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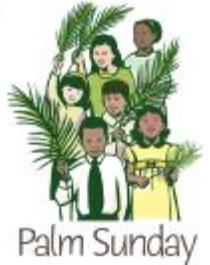
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Sunday, March 20
8:00 & 10:30 am

Passion/Palm Sunday



Wednesday, March 23 - 6:00 pm
Special WednesdayNiteAlive!
supper and movie: *Amazing Grace*

Thursday, March 24 - 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday



Potluck meal, a celebration of
the Lord's Supper, (*child care provided*)
and a Service of Darkness

Friday, March 25 - 12:00 pm

Good Friday

a light lunch in the courtyard,
followed by a half-hour service of
preaching and prayers in the Chapel.
4th on the 4th Community Supper - 6 -7 pm



Sunday, March 27
10:30 am

Easter Sunday

a celebration of the Resurrection

9:00 am Easter Brunch

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am Choir Cantata "At the Ninth Hour"



Trinity Presbyterian Church will celebrate the conclusion of the Lenten Journey on Easter Sunday morning as the Trinity Choir presents the cantata "At the Ninth Hour." This dramatic presentation traces the events of Christ's last week on earth from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the solemn power of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, followed by the Crucifixion and joyful Resurrection. Don't miss this powerful account of the Passion Story as recounted in the Gospel of Mark.

PASTORAL LETTER



“Easter” and the Rest of the Story

The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David’s family line, and he was shown to be the Son of God

when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 1:3-4

The last Sunday of March is when we celebrate “The Resurrection of the Lord”—AKA “Easter”, which is a gross misnomer from the ancient fertility goddess, Astarte, or Ashtoreth = Venus. Cute. So, let’s stick with “The Resurrection of the Lord.”

We usually celebrate “The Resurrection of the Lord” and “Christmas” as separate, virtually unrelated events. But they are pivotal events in the same story, the Gospel, which is senseless without both—and/or without Jesus’ life and death between them.

So, let’s think about it. The Resurrection of our Lord is definitely the culminating chapter in the “Greatest Story ever Told” about the greatest events ever witnessed, with greatest consequence for everyone and everything. And so it is the culmination of a single, ongoing, larger story.

Christmas is the story of the Incarnation of God in Christ.

*Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.*

*Instead, he gave up his divine privileges
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.*

Philippians 2:6-7

Good Friday is the story of the Atonement for our sins, that God accomplishes through the death of the Son of God who, through Incarna-

tion, became “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”

*When he appeared in human form,
he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal’s death on a cross.*

Philippians 2:7-8

The Resurrection of the Lord is the story of how God declares the successful Atonement for all our sins, forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal life, by raising Christ from the dead.

*Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth, and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:9-11

So it is that *Christmas*, Incarnation, are prerequisite for *Good Friday*, Atonement, and for *The Resurrection of the Lord*—and that *The Resurrection of the Lord* validates both *Christmas*, the Incarnation of God in Christ, and *Good Friday*, Jesus’ Atonement for our sins. *Christmas* finds fulfillment in *The Resurrection of the Lord*—our Lord.

Blessings, *Jerry*

MARCH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar 6 - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Mar 13 - John 12:1-8

Mar 20 - Palm/Passion Sunday Luke 19:28-40

Mar 24 - Maundy Thursday John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Mar 25 - Good Friday John 18:1-19:42

Mar 27 - Easter Sunday Luke 24:1-12

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORD OF LIFE



Hosanna! Word of Life began a new study. *Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey Through Holy Week*, a Kerygma Study by Carol J. Miller, will explore the Holy Week

and resurrection texts in all four Gospels and in Paul's writings. Come listen and respond to five stories of the One Story as we take a spiritual journey through Holy Week. Join us in the Lower Level Lounge at 9:00 am.

THE FOUR GREATEST STORIES

"The Four Greatest Stories Ever Told: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John"



We have been learning about Jerusalem and the Biblical lands where Jesus and his disciples traveled. We continue our journey each Sunday. Join Rev. Bill Voigt at 9:00 am in the Upper

Room West for a discussion of the crucifixion and the resurrection on Sundays, March 13 and 20.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today welcomes you all! The meeting place is the Lower Level Lounge at 11:45 am on Sundays. Theology for Today will be viewing and discussing *Living the Questions* DVDs for the next several weeks. (We have completed and benefited from the Amy-Jill Levine book, *The Short Stories of Jesus*.) Join us - we would love to have you!



ALL CHILDREN are invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning at 10:00 am.

We will meet in the Lower Level Lounge for a story reading before going out to hunt for the eggs in Celebration Park.



POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at 9:00 am on the third Sunday of the month. We meet in the nursery for family breakfast munchies and then head to the courtyard patio for our parent study. Parents with young children are welcome to join us! We are engaged in reading about different parenting styles and financial accountability for our young kids in "Free Range Kids" by Lenore Skenazy and "Smart Money, Smart Kids" by Dave Ramsey.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

GODLY PLAY CLASS

A Sunday School class, Godly Play for ages 4-8 is held in the Music Room (off the nursery) during the 10:30 worship service. Bible stories, snacks and craft activities will take place.

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" (This is the classroom just past the downstairs lounge). 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



After the 11:15 am sermon is finished, all high school & college aged youth are invited to come downstairs to attend a meeting of Trinity

Anchor - a youth group where we focus on fellowship and service, as well as asking and answering the tough questions about our faith. We meet downstairs at "The Harbor" (Lower Level East) every Sunday.



Wednesday Nite Alive! - March 2016



| Date | 5:00 pm Bible Study (Library) | 6:00 pm "Getting Quiet With God" (Chapel) | 6:30 pm Helping Hands Service Project & Fellowship (Upper Room East) -Munchies provided or BYO | 7:00-8:00 pm Guest Speaker & Discussion Group (Upper Room West) |
|----------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| March 2 | Apostles' Creed Series | Our Lord | Preparing Easter cards for Trinity's Homebound <i>Kathy Moser</i> | Lenten Series Living The Questions: Evil, Suffering, and a God of Love <i>Billie Holbrook</i> |
| March 9 | Apostles' Creed Series | Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary | Preparing Easter cards for SISTER Connection <i>Kathy Moser</i> | Lenten Series Living The Questions: Restoring Relationships <i>Billie Holbrook</i> |
| March 16 | Luke 19:28-40 | Palm Sunday | Easter treat for children at Salvation Army Hospitality House and SISTER Connection <i>Kathy Moser</i> | Lenten Series Living The Questions: Compassion-The Heart of Jesus' Ministry <i>Billie Holbrook</i> |
| March 23 | NO BIBLE STUDY |  | | |
| March 30 | Apostles' Creed Series | Suffered under Pontius Pilate | Encouragement cards for SISTER Connection | Community Based Housing: A Hopi Perspective <i>Michael Kotutwa Johnson, Ph.D. candidate, American Indian Studies, University of Arizona</i> |

WEDNESDAYNITEALIVE!

Following his highly engaging and informative presentation on Hopi farming in January, Michael Kotutwa Johnson returns to Wednesday Nite Alive on March 30 to speak on "Community Based Housing: A Hopi Perspective." Michael, who sings in the Trinity Choir and is a doctoral candidate in the American Indian Studies program at the University of Arizona, writes the following:

"Henry David Thoreau from his book *Walden* stated "There is some of the same fitness in a man's building his own house that there is in a bird's building its own nest." Community built housing on Hopi is not as prevalent as it used to be nor are the same materials of sandstone, white wash and clay used for construction of homes as they were in ages past. However, my home resembles those that were built by my forefathers including outdoor bread ovens, roasting pits and indoor Hopi cooking apparatuses along with traditional rooms for seed storage. A house built from nature is like a bird

building their own nest. I will talk about the various aspects of architecture and design as well as demonstrate the sustainability such a house affords." Please stop by the current photo display in the narthex to see a photograph of Michael's house and join us in the Upper Room West from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on March 30.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

The Trinity Book Club will be meeting to discuss *Becoming Nicole* by Amy Ellis Nutt on March 22 at 7pm in the Lovejoy Library. Lori Boston will speak with us regarding her work with counseling transgendered individuals.

At your leisure, read *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo.

April's book is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson – A story of justice and redemption. (Bryan Stevenson founded The Equal Justice Initiative.)

We meet the fourth Tuesday of every month.



Congregational News



Yes, our Bill was quite the talent in this year's pastor showdown fundraiser for YAV! Wow, he did have the great costumes AND a back up group, the "vouch for Voigt" singing angels! Way to go Bill! This fun event was emceed by Brad Munroe from Presbytery de Cristo.

EASTER IS MARCH 27!



9 am to 10 am Pancake Breakfast!

We will provide pancakes, coffee and juice. The congregation can bring fruit or egg dishes to share.

10 am to 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt

This starts in the Lower Level Lounge with a story read by Trinity's Bunny Mallams.

Then, grouped by ages, children will go into Celebration Park to search for eggs and treasures.



EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS



History, mythology, literature, poetry and the world of art are rife with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant white flowers. Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting. Lilies are \$12.00 each. Order forms are enclosed and in the Sunday bulletins or you can order by calling the church office at 623-2579. You may pick yours up on Easter or have it delivered to a shut-in.

Last day to order is Palm Sunday.



SESSION NOTES

Session Notes from February 16, 2016

Here are the highlights of the February stated session meeting:

- Examined Elder-elect Anne McConnell and Deacon-elect Allyn Spence in anticipation of their installation as elder and deacon for Class of 2018.
- Elected John Hill as a member-at-large for the Property Committee.
- Elected Jeanette Ryan and Carolyn Maycher as elder representatives for the Congregational Nominating Committee and learned that the Deacons elected Rosalie Goll as their representative for this committee.
- Received a report from John Hill and Carroll Keegstra as Presbytery Commissioners for the January 29-30 joint Presbytery de Cristo and Grand Canyon meeting. New Bylaws and Manual of Operations were adopted for our Presbytery.
- Elected Sheila Sievert and Alice Smedley to be our 2016 Presbytery Commissioners with John Hill and Leone Mohney as alternates.
- Learned from Jerry Foust about the essential elements of strategic planning for our future.
- Found out the Deacons will add “pocket shawls” or prayer squares when they give prayer shawls to congregants so that people can use them when they are away from home.
- Learned from Worship Committee that all church volunteers will be recognized on Sunday, May 8, 2016.
- Heard that our Minister Information Form filed on the PC (USA) Church Leadership Center website has had 246 hits.
- Became excited about the VBS curriculum “Mega Sports Camp Epic Moments” that Matt Kreamer is planning.
- Found out our Easter Cantata is being advertised on NPR by the Growth & Outreach Team.
- Learned that the Arizona Historical Society deems our old Educational Wing is not of historical interest and does not contribute to an historical district.
- Prayed for a refugee family that will arrive soon and for our plans to help them settle in Tucson.
- Learned that Property Committee oversaw a major stucco repair on the SW corner of the old

sanctuary building as well as a repair of a gas leak in the Chapel.

We listened to Bill Voigt’s list of congregants in need of pastoral care and our prayers.

Janet D. Hooper
Clerk of Session



Change the world on a mission trip that doesn't require airfare!



One Great Hour of Sharing, a Presbyterian Church (USA) offering will be received on Easter Sunday. By supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, you are able to help ministries such as orphan care in Liberia, earthquake recovery in Nepal, affordable housing in Detroit, and job training for people struggling with mental illness in Florida. We need people like you to support these mission ministries.



CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

Trinity Presbyterian Church will host a Vacation Bible School from June 20th-24th from 6pm-8pm. This will be open to any child ages 2-14. We will have stories, crafts, and activities all centered around our loving Lord Jesus Christ.

Rona and I are in need of some great volunteers to assist and teach some classes. Please let either of us know if you would like to volunteer for this week. Thank you very much and look out for more details coming soon.

Rona and Matt Kreamer



Mission News



SANDWICH MAKING for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, March 13. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches for the homeless.

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

During the months of January and February we handed out 223 bags of food to clients and provided 270 street people with snacks for the day. Keep up the good work!



THE NEXT 4TH ON 4TH FRIDAY community supper will be on Friday, March 25, 6-7 pm, downstairs in Trinity Hall.

Come and meet new people from the community, and bring a dish to share. We need 10 people to bring a main dish to serve 10, and another 10 to bring a salad or dessert to serve 10. Someone will be in the Narthex with a sign-up sheet Sundays after church. Questions- please call Betty Lu Holland 579-2895

REFUGEE FAMILY TO ARRIVE! Trinity working with Refugee Focus is helping to host a family of eight. They are from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and are coming to Tucson from Uganda. The family has been in a refugee camp there for the past seventeen years. The father speaks some English, also speaks Kiswahili and another native language. They are reported as Baptist for their religion.

The family is: Amos NSENGA, father, Hadija BAMURANGE, mother, with Judith RACHEAL, daughter (13), Elve BARAKA, son (10), Richard ELIA, son (8), Robert JOY, son (6), Japheth DELPHE, son (4) and Eric AMOS, son (2). Thank you for your willingness to help this family. They do not speak English so this will be an interesting adventure for our team of helpers. We need more helpers, so if you would like to join in, contact Doug Holland at 579-2895 or one of our pastors.



Trinity hosts this event twice a year.

Tucson Homeless Connect is on March 18. The mission of Tucson Homeless Connect is to provide a single location where local agencies, government, businesses, medical providers and the faith community collaborate to help the homeless persons with basic needs, referrals and advocacy. Sign up today to help facilitate this event. Call the church office or speak to Alice Smedley or Peter Holbrook. Many hands are needed on this day.



GET YOUR TICKET NOW FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL ICS EMPTY BOWLS SPRING FUNDRAISER! On Saturday, March 5 at the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center, come sample soups, breads and desserts from area restaurants, bakeries and food partners, and select a unique, handmade pottery bowl to take home. Tickets are \$20 each and only available in advance. Buy your ticket online at www.icstucson.org



Trinity Women



On March 8, Trinity Presbyterian Women will meet for the Women's Circle at 10:00 am. Join them for Bible study and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

Newcomers are always welcome!

AN UPCOMING EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

11:45 am

FELLOWSHIP HALL



"HONORING OUR FAMILIES"

Faithful, Adventurous, Memorable, Integrity Lovable, Insightful, Enthusiastic, Support Lunch, Music & a Photo Presentation!

Please bring a framed photo of your family (include your pet/s, if possible) to place on tables in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!



Photos of Prayer Shawl dedications on Sunday, February 7

Community News

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Annual National Alliance on Mental Illness of Southern Arizona

(NAMI) WALK will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016, at John F. Kennedy Park, 3359 S La Cholla Blvd. Join our team—Recovery (for all) Now—and walk with us to increase awareness of mental health, to support advocacy, and to reduce stigma. Please contact Derry Dean: (guerrodean@gmail.com) for further information.

NO STRESS



The Therapeutic Yoga class on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am concentrates on moves that help folks calm annoying pains and soreness they are experiencing.

Georgeanna Kavanaugh, our instructor, has a good sense for helping others. She brings excellent qualifications and experience to her therapeutic work. If you feel you'd like to attend, you are welcome. No experience or special talents are necessary. You will find the group friendly and comfortable—join them soon in the Upper Room East.

WEAR YOUR TRINITY PRIDE!

The Growth and Outreach Committee has Trinity t-shirts and tote bags available for purchase from the Ambassador at the Welcome Desk. T shirts are \$7 each, Tote bags are \$9. Also please get your complimentary Trinity car decals, pens, magnets, and cups at the Welcome Desk. You can use them yourself or hand them out to your friends. Help us get Trinity's name out to our community!



Trinity Milestones



Memorials

In memory of Maxine Abraham by Leone Mohney

In memory of Jan Bond by Alice Gratias, Leone Mohney, Jane Parker and Jackie & Arlie Winn

In memory of Grace Phillips by Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Altum, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Blais, L. Marie Conley, Jane Parker, Mr. & Mrs. James A. Lijefelt, Walter Markowitch, M. D., Leone Mohney, Marinita Phillips, Connie Schlotterbeck, Jean P. Schuerman, Mr. & Mrs. Howard M. Shapiro, Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Tom, Sara Ann Thomas, Helen Weller, Frank & Pat Whiting and Jackie & Arlie Winn

March Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|
| 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 - 88 | 23 | Emalie Wilka |
| 7 | Holly Clark | 24 | Camden Wilka |
| 11 | MacKenzie DePizzo | 25 | Bunny Mallams |
| 12 | Asa Moyer | | |

Baptism

Jane Marie Boyiddle, daughter of Aaron & Christine Boyiddle, was baptized on February 14.



April Birthdays (1—10)

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| 8 | Helen Greer | 8 | Verneta Steadman - 96 |
| 8 | Nellie Murillo | | |

March Anniversaries

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| 9 | Bucky and Cherie Lovejoy | |
| 21 | Kuman Tenge and Latre Lawson | |
| 28 | Laurel McCray and Jesse Corona | |
| 29 | Jeanette and Lester Wilka - 64 years! | |

April Anniversaries (1—10)

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| 4 | Edgar and Nancy Buck | |
| 6 | Debbie and Jeff Hobbs | |

Thank You

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to Mom's (Jan Bond) Trinity family for the gracious love and support through all her years here and more specifically for the incredible support you have given mom and me this past 18 months. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Sherrie Lee

Deadline for the April, 2016 *VISION*
Tuesday, March 29

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in the
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Easter

