



# 2021 Annual Report

Trinity United Methodist Church

## JUSTICE

Our Justice Task Force (JTF) had 16 representatives present at the meetings & activities of 6 partners (KC Tenants, Jobs with Justice, MORE2, Stand Up KC, Troost Alliance, Urban Summit). 5 new initiatives were launched: the KC Community Huddle (72 attendees), *Waiting for Lefty* (34 participants), the Young Adult Organizing Group, the Trinity LGBTQIA+ Affinity Group, and the End Gun Violence Focus Group's Say Their Names project. Additionally, JTF members fundraised for Jobs with Justice and MORE2. The Housing Focus Group supported KC Tenants and Stand Up KC on their major Tenants' Right to Counsel victory.

## STUDY

Blaine Proctor led a course on Matthew Desmond's book *Evicted*. Dr. Antonio Byrd led a course in Critical Race Theory. Tex Sample led an Advent course on the birth narrative. There were a total of 62 participants across the 3 courses.

## FELLOWSHIP

Trinity held 2 house meetings (58 attended) to hear from members and participants about their deep passions & interests. What we learned influenced programming, including holding a Koinonia event on Zoom (19 attended), a picnic on the lawn in June (55 attended), the Justice Task Force's production of *Waiting for Lefty*, and our newly launched Trinity LGBTQIA+ Affinity Group, to name a few!

## WORSHIP

In-person attendance averaged 31, and online views averaged 87 per worship video. Trinity's music ministry welcomed 5 guest artists this year: Ed Kail, Alex Li, Russ Petry, Madeline Stevens, and Sarah Stevens.

## YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH

Trinity received a \$49,000 grant from the Heartland District to hire 2 new staff and develop young adult outreach efforts and programming. 4 staff members participated in the 10-month Planting Academy of the Missouri Conference of the UMC, where we developed a grant application for \$40,000 to launch an online church. Staff members are currently participating in the Ready 2 Launch course, where we are refining our online church plans.

## SERVICE

Trinity has 3 ministries of mercy: Gilmore's Monday Lunch, The Lord's Table Saturday lunch, the Emergency Pantry. In 2021, we also begin providing space to the Baby Grace program of St. John's UMC.

**3,273** Meals  
at Gilmore's Monday Meal & The Lord's Table

**2,300** Clothing Items  
distributed by the Emergency Pantry

**2,058** Hygiene Items  
distributed by the Emergency Pantry

**271** Laundry Vouchers  
distributed by the Emergency Pantry

**230** Food Packages  
distributed by the Emergency Pantry

**83,385** Diapers  
distributed by Baby Grace

## YEARLY EXPENSES

Trinity spent a total of \$218,505 in 2021, including expenses out of our general operating budget, designated funds, and grants.

### PASTORAL MINISTRY | \$15,600

Our Pastoral Ministry partners with the congregation to lead, nurture, and embody Christian discipleship, helping people to grow in loving God and neighbor. This includes visioning, visitation, pastoral care, and administrative work.

### MUSIC & WORSHIP | \$30,915

Our Music and Worship Ministries provide inspiring worship by allowing music professionals and lay people to express their faith and explore their God-gifted talents and offer those gifts back to God. This category was funded by Trinity's general budget and the Rutledge-Stevens Music Fund, and it includes: preaching, celebrating the sacraments, vocal and instrumental music performances, bulletin and slide preparation, and worship leadership and support.

### MISSION & OUTREACH | \$28,805

We extend the hope and love of Christ to a world in need by offering our resources, presence, and services to the glory of God and for human fulfillment. This category was funded by Trinity's general budget and restricted funds, in addition to a grant from the Heartland District for young adult outreach efforts, and it includes: 4 ministries of mercy, Justice Task Force & focus groups, young adult outreach, pastoral participation and support, and administrative support.

### ADMINISTRATION | \$33,979

Our administration provides our congregation, pastors, and staff with the support they need to implement and carry out the mission of our church. This includes website maintenance, print and digital communications & publications, stewardship and e-giving, bookkeeping and financial work, general office activities, and event assistance.

### FACILITIES | \$109,206

Facilities supports the mission of our church by providing space and amenities for our existing ministries and the growing needs in our congregation and community. This area was funded by our general budget, Capital Campaign funds, and special fundraisers, and it includes space and utilities for all church activities, grounds and parking lot care, property and liability insurance, replacement of the 2nd floor HVAC, and 2 Capital Campaign projects (tuckpointing and roof work).

## OVERALL FINANCIAL PICTURE

### INVESTMENTS

- \$98,908.04 in our investment account on Dec. 31, 2020
- \$111,925.66 in our investment account on Dec. 31, 2021

*No withdrawals from this account were made in 2021.*

### CHECKING

- \$43,881.16 in our checking account on Dec. 31, 2021
- \$78,869.70 in our checking account on Jan. 31, 2022

*Trinity's financial committee is preparing to transfer a significant portion of these funds to our investment account.*

### PLEDGES

- \$97,812 total pledges for 2021
- \$125,084 total pledges for 2022

*That's a \$27,272 increase in pledges in one year!*