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LENTEN SERIES

Our Wednesday evening Bible study and presentation will be based upon the Lenten devotional series titled "Who Is This Man?" by Presbyterian pastor John Ortberg. The 5:00 p.m. Bible study will focus on a passage that relates to the topic of the 7:00 p.m. Lenten presentation. The 7:00 p.m. Lenten presentation will feature a 20-25 minute video, followed by discussion. Here are the topics for each week:

Session 1: The Man Who Won't Go Away (March 8)

Session 2: A Revolution of Humanity (March 15)

Session 3: The Power of Forgiveness (March 22)

Session 4: Why It's a Small World After All (March 29)

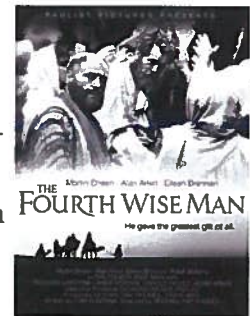
Session 5: Three Days that Changed the World (April 5)

John Ortberg's book titled "Who Is This Man?: The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus." is available through Amazon (on Kindle also), Cokesbury, or Barnes & Noble. The book is very interesting and well-written, and goes deeper into the topic of each session. I hope you will join me for this thought-provoking series.

Dr. Mack

THE FOURTH WISE MAN

Wednesday April 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm we will conclude our observance of Lent with Supper and a Movie, *The Fourth Wise Man*. Based on Henry van Dyke's (Liz Barlow's great grandfather) classic, *The Story of the Other Wise Man*, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. Artaban takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. Along the way, Artaban uses his gifts to help people in dire need. He now has nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds Him. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new King, bringing peace to his life. A deeply moving experience examining what true faith really means. Starring Martin Sheen and Alan Arkin.



PASTORAL LETTER

The season of Lent is upon us, and as we approach the celebration of our Lord's resurrection, I thought I would take a few moments to talk about this unique period of forty days. Many people associate Lent with Mardi Gras, which is the Tuesday before the Lenten season begins. Naturally our secular society embraces "Fat Tuesday" over the sacrificial forty days that follow, but for Christians this is an extremely important period of reflection and preparation. The word "Lent" comes from the Latin word *lencten*, which means "lengthen," an indication of the lengthening of days with the approach of Spring. To understand this season and its place in the Christian year, we can contrast our preparations for Easter with our preparations for Christmas.

Prior to Christmas, we spend much of our time preparing for the secular trappings of the holiday - decorations, shopping, and social and family gatherings. This activity inevitably encroaches upon the central focus of the holiday - the birth of Jesus Christ. Easter is less secularized by the world - it isn't even a federal holiday - which makes it a more uniquely Christian celebration.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to focus on our personal understanding of Christ's death and resurrection. In some Orthodox traditions, the forty days of Lent is a time of sacrifice and fasting. This is not a cosmetic or ritual act, but an effort to focus the believer's thoughts inward. Our Reformed tradition has not adopted the totality of the Orthodox tradition, but we promote the forty days of Lent as a time of contemplation and prayer. Some reformed Christians give up one material pleasure for the purpose of staying focused on the deprivation and suffering of the Son of God.

Focusing on the meaning of Lent is as significant an act for our age as any other, because we

live in a time when focusing on anything for any length of time is very difficult. If you consider the fact that the most popular form of communication in the digital world is limited to 140 characters or less, it shows our cultural tendency to not dwell on or ponder much of anything. Diversions and distractions surround us, yet faith in Christ is not a product of segmented thinking, but of deep and ongoing communication with God through the Holy Spirit.

Whenever I am asked, I recommend that believers, rather than giving up a particular pleasure, embrace an intentional and daily time of devotion and meditation during the forty days of Lent. This could be accomplished by reading certain passages of the Bible that help us reflect upon Christ's life, ministry, death, and resurrection, or devotional material that is readily available from many sources (search "daily Lenten devotional" on Amazon to see some suggestions.) We might also keep a daily list of prayer concerns or thanksgivings. The Presbyterian Church USA does a daily devotional live at noon during Lent which is accessible on their website. Whatever we may choose, the act of focusing our hearts on Christ reminds us that there is something much greater than the daily headlines, and that is a hopeful message that we all need to experience.

Lent begins on March 1, and it is my hope that, together, we will make those forty days a time of prayer, meditation, and study - acts of disciplined preparation for the wonderful celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Dr. Mack



Wednesday ~~Nite~~ Alive! - Lent 2017

Date	5:00 pm Bible Study (<i>Library</i>)	6:00 pm Quiet Time with God (<i>Chapel</i>)	6:30 pm Helping Hands Project and Re- cipient, Fellowship and Snacks (<i>Upper Room</i>)	7:00-8:00 pm Discussion Topic/Guest Speaker (<i>Upper Room</i>)
March 1	The Meaning of Ash Wednesday	6:00-7:00 pm Sacrificial Soup Supper and Service Project: Food Packs for Trinity's Food Bank (Fellowship Hall)		ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (Sanctuary)
March 8	The Man Who Won't Go Away		Water bottles/cereal bars for Salvation Army Hospitality House <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Lenten Series: Who Is This Man? <i>Dr. Mack Sigmon</i>
March 15	A Revolution of Hu- manity		Water bottles/cereal bars for Salvation Army Hospitality House <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Lenten Series: Who Is This Man? <i>Dr. Mack Sigmon</i>
March 22	The Power of For- giveness		Easter Cards for Trinity's Homebound <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Lenten Series: Who Is This Man? <i>Dr. Mack Sigmon</i>
March 29	Why It's a Small World After All		Easter Cards for SISTER-Connection <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Lenten Series: Who Is This Man? <i>Dr. Mack Sigmon</i>
April 5	Three Days That Changed the World		Easter treat bags for children <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Lenten Series: Who Is This Man? <i>Dr. Mack Sigmon</i>
April 12	NO BIBLE STUDY	SUPPER AND MOVIE "The Fourth Wise Man" Based on Henry van Dyke's classic, The Story of the Other Wise Man, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. (Fellowship Hall)		



HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO MEET DR. MACK?



The Pastor Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to host small potluck dinners of no more than 10 Trinity members/friends to meet in your home for fellowship and get to know our new Pastor, Dr. Mack. These gatherings will take place this Spring and will be scheduled to fit your schedule as well as Mack's. Please contact Roberta Westergaard if you are willing to host a potluck at rwestergaard@cox.net or 235-7291.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 5 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

March 12 Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 19 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 26 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORD OF LIFE

Join us in the **Lower Level Lounge (Rm 5)** at **9:00 am**. We continue our study called *Revelation: Awaiting The Bridegroom* by Susan Porterfield Currie. Come join us for lively discussions.

THE HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIANISM



We say we are Presbyterian, but do we know what that means? Join Dr. Mack on **Sunday morning at 9:00 am** in **Upper Room West** for a multi-week class titled *"The History of Presbyterianism."* Dr. Mack will begin in the Bible and study the meaning of our tradition through the early church, the Middle Ages, the Reformation, early-American era, and today.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today meets in the **Lower Level Lounge (Rm 5)** at **11:45** on Sundays for great conversations on various study topics.

POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meet at **9:00 am** on the **third Sunday of the month**. We meet in the nursery for family breakfast munchies and then head downstairs for our parent study. **Parents with young children are welcome to join us!**



THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The Book of Revelation is a mystery to most Christians - one which many reformed Christians avoid because of its misuse by religious charlatans. We will study it on **Wednesday evenings beginning in the Fall**.

GODLY PLAY CLASS



A Sunday School class, **Godly Play** for ages 4-8 is held during the 10:30 worship service. Children meet their leader at the front of the Sanctuary and participate in the first part of the service. They then go to their classroom for Bible stories, snacks and craft activities.

KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

Kreamer's Crusaders for youth in grades 4-8 meet in the Narthex Sunday mornings at 10:30 and then move to **"The Den" (Lower Level Rm 6)**. Matt Kreamer leads the Crusaders on Biblical adventures in learning. A Biblical foundation is built through discussion with active participation and openness to thoughts and questions. The class follows the text entitled *The Old Testament* by Kara Powell.



ANCHOR TRINITY

All high school & college aged youth are invited to Anchor Trinity, a youth group where we focus on fellowship and service, as well as asking and answering the tough questions about our faith. Meet downstairs at **"The Harbor" (Lower Level Rm 1)** every Sunday at 11:15am.



MARKING THE
500TH ANNIVERSARY
of the
Protestant Reformation

The University of Arizona is celebrating 500 years of the Protestant Reformation with lectures and exhibits. For more information visit their website at <http://reformation.arizona.edu/calendar>

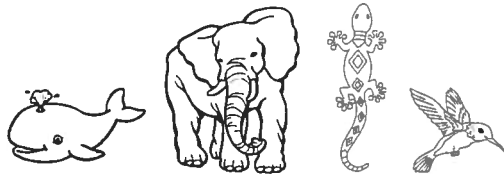
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

God's Little Seedlings Summer Sunday
School:

All Creatures Great and Small

Children ages 4-8

Sundays starting May 28-September 3
Sanctuary and Lower Level Room 7



This summer our children will be learning about all kinds of animals that live in our world. God's remarkable and stunning creatures!

We will begin with learning about the animals closest to us, our pets. Our Summer Sunday School time will be packed with tons of fun and learning through the Bible, books, video clips, songs, games, and crafts. It's all about animals and having fun!

PLEASE save your **empty toilet paper rolls** as they will be used for several craft projects. Also, if anyone would like to donate **new pipe cleaners** and boxes of **Cheerios**, they will be used for craft projects too. You may give items to Kathy Moser! Thank you!



LOVEJOY LIBRARY NEWS

The Trinity Kids Reading Club began on January 1, 2017. Please get your chart and some stars, and for each book you read, place a star in a square. For every five (5) books you check out, read and return, you will get to draw a little prize from the Treasure Chest. **Three children have already drawn a prize!** There are many great books in the Library and reading is fun for children and grownups too!

Make Me an Instrument
of Your Peace
Vacation Bible School 2017
Trinity Presbyterian Church



Vacation Bible School, led by Matt & Rona Kreamer will be held in Trinity Hall June 26-30, 2017 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm and be open to 4-14 year olds. The theme this year will be the prayer of St. Francis with the daily lessons focusing on different parts of the prayer and how to show God's love and mercy as well as different countries and their cultures and popular sports.

VBS will begin each evening with an opening worship time, and then participants will practice the countries sports and have small group discussions on the day's lesson. After that, they will come together for snack, crafts (making musical instruments from that day's country) and a closing worship.

"Rona and I were so appreciative of all the wonderful volunteers and the donations we received last year and are hoping we can receive the same this year." If you would like to volunteer or donate healthy snacks (see list below), that would be greatly appreciated. Contact us at matthewkreamer@gmail.com or rona.nichols@gmail.com.

Healthy Snacks List: Whole wheat crackers, blueberries, grapes, pretzels, carrot sticks, string cheese, cucumbers, apple slices, bananas, Goldfish, cherry or grape tomatoes, lunch meat

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall** to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance. Come and add to the discussion we are open to requests! Questions please contact Billie Holbrook at 668-6341 or billie.holbrook@cox.net



Congregational News

25TH ANNIVERSARY HANDBELL CONCERT



In the early 1990's, Trinity's pastor Jack Baca surprised Lynn Moser with the words, "How would you like to start a handbell choir?" Beginning with an enthusiastic

group of novices (including the director!) and a borrowed set of bells, the Trinity Ringers were born! A year later, through the generosity of Trinity's congregation, Trinity purchased its own three-octave set of handbells. Over the years, God has blessed this musical ministry with many faithful and talented ringers. Today the group rings a four and a half octave set of bells.

The Trinity Ringers will be celebrating 25 years of

handbell ringing with a special concert on Sunday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m. in Trinity's sanctuary. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall between worship and the concert. Please join us for this exciting concert that will feature a variety of music including classics, hymns and the Beatles!

After 25 years, the handbells are due for some refurbishing, which includes replacing worn parts, polishing the castings and voicing the bells. The bells will be shipped to the Schulmerich foundry in Pennsylvania this summer for their tune-up. An offering will be taken at the concert to help cover the \$5500 needed for this project. Donations can be dropped in the offering plate or sent anytime to Trinity, earmarked for the handbell fund.

Stay tuned for more fun handbell facts in next month's Vision!

LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT TEAM (LRDT) UPDATE...GREAT NEWS!

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, after a 2.5 hour Public Hearing, the Mayor and Council approved the zoning amendments that we needed to move forward with our development. It has been over nine years since we began this process (remember the "Clearness Conversations") and over six years since we hired the development team of R + R Develop and Don Bourn. Many meetings with WUNA, WUHZAB, Pima County Historical Zoning Commission and council members led to this historic vote and approval. Historic in that this has never been done in the history of Tucson – the removal of a property from a HPZ (Historic Preservation

Zone). The new zoning puts all of the safe guards of the HPZ back in place and allows us to increase the height of the buildings and use of materials. The zoning change was needed so that the project would be economically feasible and help Trinity sustain its financial stability as we move forward with our Mission.

Next steps in the process include: moving the duplex, final design plans for the project, approval of the Joint Venture Agreement and finalization of the CCR's and Deed Restrictions to name a few things that must be done prior to putting a shovel in the ground. The LRDT will continue to meet with the Developers and our attorney to make certain that all "i's" are dotted and "t's" crossed. We hope to have the Developers make a presentation to the congregation sometime in April.



Mission News



TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sundays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm** and **Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm**. A new year has begun and we are now partnering with the CVS Pharmacy at the corner of Euclid and University. What that means is the Food Bank of Southern Arizona collects leftover items from many stores around Tucson. We have been assigned to pick up items from this CVS store directly when they call us. We went twice in January and picked up about 250 pounds of food. This month we need individual servings of food items for our street packs. We are averaging 30 people coming in for these snacks when we are open. Thanks to all of you who have been providing items for our food pantry

RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm** to help clients with Department of Economic Security (DES) applications and other items.

THE NEXT 4TH ON 4TH FRIDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER

will be on **Friday, March 24 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**, downstairs in Trinity Hall.

Come and meet new people from the community, and bring a dish to share. **March's theme is Mexican dishes**. Someone will be in the Narthex with a sign-up sheet Sundays after church. If you have questions please call Betty Lu Holland 579-2895



Good News! Amos Nsenga, father and husband of our refugee family, has started working full-time as a janitor at the Tucson Mall!



Everyone is thankful especially Peter Holbrook, Pastor Bill and Doug Holland who have helped with applications and given him a chance to get experience here at church. A donated van made it possible for Amos to get the job as well as being able to bring the family to church. Sanani, Amos' sister, continues to work at a midtown Montessori school, and is able to take baby Precious with her. Together they are renting a 4-bedroom house at 1418 E. Blackledge Drive, 85719, near Fort Lowell and Campbell. Hadija, Amos' wife, is working on English with me and taking care of the family. Judith, the oldest girl, is in grade 7 at Amphi Middle School. Baraka Elve, Richard and Robert Joy are at Holaway Elementary. Each of them has a tutor-helper from our church that helps once or twice a week with English and homework, and keeps in touch with their teacher: Marilyn Nichols, Janet Munson, Janet Jones and Wade Henderson are the tutors. Delphi and Eric are still at home, but Delphi will likely go to Head Start next fall. Sheila Sievert, Sherry Letson, Peter Holbrook, Doug & Betty Lu Holland, Pastor Bill and others helped with the original welcome and moves, plus lots of household furnishing donations. Many of you have organized fun trips, a Christmas party, and provided rides to church, doctors and dentists. They are all very grateful and appreciative of the friendship they find here. Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way! Betty Lu Holland (529-2895)

Please join our team for the annual **NAMIWALKS on Saturday April 1, 2017 at Kennedy Park, Fiesta area**. We are raising awareness about the stigma surrounding mental illness. We are also raising funds for our many programs, at no cost to those in need of help. Please email me at guerrodean@gmail.com for further information, there is no registration fee.

Derry Dean & family

SESSION NOTES

With gladness and rejoicing the Session accepted Janet Munson and Will Tilley as new members to Trinity. On February 26, 2017 the congregation received them into membership. Billie Holbrook was their Compañera in prayer and conversation. Janet and Will are familiar faces as they have been worshipping with us for over a year. Give praise for these two faithful people.

Session was busy this month taking care of business. Here are a few of their accomplishments with the new class of elders joining in for their first year of service:

- Approved Billie Holbrook and Leone Mohney as our Presbytery de Cristo commissioners with John Hill and Janet Hooper as alternates.
- Approved Ruth Russell and Cindy Toering to be on the Congregational Nominating Committee. The Deacons elected Karen Wilkison for this committee. These three join Bill Goodhue, Sherry Letson, Carolyn Maycher and Travis Spillers as members-at-large.
- Approved Committee assignments as follows: Jeanette Ryan and Ed Buck on Administration & Personnel, John Hill and Anne McConnell on Christian Education, Cindy Toering and Sheila Sievert on Growth & Outreach Team, Doug Holland and Billie Holbrook on Mission, Tom Coyle and Ruth Russell on Property, Elliott Koeppen and Leone Mohney on Stewardship & Finance, Lynn Moser, Janet Jones and Peggy Chamberlain on Worship. Bucky Lovejoy will continue to chair the Long Range Development Team even as he steps down after serving six years as elder.
- Dates for services of Communion for the year 2017 were approved.
- The baptism of James Walter Trader, son of James and Kelly McGee Trader, was authorized for February 26, 2017.
- Matt Kreamer, Melissa Bird, Ann Walker and Carolyn Maycher were all approved as members-at-large for various committees.
- Janet Jones was approved as a counter of money.
- On Easter Sunday, the 8:00 am worship service is canceled so that everyone can enjoy the Cantata

at the 10:30 am service.

- So far, in 2017, around 20 to 25 children are showing up at Trinity to enjoy the Children's Sermons and Sunday School. Give praise for this.
- The Deacons elected Daphne Madson as Moderator, Sally Barlow as Vice-Moderator and Kathy Moser as Secretary.

Learned from Mission Committee and Doug Holland that Amos has a full-time job at Tucson Mall!! More praise for this!

Session members prayed for many members of the congregation. Session has begun 2017 in fine form and is looking forward with enthusiasm and excitement for all the innovative ways and ideas that are coming out of each committee. Watch this space for updates about real time Twittering, new events, new signage, contextual ministries and much, much more.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

The Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteer Program presents...

Southwest Shepherd Showdown 2017



FAMILY FEUD!

Join the Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) for the 2017 Southwest Shepherd Showdown – Family Feud style! A team of Presbytery de Cristo pastors will face off against the 5 current YAVs in a fun and friendly gameshow. Cheer on your favorites, eat some popcorn, and support the local YAV program along the way. Dessert will be served after the show!

March 11, 2017 – 4pm

\$10 tickets

Trinity Presbyterian Church

(400 E University Blvd, Tucson AZ)

Buy tickets at

tucsonborderlandsyav.org/showdown

or at the door!

Trinity Women

Just a reminder that TPW pledges may be given directly to the church by mail or in the offering plate. Please designate TPW or Trinity Women in the memo portion of the check to ensure proper crediting.



Trinity Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, March 14 for the morning Circle at 10:00 am. Join them monthly for Bible study and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

Ryan's Bears MAY meet at 9:30 am in the Lower Level Lounge (Rm 5) to work on the bears for Christmas 2017! Watch for the date in your bulletin. We will be cutting, stuffing and stitching, please join us!

Memorials

In memory of Arlene Stevenson Booth by Jim Stevenson

In memory of Arlene Stevenson Booth by Melinda Arnold

In memory of Arlene Stevenson Booth by Mary Ellen Schnelle

In memory of Arlene Stevenson Booth by Louette Ostermann

In memory of Arlene Stevenson Booth by Jerome Casper



Milestones

March Birthdays

1	Harriet Marsh	15	Jean Dalke
2	Truman Spillers	15	George Zellar, Jr.
3	Riley De Pizzo	18	Edgar Buck
4	Ed Hawley		Jerry Rowe
	Jeanette Wilka	22	Roberta Crawford
6	Jan Menke - 89	23	Emalie Wilka
7	Holly Clark	25	Bunny Mallams
11	MacKenzie DePizzo		
12	Asa Moyer		

April Birthdays (1—10)

8	Helen Greer	8	Verneta Steadman - 97
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March Anniversaries

9	Bucky and Cherie Lovejoy
21	Kuman Tenge and Latre Lawson
28	Laurel McCray and Jesse Corona
29	Jeanette and Lester Wilka - 65 years!

April Anniversaries (1—10)

4	Edgar and Nancy Buck
6	Debbie and Jeff Hobbs

SUNDAYS in Fellowship Hall

Just Coffee

**FOR SIPPING &
FOR SALE!**



