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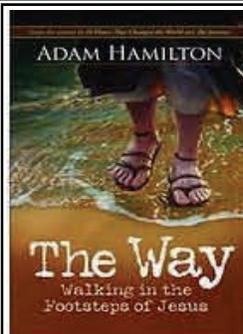
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The observance of Lent begins February 14 with an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. The service will include Scripture, song and the imposition of ashes. A soup supper and Helping Hands service project will take place in Fellowship Hall from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The service project will be putting together food packs for Trinity's food bank. Please join us for all or part of this meaningful evening.



BREAKOUT WEDNESDAYS

Travel with Adam Hamilton as he retraces the life and ministry of Jesus Christ during Breakout Wednesday beginning February 21 and concluding March 27. Dr. Mack will lead an in-depth study, using historical information, archaeological data, and stories of the faith as Hamilton follows in the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the parables he taught, the enemies he made, and the healing he brought. This 40-day focus will help you grow deeper in your faith, learn more about the life of Christ, spend time with daily reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures, and invites families to grow together in their faith. The book we will use includes devotions for each chapter and photos from Adam's trip to the Holy Lands.

Pastoral Letter

The season of Lent is upon us, and as we approach the celebration of Christ's resurrection, I would like us to think about this important period of forty days. Many hear of Lent in other religious or even secular contexts, such as Mardi Gras – the Tuesday before the Lenten season begins. Naturally our secular culture focuses more on "Fat Tuesday" than the sacrificial meaning of Lent. I imagine that those on the streets of New Orleans at Mardi Gras have no intention of ceasing any partying for the next forty days. For Christians, however, the forty days are far more important than the one day before Lent begins.

For believers, Lent is a time of preparation and serious reflection upon the love and sacrifice of Christ. The word "Lent" comes from the Latin word "lencten," which means "lengthen," an indication of the lengthening of the days as Spring approaches. To understand the season of Lent, perhaps it is best to compare our preparations for Easter with our preparations for Christmas.

Prior to Christmas, we spend time engaged in the secular trappings of the season – decorations, scheduling, shopping, social and family gatherings, and other activities not directly related to the birth of Jesus Christ. The result is that this business tends to encroach upon the "reason for the season." Lent is different, because Easter continues to resist secularization. During Lent we are able to focus on our understanding of Christ's death. In the Roman Catholic Church, the forty days of Lent is a time of sacrifice and fasting. This is not a cosmetic or ritual act, but an effort to inwardly focus the thoughts of believers.

The Reformed church did not adopt the totality of the Lenten ritual from Catholicism, but we do promote the season of Lent as a time of serious prayer and meditation. Many families adopt their own practices of symbolic sacrifice in the giving up of certain enjoyable things, and that is great as long as the focus is not on the personal sacrifice but on the reason for it – the reminder that Jesus sacrificed himself for us,

We live in a time when keeping focused on anything, particularly our faith, is very difficult; diversions and distractions surround us. Yet, standing over and above every aspect of life is our faith in Jesus Christ. I would like to invite you to join with us at Trinity as we engage in our seasonal activities that help us focus our hearts on the meaning of Christ's sacrifice. These activities include not just Ash Wednesday and our Sabbath Lenten worship, but our Wednesday evening Lenten series, and the daily Lenten devotionals that will be available both online and in our narthex for our members to take home.

Lent is a way in which, together, we can value the essential message of our Christianity – that the Son of God gave his life for us upon the cross, forgiving our sins, reconciling us to God, and calling us to a new, spirit-driven life in relationship with him. We live our values, and that is why we live the season of Lent – as a gift of love to our Lord and Savior.

Dr. Mack



Nathalie & Allen are expecting a baby.



The Deacons hosted a baby shower for them.



Christian Education

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets at **9:00 am** in **Lower Level Lounge Room 5** and continues their study of the book **"Isaiah Holy, Holy, Holy" by Boyd Lien**. Come join us for lively discussions.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today has some new information available on page 4 about upcoming classes.

POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at **9:00 am on the second and fourth Sunday of the month**. We meet in the **Nursery** for family breakfast munchies and then head downstairs to **Lower Level Room 1** for our parent study: **"Grace Based Parenting"** and **"Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions For Kids"**.

THE GREAT APOSTLE PAUL



Join Bill Voigt **Sunday at 9:00 am** in **Upper Room West** to continue an

amazing exploration of a man named Saul, a Pharisaical Jew who was a passionate persecutor of Christians. Join us on the road to Damascus as Saul is blinded by God and chosen to become Paul, the great evangelist whose style would often bring him in conflict with Peter, the great disciple of Jesus Christ. Join the class as we look at some of the latest discoveries about the expansion of Christianity and the stunning impact of Paul's theology. Bill will use DVDs, media and other speakers to bring to life, this man who almost single-handedly brought the Christian faith to the known world. Breakfast will be served.

DO YOU HAVE KIDS? WE HAVE A PLAN

Have you noticed how crowded the steps are during the Children's Message? Sometimes there are more than twenty children up there, avidly watching the minister, or poking each other.

Our Children and Youth Ministry is growing and we are doing all we can to keep up with this active bunch. And that means providing places for them to be and things for them to do. So, even if you do not bring small people to church with you, please take a look at our format. You might be able to help a new parent find a place for that toddler or middle schooler.

All teachers return the students to the narthex to be reunited with their grownups at 11:30 am. After the announcements, **our young adults (high school and up) can go to Room 1 with Rona Kreamer**.

Isn't all this growth wonderful!



9:00 am to 12:00 pm Children 4 and under are welcome in our nursery. DeDe and Lela love children and provide a caring environment for our youngest members.



9:00 am to 10:30 am Children 4 and up can participate in low action activities—puzzles, and coloring, with some low sugar snacks. Alix supervises the Children's Activity Table in Fellowship Hall.

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



Liz teaches Godly Play in Room 7 with children 4 and 5 years old.



Kathy presents Hands-On Bible for Kids in Room 8 with children 6, 7, and 8 years old.



Matt & Billie have students from 9 years through Middle School in Room 6 for Kreamer's Crusaders.

Christian Education

Theology for Today Class is Moving to Sunday 9:00 am

When Mack or Bill are not teaching a 9:00 am Sunday class, Theology for Today will move into the same space and time to do short (6 week) studies of challenging contemporary issues.. The Theology for Today Class provides open discussion using thoughtful books, study guides and DVDs. We will announce new topics before they start so you can join the studies that interest you. Some topics we are considering are listed below. Your suggestions of topics are welcome.

The Path to Compassion

We want to be compassionate Christians but it is not easy with so many problems. This class discusses a way to grow in compassion, both spiritually and emotionally.

A Life of Grace for the Whole World

This is a study guide that uses Bible and outside material with discussion questions to focus on our environment. It was developed by the Episcopal Church.

Just Business

This book is about Christian ethics related to business. We may not be in business but we are consumers, investors and voters. This will relate to poverty and the environment. The book is contemporary, to be published soon.

Way of Living by Brian McLaren

The author argues that the future of the church rests in shifting away from an outdated focus on rigid rules and beliefs and focusing on a way of living. The topic is based on the author's book, Great Spiritual Migration, and uses a DVD.

Dangers of American Christianity

This book addresses troubling issues like the prosperity gospel, making it all about me, entitlement and our relation to contemporary culture.

Worship & Music



During the 10:30 worship service on February 18, Trinity members will be presenting a readers' theater production entitled "Have You Seen My Son?" This moving piece takes place during the last few days of Jesus' life with thoughts from the mothers of Jesus, Judas, James & John, John Mark and Barabbas. Please join us as we enter into the contemplative season of Lent.

Say "Hello" to the TRINITY CHOIR INTERNS

TIM KLINGLER, tenor, is an Arizona native, graduate of Dobson HS and NAU. Tim has a masters degree in choral conducting from Northern Colorado University and, following a number of years of high school teaching, is a first-year DMA choral conducting major at the UA.

PETER FISCHER, baritone, holds an undergraduate degree in Church Music from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, taught for a number of years in the public schools of NJ, and is presently pursuing a master s degree in choral conducting at the UA.



The new candles that grace the Communion tables were given by Bruce and Peggy Chamberlain in honor of their parents. The set in the sanctuary is made from olive tree wood from Jerusalem, while the set in the chapel is made from olive tree wood from Bethlehem.



Mission News



TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.** Food donations are always welcome and can be left on the cart in Fellowship Hall Sunday morning.

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, ordering birth certificates & identification cards and notarizing documents.

4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our next 4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper is **February 23, 2018** with a casserole theme so **put it on your calendar and plan to join us.** Sign up to bring a dish for 10 people on Sundays in the Narthex. We set up and get ready at 5 pm, open the doors at 6:00 with prepared dishes already on the serving tables, eat until 7 and clean up after that. Helpers are always welcome - you can sign up on the "helping side" as well as the "food side" of the notebook. We want to welcome and get to know people from the neighborhood and those without homes, so sign up and join us.

2017 Mission In Review

- ⇒ 7200 Bologna sandwiches were made for the Casa Maria Soup kitchen
- ⇒ There were approximately 6550 walk-ins in the Food Bank for water bottles and snacks. There were 1088 food boxes distributed to Community Food Bank participants.
- ⇒ The Resource Center ordered 120 birth certificates and 120 state IDs. Approximately 28 clients received \$5 on their bus passes, 15 clients signed up for Food Stamps and 15 clients signed up for AHCCCS monthly. Seventy-five people contributed \$25+ to the Resource Center through the Jim Click Raffle, that raised \$3,175.
- ⇒ Nine hundred packages of ten dozen eggs each were fed to 5200 homeless men at the Primavera Shelter. Gumbo and cornbread was served once a month to 100 homeless men at Primavera.
- ⇒ Six hundred people sat down to supper at the 4th on 4th Community Suppers.
- ⇒ 1200 cups of water were given out at the two 4th Avenue Street Fairs.
- ⇒ 600 people received services and food and clothing at the two Homeless Connects.
- ⇒ Thank you for your committee work, outreach, parking, Crop Walk, Wednesday Night hands-on projects, Ryan's Bears, prayer shawls, knitted caps, hospitality serving of food, set ups and decorations, Vacation Bible School, greeters, deacon visits, rides and phone calls, delivering lilies and poinsettias.

Look for the face of Christ in those whom we serve.

Mission News



What's your favorite pie?
Will you bake one
for Presbytery de Cristo's

Pie-a-Palooza?

Eat Pie and Visit Presbytery de Cristo's
"Gifts of Hope" Alternative Gift Market & Mission Fair
Sunday, February 11 from 2-4 pm

at Trinity Presbyterian Church
400 E University Blvd, Tucson

Bring your appetite and your checkbook (or cash).

Pies will be sold for \$5 per slice or \$25 for a whole pie.

Come eat pie and see what our presbytery's mission partners are doing to spread the Good News of the Gospel across southern Arizona and the borderlands.

Proceeds support Presbytery de Cristo's 8 mission partners:

Compañeros en Misión • Frontera de Cristo • Montlure Camp
Presbyterian Campus Ministry • Papago United Presbyterian Church
Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship

Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers • Korean Presbyterian Church

About the event: A Mission Fair, Alternative Gift Market, and Pie-a-Palooza:

The 8 mission partners will display information about their ministries. You can visit their tables, talk with them, ask questions, and support their ministries with a purchase in the "Gifts of Hope" Alternative Gift Market—contribute to children's education, college ministry, camp scholarships, sustainable energy, vocational support for those in recovery, YAV missions, new church development, and more!

About baking and donating pies:

- Please provide pies in disposable pans that do not have to be returned to you.
- Please label your pies (apple, cherry, key lime, etc) and specify whether they contain dairy or nuts.
- Please do not donate pies that require immediate refrigeration.
- Bring your pies to worship on Sunday morning, February 11. Our mission team members will transport them to Trinity for you.
- Sales from the Pie-a-Palooza will be equally distributed among the 8 mission partners—its success relies on your pie donation and your appetites!



If you love dessert, come support our amazing mission partners. We'll have ethnic desserts as well as pie and ice cream. What a grand way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

On Sunday, February 25 there will be a mission offering that will help benefit Agave Middle and High School in TUSD which provides support and online courses to children who have jobs, are homeless, need to finish one course, or do not do well in a brick & mortar setting. Agave is a public school that has highly qualified teachers to support and oversee their students. 1600 students attended the evening and day labs in four high schools throughout Tucson. Agave provides laptops for checkouts in certain circumstances, counseling, tutoring, a home visit liaison, and Gradlink—an initiative designed to increase the graduation rate and lower the dropout rate in our community. Agave is often overlooked when searching for an online alternative school for distance learning because so many online schools profit from their number of applicants and this impacts funding for public education. The Mission Committee selected Agave because it has little discretionary funding and our gift would mean a lot to them. See the upcoming bulletin inserts February 18 & 25 and consider giving to Agave with your gift February 25.



Congregational News



In the Church Office, Volunteers are needed! If even for a few hours, would you like to answer the phone and greet visitors in the office? You would get a glimpse of what our busy staff does and give them a boost with your help.

In the Food Bank, We need volunteers who will be trained to distribute food and represent the Community Food Bank.

In the Resource Center, Volunteers work to relay information about resources that are available in southern Arizona to people who need shelter, food, health insurance, clothing, jobs & many kinds of assistance. We are putting together a policy and procedure manual, so that our volunteers can easily reference resources for referrals to services.

Call the church office at 623-2579 and leave your name if you are interested.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 15th ANNUAL NAMI WALKS

We will be marching again this year to raise awareness about mental illness and to raise funds to help support NAMI Southern AZ mission to improve the quality of life for all those affected by mental illness. There is no cost for any of its services and there is no fee for the WALK. **Save the date: Saturday, April 7.** For more information contact Derry and Tom Dean by email at guerrodean@gmail.com.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club meets at **7:00 pm**
Tuesday, February 27 in Fellowship

Hall to discuss **"Before We Were Yours"** by Lisa Wingate. A heart racing tale of a family ripped apart by the Tennessee Children's Home Society scandal this book is fiction but based on a true story. This author will be at the U of A Book Festival.



SOUTHWEST SHEPHERD
SHOWDOWN 2018:

FAMILY FEUD!

Trinity Presbyterian Church (400 E University Blvd)
Tickets \$10 - available at the door

Cheer on Presbytery pastors & Tucson
Young Adult Volunteers in a Family
Feud-style game show benefiting the
**Tucson Borderlands Young Adult
Volunteer** program. Laughter and
stories for all ages!

The Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteer Program is a partnership of the Presbytery de Cristo. Young Adult Volunteers spend year in service in Tucson, seeking God's call in their lives. Visit www.tucsonborderlandsyav.com/feud for more info.

Never ² Early Workshop

It's never too early to
make dying less stressful
on the ones you love.

Come receive **FREE** practical advice and useful information, from local professionals, on how to talk freely about and plan for "end of life" decisions before those needs arise.

Specially designed for families with small children, singles with aging parents, and married couples of all ages.

Two workshops to choose from:
February 10 & March 10

9:00am-3:00pm
Grundstrom Room
Northminster Presbyterian Church
2450 E Fort Lowell @ Tucson Blvd.

Topics include:

- Hospice care
- Church and funeral arrangements
- Wills
- Trusts
- Probate
- And other useful information a family needs to talk freely about planning for "end of life" decisions before those needs arise.

Don't miss out!

Register early. Space limited to 25 people per workshop!

Sign up to attend,
online at
bit.ly/NPCN2E or
through the Church
Office (520) 327-7121

All participants go home with a resource packet of helpful materials.
A light lunch will be provided. (Donations accepted)



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Session Notes

Session kicked off 2018 with the expectation of ordaining/installing the 2020 elders-elect – Doug Holland, Janet Jones, Rona Kreamer, Carolyn Maycher and Ann Walker – during worship on February 11, 2018. Elders Billie Holbrook, Leone Mohney and Cindy Toering will be taking a rest from Session. We thank them for their untiring and diligent work for the past 5 to 6 years. Everyone had a productive Session Retreat on January 19-20, 2018 at the Redemptorist Renewal Center near Picture Rocks while planning ahead and learning leadership skills under the tutelage of the Revs. Mack Sigmon and Bill Voigt.

Here are the highlights of the January 16th Stated Session meeting:

- For the year 2018, Session elected Janet Hooper as Clerk of Session, Leone Mohney as Treasurer and Alice Smedley as Assistant Treasurer.
- Session is calling for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on February 11, 2018 to hear committee reports for 2017, approve the salary packages for the pastors and elect four members of the congregation to the 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee.
- Session approved "Souper Bowl of Caring" on February 4, 2018 so the youth might collect money after worship to help feed the hungry.
- Learned from Bucky Lovejoy that the Developers are asking for an extension for closing from January 31st to April 30, 2018, but will give Trinity another installment of \$100,000 at the end of January. Maybe you noticed that core samples were taken in the parking lot and the Education Building is being checked for hazardous material.
- Session approved Property Committee's recommendation to spend up to \$12,500 from the

Capital Maintenance Fund for general clean-up of the Memorial Garden.

- Heard a report from Stewardship & Finance that to close out the 2017 accounts for the fiscal year, many corrections were required. Gerry Pearson has graciously agreed to return temporarily one day a week until the accounting is in order and the committee can plan a way forward.
- Christian Education and Pastor Mack are working to begin a confirmation class for six or seven confirmands. More later about this.
- Learned that pledging is up 10% over 2017 with fewer giving units.
- Session approved a special mission offering for February 25, 2018 to benefit the Agave Middle and High School, an alternative school.
- Found out that the Deacons reserved a Ramada at Reid Park for the All Church Picnic for November 17, 2018.
- News flash here! Jane Parker is retiring from the Casa Maria Sandwich Making and the Cup of Water Street Fair distribution. Say it isn't so. After all, she is only 100 years old. Jane is inspiration for all of us.
- Session keeps receiving reports from the Resource Center and the Food Bank Distribution Site that a record number of clients are being served. Trinity is needed as never before.
- Session prayed for a lengthy list of Trinity members and friends in need of extra caring and comfort.
- Planning ahead rather than reacting to crisis is Session's plan for the year 2018.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

Jane Parker has lived over 100 years which is the retirement age for mission work at Trinity. It will take a village to replace her duties

Sign-up to serve a Cup of Water for Fourth Avenue Street Fair with Billie Holbrook

Sign-up to help take over Jane Parker's (and Sheila's) Casa Maria sandwich shopping, set up and delivery with Peter and Billie Holbrook. It will take a team. Call Billie 668-6341



SANDWICH MAKING

is **Sunday, February 11** for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. Please join us in **Fellowship Hall at 11:45 am** that day to make 600 sandwiches.

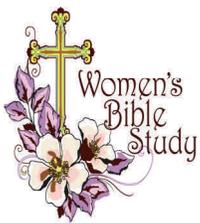
Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

In Memory of Peggy Andrews by Pat Whiting
In Memory of Shann Letson by Imogene Moser
In Memory of Frank Whiting by Imogene Moser
In Memory of Kuman Tenge's Mother by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Bob Bechtel by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Shann Letson by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Shann Letson by Pat Whiting
In Memory of Peggy Andrews by Lulu Brown
In Memory of Shann Letson by Lulu Brown
In Memory of Peggy Andrews by Alice Gratias
In Memory of Shann Letson by Alice Gratias
In Memory of Frank Whiting by Betty L. Pettit
In Memory of Frank Whiting by Ron & Jane Uhle
In Memory of Shann Letson by Ron & Jane Uhle



Trinity Women



The Horizon's Bible Study on Hebrews will be **February 13, 2018 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall**. Join us as Dr. Mack leads the study.



Ryan's Bears will meet **Tuesday, February 20, 9:30 am in the Lower Lounge**. A very good start was made in January cutting out and stitching bears for Christmas 2018. Approximately 650-700 bears have been made since 2000. The average is 40-45 bears per year. Donations of fleece or flannel are always welcomed as is your time making them.

February Birthdays

3	Betty Lu Holland	19	Ida Medina
8	Emmanuelle Seddo	20	Kathy Moser
14	Laurie Hull	24	Carroll Keegstra
16	Georgia Bach	28	Shirley Wilka
18	Bill Goodhue	29	Alice Smedley

March Birthdays (1-10)

1	Harriet Marsh	4	Jeanette Wilka
2	Truman Spillers	6	Jan Menke
3	Riley De Pizzo	7	Holly Clark
4	Ed Hawley		

February Anniversaries

1 Liz & Steve Barlow
 12 Elaine & George Banghart



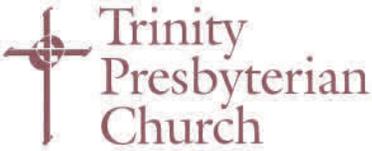
FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 4 Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 11 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 18 Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

February 25 Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38



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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 information and events.

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**4th Avenue
Spring Street Fair
March 2, 3,4**

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