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Easter Lily  
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## Holy Week

Sunday, April 14 - 10:30 am

### Passion/Palm Sunday

8:00 am Sojourner's Chapel  
10:30 am Palm procession and a dramatic reading of the Passion according to Matthew

Thursday, April 18 - 6:00 pm

### Maundy Thursday

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

Friday, April 19 - 12:00 pm

### Good Friday

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

Sunday, April 21

### Easter Sunday

a celebration of the Resurrection  
6:00 am Sunrise Service in Trinity Commons

*Coffee & donuts served afterwards*

No Adult or Youth Classes Today

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 the cantata "The Passion & The Promise" with the Trinity Choir and orchestra

# Pastoral Letter

## The Time is At Hand

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. 28 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 every day, 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

## 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. Easter activities and crafts for the first two Sundays in April. All-in-One-Bible Fun will conclude with taking the children on an amazing journey through four Christian virtues: honesty, forgiveness, obedience and responsibility. Our spring semester will conclude on May 26.

### KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

*Kreamer's Crusaders* 8 through 12 meet in Room 6 with Matt and will learn about the Easter Story in April.



### ANCHOR TRINITY

*Anchor Trinity* Junior High School through College meet in Room 1 with Rona & will be discussing the theme of social justice.

## ADULT CLASSES

### WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets each Sunday at 9:00 am in Room 5 (Lower Level Lounge). We continue our 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, April 14 in Room 1 for their class.

### BILL'S FINAL CLASS will be Sunday,

April 14 at 9:00 am in Upper Room West. Join him that day to discuss the Resurrection of Jesus. The earliest Christian teachings taught that just as Christians share in Jesus' death in baptism, so they will share in his resurrection. As we approach Easter Sunday this one time special class will look at the iconography, archaeology, historical records and theology of the claim that Jesus Christ is Risen!

**TRINITY PLUS ONE** concludes April 7 at 9:00 am in Upper Room West. David Croteau and Garth Nielsen have been sharing their knowledge of Native American spirituality & Christianity - walking the "Red Road" and the Christian road through life in a multi week series.



# Congregational News

## BILL'S RETIREMENT EVENTS

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.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27 AT 4:00 PM**  
**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.

- Please RSVP for the dinner the number attending & if you wish a vegetarian entrée before April 22
- Prepare a card or letter with expressions of love and best wishes for Bill before April 22
- Contribute to the appreciation gift before April 22

Information has been distributed and RSVPs are being received for Saturday's dinner. If you did not get your invitation please contact the church office.

Thank you.

The Administration and Personnel Committee



## WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

### Meet Harriet Marsh

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

I have worked as a Dean of Students at many Universities coast to coast, but my most recent position was as Dean of Students at The University of California, San Diego. After retiring from that I put my long ago Seminary training to work and became a Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church serving Trinity in that capacity for 6 years.

**Where is your hometown?**

I grew up in Rahway, New Jersey (20 miles from New York City). I lived in the same house for 17 years until I moved away for undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin (Go Badgers!).

**What do you like to do in your leisure time?**

I enjoy reading mystery and history novels. I used to enjoy traveling quite a lot but now I enjoy the memories of those places I visited. I also very much enjoy birdwatching, petting my kitty Mabel, and watching British murder mysteries on TV.

**What is your favorite food?**

STARBUCKS!! Grande Vanilla decaffeinated nonfat latte is my well known order at my local store, where they hosted a 90th birthday party for me recently. I also enjoy Seafood, especially Lobster and other shellfish. I have been promised a Lobster party for my 100th birthday!

**What is your favorite hymn and verse?**

Lamentations 3, v 22-23 and from the Presbyterian hymnal "Great is Thy Faithfulness". Also from the Interservice hymnal my true favorite is a hymn called "Midst the Darkness Storm and Sorrow"

**What does Trinity mean to you?**

As every member of my family is gone, I regard Trinity as my family



## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club meets **Monday, April 22 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship**

**Hall.** We will read and discuss

**"Educated"** by Tara Westover who was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, the family was isolated from mainstream society. Tara educated herself enough in mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS



# 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 **4<sup>th</sup> Friday on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Community Supper** is **April 26, 2019** with a **Easter Dinner 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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mission Opportunities Make an Impact with Helping Hands Projects!

Join us **April 14 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.



## Trinity Shelter the "Sweet" Shelter

As you know, we have been offering shelter to the legal Central American migrants since January 7 this year. As of 3/19/19 we have hosted 130 guests from El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico. We are known as the "sweet" shelter in Tucson since we offer a smaller more personalized setting than the Monastery can offer.

Professors from the UofA, ASU and Pima Community College have students working with us and receiving college credit for their work. These students have been invaluable to our work and they have expressed their pleasure with working at our shelter.

We want to thank all of you who have donated your time, money, food and clothes to this work. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you can contact Billie Holbrook, Doug Holland, Janet Munson or Karen Wilkison.

## NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS APRIL 21

The 8:00 Sojourners Chapel service will be on hiatus after Palm Sunday. Trinity's summer Sunday worship schedule will be one service at 10:30 a.m. with Communion served on the first Sunday of each month. Adult classes will be at 9:00 am & Youth classes at 10:45 am.

## NEW OFFICE HOURS BEGIN APRIL 23

The office will be open Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and closed on Friday.

# Session Notes

The March stated meeting went smoothly with no surprises. Session members continue to study Gilbert R. Rendle's book titled "Leading Change in the Congregation: Spiritual and Organizational Tools for Leaders." We broke into small groups to discuss some questions about the chapter we had read. Then we came back together to share. We are asking ourselves if we are just solving problems or discerning the movement of God's Spirit doing something new? Bill Voigt's retirement is on all of our minds. Pray for him and for Session as we make the adjustment to having one pastor.

Here are the communications and actions for the meeting:

- Session approved Jeanette Ryan as a member-at-large for the Stewardship & Finance Committee.
- Session authorized the baptism of Aliyah Tato Akou, daughter of Nathalie Meheza and Allen Akou.
- Our Trinity membership numbers are 180 persons. Invite others and welcome our visitors.
- Dr. Mack and his family have accomplished their move. Now, to unpack. Yikes!
- Our Treasurer, Leone Mohny, tells us we have to watch expenses carefully as receipts are 50% of expected income and expenses are 25% more than we planned. Currently, we are running a shortfall.
- The Deacons are working on a mission statement and description of the Care Team and its duties.
- Session approved suspending the 8:00 AM worship service after Palm Sunday with the recommendation from Worship Committee.
- Session approved changing the church office hours from 9:00 to 5:00 Monday through Thursday to 9:00 to 3:00 Monday through Thursday, closed on Fridays, beginning on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. You will see this in other places, but it helps to be repetitive about this change. Administration & Personnel Committee have had to make some tough decisions
- Session approved the collection of money for Bill's retirement gift.
- Dr. Mack's day off will change from Mondays to Fridays.
- You will see the Easter schedule elsewhere in the VISION, but Christian Education reminds us all that the youth going to Triennium are continuing to fundraise. Buy a share in their trip today.
- Growth & Outreach Team has several irons in the fire. They are working on a Welcome Video that

will include some drone aerial photos and video and upgrading Trinity's social media presence just to name a few. So good to have some tech wizards in our membership.

- Long Range Development Team reports construction next door is on schedule and the Development Group is beginning talks about Phase 2 (Education wing).
- As of this meeting, Mission Committee reported that the Migrant Family Shelter has helped 130 people.
- Session approved spending up to \$7,000 to repair a breezeway ceiling that is threatening to collapse. The money comes from Capital Maintenance Fund.

Session prayed about many church members and asked that we listen for God's voice in our struggle to keep serving Him in the heart of Tucson.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session



## **WHO'S IN YOUR PEW** **Meet Ward Spiller**

### **What do you do for a living?**

I'm a first grade student in Room 10. I would like to be a geologist.

### **Where is your hometown?**

My hometown is Tucson. Tucson is the best!

### **What do you like to do in your leisure time?**

I like to play video games and play with Legos. I like to play the piano.

### **What is your favorite food?**

Reese's Outrageous Blizzard from Dairy Queen.

### **What is your favorite hymn and verse?**

I like Hark the Harold Angels sing because it's my favorite Christmas song. I like the Ten Commandments. "Honor Your Father and Mother" is the best one.

### **What does Trinity mean to you?**

It's the best church I ever went to. I like helping people at the Food Bank.

# Trinity Milestones

## Honoring & Memorials

*In Memory of* David Windsor by Bonnie Stull

*In Memory of* David Windsor by Margaret McConnell

*In Memory of* David Windsor by Imogene Moser

*In Memory of* Doug Myers by Don & Ruth Myers, Rose Myers, John, Jill & Kevin O'Rourke

*In Honor of* Will Tilley, Janet Munson & Kathy Phelan by Maureen Gorman

## April Birthdays

8	Helen Greer	24	Ward Spillers
13	Rick Wickizer	28	Liz Barlow
16	Barbara Sosna	28	Mary Hull - 92
18	Lori Boston	28	Grace Corona
22	Jim Thomas	30	Tom Coyle
24	Lonzo Ray		

## Trinity Women

The Horizon's Bible Study on Hebrews will be **Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.** Join us as Dr. Mack leads our study.



 Ryan's Bears will not meet in April. Join us **Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 am in the Lower Level Lounge.** There will be several bears to be stuffed. The only skill needed to stuff bears is flexible hands.

## 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 (jhil@as.arizona.edu).**

## May Birthdays (1—10)

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

## April Anniversaries

4	Edgar & Nancy Buck - 55 years
6	Jeff & Debbie Hobbs
14	David & Sheila Croteau
19	Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano
21	Barbara & Chuck Sosna
25	Hap & Nancy Howard



## APRIL SCRIPTURE READINGS

**April 7** Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**April 14** Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

**April 21** Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

**April 28** Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

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Visit our website at [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org) for information and events.



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BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

Deadline for the May 2019 VISION is  
Thursday, April 18, 2018  
Please submit typewritten articles to the church  
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