

# TUCC

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## TRINITY UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### Quick Updates for TUCC August 2020

#### ***Special instructions for Worship on August 9th & 16th***

Pastor Travis is taking a couple weeks of vacation. Well, vacationish... but he will be off from worship duties these weeks. We are inviting you to join with a fellow Disciples church, Riverside Christian Church in Wichita. Rev. Arthur Stewart is a good friend of Pastor Travis and was even scheduled to preach our installation back in March.

Riverside Christian Church worships at 10:30am and can be found online at **RiversideDisciples.org** or directly on Facebook. Pastor Arthur encourages you to have a candle, a Bible opened to Ephesians, bread and cup for worship. I hope these weeks of special worship will be a blessing and connect us with the larger Church!

#### ***Would You Like To Help With Worship?***

As you've seen these last few weeks, we've had Cole, Marcia, and Jo Ann back to help with music and we've had Seth reading scripture. Would you like to help, too? You can read scripture, prayers, provide a greeting, or anything else you think would be great for worship!

We'll be starting a special series on the Lord's Prayer starting August 23, and I'd love to have you lead the prayer. Or you could share what a line in the prayer means to you. Please contact Pastor Travis if you've got an idea.

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*The mission of TUCC is: Connecting people with Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, and service.*



**Next Steps, Patience, and Dreaming**

Well... I wrote you last month saying how we were easing our toes back in the water, taking small steps back towards a more predictable Sunday morning. And yet, one month later and we are back to online only for a bit. And it's all a bit disheartening.

First the reality: Numbers of Covid cases in Sedgwick County have gone from 1300 at the end of June to 3800 as I write this. That's 3x the cases in just the last month, and we're even seeing multiple cases in Cheney. When our board has considered the safety risks and the ease we can reach people online, we have been comfortable with our online worship option.

And so we are turning a corner towards school, a fall where people expect to return to a basic schedule. Unlike the summer, when physical attendance is already typically lower, I believe people will be looking for the rhythm that the school year brings, and we'll see people wanting to gather as we can. We'll probably return to in-person options soon, more details will follow after the August 2nd Board meeting. Of course, we're keeping our online presence, and we'll still take precautions like sanitization before and after services, no in-person singing, and very strongly encouraging masks for those that can wear them.

But with the fall, we have opportunities to see a new season. We ask what it is we can do for our community. WE. OUR Community. Do you see what I'm pointing towards? What can WE as Trinity United Christian Church do for OUR community? We've been staying home, trying to stay safe, but as we've done so we've seen our organized efforts slow down. Not financially or in worship, but specifically in mission. How do you see the people of Trinity working together again, what are we regathering for? Could we do something for the teachers and school children? Could we listen to the needs of the jobless? What dream is God revealing to us, how can we respond?

Finally, though most importantly, physical regathering depends on health and reducing the spread of the virus. Last night, as I listened to the school board meeting, I heard a line that shocked me. Someone corrected himself as he said the word "safe." He said something like "We can't aim for safe, we're trying to reduce the spread of the virus." With skyrocketing numbers, with Cheney and Garden Plain and Kingman and Andale all getting their first cases in the last couple weeks, we know that the spread is happening.

Individually, but as a community, WE need to help stop the spread. WE can do this through limiting our large gatherings, wearing masks, being cautious, and keeping centered on the real issues. To stay focused on the political viewpoints that divide us is to ignore the real people being affected by this virus. To say it doesn't happen here is to ignore the people it is happening to. To be callous and say that most people don't die from it is to dismiss the most vulnerable who rely on the community to keep them safe. WE have to power to be loving and caring to our community, Let's keep doing it!

Romans 13:8 "...the only obligation you have is to love one another. Whoever does this has obeyed the (call of God)"

**"DINING WITH DISCIPLES"**

Would you be able to help with the current new cabin building fund for our church camp at Tawakoni?

Would you be interested in the KS Disciples Women's "Dining With Disciples" cookbook?

Purchase price is \$17, and additional funds are always accepted. It will be a nice 3-ring format with info and photos as well as over 640 recipes.

Bring or mail a check to the church office with a note stating how many cookbooks you would like... for yourselves, for gifts, etc. Pick up in the office.

Checks to: Christian Church in Kansas  
Memo line: cookbooks

Thank you! *KDW Women and Tawakoni*



**Total July General Giving**..... \$10,232.00  
 (July Online {Vanco} giving) ..... \$ 5,805.00  
 July Building Fund .....\$200.00



**ONLINE GIVING**

Trinity offers our members the option of on-line giving. Your contribution may be debited automatically from your checking or savings account, credit card or debit card using the TUCC web page ([www.cheneytucc.com](http://www.cheneytucc.com)) on your smart phone. You may select a one-time gift each time or you may set up reoccurring contributions at your request. The mobile free app is Give+. Just enter the zip code, 67025 and you may give to Trinity United Christian Church. You may designate, General fund, Building, Fair, and Special Project such as Outreach or Nicaragua.



It was a great summer at Trinity Learning Center! We finished up our summer session and are looking forward to the new school year! It was such a blessing to have students back in the classroom this summer!

There are a few openings for the 2020-21 school year! Call Becca Burdick at 316-680-8152 for details!

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***TUCC MEMBER DIRECTORY***

*There have been some changes with addresses and phone numbers. Be sure and notify the office of your changes. We are updating the member information.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>AUGUST 2020</h1>					<b>Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am</b> <b>Online at Facebook:</b> <b>TUCC Cheney</b>	1 <u>Joshua &amp; Courtney Ast</u> <u>Rodney &amp; June Gregory</u> <u>Craig &amp; Michelle Higgins</u>
2 TUCC Board Meeting at Church 6:30 pm	3 Larry Caswell	4	5 Mary Long Tina Morris	6	7 Kim Uppendahl	8
9 <u>Thad &amp; Jennifer Twietmeyer</u>	10	11 <u>Tom &amp; Judy Claar</u>	12 McKenzie Wulf	13	14 Payton Scheer Ron Ingram	15
16	17  <i>Preschool Starts</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Gene Moore Robert Shepherd	25 Kristen Allen Van Bolinger Parker McClellan Peyton McClellan	26 Judy Claar	27 Steve Petz Gina Riggs	28 <u>Van &amp; Jacque Bolinger</u> Aileen Hutchinson Andy Riggs	29
30 Terry Kohler	31 Caitlin Greiving	 <u>September</u> <u>2020</u>				