

# TUCC

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## TRINITY UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### *Quick Updates for TUCC September 2020*

We know there's been a lot of changes, and the virus has not gone away completely, but the Board has made some decisions that will help us return closer to a typical service for these times. We will have two options for our 10 am service the next few months with certain accommodations:

**First option** is we will be back in the sanctuary some Sundays. As we have been doing, masks will be required and singing will be online at 9:30. Social distancing between households will be required, as well. **Second option**, when the weather is nice, will be outside in the north lot. We will be able to sing together during the service, and we will have plenty of space to spread out.

For each of these options, we will have communion in individual containers, and you're encouraged to bring a chair for outside. **We'll announce in an email each Thursday what format to expect.** And as always, the service will be on Facebook for those that wish to attend online.

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



### **Let's Try This Again**

Ok, we're trying this in-person worship thing again. And after taking input and advice, here is what the board has decided. We will be doing outdoor worship in the parking lot and indoor worship in the sanctuary. Here's a few details.

On weeks we will do outdoor worship, you are encouraged to bring your own chairs, but our church chairs will be available if you forget. We'll be in the gravel part of the lot, so you'll still be able to park in the concrete section. We'll also be able to sing together! Our musicians will share throughout the service and I'm personally very excited about this. Masks will still be encouraged, but not required and social distancing between family groups.

However, sometimes it rains, or is too windy, or a whole host of things. Also some folks miss the sanctuary. So, on weeks that weather won't allow us, and at least once a month, we'll be in the sanctuary. Masks will be required, and singing will happen online like we've been doing. And again, social distancing between household groups.

Finally, for each of these, we'll start worship at 10am, we'll have special communion that we don't have to spread or come up front for, and we'll still broadcast online for those needing it. Please check our Thursday email to know what we'll be doing that week.

I understand that it's not "back to normal" but nothing is right now. We're still dealing with the effects of a global pandemic and have to make some accommodations. But hopefully these times to sing together or to be in the sanctuary allow us some meaningful connections. I hope you'll join us in the way you best can, and excited for this next season at TUCC!

*Pastor Travis*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** In order to help in-person worship go well, we need your help. You can help in three ways:

- 1) Setup - For outside worship we'll need to bring a few things outside and make sure they're connected and working right. If you can move something, you can help!
- 2) Technology - We've got some great volunteers and need a couple more. You can learn quite easily how to work the iPad for video or the soundboard for audio.
- 3) Readings - Scripture, Prayers, Special things.... no one wants to listen to ONLY Pastor Travis for an hour, share your voice and talents.

To sign up for all of these, please sign up at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4DAAAA22A6FC1-worship>

**Thank you so much!!**

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### **"DINING WITH DISCIPLES"**

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

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. We have a few left.

Checks to Christian Church in Kansas  
Memo line: cookbooks



**Total August General Giving..... \$10,323.00**  
(August Online {Vanco} giving) ..... \$ 4,780.00  
August Building Fund .....\$190.00



### 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, Backpack, Preschool Scholarship, or Nicaragua.



Trinity Learning Center started on August 24, and our school year is off to a fantastic start! Since our room is decorated with frogs this year, we spent the first week doing frog activities, reading frog stories, and singing songs about frogs!

We also began the creation story during Jesus time. We are so thankful to be back in the classroom and appreciate the support of the TUCC congregation.

We ask for prayers for the health and safety of all our teachers and students in our community. It is going to be a great school year!

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

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### Back To School Sunday

We'll celebrate our Back to School Sunday on September 13th. We'll say a special prayer for the kids, teachers, and staff and have a special recognition for our beginning kindergartners with their own Bibles. Hope to see you there!



**GREETINGS**  
**KANSAS DISCIPLES WOMEN,**

As you are aware, the decision was made earlier this year to cancel the 2020 fall retreat due to the Covid-19 virus.

The KDW Cabinet made the decision to offer an online retreat in 2020 so that women could still connect with one another, worship, and study together. We are excited to invite you to join us in the 2020 virtual event, "Contemplating S

Spiritual Disciplines" Friday October 2 and Saturday October 3. You can attend either or both dates. Friday's event will be from 7-9 pm and Saturday from 9-12 noon.

We understand a virtual retreat cannot replace the tranquility we all enjoy at Disciples Center, or an embrace from another DW, or even those late night talks in the cabins, but in these times of social distancing it is important that we all stay in touch in whatever manner we can.

Please share this information with other women in our congregations or other friends you think might be interested.

We are grateful to the clergy who have agreed to present workshops at the virtual event as well as others who are involved.

Online registration is now open or, if you prefer, you can mail in your registration. Remember, there is no charge to attend this event and you can log on and off as your schedule permits.

You will also receive this information in the September Newsbytes (we wanted to make sure everyone gets the info!). If you do not currently receive Newsbytes, please respond to this notice so that we can add your name to the distribution list.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to seeing you online.

Blessings,

Carla Pearson  
KDW Coordinator

**Kansas Disciples Women**

**Virtual Retreat**

**Friday, October 2, 2020 &  
Saturday, October 3, 2020.**

**Register online at**

**<http://www.kansasdisciples.org/>**

**or mail registrations to:**

**Carla Pearson**

**1816 17<sup>th</sup> Av**

**McPherson, KS 67460**

*Contemplating Spiritual  
Disciplines*





### **TUCC LAWN CARE**

**A special thank you to our members that have been so faithful mowing and taking care of the landscapes.**

**The Church has purchased a mower and it is ready to use. If any others would like to help with the weekly mowing, the mower is available for you to use.**

**There are openings in the month of September for lawn care volunteers. Just notify the office (316-540-6161).**



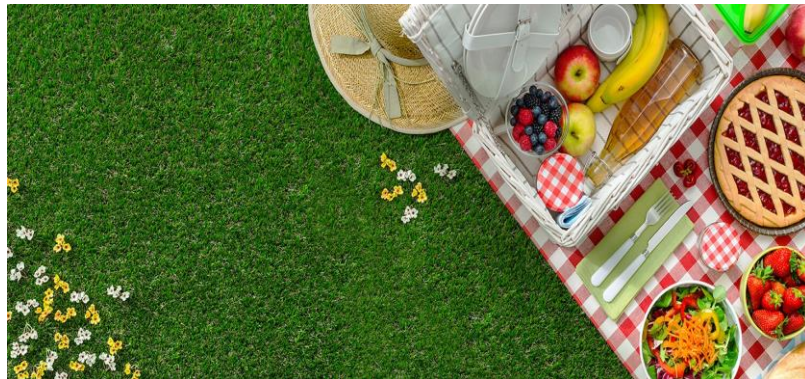
**Prayers for those impacted by Hurricane Laura and for the recovery they will need. If you would like to donate, please do with trusted partners of our denominations.**

**Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian**

**Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. To donate go to the link that follows.**

[www.weekofcompassion.org/](http://www.weekofcompassion.org/).

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**After Church Lunch September 13th!**

**Our plan for worship on Sept 13th is to have it outdoors and be able to sing together! After worship, we're planning on having a church lunch. Bring your own food to share within your household/family group and we'll eat together outside. We'll provide some bottled water and iced tea, but all other items need to be brought from home. Hope you can join us to kick off the fall!**

**We have several students in our Preschool that need scholarship fees and tuition.**

**You may give to the Trinity Learning Center Preschool Scholarship Fund to meet this need for this school year. Enter Preschool Scholarship on the memo line of your check if you wish to donate or you may give to the fund on Vanco. This is a ministry of Trinity United Christian Church.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>September 2020</h1>						
<b>Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am &amp; Online at Facebook: TUCC Cheney</b>	 <b>ASTER</b>	<b>1</b> <i>PJ Beavers</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Neighbors in Need Outreach</b>	<b>5</b> <i>Glen Bolinger</i> <i>Jo Ann Chance</i> <u>Elton &amp; Mary Long</u>
<b>6</b> <i>Noah Hoyt</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Office closed</i> <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Carson Quick</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Jennifer Rose</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Andy Meyer</i>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  <i>Service in the parking lot &amp; Picnic lunch</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Jake Miller</i> <u>Jim &amp; Jaime Hughes</u>	<b>16</b> <i>Stuart Rose</i> <i>Galen Sears</i> <u>Shawn &amp; Tonia Stoehr</u>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 263rd day of the year. There are then 103 days left in 2020.
<b>20</b> <i>Service in the Sanctuary</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> <i>Ada Meyer</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Grant Beavers</i> <i>Emmet Gregory</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Michael Quick</i> <u>Rvan &amp; Jana Ingram</u>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <i>Pete Compton</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Ryat Cramer</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Cale Twietmeyer</i>	<b>30</b>	<u>October 1</u> 	<u>October 2</u> <i>Layne Riggs</i>	<u>October 3</u> <i>Rene Lies</i>