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The Spirit's coming!
Get your red out to wear to worship
(that's red for the Holy Spirit's fire).

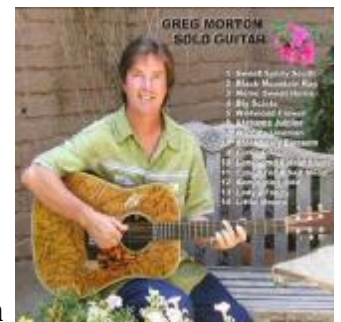
Sunday, May 15 is the Day of Pentecost!

WEDNESDAYNITEALIVE!

BBQ & CONCERT!

GREG MORTON RETURNS FOR A
CONCERT ON THE PATIO MAY 18!

Please join us for a special evening of *WednesdayNiteAlive!* on May 18. At 6:30 pm, a barbeque will be held in the chapel courtyard with live music by Greg Morton. In 1995, Greg Morton won the Arizona State Guitar Championship. In 2001, 2002, and 2004, Greg won the prestigious TAMMIES Award (Tucson Area Music Awards) for Best Acoustic Guitarist. Greg's band, the "Greg Morton Trio", won the TAMMIES Award for Best Country & Western Band in 2003, and Best Bluegrass Band in 2004.



PASTORAL LETTER

The Spirit of God

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
Nicene Creed***

The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force to be employed when needed for a little extra energy! The Holy Spirit is the personal presence of God, to whom we are to be given and yielded, and with whom we are to be filled.

As Jesus is the objective revelation of God to us, so the Spirit is the subjective presence of God who constantly applies the grace of God to our lives.

The Heidelberg Catechism explains: ***Q53. What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?*** *First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.*

The Holy Spirit creates the Church, and makes it both Holy and catholic/universal. It is the Spirit that calls people into communion with Christ, makes us members of His Body, sets us apart as sacred to God, and overcomes all barriers that divide us one from another.

The eternal and unassailable relationship that we have with each other, in Christ, forever, is the creation and gift of the Spirit of God.

The Spirit convicts us of our sin, and assures of pardon. The Spirit applies the forgiveness merited by Christ, and enables us both to receive forgiveness for ourselves, and to forgive others.

It is the Spirit of God who assures us of eternal life, who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead, and who will raise us with him. As the Heidelberg Catechism, Q 1, phrases it, “By his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing, from now on, to live for Him.”

We do have a choice, however, in how we respond to the Spirit of God. Many of us choose to rely upon ourselves for guidance and strength.

We have the infinite riches of God’s Spirit to the extent we are yielded and open. But we often choose to live like spiritual paupers! We are commanded to “Be filled with the Spirit,” which is, essentially to allow Jesus to be Lord—and so to rely upon His Spirit to govern and guide.

This entails a simple exercise of Spiritual breathing: 1. Exhale: “Loving God forgive me for my self-will and stubborn resistance to your Holy Spirit. & 2. Inhale: “Fill me with your Holy Spirit as I yield completely to Jesus as my Lord.”

Such a relief! Such liberty! When one gives up all authority to Christ, that one is lifted out of themselves and into the light and joy of the powerful presence of the Spirit of God. This is new life in Christ.

Blessings, *Jerry*



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Jesus said, “Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant...just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:26-28). Please join us in worship on May 8 as we show our appreciation to the dozens of volunteers who serve the Lord through their volunteer efforts at Trinity. In the past, we have set aside time in worship to recognize our teachers and musicians, but this year we will be celebrating volunteers who serve in all aspects of the church’s life. A cake and punch reception, hosted by the Worship Committee, will follow the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall.

MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 8 - John 16:4-15

May 15 - Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21
(Pentecost)

May 22 - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16:12-15
(Trinity Sunday)

May 29 - Isaiah 59:15b-21; John 3:11-24

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life will begin a new study on April 10. "And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind." Come explore and celebrate the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit as it creates, converts, energizes, gifts, and connects people in community. Join the Word of Life class as we begin a study of *Windwork: The Active Work of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives*, a study by Tracie Meyes Stewart, Marnie Crumpler, and Carmen Fowler. Join us in the Lower Level Lounge at 9:00 am.

THE "CANON" OF THE BIBLE



Starting May 8, we continue our journey in the Bible, learning how all these gospels and letters were put together—why the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and not the other seven or eight gospels that were discovered? Learn why! The Bible did not just fall as one leather bound book out of the sky! Join Rev. Bill Voigt at 9:00 am in the Upper Room West.

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. (We have completed and benefited from the Amy-Jill Levine book, *The Short Stories of Jesus*.) Join us - we would love to have you!



SOUL SEARCHING IN MAY

Come join Peggy Andrews in the library at 11:45 am on Sunday, May 1 and May 8. For those who are interested, Peggy will facilitate the group in looking at our spiritual memories and recording them for our children and grandchildren. An excellent booklet entitled "*Memoirs of the Soul: Writing Your Spiritual Biography*" by Nan Phifer will be used as a resource.

God's Little Seedlings



God's Little Seedlings, a Sunday School class for ages 4-8 will meet during the summer (May 22-September 4) in the chapel. The children will sit in the front row of the sanctuary for the beginning of the service and then we will leave for class right before the sermon. The class will be taught by Kathy Moser.

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!

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. The class follows the text entitled *The Old Testament* by Kara Powell.



ANCHOR TRINITY



After the sermon is finished in worship (about 11:15 am) 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! - May 2016

Date	5:00 pm Bible Study (<i>Library</i>)	6:00 pm "Getting Quiet With God" (<i>Chapel</i>)	6:30 pm Helping Hands Service Project & Fellowship (<i>Upper Room East</i>) -Munchies provided or BYO	7:00-8:00 pm Guest Speaker & Discussion Group (<i>Upper Room West</i>)
May 4	Apostles' Creed Series	I Believe in the Holy Spirit	Water bottles and bars for Trinity's Food Bank <i>Kathy Moser</i>	What's happening in Venezuela <i>Alix Roa</i>
May 11	Acts 2:1-21 The Divine Origin of the Church	Pentecost	Positive, Encouraging cards for Youth On Their Own, Phases 1 & 2 <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Cameroon Update: Life in a West African Village <i>Bouba Hamadou</i>
May 18	John 16: 12-15 What Trinity Means and Why it Matters	Trinity Sunday	Year-end BBQ in the Courtyard with live music by Greg Morton   JOIN US	



Greg Morton playing at the WednesdayNiteAlive! barbeque in 2015.



SUMMERFEST PLANS:

Summerfest begins May 25. Dinner and movies are on the agenda for five Wednesday evenings. Trinity will host a light supper at 6:00 pm followed by a movie at 6:30.

The first movie will be "Happy". Filmmaker Roko Belic travels to more than a dozen countries, searching for the meaning of happiness. (Documentary, 2011)



TRINITY BOOK CLUB

The Trinity Book Club will be meeting to discuss *Brooklyn*, a book by Colin Tobin.

We meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Lovejoy Library. All are welcome to join us.



Congregational News



FAMILY CAMP
(Everybody's Camp)
Memorial Day Weekend
May 28-29-30

Pine Canyon Camp in the
Chiricahua Mountains with

First Methodist Church. The Methodists call it "Everybody's" Camp so everyone knows they are welcome, not just families! Carpooling available. Contact Vade Henderson for more information at 743-0916.



Pastor Search
GREETINGS FROM YOUR PNC!

Happy Spring, everyone! As the seasons begin their shift into spring and on to summer, so too is the PNC transitioning into a new phase, and I feel this is good time to update you all on what we've been doing, where we are now, and what's coming up.

Since my last article we have been very busy reading PIF's from potential candidates:

- 49 total PIF's received as of 4/20/16
- 18 PIF's were matches through the Church Leadership Connection
- 31 PIF's were self-referred
- 11 PIF's selected for further review
- We contacted each of these candidates for confirmation of their continued interest in Trinity

Since Easter, the PNC has been busy re-evaluating these candidates through review and discussion of their submitted materials, viewing sermons and thoughtful prayer. We are very excited to have identified a handful of candidates who we feel really resonate with Trinity's needs as well as wants. Our hope is to begin some initial conversations with these individuals in mid-May. We are looking forward to

learning more about each of these candidates and are extremely hopeful for good and inspired conversations.

Please continue to keep the PNC, potential candidates, and Trinity itself, in your prayers as we embark on yet another step in this process.

God Bless,
Roberta Westergaard

Trinity Presbyterian Church will host a Vacation Bible School from June 20-24 from 6 pm- 8 pm. 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.

Please let us know if you plan to bring your children to Vacation Bible School.

Rona and Matt Kreamer
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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 Kavenaugh, 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.

SESSION NOTES

Session Notes from April 19, 2016

After Leone Mohny opened our meeting with prayer, and the docket and consent agenda were adopted, Session members engaged with Jerry Foust to discuss more about the Bowen Theory. Having a solid set of principles and maintaining the integrity of those principles under stress are components of a good leader. Elders explored ways to diffuse contentious discussions and angry conversations.

Reports were received and Session made a few decisions. After being examined, Cindy Toering was received into leadership as an elder. Hopefully, her installation will happen on May 1, 2016. Another decision made was to change the June stated session meeting to June 28, 2016 in order to avoid a conflict with Vacation Bible School.

The biggest decision Session made was to ask our Developers (Paulus-Dorman-Bourn) for a Definitive Agreement that contains all the terms and conditions necessary to make our project go forward including the sum of \$100,000 placed in escrow on or before December 31, 2016. Without the agreement and the deposit of money, all previous signed Letters of Intent will be null and void and Trinity will be free to market our property to other interested parties. Session approved this action.

For Christian Education, Matt Kreamer outlined his preparations for Vacation Bible School and discussed ways that congregants can help with the children who attend. Daphne Madson said that the Deacons delivered lilies to the homebound and that they will have an April Retreat at Lodge on the Desert. Deacons are reviewing the 23 persons on the Trinity Inactive Rolls in preparation to eliminate that roll.

Alice Smedley reported for the Mission Committee saying that the March 4th on 4th Community Supper was a special one. Our sponsored refugee family is thriving and the Resource Center helped 40 clients in March.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is preparing to interview potential candidates for our pastor in May. So far, PNC has reviewed around 50 Pastor Information Forms.

Lynn Moser told session members about sanitary gloves being worn for Intinction and that a choir intern is planned for the 2016-17 choir season. Volunteer Recognition Sunday planned for May 8, 2016 was discussed.

Administration & Personnel Committee is reviewing Presbytery de Cristo's "Policy & Procedures on Child Protection & Sexual Misconduct Prevention" and making adaptations for Trinity PC.

Growth & Outreach Team reported polo shirts arrived and that the NPR ads for the Easter service were successful. Carolyn Maycher told Session that the Property Committee is contracting for parking lot improvements in the near future.

Ann Walker and Bill Voigt informed Session that our JP Morgan Trust investment portfolio contained interest that the account managers should have forwarded to Trinity for 2015. Stewardship & Finance Committee have received this check. This should ease our finances.

Session prayed for several congregants and asked that we be filled with God's grace and compassion

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session



Mission News



THE NEXT 4TH ON 4TH FRIDAY

Come May 27 to the next 4th Friday on 4th Ave. Community Supper. Each time a few more people come to our 4th on 4th Ave. community suppers! We had over 75 in April, and everyone enjoyed the dinner. There are now 3-4 "greeters" with chairs and water for people coming early. That helps to set a friendly tone, rather than standing in line. We had plenty of food this time but can always use a little more. Our guests (and members) really enjoy the home-cooked food, and with a new table arrangement, there's more conversation and yet still a place for those who prefer to eat by themselves. Come join us in reaching out to the community, and meet new friends! We'll be signing people up to bring 11 main dishes, 6 Salads and 6 Desserts starting Sunday, May 8th in the Narthex.

Contact Betty Lu Holland 579-2895

SANDWICH MAKING for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, May 8. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches for Casa Maria in South Tucson. It's a great way to volunteer and visit with your friends!



REFUGEE FAMILY REQUEST

We will be taking the Congolese family (11 people) to the Desert Museum on Sunday, May 8. **We are looking for contributions of free gift passes to help cover the costs.** Please bring them to the church office. Also, any Reid Park Zoo passes, or monetary donations toward a family membership would be greatly appreciated.

MEGA Sports Camp Vacation Bible School
Trinity Presbyterian Church
June 20-24, 2016 6pm-8pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church will host a Vacation Bible School on June 20-24 from 6pm-8pm! This will take place downstairs in Trinity Hall.

We are so thankful for those of you in the congregation who have already dedicated their time to volunteer and help VBS run smoothly! We are also in need of some snacks for the children during VBS. If you are able to donate one or more of these snacks, we would greatly appreciate it. Please bring them to us on Sunday and we will find a place to store them (please wait on the fruit, we do not want it to spoil). We would prefer some easy but healthy snacks but please no nuts due to the possibility of food allergies. We are expecting about 60 kids and a list of suggestions is below:

Snack Suggestions:

- baby carrots
- yogurt tubes
- whole wheat crackers
- bananas
- grapes in Dixie cups
- pretzels
- Goldfish crackers
- applesauce
- string cheese

Please feel free to contact us at the information below if you have any questions or concerns. We are super excited for MEGA Sports Camp Vacation Bible School 2016.

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rona.nichols@gmail.com

Trinity Women



RYAN'S BEARS

On May 17 there will be 25 bears in dire need of stuffing. We will meet at 9:30 am in the Lower Lounge. Your help to get these bears underway for Christmas giving is needed and appreciated. We hope to see you on May 17 at 9:30 in the Lower Lounge!



- Ryan's Bears 2015
 - Children in worship and sandwich making.
- Photos by Kathy Moser

Mission Trip



LET'S GO ON A ROAD TRIP SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH

I am putting together a group to go to the opening of the coffee shop in Agua Prieta. This coffee shop is attached to the Café Justo office and supported by Frontera de Cristo. The party starts at 10:00 am so we would meet at Trinity at 7:00 am. If you are interested in carpooling to Douglas please contact Sheila Sievert at 520-323-5673 or mzmhz@netzero.net by Sunday May 22.





Trinity Milestones



Memorials

In memory of Jan Bond by Sherrie Lee

Thank You

Dear Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for your donation to our Mini-Mall. Without donations like yours, we would be unable to fulfill our mission of providing support for homeless teens seeking to complete their education!

Sincerely, Youth On Their Own Staff

With God's good grace and your prayers, Bill celebrated his 85th birthday last month. He was born on Palm Sunday, 1931. We both are doing well. Bill's energy and stamina are good; even has left over energy to do housework!

We hope that spring is going well for all. This is my Father's World; Oh, let us not forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
Bill & Derry Dean

Our son Douglas, who has colon cancer, had a PET scan on April 27. It showed no cancer in the colon! But it did show cancer in the liver and in the left lung. Many of you ask about him and tell us you are praying for him. We are very grateful for your prayers. Doug will continue with cancer treatment and your continued prayers for him are greatly appreciated and a comfort to his family.

Ruth and Don Myers

May Birthdays

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|----|--------------------------|----|---------------|
| 3 | Jessica Roggow | 16 | Carl Sosna |
| 6 | Celeste Dzakpa | 18 | Allyn Spence |
| 9 | Susan Chambers-Casteloes | 19 | Peace Tenge |
| | Turner Miller | 21 | Lynn Moser |
| 11 | Ann Walker | 23 | Jane Uhle |
| 12 | Emily Koop | 26 | Jason DePizzo |
| 14 | Steve Barlow | 29 | Leone Mohny |
| | | | Liz Strong |
| 15 | Mary Zellar | 31 | James Madson |

June Birthdays (1—10)

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|---|-----------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | George Greenleaf - 97 | 8 | Thomas Dean |
| | Elsie Herendeen - 92 | 9 | Nancy Howard |
| 2 | Barbara Ball | 10 | Carolynn Carter |

May Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------------|
| 5 | Tom & Vade Henderson |
| 6 | Bob & Bev Bechtel |
| 29 | Errol & Catherine Dimenstein |



Have a Blessed Mother's Day!

Deadline for the June/July, 2016 *VISION*

Thursday, May 19

Please submit typewritten articles to the church office or to:

office@trinitytucson.org



SUNDAYS
Just Coffee in Fellowship Hall
Enjoy a cup!
BAGS FOR SALE!



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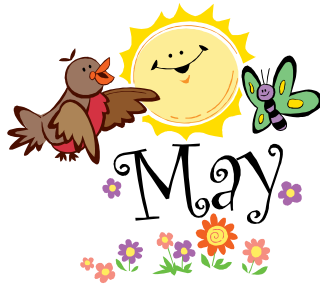
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**Day of Pentecost
May 15**



**BBQ & Concert
on the
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May 18**