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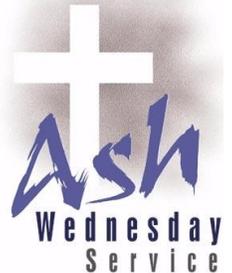
Lent begins March 6

There will be an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary that day 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.



Lenten Sermon Series & Post-Service Discussion led by Dr. Mack

Dr. Mack will be preaching a sermon series throughout the season of Lent titled "He Was Forsaken—A Lenten Journey." After each sermon Dr. Mack will also lead a discussion on our own experience of forsakenness focused on the topic of the sermon. The sermons will be presented as follows:

March 10: "He Was Forsaken by His Church"

March 17: "He Was Forsaken by His Family"

March 24: "He Was Forsaken by His Community"

March 31: "He Was Forsaken by His Friends"

April 7: "He Was Forsaken by God"

The post-service discussions will be 30–40 minutes in length. No materials will be needed for the discussion, and child care will be provided. We hope you will enjoy our worship through the Lenten season and join us for a time of reflection afterwards.

Pastoral Letter

ASHES TO LIFE

The liturgical season of Lent begins on March 6 with our Ash Wednesday service. This worship service is an important part of the Christian year, enhanced by that part of the service which is called "the imposition of the ashes." Worshipers come forward and receive the mark of the ashes on their foreheads or on their wrists as the service concludes – a mark which serves to remind us that all of humanity is mortal and subject to sin. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are deserving of death as a result of our rebellion against God. The ashes also remind us that we are moving toward Easter, when we celebrate the victory of Christ over death and sin.

Religious marks play a significant role in the liturgical history of both Judaism and Christianity. Long before advertising and government invented the "trademark," religious Jews would wear marks that signified their inclusion as one of the chosen people of God. These believers wore "phylacteries" – little containers tied to the forehead or the wrist containing small scrolls bearing significant verses from the Hebrew scriptures.

In extreme parts of Judaism, Christianity, Islam and other faith traditions, the act of repentance and confession has been ritualized through self-flagellation. In our own scriptures the book of Revelation describes those who are saved as being "marked" or "sealed" through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, while those who are not saved bear the "mark of the beast" – the number 666. We do not have any historical evidence of early Christians marking their skins with the symbols of their faith such as the cross, the fish, or the "chi rho" (such marks were strictly forbidden in Judaism, a prohibition which may have continued in Christianity;) but Christians would mark each other with the sign of the cross using oil or water as a sign of one's discipleship to Christ.

The ashes of Ash Wednesday mark our identity as sinners who will suffer physical death. Ashes are an ancient symbol of death in many cultures. In some parts of the Jewish faith the donning of sackcloth and ashes is a symbol of public grief. Many in the world emulate this tradition when

they wear black armbands in honor of the deceased. Though Christians do not wear the ashes of our sinful natures every day, Ash Wednesday calls us to a constant and quiet contemplation on how we sin against God and each other.

It is a fact that we do not like to talk or think about death, particularly our own. Most of us are only touched by death through the loss of relatives in our early years and members of our immediate family as we grow older. When death does touch us in some shocking or unexpected manner, it can lead to a change in our understanding of our society and our world. Bearing the ashes is a statement to our world about our understanding of death - the world is a part of a sinful and fallen creation, but from the ashes of death Christ will restore his followers to an eternal and spiritual life.

Bearing the marks of our love for Christ, be it through liturgical acts or the living out of our Christian discipleship, is never easy in a world where death and tragedy tempt us to embrace despair, anger, resignation or denial, but it is those marks that give us transcendent lives in the face of human futility. Acknowledging our need for forgiveness is the beginning of hope, and bodily death in Christ is that hope's fulfillment. Instead of ashes to ashes, let us move from ashes to life in our worship of God, our sincere repentance, and our sharing of Christ's love with the world. Let us walk together through the journey of Lent to the joy of resurrection.

Dr. Mack



Christian Education

YOUTH CLASSES

NURSERY

9:00 to 12:00 pm Children 4 & under enjoy coloring, singing & playing in the 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 & coloring) & 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.

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS



God's Trailblazers 4 through 7 will meet in Rooms 7 & 8 with Kathy.

All-in-One Bible Fun will take children on an amazing journey as they learn about the fruit of the Spirit as well as four other Christian virtues through Bible stories, Bible verses and fun & enriching games, activities and crafts.



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".



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 each Sunday at 9:00 am in Room 5 (Lower Level Lounge). We are starting a new series, "Faith in the Face of Apostasy: The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha"

POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at 9:00 am Sunday, March 3. Meet in the nursery for family breakfast munchies and then head downstairs to Room 1 for a special class with Kathy Bostrom.



THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD continues on March 3 and March 10 at 9:00 am in Upper Room West. Join

Rev. Bill Voigt as we journey through the Bible leading up to the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ and the birth of the early Christian Church.

TRINITY PLUS ONE begins

March 17 at 9:00 am in Upper Room West. David Croteau and

Garth Nielsen will share their

knowledge of Native American

spirituality & Christianity - walking

the "Red Road" and the Christian road through life in a multi week series.



Congregational News

SAVE THE DATES FOR BILL'S RETIREMENT EVENTS

Greetings,

We are planning two events to celebrate Associate Pastor Bill Voigt's retirement from Trinity on April 30th after 25-plus years of service. Please plan to join Bill and Jere at these events, so put these dates on your calendar!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 AT 5PM IN TRINITY HALL

We will have a sit-down dinner and entertainment.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 11:45 AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

Bill will be preaching that Sunday. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 am Sanctuary service featuring Dede's cake and refreshments & we will present Bill with our gift.

For the entertainment on the 27th, we hope you will consider participating, so please be thinking about this. We hope to have skits, singing, musical numbers, story-telling, testimonials and the like. We'll be back to gather those later.

Thank you.

The Administration and Personnel Committee

Jeanette Ryan, Liz Strong, Roberta Westergaard, Ed Hawley, Barbara Calloway Pollack



COMMENTS BY OUR VOLUNTEERS ABOUT THE FAMILY SHELTER

- ◆ **Thank you all for the lovely and heartfelt work you do at the shelter.** Seriously. I'm amazed to how much it's growing just with the help of some "ordinary" people, who happen to not be ordinary at all :). As a stranger in a foreign country, I can say that a helpful hand and a smile makes the difference in the hard process of adaptation. Let's keep going!!- Lucia
- ◆ I describe Trinity as a "sweet shelter." I wish everyone could get the quiet and personal attention that Trinity can give in a home like setting. As you know the Monastery is high volume and a large place providing good care. But it can't be like Trinity. Thanks to all of you who have made it so sweet.- Nancy
- ◆ I believe the Shelter is going well. Our "guests" leave happy but anxious for the next leg. And they have clean clothes, full stomachs and a better outlook. - Derry



TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club meets **Monday, March 25 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.** In honor of the Tucson Festival of Books we chose an author that will be participating in the Festival. We will read and discuss "*Black Klansman*" by Ron Stallworth. In this memoir, Police Detective Stallworth explains how in 1978 Colorado Springs, Colorado was experiencing a growth of Ku Klux Klan (KKK) membership. Stallworth dared to challenge their effort and thwart attempts to take over the city, and the irony of this investigation was that Stallworth is... A Black man.

2nd Sunday Mission Opportunities Make an Impact with Helping Hands Projects!

Join us **March 10 at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall** to make sandwiches for Casa Maria & help put together packs of Water Bottles and Protein Bars for our Food Pantry.





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, putting money on existing bus passes, ordering unexpired identification cards and notarizing documents plus other things too numerous to say.

4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our next 4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper is **March 22, 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

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Trinity's Christian Education Committee is recommending daily personal devotions for the Lenten season produced by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. They are traditional devotions with a scripture, a one paragraph meditation and a prayer written by faculty and friends of the seminary. We are not going to distribute paper copies except by request. **You can load the free app on your phone (search for "PTS Devotions" in your favorite app store), or view them online at https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1, or download PDFs or audio files, or subscribe to an email list.** If you have issues, contact John Hill (jhill@as.arizona.edu).

TELESCOPE TRIP in June

On **Saturday June 1**, John Hill will lead a road trip to Mt. Graham for a tour of the Large Binocular Telescope. We'll leave from Trinity at 11:00 am and return before 11:00 pm. 18 miles of the 306 mile round trip are dirt, so a fuel-efficient SUV is the best vehicle. Bring an indoor picnic supper and plenty of water to drink along the way. The telescope site is at an altitude of 10,500 feet, so it is advised that persons with cardio/pulmonary issues not to make the trip. **An RSVP is required if you want to go: send the NAMES OF EVERYONE WHO PLANS TO ATTEND to John by noon Sunday May 26 (jhill@as.arizona.edu).**



Session Notes

Newly ordained and installed elders began their Session work this month. You should be impressed and grateful that several elders are serving on more than one committee. Trinity PC is in good hands for future changes and challenges. Session members spent some time studying "Leading Change in the Congregation: Spiritual and Organizational Tools for Leaders" by Gilbert R. Rendle. Following are the actions and communications accomplished by Session during the February meeting.

- The Deacon Moderator is Daphne Madson, Vice-Moderator is Karen Wilkison and Secretary is Kathy Moser. Karen Wilkison will also represent the deacons on the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- John Hill and Billie Holbrook will represent Trinity at the Presbytery de Cristo meetings while Leone Mohny and Will Tilley will be alternates.
- Long Range Development Team reports that construction next door has slowed because of rain, but progresses nicely.
- Session received a report from Mission Committee about the Family Shelter Ministry that indicated that, so far, Trinity has helped 77 people, all legal asylum seekers, from Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and El Salvador.
- Session approved having a Young Adult Volunteer or seminary intern serve at Trinity in the Family Shelter Ministry and in our church life.
- Also, Session approved that Trinity fund a YAV up to \$6,000 from Unrestricted and Special Mission Funds.
- Elders Janet Jones and Jim Hooper were elected to serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- Session approved author and pastor Kathleen Bostrom to preach on March 3rd. Kathleen is a friend and former classmate of Mack's.
- Administration & Personnel Committee asked Session to approve keeping a Sunday and evening security guard on duty past April until the end of 2019. Session approved this action to provide for the safety of our congregants walking to their cars when leaving the church to find their cars in a dark and lonely back parking lot.
- Christian Education has approved a new Sunday morning class taught by Dave Croteau and Garth Nielsen.
- Our six young people who plan to attend the Youth Triennium are making good progress in raising the funds they need to pay their way to Purdue University in Indiana. These six youth are most impressive.
- Growth & Outreach Team is planning to feature articles in the VISION about fellow church members. "Who's in Your Pew" will debut soon.
- Trinity's four corporate officers will be Treasurer, Le-

one Mohny; Clerk of Session, Janet Hooper; Chair of Administration & Personnel, Jeanette Ryan; and Deacon Moderator, Daphne Madson.

- The counting team will have Janet Jones, Bunny Mallams and Ann Walker with Dede Markin and Carolyn Maycher as alternates.
- Guess we won't reveal those approved to be the keepers of the safe combination. Just in case!

Aside from the housekeeping accomplished, Session members were informed about the concerns and welfare of congregants. Session prayed for congregants named.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

Meet Ed Hawley



What did or do you do for a living/career?

I have had a variety of jobs that have focused on customer assistance – Sales Manager at JC Penney's, Church Administrator at Trinity, Psych Tech at Tucson Psychiatric Clinic, Call Manager for the Red Cross, and Real Estate agent for Long Reality. I have always found it satisfying and fun helping people

Where is your hometown?

I grew up in suburbs of Philadelphia – Glenside and Upper Dublin Pennsylvania

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

Walking, Visiting museums and Traveling

What is your favorite food?

Seafood – as long it is fresh and well prepared.

What is your favorite hymn and verse?

Amazing Grace – a hymn with emotional ties and one that I came to appreciate through a sermon about the history and writing of the hymn.

What does this church mean to you?

Trinity is my Family – especially when my own are physically removed

Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Bonnie Stull
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Lynn & Kathy Moser
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Ed & Nancy Buck
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Lorraine Sandven
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Mildred Owens Griffin
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Imogene Moser
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Tom Roof & Randi Windsor
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Jack & Florence Koch
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Gene & Judy Michel
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Richard & Barb Bruntz
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Joyce Bruntz
In Memory of Jeanette Wilka by Tom & Vade Henderson
In Memory of Ruth Coybendoll by Leone Mohney

March Birthdays

1	Harriet Marsh – 90	15	Jean Dalke
2	Truman Spillers	15	George Zellar, Jr.
3	Riley De Pizzo	18	Edgar Buck
4	Ed Hawley	18	Jerry Rowe
6	Jan Menke - 91	22	Roberta Crawford
7	Holly Clark	23	Emalie Wilka
11	MacKenzie DePizzo	25	Bunny Mallams
11	Asa Moyer		

April Birthdays (1–10)

8 Helen Greer

March Anniversaries

21 Kuman Tenge and Latre Lawson

MARCH SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 3 Exodus 24:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
March 10 Deut. 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
March 17 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil. 3:14-4:1; Luke 13:31-25
March 24 Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
March 31 Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Trinity Women

The Horizon's Bible Study on Hebrews will be **Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.** Join us as Dr. Mack leads our study.



Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 am in the Lower Lounge.** 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.



