

The Tower

MARCH 19, 2020



TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Through God's Love We Grow and Serve

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:45 AM Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship
in the Warner Wing

11:00 AM The Connection Worship
in the Sanctuary

9:45 AM - Sunday School
in various classrooms

MARCH SERMON THEME:

Follow Jesus: Grow

March 22, 2020

Rev. Barbara Sheldon, guest pastor.

NOW PLAYING!

Each Sunday at 12 Noon,
a video of the newest sermon will
be available to
watch at your convenience

on our website:

www.trinityhutch.org

and Facebook:

Trinity United Methodist Church

CONFRONTING CORONAVIRUS FEARS THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

Dearest Trinity Church Family,

The health and safety of our congregation is top priority for us. With this in mind, the church leadership has made the decision to cancel all worship services and church school on March 22. The team will continue to meet weekly to re-assess the ever changing information coming out about COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, you can visit our website www.trinityhutch.org or go to our Facebook page to watch videos of the sermon. Let's continue to be the church by praying for your church family (send notes, make phone calls), check on your neighbors, and continue to send in your contributions. You can mail your check, give safely online on our website, or stop by the church office during the week. If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain group (which is being used to communicate information), please send your email address to Roni Boldt at roniab@sbcglobal.net.

I'm not an expert, but personally when I face my own struggles, I have learned to put faith-filled mental response tools into my "resiliency toolbox." One of my faith tools is the universal, fit every bolt, ready for each task, tool of "trusting God." When the world seems chaotic and scary, we are challenged to reach deep in our souls and answer the question, "Do I really believe that God is in control?" If so, then my response will be one of looking to God for guidance, comfort, and provisions. Usually, faith actions of trusting are the opposite of what one feels. When you are worried, you don't feel at peace. When you're angry, it is hard to think about forgiving. Faith is an active choice to go against what we feel and it helps us make choices based on God's presence and promises.

Another tool in my toolbox is the bolt cutter of cutting through the things I can control and those I cannot. It is so important to identify the things we cannot control and then release them in prayer. We waste energy when we worry about things that we cannot control. So, why don't we pray over the things that make us anxious? For scriptural direction to deal with anxiety, read the fourth chapter of Philippians which describes the naming and releasing of anxiety. I highly recommend study and memorization of the text for daily application and faith filled responses.

I have a flashlight in my resiliency toolbox that shows me the way in times of darkness. I use this flashlight when the lights go out or I'm looking for something in the dark. A healthy response to the darkness of fear is to pray and work with God on the things that we can change. Being proactive with our health and our resources is one place to begin. Let us all trust God in the midst of the spread of the coronavirus and make a choice to move forward courageously in our personal worlds. Let's also pray about our own anxiety and release our fears by stepping out in faith. May we take control over what we can control by taking precautions and doing all we can to be healthy and germ free.

Remember, God is with us! See you on Sunday!

Pastor Kim

APRIL 2020 PREACHER SCHEDULE

April 05 Rev. Dr. Kim Biery, Trinity's Pastor - Palm Sunday
April 09 Rev. Dr. Kim Biery, Trinity's Pastor - Holy Thursday
April 12 Rev. Dr. Kim Biery, Trinity's Pastor - Easter Sunday
April 19 Rev. Tom Sheldon, Guest Pastor
April 26 Rev. Dr. Shelly Petz, Guest Pastor

WEDDING CONGRATS!

Kourtney Krehbiel &
Daniel Lane
March 14.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY - April 05, 2020

8:45 & 11:00 AM Service & CANTATA - Sanctuary

"Living Hope" by Trinity Sanctuary Choir

10:45 AM - Contemporary Service - Warner Wing

8:45 / 10:45 / 11:00 AM - Communion, Palm Procession

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 09, 2020

6:30 pm - Sanctuary

Come share communion with Jesus!

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 10, 2020

12:00 PM - First Church of God

704 N. Jefferson, Hutchinson, KS 67501

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12, 2020

8:45 & 11:00 AM Service - Sanctuary

10:15 AM - Butterfly Release in the Courtyard **CANCELLED**

10:45 AM - Contemporary Service - Warner Wing

11:00 AM - Service & CONFIRMATION - Sanctuary

Trinity Cares #PrayforTrinity

As a member of our Trinity church family, we are reaching out to you and all Trinity members for help. If you have any extra toilet paper, disinfectant, food, etc. that you can donate, please bring it by the church office ASAP. Worship services have been cancelled for Sunday, April 22, but the office is still open with normal business hours. The TUMC staff is collecting commodities and distributing them to Trinity members in need. Your church cares about you!

Please call us at 620-665-5547 if you need anything and we will do our best to help.

Delivery is also available.

In the midst of the concerns and anxiety in our world today, Trinity will continue to be the church to our community in need. With the absence of contributions that are normally received on Sundays, your help is needed to keep Trinity running smoothly until all of this is over. You can mail your check, drop it off at the church during office hours, or you can donate safely online by using the Donate tab on our website: www.trinityhutch.org

YOUTH SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

If you would like to help support our children and youth as they go to camp, please drop your donation

by the office or in the offering by **Sunday, April 12.**

Designate CAMP FUND in the memo.

**Campers must be registered by May 1
and actively participating in children and youth
in order to receive funds and get the best rate.**

LENTEN LISTENING DISCIPLINE

A Lenten Listening Discipline can be found on our website
trinityhutch.org.

CONFIRMATION

Join us at the 11:00 AM service on **April 12** as we welcome our Confirmation students into membership at Trinity!

UMCOR SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, March 22

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) works to provide relief, response and long-term recovery when disasters overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. **YOUR GIFT MATTERS.**

uh... CAN YOU SMELL THAT???

Smells like used shoes and we want YOURS!!

Trinity's Treasures is collecting gently-used shoes for a fundraiser to help developing countries around the world provide an opportunity for their people to help themselves out of poverty. Want to help?? Bring your gently used shoes to Trinity anytime in March or April. *No tears, holes, broken heels, mismatched or generally gross shoes will be accepted!* We appreciate every pair of shoes (except gross ones) brought in. **Our goal is to collect 2500 PAIRS OF SHOES!!!** Think! If every church family and every Trinity's Treasures family donated one pair per person...

OUR POTENTIAL IS STUPENDOUS!!!

GOLF LEAGUE SIGN-UP

Did you know that Hutchinson has a church golf league?

Do you love to play golf?

Let's get a GOLF TEAM (or 2) together to represent Trinity UMC!

COME TO THE MEETING

Monday, March 23 at 6:00 PM in Room 102

Contact Sandy Calvin at 662-5137 with questions..

We won't be having our butterfly's this year. We're sorry.

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP HMS8 STUDENTS

Two of Trinity's outreach ministries, Circles of Hope Reno County and Salthawk Community Support, have partnered together to offer classes at Hutchinson High School and HMS8. These classes are taught by Cheryl Wardlaw, one of our church family, and provide hands-on tools for financial basics and problem solving as well as social and community awareness. The class at HMS8 consisting of 23 students is currently focusing on helping with issues in the community such as littering and kids who are dealing with cancer.

These students would like to do activities after school that involve art, crafts, and music.

They currently need: 1. Craft supplies 2. Used piano keyboards 3. Used guitars 4. Karaoke machine.

If anyone has these items to donate or would like to help teach these skills to students, please contact Cheryl at (620) 662-8352.

Thank you in advance!

CANTATA

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, April 5,

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

will present the cantata,

LIVING HOPE in the

8:45 & 11:00 AM worship services.

You won't want to miss this

Palm Sunday tradition!



EASTER LILIES

\$20 contribution may be designated toward the purchase of either

___ **EASTER LILY FUND**

___ **WARNER WING BASEMENT PROJECT**

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

ORDER DEADLINE - APRIL 6, 2020

2020 SPECIAL OFFERING

03/22/20	UMCOR Sunday
04/12/20	Easter (Benevolence Fund)
04/26/20	Native American Ministry
05/24/20	Endowment Foundation
05/31/20	Ulster Project
06/07/20	Peace with Justice
06/26/20	Salthawk Community Support
08/09/20	Trinity's Treasures
09/06/20	College Student Gift Cards #1
09/13/20	College Student Gift Cards #2
09/27/20	Benevolence Fund
Sept-Nov	Salthawk Angel Tree Project
October	Annual Stewardship Campaign
10/04/20	World Communion Sunday
10/25/20	UNICEF Offering
Nov-Dec	Hat/Mitten Trees & Giving Trees
11/29/20	United Methodist Student Day
12/06/20	UMW Bake Sale
12/24/20	Christmas Eve (Circles of Hope)

MATTHEW 25 SALTHAWK MINISTRY GIRLS NITE OUT

Our Matthew 25: Salthawk ministry provides funds for special events at Hutch High School & HMS8. Girls Nite Out events are coming up on **April 2 & April 16**. Funds are needed to purchase underwear and make-up for 20-30 girls.

Direct your check to Trinity UMC & note "Matthew 25" in the memo. Thank you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save The Date!!!

Monday, June 15

through Friday, June 19

from 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Registration starts

Sunday, April 26.

GIVING CORNER: NOEL LODGE

Donation list for APRIL & MAY

Cereal & Oatmeal

Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

Bottled Water & Coffee

Instant Potatoes

CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER

FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 22, 11AM - 2PM

in Thorne Hall

Boy/Cub Scout Troup 313 Invite you to this

tasty FUNDRAISER dinner of

Homemade Chicken & Noodles,

Mashed Potatoes & Dessert.

TRINITY'S TINY TREASURES PRESCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

Several of our preschool families would benefit from tuition assistance for the 2020-2021 school year. Would you be interested in sponsoring a child to be able to attend our reputable preschool? You could sponsor them for a month or even the entire school year! Monthly tuition rates range from \$100-\$250 per child. You could sponsor a child for as little as \$100 a month or as much as \$2,250 for the school year. ANY amount would be GREATLY appreciated! Your TAX DEDUCTIBLE sponsorship is a great way to support the children right here in our own church building while ensuring they get a quality education to prepare them for kindergarten. Direct your check to Trinity UMC and note "Preschool" in the memo. You can also make an online donation by going to the "Donate" page on our website:

trinityhutch.org. Interested in knowing more? Contact Tonya Deal, Director of Educational & Childcare Ministries, at 620-665-0060 or tonyadeal2@sbcglobal.net.

ALSO

Trinity's Tiny Treasures is now accepting enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year for 3-4-5 year olds!

For more information contact Tonya Deal, Director of Educational & Childcare Ministries, at 620-665-0060 or Tonyadeal2@sbcglobal.net.

GRADUATING?

If you or someone you know is graduating from

COLLEGE or

TECHNICAL SCHOOL,

call the church office at

665-5547 or email

Kerrie at

kollenburger@sbcglobal.net

with the name of the

graduate and school.

NOTICE!

Let the church office know if you are going to be,

or have been, hospitalized

or if you need prayers.

Also let the church office

know if you are short on

supplies and

we will try to help you.

THE PROTOCOL Possible Future Direction For the United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, March 29 at 9:45 AM in Thorne Hall United Methodist leaders from around the globe will meet for General Conference 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota May 5-15. At the Conference, there will be numerous resolutions presented for a possible path forward for the United Methodist Church. One of them is called the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation. If you would like to know more about this proposed future direction, you are invited to attend this meeting. This discussion will be led by several United Methodist leaders who are a part of our congregation.

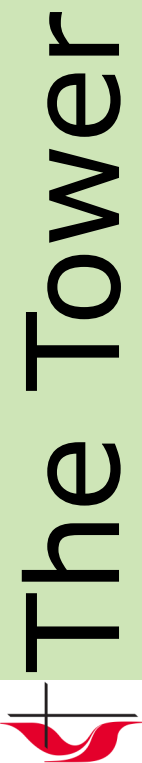


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING: BENEVOLENCE FUND

News of the increasing poverty level in our community continues to concern many of us. Efforts to curb this increase are being made by numerous churches and organizations, including our own with the Circles of Hope Reno County initiative and the Salthawk Community Support program. The success of these programs lies a great deal in our partnership with other groups and churches. Working together to meet these needs has proven to be an effective game plan. While most churches, including our own, are not equipped to deal directly with the requests of street persons, Emanuel Lutheran Church has employed a qualified person whose only purpose is to do just that. An important way our church family can support this effort is to provide funding. This Easter, our Benevolence Fund Special Offering will be directed to Emanuel Lutheran Church as a show of support for the important service they are providing in our community. Please note "Easter Offering" on your check or cash envelope. Thank you!

**2020 MINISTRY OPERATIONS
 Income Versus Expenses**

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income from Giving	56,563.69	127,433.78
Other Income	66,705.53	68,775.53
Expenses	<u>64,830.68</u>	<u>126,680.51</u>
Difference	58,438.54	69,528.80

READINESS 360 FINAL MEETING

Many thanks to those of you who have participated in the recent meetings to discuss the Readiness 360 survey results. These discussions have been important as our church identifies our strengths, weaknesses, priorities and goals. So, how do we move forward? Our Listening and Visioning Team is compiling the data that has been shared at these meetings and will be presenting that information on **Sunday, April 19, at noon, in Thorne Hall** with a light meal provided. Come and hear what the future of Trinity could look like and how you can be a part of it.

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

Holy (Maundy) Thursday is the fifth day in Holy Week which commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Disciples. **Thursday, March 9, at 6:30 PM** is our Holy Thursday service in the sanctuary. This special Holy Week service honors Jesus' first act of communion with the disciples, including the betrayal by Judas. Our dramatic reading of scriptures and music will tell the story of the events from Holy Thursday to the crucifixion. We will partake in communion with Jesus to focus on and remember Jesus' last days before Easter. Join us for this meaningful worship service.

HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR NICHE AT TRINITY YET?

Last spring, the first wall of our columbarium was built. Located in the beautiful memorial garden area of our Main Street courtyard, this space offers a peaceful place for the remains of church family members who have gone before us. Of the sixty available niches, there remains only three that have not been sold or reserved. It's time to begin the process of offering niches in the second wall. This wall will be located on the south side of the garden and will offer eighty niches. What better place to be laid to rest than in the arms of your church? If you would like to discuss the purchase of niches, contact Faye in the church office.