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ALL CHURCH PICNIC BRUNCH

This Saturday, November 3

9:00am – Noon

REID PARK, RAMADA 7

Brunch is served at 9:00 am



Picnic

The Deacons will provide pancakes, waffles, bacon, sausage and beverages.
Please bring an egg casserole dish, fruit, muffins or donuts to share!

Giving Thanks Sunday November 18



Join us for a day of blessing as we praise God in word and song at the 8:00 & 10:30 services. Our 2019 Stewardship theme is **“Step Up To Giving”** & we dedicate pledges this Sunday.

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will also be held in Trinity Hall that day following the 10:30 am service. A complete turkey dinner will be provided. Please bring fruit, salads and desserts to share.



Our traditional cornucopia will adorn the chancel area in front of the pulpit on November 11, 18, and 25. If you would like to contribute any Fall produce (e.g. pumpkins, corn stalks, apples) or any canned goods to the display, please bring them to the church office by **November 8**. (Food items will be given to our Food Pantry)

PASTORAL LETTER

One of my favorite Broadway shows – recently released as a movie – is Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods.” “Into the Woods” is a re-telling of traditional fairy tales within the context of the challenges and tragedies of real life. In the first part of the musical, we are introduced to the familiar characters of the stories with which we grew up, from Jack in the Beanstalk, to Rapunzel, to Cinderella, etc; and as we expect, all of the characters wishes come true and there are happy endings, just like in the stories.

In the second half of the musical we return to the characters, but this time the reality of living in the world has caught up with them. Some die a tragic death; others experience betrayal, divorce, illness, and despair; all of the survivors are disillusioned in one way or the other. At the end of the play, there is no miraculous happy ending, but there is hope, as the remaining characters decide to just live their lives as best as possible – an ending which illustrates a familiar proverb: “life is not a fairy tale.”

Sometimes we treat Christianity as if it were a fairy tale. In fact, one of the harshest criticisms that atheists make against believers is that we have embraced Biblical fantasies in order to feel better about ourselves and avoid the reality of death. Of course the Bible, which some claim is little more than an elaborate hoax, has more grim reality in its depiction of life than just about any other book, religious or secular. In itself the story of Christ is filled with the harsh realities of family conflict, political strife, religious hatred, difficult choices, and unhappy endings. While it is true that Jesus defeats death through his resurrection, we cannot separate that joyful hope from Christ’s commands to his followers: “deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me...make disciples of all nations...I did not come to bring peace, but a sword... enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it...,” and there are many other similar teachings. The fact is that anyone who believes in Christ in order to make themselves happy is going to be as disappointed as the rich man who, in a quest for eternal life, is told by Jesus to sell all he has, give it away, and follow him.

We do not believe in order to please ourselves – we believe in order to please God, and as an act of thanksgiving for the love of Christ. Faith does not eliminate the harsh realities of living in a world where the sinful human heart has its way. If humanity had its way with the Son of God – as the Bible shows us – then why should we who believe in him expect anything less?

There is no grimmer moment than when Christ cries from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” But we also should not forget that, with his dying breath, Jesus is quoting Psalm 22, which begins in darkness and sorrow, and ends with a declaration of thanksgiving and joy: *From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.*

May our Thanksgiving be filled with the same joy, a joy not built upon a fairy tale, but upon the living presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and in our lives. Christ does not grant us escape from the harsh realities of life, but he is a partner, brother, and friend who walks with us through the darkness and through the light. May that always be the source of our thankfulness.

Dr. Mack

Our 4 year olds receiving their Bible from Dr. Mack. This is the first step in our “Path of Discipleship



Photos by Kathy Moser

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

NURSERY

9:00 to 12:00 pm Children 4 and under enjoy coloring, singing and playing in our beautiful nursery with DeDe.

FELLOWSHIP HALL ACTIVITY TABLE

9:00 am to 10:30 am Children 4 and up can meet Alix for low action activities—puzzles, and coloring, with some low sugar snacks.

10:30 am to 11:30 am Children 4 and up meet their teachers in the Sanctuary and participate in the Worship Service. After the Children's Message they leave for these age appropriate classes.



DIG IN
CREATING DEEPER BIBLE EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS

God's Trailblazers 4 through 8 will meet in Rooms 7 & 8 with Kathy. "Digging into the Life of Jesus" leads kids in walking in Jesus' footsteps from birth to resurrection to ascension by learning about the historical Jesus and getting to know him personally. We also use Bible-related object lessons from "Sciency-Fun WOWS!"

KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

Kreamer's Crusaders 8 through 12 meet in

Room 6 with Matt and will discover the

bible and all its stories using the curriculum

"Top 50 Instant Bible Lessons for Elementary" which is packed with object lessons, puzzles, games and crafts.



ANCHOR TRINITY



Anchor Trinity Junior High School through

College meet in Room 1 with Rona & will be discussing the theme of social justice and what it really means to be a "Good Samaritan".

ADULT CLASSES

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets at 9:00 am in Room 5 (Lower Level Lounge). We will continue a study "The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books". Join us for lively discussions.

POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at 9:00 am November 18. We meet in the nursery for family breakfast munchies and then head downstairs to Room 1 for our study. *Please Note the date change.*

JERUSALEM: THE CENTER OF THE WORLD



Join Rev. Bill Voigt at 9:00 am in Upper Room West November 4 and 11 as we continue our educational & spiritual journey to one of the oldest cities in the world.

Covering 4,000 years of history we will explore the founding of this Holy city and the birthplace of the world's three major monotheistic religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Breakfast is provided.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today meets at 9:00 am in Upper Room West beginning November 18 with a series studying the theological thinking of Rob Bell based on his books and sermons. Though controversial both to evangelical and main line Christians, he has a great influence on religious thinking today.

Christian Education

ADULT CLASSES



BIBLE BRUNCH THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Join us this Fall on Thursdays at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall Dr. Mack will lead a study on the Book of Revelation. The name of this class is “Bible Brunch”, and it begins with Bible study at 10:00 am, followed by brunch at the church. This is going to be fun, considering the topic of the study – the Book of Revelation. Dr. Mack has been teaching the Book of Revelation for many years. He studied it in seminary and in continuing education classes throughout his pastoral journey. We will look at John’s amazing work verse-by-verse and sometimes word-by-word. This is an extensive study that will go throughout the year, from October through May, and then continuing through the next Christian year. We will be videotaping every class and placing it on our website, so that no one will miss a class. Join Dr. Mack for the study and the brunch or for the study online.

Congregational News

TRINITY BOOK CLUB



The Trinity Book Club will meet **November 26 in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.** We will be discussing “A Wrinkle in Time” by Madeleine L. Engle plus watching the movie on DVD. A “Wrinkle in Time”, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

The Rose Society of Tucson

Rose Show

Saturday, November 3

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm in Trinity Hall



The theme is “Roses The Language of Love. The show offers a display of hundreds of roses: Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Miniature Roses, Old Garden Roses, as well as beautiful rose arrangements and rose photography competition. The show is open to the public with free admission. Since it’s a fall show, a limited number of rose bushes will be for sale.



Please bring your aluminum pop-top tabs, unexpired Box Tops for Education labels and unusual postage stamps and put them in the baskets on the Fellowship Hall credenza. THANK YOU!!



Greeting Cards Needed Please

Please donate any Christmas or other type greeting cards you receive, that you don't want, to our Women's Group who send them out to the church shut-ins to let them know we hold them in our thoughts and prayers. Please give them to Leone Mohny, Ruth Myers, or Imogene Moser or drop them at the office (TPW).





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.**

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 such as duplicate Arizona ID cards, money on economy bus passes and notarizing documents.

4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

We will be taking a break in November and December. There are other meal options available for our guests. We had great turnouts all year and look forward to resuming this mission in January 2019.



2nd Sunday Mission Opportunities

Make an Impact with Helping Hands Projects!



We want to be intentional about connecting to our community through mission. **November 11 at 11:45 am** you can make sandwiches for Casa Maria, put together Water Bottles/Protein

Bar Packs for Trinity's Food Bank and "Thankful for You" Packs for SISTER Connection then join Cheryl Tuck for a Tour of SISTER Connection-where they meet and their new sewing room, both on our campus. (SISTER stands for Spiritually In Step To Encourage Restoration). Pull up a chair and put your Helping Hands to work – there is something that any age can do to get involved in mission.



I would like to thank the staff and the volunteers for accommodating the Homeless Connect last month on an especially challenging rainy day. Pete and the volunteers worked incredibly hard to serve 287 registered guests, & others who were not registered. Thank you, everyone, for a job well-done.

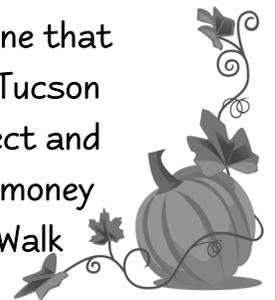
Dr. Mack Sigmon

ENTER TO WIN...



The Food Pantry and Resource Center are participating in the Jim Click Raffle & you can buy tickets every Sunday from Billie Holbrook, Carolyn Maycher and Alice Smedley. Raffle tickets are \$25/each or 5 for \$100 and the money goes directly to Trinity's missions where services and food are provided. The raffle drawing is December 13, 2018. Prizes include: a new 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit, two round-trip, first class airline tickets to anywhere in the world or \$5000 cash. Good Luck!

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Tucson Homeless Connect and walked to raise money at the CROP Walk



Food Bank –Thursday
Primavera Gumbo prep & serve-2nd Thursday

Contact us at 623-2579 or office@trinitytucson.org if you are would like to volunteer your time.

VOLUNTEER

Session Notes

At the October stated meeting the Session did not have any big decisions to make, but learned what each committee is accomplishing. Session continued their study of Ben Campbell Johnson's book "Beyond the Ordinary: Spirituality for Church Leaders." We explored how the past history of our church can influence and shape the church's future. This is similar to the Appreciative Inquiry that Trinity congregants engaged in a few years ago. Following are the highlights of the October meeting.

- Long Range Development Team relayed that the earliest date for a fence to be installed before construction begins is November 13th. The Development Group, the Contractor and Trinity congregants will meet before that date to find out about the process and to ask questions.
- Deacons are happy that Steve Barlow will run the 4th Avenue Street Fair hamburger stand in December and that the Rev. David Fife from Casa de la Luz Hospice will speak at their next meeting.
- Our Presbytery Commissioners reported about the de Cristo meeting at St. John in the Desert on October 13, 2018 saying that Presbytery Campus Ministry should now be viewed as a mission.
- The Congregational Nominating Committee is looking for a few good men and women to nominate for the Elder and Deacon Class of 2021. Really? 2021?
- Bill Voigt announced that a recent gift to Trinity will allow adding a mental health component to our Terry J. Dalke Resource Center.
- Growth & Outreach Team is working on a window-painting project along the north side of the church. The design is a Tree of Life and is very lovely.
- Bill Voigt presented a Powerpoint to illustrate the complexity of a not-for-profit entity and the importance of staying away from our reserves to meet our budget. The 2019 budget is projected to be very tight with a \$100,000 reduction in expenditures planned.
- Mission Committee is researching how Trinity might be able to shelter migrant families seeking asylum.
- Property Committee reported that the air handler work is complete and the Fellowship flooring is scheduled to begin on October 29th and take a week to complete. Kudos were expressed to Peter Holbrook for the myriad ways he works to keep Trinity working as a well-oiled machine.
- Stewardship & Finance continues to work on a fall stewardship campaign and to juggle our limited

resources.

- Worship Committee outlined upcoming events for November and December. Please consult elsewhere in the VISION for dates so you won't miss any golden opportunities for worship or other activities.
- Administration & Personnel is conducting staff performance reviews and asking all those who have not completed the Child Protection/Misconduct Prevention training to link to a video presentation at <http://youtu.be/M8QueXFbtCw> and then sign a document verifying that you have watched the video.
- Christian Education is excited that there are a few of our youth who are interested in attending the Youth Triennium scheduled for summer of 2019.

Session prayed for congregants in need of special care and concern.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

Worship

Thank you to everyone that participated in the play on Reformation Sunday. "You Were There: Reformation" which was part of a series of plays in which a radio show host interviews people who knew Martin Luther. Special thanks to Peggy Chamberlain.



Trinity's Advent Mini-Concerts return after a break in 2017. They begin on December 2 and continue on each of the Sundays in Advent. The programs take place in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 service and last around 20 minutes. The schedule will be: Dec. 2 - piano; Dec. 16 - organ; and Dec. 23 - instrumental ensemble. There will not be a concert after worship on Dec. 9 so that everyone may participate in the Second Sunday Mission activities, but the Trinity Jazz Ensemble will be providing the service music in worship that day!

Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

In Memory of Howard Moser by Imogene Moser

In Memory of Barbara Wiley by Leone Mohney

Trinity Women

Please Note the change of date

Our Circle Bible study will meet **Tuesday November 6 at 10:00 am** in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Mack is leading our Bible Study “God's Promise I Am With You”.



 Ryan's Bears will meet **Tuesday, November 13, 9:30 am** in the Lower Lounge to finish bears for Christmas giving by putting on ribbons, tags and finishing any stitching. The Bears will be blessed at the 10:30 service on December 9 and then distributed to agencies serving children (Primavera, Our Family and Arizona Children's Assoc.). Questions, call Ruth Myers 326-6888

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 4 Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Heb. 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 11 Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 18 I Sam. 1:4-20; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 25 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18); Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November Birthdays

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| 2 LaRue Woslum | 13 Imogene Moser - 91 |
| 3 Greg Keidel | 15 Catherine Dimenstein |
| 4 David Cotton | 16 Tony Miranda |
| 4 Gerry Pearson | 16 Eric Amos |
| 5 Lily Chacon | 18 Sheila Croteau |
| 5 Evelyn Chapman | 19 Lester Wilka |
| 10 Cameron & Christine Toering | 20 Lulu Brown |
| 11 Arnold Funckes - 92 | 23 Hap Howard |
| 12 Kelsey Coyle | 24 David Maycher |
| | 26 Brooke Miller |
| | 28 Alice Gratias - 94 |

December Birthdays (1 — 10)

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| 2 Ida Wickizer | 6 Elliott Koeppen - 89 |
| 4 Melinda Arnold | 9 Bonnie Stull |
| 5 Errol Dimenstein | |

November Anniversaries

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| 3 Travis Spillers and Heather Mace |
| 16 Glenn & Johanna Moyer |
| 24 Robert & Linda Lohse |
| 29 Bates & Annie Butler |



Fall Activities that members were involved in over the past year.



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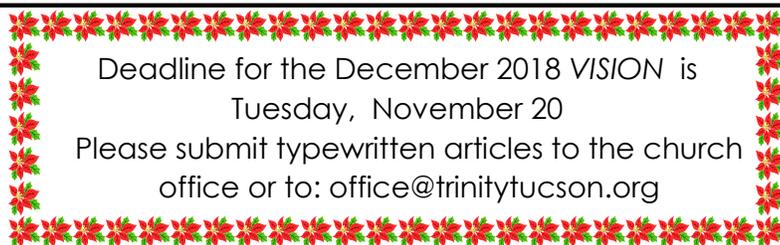
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We are "LIVE" streaming the 10:30 am service if you cannot attend. It is on the home page of our website.

Visit our website at www.trinitytucson.org for all the information and events you are looking for.



Deadline for the December 2018 *VISION* is
Tuesday, November 20
Please submit typewritten articles to the church
office or to: office@trinitytucson.org

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Welcome to Trinity.



See Page 3 & 4 for Youth &
Adult Classes

