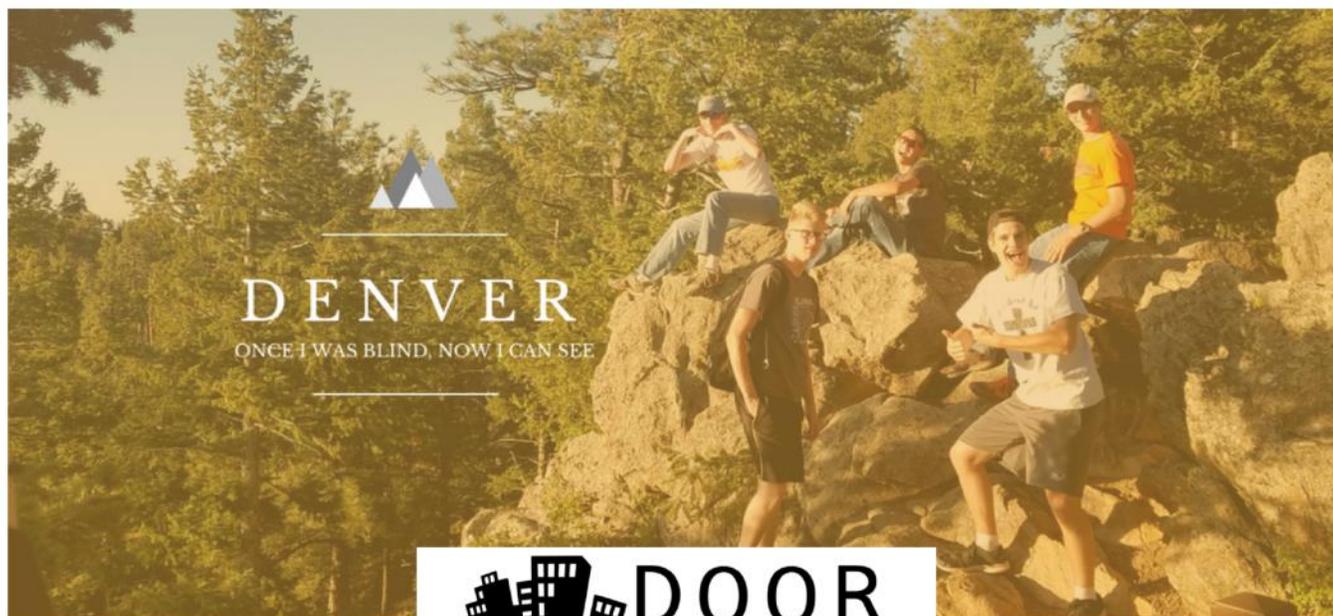
Wildwood Adventure Park: 375 Johnson Rd., Manhattan

Everyone must turn in a signed, filled out, printed waiver at the course.
 Wear closed-toed hiking shoes and bring hair bands if you have long hair
 Bring a reusable water bottle!

**** Required Registration & Payment Info at bit.ly/PNKSZipLining**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - TRINITEENS

THE TRINITEENS WILL BE HARD AT WORK THIS YEAR RAISING FUNDS FOR THEIR 2020 MISSION TRIP TO DOOR IN DENVER, COLORADO.



PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS YOUTH

2020 DENVER MISSION TRIP

TOGETHER WE WILL SERVE, LEARN, & GROW

SUN., JULY 12 - FRI., JULY 17, 2020

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH INVITED

"You were called to freedom, brothers & sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve one another through love." - Galatians 5:13 (CEB)

Service & education opportunities appropriate for youth in middle & high school
Youth will be able to apply what they have learned in Denver to their own communities

Registration and \$50 Deposit* Due January 15, 2020

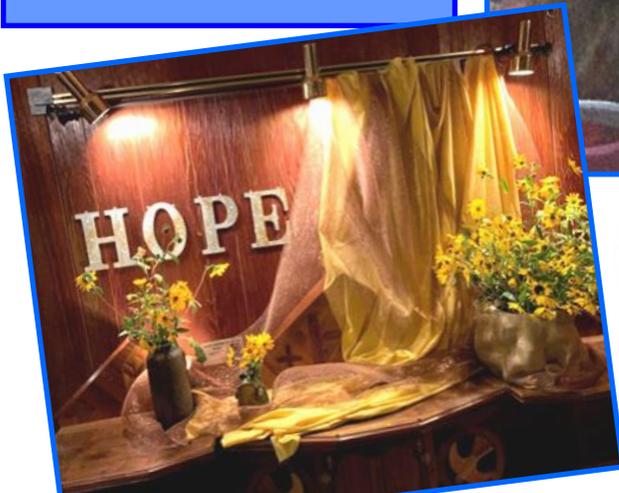
**Total cost is \$475 per youth. Stay tuned for details about PNKS scholarships in early 2020.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - ADULT CE

The theme for Christian Education for the 2019-2020 year is



Speaker, Sharon Sullivan from Washburn University, talked to an adult Sunday school class about Human





08-Oct Kelly & Bruce Voigt
 11-Oct Melissa & Allen Ansberry
 22-Oct Ruth & Jim Jenkins
 31-Oct Harv & Bev Kubie
 31-Oct Randall & Kay Scott



01-Oct Michael Langfitt
 05-Oct Susan Parry
 06-Oct Margaret Danner
 06-Oct Jerry Thompson
 06-Oct Cindy Hall
 09-Oct Tom Ashley
 09-Oct Matt Williams
 12-Oct Adele Wallace
 12-Oct Brad Parry
 13-Oct Audrey Chestnut
 13-Oct Virginia Chapman
 14-Oct Dennis Williams
 15-Oct Susan Whipple
 21-Oct Cathy Armstrong
 22-Oct Chuck McClenny
 22-Oct Claire Stevenson
 24-Oct Martha Miller
 26-Oct Nelson Spaulding
 26-Oct Wanda Sorber
 28-Oct Marion King
 28-Oct Rosetta Casselle

SANCTUARY FLOWER MINISTRY

Flowers were provided to the Glory of God on **SEPTEMBER**
 1st by Stan & Peggy McAdoo.
 9th by Mary Nestor in loving memory of Dorothy & Harry Nestor, Tom Fessler and Rick Gordon.
 22nd by Brenda Dietrich.
 29th by Karen & Mike Dove in loving celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Ladies' Night Out



At The Sloop's



Sept. 19th



Dear Trinity friends,
 I wanted to thank you for the many recovery cards, rides, phone calls and prayers, that I received after my surgery. Each card brought a smile which most definitely helps overcome some of the pain! Also a special thank you to Pastor Meredith for her visit while I was still in the hospital. My mother was wondering how I was going to recover living alone, but I reassured her that I had my church family. Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers (and putting my mom at ease).
Carol A Shannahan

MANY THANKS TO TRINITY'S SESSION COMMITTEES!

At the last session meeting, each committee volunteered to do heavy cleaning in several areas of the church. So if you noticed some sparkle that wasn't there before, you might want to thank a session member and ask them to share your appreciation with the session chairs.

Don't use the toilet as a trash can or garbage disposal. Doing so contributes to overloaded sewer and septic systems, which release their effluent into local waterways and the ocean.



OCTOBER

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MISSION COMMITTEE

**November
 17th**

be the church

Join the fellowship and shared satisfaction of impacting lives at Trinity and in Topeka. Service activities available for all ages will offer the opportunity to strengthen our friendships while having fun together.

Trinity serves on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:45 PM.
 This month it is October 8th.



Trinity serves on the 3rd Friday of the month at 9 AM.
 This month it is October 18th.



Trinity works on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1 PM.
 This month it is October 22th.

