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Holy Week

Sunday, March 25 - 10:30 am

Passion/Palm Sunday

10:30 am Choir Cantata "The Weeping Tree"
No 8:00 am service today

Wednesday, March 28 - 5:30 pm

The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
"The Final Week"

Thursday, March 29 - 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday

A catered meal, celebration of
the Lord's Supper, and a
Service of Tenebrae (*child care provided*)

Friday, March 30 - 12:00 pm

Good Friday

a light lunch in the courtyard,
followed by a half-hour service of
scripture and music in the Chapel.

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

a celebration of the Resurrection
6:30 am Sunrise Service in Trinity Commons
Coffee & donuts served afterwards
8:00 am Sojourner's Chapel
9:00 am Easter Breakfast
Please bring juice, egg dishes and fruit
9:45 am Easter Story & Egg Hunt
10:30 am Sanctuary Service with special music

Pastoral Letter

The Last Supper was over, and the time of Christ's passion was finally at hand. The Lord had shared the meal with his apostles and friends. At this point Jesus knew that Peter would deny him, Judas betray him; he knew most of his followers would scatter like a frightened flock of sheep. When we think about the passion of Christ, we tend to focus on his physical pain, but what about the emotional pain and mental anguish he suffered as, one-by-one, those he loved failed him?

The New Testament is uncompromising in its presentation of Jesus' emotional pain in the Garden of Gethsemane. Like most Christians, I have always been deeply affected by this part of the Easter story, because it reveals to us the depth of the Messiah's humanity, and clearly defines how he was like us in so many ways. In facing his darkest hours, Jesus was no different than when we face dark and difficult times. Christ did not want to be alone; Christ shows his fear, and acknowledges his weakness; Christ seeks help in prayer.

In those moments, as Jesus prepares to pray, he invites his most beloved apostles – Peter, James, and John- to join him. Christ did not invite the three there to witness his glory, as at the transfiguration; he did not ask for their presence so that they could learn a lesson, or so he could teach them something new. Christ asked his friends to stay with him because he needed their support. Christ gave Peter, James, and John the greatest opportunity they could receive – the opportunity to minister to him; to comfort him and stand by him in his greatest hour of need.

While Amy and I were serving a church together in Charlotte, Amy's mother passed away from cancer after a very brief time of illness. The word was passed among the congregation, and later we received many expressions of love; but I will never forget the day after we received the news, as we were preparing to leave for New Jersey, the doorbell rang. It was one elder holding a casserole and he told us that he and his family wanted us to know that they loved us and were thinking about us. He was the only church member who came to our door – who went to where we were grieving – to offer food and comfort. 32 years later Amy and I still talk about the one elder who

came and who, that day, gave us so much more than food. We will never forget.

Peter, James, and John were given the opportunity to give something back for all that Christ had given them and was about to give them – but they were human, and the hour was late, and they were so tired. The three went to wait with him, but their worn spirits overwhelmed the greatness of their hearts, and they fell asleep. The gospels make it clear that this hurt Jesus deeply: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going."

The question Christ asked of his friends is the same question he asks of us. What are we waiting for? Why are we sleeping? Why do we still expect Christ to do things for us, when the life of discipleship calls us to take every opportunity to live our lives for Christ? We go to church, but what does that mean? We celebrate Easter, but what does that mean? We know what the crucifixion and the resurrection say about Christ, but what does it say about us? If we believe in Christ's salvation, why do we not live as if we were saved?

When Jesus said, "Rise up, let us be going, for the time is at hand," he was speaking of himself in regards to his crucifixion and resurrection, but he was speaking to his disciples – and to us – about the opportunities his resurrection would give to bring the good news of God's love to all the world. Opportunities, small and great, surround us everyday, but we have to clear our minds of assumptions, fears, and doubts, and rise up to the occasion. Today, as you read this, where can we go, casserole in hand, to say, "I'm thinking of you, and I love you?" If we cannot think of anyone, it is not because they are not out there, but because we are asleep in the garden. If Easter means anything, it means, "Wake up...rise up...for the time is at hand."

Dr. Mack



Christian Education



WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets at 9:00 am in Lower Level Lounge Room 5 & 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 meets at 9:00 am in the Upper Room West & continues studying *"Way of Living"* by Brian McLaren in which 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. Based on the author's book, *"Great Spiritual Migration"* this topic also uses a DVD.

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"*.

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.

Breakout Wednesday



March 2018



| Date | 5:30 – 6:15 pm | 6:15 – 7:15 pm | |
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| 7 | Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i> | Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i> | The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus "Proclaiming the Kingdom" <i>Upper Room West</i> |
| 14 | Food & Fellowship Service Project <i>Fellowship Hall</i> | Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i> | The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus "Calming the Storm" <i>Upper Room West</i> |
| 21 | Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i> | Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i> | The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus "Sinners, Outcasts & the Poor" <i>Upper Room West</i> |
| 28 | Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i> | Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i> | The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus "The Final Week" <i>Upper Room West</i> |



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 & 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 March 23, 2018 with a Mexican food theme so 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.

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.

Calling all Cooks/Bakers



We have received several recipes; but need more for the Trinity Resource Center Cookbook. We will be including a section for recipes of family members or loved ones who have passed away. Let their cooking/baking legacy live on by including those recipes! Please submit recipes to ddmarkin@yahoo.com or bring a copy to DeDe.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club meets at 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 27 in Fellowship Hall to discuss "The Lost City of the Monkey



God" by Douglas Preston A stunning medical mystery & a pioneering journey into the unknown heart of the world's densest jungle. Since the days of conquistador Hernán Cortés, rumors have circulated about a lost city of immense wealth hidden somewhere in the Honduran interior, called the White City or the Lost City of the Monkey God. This is a true story & the author will be at the U of A Book Festival.



SANDWICH MAKING

Please join us at 11:45 am Sunday, March 11 in Fellowship Hall to make



600 sandwiches for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

You are invited to

A Night of Hope

Una Noche de Esperanza

Frontera de Cristo's
2018 Capital Campaign Kickoff

Saturday, March 10 • 5–7 pm

Northminster Presbyterian Church
2450 E Fort Lowell Rd, Tucson, AZ 85719

\$25 per person
\$200 per table (rounds of 10)

5:00 Silent Auction Opens
5:45 Dinner
6:15 Program
Auction & Raffles Close
4 to 7 Pick up Pre-Ordered Tamales

TAMALES SALE
Sweet Corn or Shredded Beef
\$20/dozen
Pre-Order by March 1
Payable in advance to
Frontera de Cristo
520-226-1524

Menu: Carne Asada and all the trimmings, dessert, and Café Justo
Hear the stories from Café Justo y Mas, CRREDA, and the Children's
Enrichment Ministry at New Hope Community Center
Silent Auction and Raffles

For reservations or information, call 520-364-9257 or email vicky@fronteradecristo.org

Session Notes

With the newly ordained/installed Class of 2020 in attendance, Session began the year's work in earnest. Committees are busy making plans for 2018. Pastors are working to plan upcoming meaningful worship services and learning experiences. Session, as a whole, performed yearly housekeeping decisions in good form. Here are the highlights of their February meeting:

- Heard from Daphne that Deacon officers include herself as Moderator, Bobby Whipple as Vice-Moderator and Kathy Moser as Secretary. Karen Wilkison will represent the Deaconate on the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- Learned from Bucky Lovejoy that the development group has presented a partial financial package and the new closing date is April 30, 2018. The Group has paid a third \$100,000 non-refundable principal reduction to Trinity PC.
- Elected Leone Mohnery and Alice Smedley to be our Presbytery de Cristo Commissioners with Billie Holbrook and John Hill elected as alternates.
- Elected Ruth Russell and Ann Walker to be the elders serving on the Congregational Nominating Committee to serve alongside Karen Wilkison and congregants Nancy Hamadou, Sherry Letson, Barbara Sosna and Travis Spillers.
- Affirmed elder committee assignments as follows (first person mentioned is the Chair): Jeanette Ryan and Liz Strong for Administration & Personnel; John Hill and Anne McConnell for Christian Education; Sheila Sievert and Rona Kreamer for Growth & Outreach Team; Doug Holland and Carolyn Maycher for Mission; Tom Coyle and Ruth Russell for Property; Elliott Koeppen and Ann Walker for Stewardship & Finance; Lynn Moser, Janet Jones and Peggy Chamberlain for Worship with Bucky Lovejoy agreeing to stay on as Chair for the Long Range Development Team.
- Billie Holbrook and Dede Markin were elected as members-at-large for Mission and Cindy Toering as member-at-large for Growth & Outreach Team.
- Approved Mission Committee's recommendation that the August Special Offering benefit the Resource Center.
- Approved cancelling the 8:00 AM worship on Palm Sunday (March 25) so that all parishioners can attend the cantata presentation at the 10:30 AM worship service.
- Approved the baptism for the Aaron and Christine Boyiddle infant on March 11th.

- Received a list of Trinity Capital Project Plans for the next five years from the Property Committee to include new flooring in Fellowship Hall and upgrades for the basement kitchen to name just two of ten projects.
- Approved having one worship service in the summer months to begin May 27th until August 12th at 9:30 AM with a blended format of traditional liturgy from our 10:30 AM service and the sacramental/healing elements of the 8:00 AM Sojourner's Chapel including weekly communion.
- Prayed for congregants in need of healing for health or grief, their various concerns and the blessings some have received.
- Watch for a new opportunity to train for Child Protection and Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training. All persons who work with children must attend - yearly.
- Pray for your new leaders as they strive to lead Trinity with the Spirit's guidance.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

Trinity Women

The Horizon's Bible Study on Hebrews will be March 13 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Join us as Dr. Mack leads our study.



Ryan's Bears meets Tuesday, March 20 at 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 with the annual average being 40-45 bears. Donations of fleece or flannel are always welcomed as is your time making them.



Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

In Memory of Shann Letson by Bonnie Stull
In Memory of Shann Letson by Melinda Arnold
In Memory of Shann Letson by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of Frank Whiting by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of Bob Bechtel by Melinda Arnold
In Memory of Shann Letson by Allen & Phyllis Coffin
In Memory of Shann Letson by Errol & Catherine Dimenstein
In Memory of Shann Letson by Tom & Vade Henderson
In Memory of Shann Letson by Virginia Probert Trust
In Memory of Shann Letson by Marilyn Jo Tye
In Memory of Shann Letson by Shirley Carr
In Memory of Shann Letson by Joan Davies

March Birthdays

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| 1 | Harriet Marsh | 12 | Asa Moyer |
| 2 | Truman Spillers | 15 | Jean Dalke |
| 3 | Riley De Pizzo | 15 | George Zellar, Jr. |
| 4 | Ed Hawley | 18 | Edgar Buck |
| 4 | Jeanette Wilka | 18 | Jerry Rowe |
| 6 | Jan Menke - 90 | 22 | Roberta Crawford |
| 7 | Holly Clark | 23 | Emalie Wilka |
| 11 | MacKenzie DePizzo | 25 | Bunny Mallams |

April Birthdays (1-10)

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| 8 | Helen Greer | 8 | Verneta Steadman - 98 |
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March Anniversaries

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| 21 | Kuman Tenge and Latre Lawson |
| 28 | Laurel McCray and Jesse Corona |
| 29 | Jeanette and Lester Wilka - 66 years! |



Our family would like to thank everyone at Trinity for all the cards, prayers, visits, and kind words during

Shann's prolonged illness & since her passing. And thank you for the many generous donations to Trinity in memory of Shann. We are so grateful to have such a caring and thoughtful church family.

*Blessings to you all.
The Letson Family*

MARCH SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 4 Ex. 20:1-17; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 11 Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 18 Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 25 Isa. 50:4-0a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)



Heather Mace & her daughter, Bea, represented Trinity at the opening of the Thornhill Lopez Center on 4th Ave which is a safe place for teens to hang out with their friends.



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