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*Summer Worship & Mack's Class*

**Beginning on Sunday, May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend)**

we will be initiating our new Summer Worship Schedule, which will include an Adult Sunday School class following the service led by Mack. On that Sunday, there will be **one worship service beginning at 9:30 am**. This service will be a combination of the Sojourner's Service and our Traditional Service, and will include the sacrament of communion for each service.

**After the service, at 10:30, we will gather as usual in the Fellowship Hall. After we are gathered Mack will conduct a Sunday School class for adults in the Fellowship Hall.** The class will be structured upon FF Bruce's book, "Hard Sayings of Jesus." If you wish to buy the book, it is available at most book stores and online, but it will not be necessary to have the book in order to be a part of the class. The study will last approximately 45 minutes each Sunday, concluding at 11:30.

**This summer schedule and class will continue through Labor Day Sunday, September 2.** On September 9th we will return to our regular two-service schedule. We hope you will participate and enjoy our summer schedule. The 9:30 am summer service and class will be streamed live as they happen and will be posted on our website for viewing anytime.

We look forward to seeing you through the summer, whether at the church or online. God bless.

*Dr. Mack*

# Pastoral Letter

During Holy Week, particularly on Good Friday, some of the cable channels show Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion of the Christ." When this movie was released in 2004, the one thing I noticed is that very few Christian viewers were casual in regards to their opinions about the film. People either really liked "The Passion" or were deeply disturbed by it. On the other hand, it's hard for me to imagine that any Christian would have negative feelings toward an accurate depiction of the central story from which we derive our celebration of Easter - the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is from this story that we in the church, particularly those of us in the Reformed tradition, draw our strength, our purpose, and our joy. I sometimes explain to members why we do not call our Reformed cross a "crucifix." Do you know the reason? We do not call our symbol a "crucifix" because we place an empty cross in front of us at worship, around our necks, and in our hearts. The empty cross is our exclamation point proclaiming to the world that we worship a risen, living Savior.

My appreciation of our central symbol grows stronger as I study the Bible, engage in the mission of the church, and observe the world. The Bible makes it clear that Christ's resurrection was not just the revelation of his authentic identity as Messiah and Son of God, but a moment of triumph over the forces of evil - those "principalities and powers" spoken of by the Apostle Paul. In worship we celebrate this reality when we say in the Apostles' Creed "...he descended in to hell." Like many, I once understood this mysterious statement as a way of saying that Jesus showed himself to those who had died before his sacrificial death, giving them the opportunity to acknowledge his identity as the Son of God. This traditional understanding is based on a passage from the pastoral epistles which proclaims that, after his death, Jesus descended into hell and "preached to the spirits in prison." However, after a deeper study of this passage using several commentaries, I learned that the Greek word for "spirits" was never used in the New Testament to mean "souls," or those who had died. Rather, "spirits" was used to name those powers which dwell in the spiritual realm. With this new understanding I realized that Christ was showing himself to the demonic powers which attacked and tempted him throughout his ministry. Christ's message to these powers is one of triumph - through love, the Son of God conquered the power of

evil that works in our hearts and torments the world. The world is still a fallen place - our battle against sin still continues as long as we are in the world - but the church, the body of Christ, can struggle against sin in the sure and certain knowledge that the war is over.

Easter is our day of celebrating the victory that Christ has won for us. It is a day filled with light and joy - a day when we sing songs and gather in God's house to fill our hearts with hope and peace. Easter is the end of the passion of God's Son. We lift our eyes and our hearts to the empty cross, and we know where the one who was crucified upon it now lives - in his kingdom, in this world, and in our own hearts. From Easter morning we can observe the world, observe the lives around us, study ourselves, and see the movement of the Holy Spirit as it continues to bring the irresistible, joyous message of God's unconditional love. I hope you will join us throughout the month of April, starting with the first day, to sing, exclaim, and share the greatest news ever - "HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! AMEN!"

*Dr. Mack*

## Palm Sunday & "The Weeping Tree" Cantata

Photos by Kathy Moser



*Hosanna!*

# Christian Education

## WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets at **9:00 am in Lower Level Lounge Room 5** and begins a new study **April 8** based on the book, **“Live Free A Fresh Look at the Fruit of the Spirit”** by Constantine R. Campbell. Many have learned to discipline themselves to be patient or generous or even brave. And while that is commendable, it cannot compare to the qualities produced by the Holy Spirit. In this 5-lesson study, you’ll get a clear understanding of what the fruit of the Spirit is . . . and isn’t. *Live Free* encourages you to allow the Holy Spirit to produce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and other Christlike qualities in your life.

## 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”**

## DIGGING IN THE DIRT...

Join Rev. Bill Voigt for a class series on Biblical Archaeology as we learn about exciting finds beneath the layers of the earth’s surface, primarily in the Middle East and Egypt. We will learn about some of the most revealing Biblical secrets through audio visual DVDs, lectures and **“actual hands on digging”**. Is it possible that the City of David, and the Temple of Solomon have any relationship to rocks and donkey dung...yes, indeed they do!

**Join us at 9:00 am in the Upper Room West Sunday April 8, 15, 29 and May 6 & 13** for a very “down to earth” class.

# Summer Youth Sunday School



## Global Games God’s Children Play - Sunday May 27-June 10

Children ages 6-12 will meet in Room 8 from 9:45am-10:30am with their teacher, Kathy Moser, for global games and other fun activities. Find more details in the May Vision.

## Kreamer's Hands-on Bible Exploration

Matt Kreamer and the explorers will spend the summer decoding various bible stories to discover the wonderful things God has to teach them. Lessons will involve children ages 5-8 and the class meets in Room 6 (The Den) from 9:45am-10:30am **June 17-Rally Sunday**.



Did you know that Anchor Trinity will be watching movies this summer? Anchor Trinity will be watching *Chariots of Fire*, *Toy Story 3*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Life of Pi* and discussing common themes in these movies and scripture like grace, wisdom, faith and fighting against injustice. We will bring the popcorn, you bring the discussion! We meet in Room 1 from 9:45am-10:30am **June 17-Rally Sunday**.

# Christian Education

## 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.**



**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.



## Mission News



### SANDWICH MAKING



Please join us at **11:45 am Sunday, April 8** in Fellowship Hall to make 600 sandwiches for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.



### 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!

*Serving God in the Heart of the City year around is the motto of Trinity. Thanks to everyone who helps in the mission of our church with their gifts of time and money*



# 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 identification cards, putting money on existing bus passes and notarizing documents.

## 4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our next **4<sup>th</sup> Friday on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Community Supper** is **April 27, 2018** with an Italian 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.



## New Ways To Help Trinity's Food Pantry & Resource Center

Help Trinity's Food Pantry and Resource Center every time you purchase from Amazon by simply changing from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). All purchases made through [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to Trinity for the Food Pantry & Resource Center. **Please make sure that you are logged into AmazonSmile (not Amazon.com) when you are making purchases. Thank you for your support!**

Follow these instructions to setup your AmazonSmile! Account

- ⇒ visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) & sign up for a new account or sign into your existing account.
- ⇒ Type "Trinity Presbyterian Church" in the search bar to select us as your Charitable Organization,
- ⇒ Select "Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tucson, AZ" on the search results page.
- ⇒ You will now be signed up for AmazonSmile!

### What is the AmazonSmile Foundation?

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. Amazon pays all expenses of the AmazonSmile Foundation; they are not deducted from the donation amounts generated by purchases on AmazonSmile.

# Breakout Wednesday



April 2018

Chronic Illness – A Christian Perspective



Date	5:30 – 6:15 pm	6:15 – 7:15 pm	
4	Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i>	Worship With Q & A And Dialogue “Chronic Illness in the New Testament” <i>Chapel</i>	
11	Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i>	Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i>	Part I – “A Journey Through Chronic Illness” Video <i>Upper Room West</i>
18	Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i>	Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i>	Consult an Expert Part II – Conclusion of the Video & Discussion with Rev. Dr. Amy Sigmon <i>Upper Room West</i>
25	Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i>	Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i>	Response & Service  Providing Arts-in-Medicine for Children with Serious Illness Please join us for a time of creativity, friendship, camaraderie and self-expression as we make Strength Bracelets. <i>Upper Room West</i>

## “A Journey Through Chronic Illness” April 11 and 18

Jennifer Brea's Sundance award-winning documentary, *Unrest*, is a personal journey from patient to advocate to storyteller. Jennifer is stricken with a mysterious fever which leaves her bedridden. When doctors tell her it's "all in her head," she picks up her camera as an act of defiance and brings us into a hidden world of millions that medicine abandoned. Jennifer is finally diagnosed with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) or ME/CFS, which is a devastating multi-system disease that causes dysfunction of the neurological, immune, endocrine and energy metabolism systems. ME often follows an infection and leaves 75% of those affected unable to work and 25% homebound are bedridden. An estimated 15-30 million people worldwide have ME.

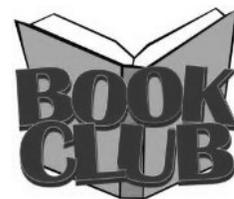
Jennifer Brea's wonderfully honest and humane portrayal asks us to rethink the stigma around an illness that affects millions. *Unrest* is a vulnerable and eloquent personal documentary that is sure to hit closer to home than many could imagine.

# Congregational News

*Participating in worship or a class when you cannot be here in person*

What is “Live Streaming”? Mack and Bill mention it at the 10:30 am service and say hello to people that are not with us in person but what are they talking about? Live Streaming by definition is “to transmit or receive live video and audio coverage of (an event) over the Internet”. Using this technology we provide the 10:30 am service each Sunday morning along with other services and classes during the year. To enjoy this when you are unable to be with us in person go to our website [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org) from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Look for a box labeled “*Sunday’s Service*”. When the streaming is active the screen will show the service or class automatically. When the streaming is not active there is a desert image in the box labeled “*Live Broadcast*”. That’s all there is to it. If we are “Live Streaming” classes or other services we will let you know beforehand and those can be viewed there too.

## TRINITY BOOK CLUB *Trinity’s Best Kept Secret*



Did you know that the Trinity Book Club has been meeting since August of 2002? That the group has read and discussed 193 books? That the group is composed of men and women who love to read and enjoy each other's company? We want YOU to join us.

**Beginning April 23 there is a new day and time...the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

The Book Club members choose a book or two for each month. Members come together once a month to discuss the book in a very informal way. Even those who haven't read the book manage to chime in with their opinion or observation. Members beg, buy or borrow their books. Some choose to use Kindle or Nook. The group tries to balance fiction and non-fiction. Sometimes we have had the author of our chosen book come to speak about their published work. We try each spring to read a few books by authors invited to the Tucson Book Festival. With every book we read, we learn new ideas and ways to look at the world.

Anyway, we extend a warm invitation to anyone in the congregation to come and join our little band of bookworms. If you have questions please contact Billie Holbrook, Harriet Marble, Melinda Arnold, Ruth Russell or Jim & Janet Hooper.

So many books, so little time.

**April's** book choice is “*Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*” by David Grann.

**May's** book choice is “*The House of Broken Angels*” by Luis Alberto Urrea.

**June's** book choice is “*The Longest Road*” (Overland in Search of America from Key West to the Arctic Ocean) by Philip Caputo

# Session Notes

The March Stated Session meeting was brief with few actions. Lynn Moser opened the meeting with a history lesson that begins in the ninth century about the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." Pastor Mack Sigmon led a brief discussion about the qualities of self-differentiated leaders. The Session welcomed Bobby Whipple, Vice-Moderator for the Deacons, in the absence of Daphne Madson, Moderator. And after the meeting, session members enjoyed Easter cupcakes courtesy of that excellent baker, Jere Voigt.

We learned from Bobby that working at the Trinity hamburger stand during the 4th Avenue Street Fair is rewarding and mostly fun because of the formidable leadership of Steve Barlow and his helper Wayne Steele. Even with reduced hours the stand made \$700 or so – best ever. The Deacons are planning a retreat for the end of April.

Bucky Lovejoy reported for the Long Range Development Team that during the last week of March the team and the developers meet to hammer out the Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CCR's) for the Trinity property to be developed. Jeanette Ryan said that Administration & Personnel are sorting out overtime pay issues and how to outsource Trinity accounting now that the accounts for 2017 are in order.

Christian Education is coordinating with Stewardship & Finance about ways to fund scholarships for the youth who might attend camp this summer. All committees are concerned about getting the word out to Trinity parishioners that during the summer months from Memorial Day to Labor Day there will only be one service on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

Sheila Sievert said that Growth & Outreach Team is planning a summer Bloodmobile to benefit the local community and Trinity. This team plans to sell Aggie Landel's art at the Fellowship Coffee Bar. The team will also consider a proposal for beautifying the windows on the north side of the church.

Doug Holland outlined a plan being considered by Mission Committee for Trinity and a Togo church to be sister churches. Emmanuel Alley presented information to the committee about his Togo church. The process to become sister churches will involve initial letters, emails, video exchanges, etc. and may take several years. Stay tuned.

Tom Coyle discussed Property Committee's Trinity Capital Project Plan. This committee has prioritized projects and for the year 2018 will begin with replacing the floor in Fellowship Hall and upgrading Fellowship Hall HVAC. Also the Narthex restroom has planned upgrades. The price tag for these upgrades and changes will be around \$56,000.

Session is asking Stewardship & Finance to reconsider how to finance the important Deacon's Emergency Assistance Fund and bring their ideas to Session in April. This committee approved a \$1,500 scholarship to send Lynn & Kathy Moser to the Hymn Society Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO on July 15-19.

Session prayed together asking for joy and faith as we go forward into the future of this church family.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## Trinity Women

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



Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, April 17 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 Honor of* Jan Menke's 90th Birthday by Leone Mohney

*In Honor of* Jean Dalke's 90th Birthday by Leone Mohney

*In Honor of* Jean Dalke by Lynn Moser

*In Memory of* Doug Myers by Donald Myers



THANK YOU

*Please accept our heartfelt thanks to our Trinity Church Family for your love, support, compassion and many prayers during Doug's illness. You have sustained our family during an unthinkable time of our life.*

*Gratefully  
Ruth, Don, Rose, Jill, John and Kevin*



Easter Story  
& Egg Hunt  
Photos by  
Rona Kreamer



## April Birthdays

8 Helen Greer	24 Lonzo Ray
8 Verneta Steadman -98	24 Ward Spillers
13 Rick Wickizer	28 Liz Barlow
16 Barbara Sosna	28 Mary Hull - 91
18 Lori Boston	28 Grace Corona
22 Jim Thomas	30 Tom Coyle
24 Marilee Kelsey -93	

## May Birthdays (1—10)

3 Jessa Roggow	9 Susan Chambers-Casteloes
6 Celeste Dzakpa	9 Turner Miller

## April Anniversaries

4 Edgar & Nancy Buck - 54 years
6 Jeff & Debbie Hobbs
19 Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano
21 Barbara & Chuck Sosna
25 Hap & Nancy Howard

## APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

**April 1** Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11

**April 8** Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

**April 15** Acts 3:12-19; Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**April 22** Acts 4:5-12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**April 29** Acts 8:26-40; Ps. 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

