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## Rev. William Voigt's



## Retirement Weekend

# Pastoral Letter

Since Memorial Day will be observed on May 27, I thought I would take a moment to reflect on the meaning of memorials. There have been memorials established or built for every cause or reason imaginable. Currently in my old “neck of the woods” (North Carolina) there are emotional and even physical conflicts over memorials that still stand in regards to the Confederacy. Many of these physical expressions of remembrance are being destroyed, moved or stored – not because of what they represented in the time that they were created, but what they represent now. That is to say, memorials are not just about what happened in the past, but what is happening in the present and what will happen in the future.

Many memorials associated with World War I were established as a remembrance of “the war to end all wars.” Considering the events of the twentieth century and into our time, would we consider this type of hope associated with a memorial to be hopelessly optimistic or even laughingly foolish? I imagine that if we could speak to those who built a memorial to “the war to end all wars” they would say that they did not really expect the suffering of human warfare to end forever, but it was their prayer that such would be the case. Is it not our prayer today that the current global conflicts - and the suffering they bring - will come to an immediate and peaceful end?

Prayers are verbal; prayers are silent; and sometimes prayers are built by human hands, to remember the past in the hope that it will inspire us in the present to change the future. In the Old Testament, whenever God touched the lives of God’s people in a special way, an altar was built, and the ground became “sacred ground.” The current worldwide memorials to terrible tragedies such as the Holocaust create the same sacred ground – not

just for the Jews, but anyone who believes that life is sacred and tyranny over life is evil. In this way, while memorials are reminders, they are also messages – even sermons.

If God has touched the hearts of people sometime in the past, God is still touching hearts in the present and will continue to do so in the future. Sometimes in the midst of grim news we find ourselves losing heart or sinking in despair. That is when we remember our faith, which reminds us that God, through the redemptive work of the Messiah and the inspirational work of the Holy Spirit, is actively present in our lives and in the world. Every Sunday (and hopefully everyday) we pray for all of those who suffer hardship in the world, but in our corner of it we can be the answer to those prayers. Christians continue to be the answer to prayers in quiet corners of the world every day.

One day God will gather all those corners together and fulfill for eternity that for which we pray in the Lord’s Prayer – “Thy kingdom come.” The kingdom of God is not a memorial, but a reality which is moving toward us. Each of us as disciples have a part in making the reign of God a reality; each of us has a part in bringing the peace of Christ to the hearts of those around us; each of us are called to place the peace of Christ’s love into our own hearts and live with confidence. Are we working in our corners? Are we praying for the world? Are we building living memorials to Christ through our worship and mission? When we celebrate Memorial Day we remember an event and enjoy a holiday; when we remember Christ, we turn our lives into holy ground as we go to work to bring the love of God into the world, that God’s kingdom may come. Have a wonderful May.

*Dr. Mack*

# Christian Education

## YOUTH CLASSES

### NURSERY

9:00 to 12:00 pm Children 4 & under enjoy coloring & 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) & 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. During the month of May All-in-One Bible Fun will take children on an amazing journey as they learn about forgiveness, obedience and responsibility while having fun too ending May 26.

### KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

Kreamer's Crusaders 8 through 12 meet in Room 6 with Matt through May 26



### ANCHOR TRINITY



Anchor Trinity Junior High School through College meet in Room 1 with Rona and will discuss the theme of social justice ending May 26.

## ADULT CLASSES

### WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets each Sunday at 9:00 am in Room 5 (Lower Level Lounge). We will continue our series, "Faith in the Face of Apostasy: The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha" through May 26 then break until Fall.

### POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) invite the congregation to hear a factual, non partisan presentation Sunday May 19 at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall about educational funding in Arizona. The presentation created by volunteers with Save Our Schools Arizona (SOSAZ) explains how education is funded in Arizona and how that funding has changed over the years.

### THEOLOGY FOR TODAY MEETS THROUGH MAY 26

The class meets at 9:00 am in Upper Room West and features TED talks which are thought provoking presentations by some of our most articulate and creative people. The topics selected relate to our religious and spiritual lives: 1. Is there a core value common to faith-based religions? This famous author believes that the Golden Rule and Compassion are the essence of the great religions. 2. Is spiritual and religious engagement good for your brain? This talk presents a scientific study on brain development. 3. Since most young people are not participating in church, are they non-religious? Poles by PEW Research give surprising insights into their spiritual and religious practices. 4. Is the world getting better or worse? If our purpose is to make the world a better place, are we achieving anything? 5. What is the future of humanity when AI takes over most of the work? This modern prophet is giving us warnings that we need to heed.

# Christian Education

## Pastor Mack's Summer Class starts June 2 at 9:00 am in the Chapel

You are cordially invited to join me for my summer church school class in the chapel. I have chosen the Animate Video Study Series from Fortress Press. There are three general topics – Faith, Bible, and Practices, with each topic having 7 lessons. The first topic I have chosen is Faith. Each Sunday we will view a short video highlighting one of the 7 lessons under the topic of Faith – God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Cross, Bible, and Church. The video presenters are well-known leaders in the Reformed tradition. The PCUSA's Bruce Reyes-Chow will present the lesson on Church. Other presenters come from different denominations in the Reformed tradition. After the video, I will lead a group discussion on each lesson, and there will be a journal for those who wish to keep one during the series. I think this will be fun and, hopefully, enlightening. I also hope to do at least one social gathering with the class during the summer, and maybe more. You do not need to let me know if you plan to come – just meet me in the chapel on June 2 at 9:00 AM. I look forward to seeing you.

*Dr. Mack*



## 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, thank you.

### RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday & Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm**. In March we helped 61 clients: Birth Certificates 8, ID's 11, Bus passes 22, Notarized documents 3 and DES Applications 28. Thanks to everyone for the support you give to this valuable mission.

### 4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our next 4<sup>th</sup> Friday on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Community Supper is **May 24** 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 **May 12 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.



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous response to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering; \$2,789.06 has been received to date and it will be forwarded to General Assembly for hunger, disaster & development programs

# April Happenings at Trinity

Palm Sunday Procession & Baptism



Easter Sunday Brunch & Story



Easter Egg Hunt,  
Cantata  
& Another Baptism



# Congregational News



## WHO'S IN YOUR PEW Meet Emma Seddo

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

I go to school and I'm in the third grade. I want to be a doctor.

**Where is your hometown?**

Tucson

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

I like to watch TV. I like watching Netflix.

**What is your favorite food?**

African food.

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

Psalms 23 is my favorite verse. I like the hymn we sang on Easter. "Lift High the Cross."

**What does Trinity mean to you?**

Family.



Thank you from Reverend Voigt

Words will never convey the profound sense of gratitude I have for all of the wonderful farewells and hard work that went into my retirement weekend. I celebrate "YOU" the church and would like everyone to know that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Love in Christ, Bill



## WHO'S IN YOUR PEW Meet Janet Munson

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

I was a teacher for 32 years, serving in Kentucky for seven years before moving to Tucson in 1980 where I served as a Special Ed teacher at Emily Gray Junior High for 25 more years. I retired from teaching in 2004 and became a Professional Organizer for over 10 years.

**Where is your hometown?**

My father worked for General Electric, so we moved a lot. I was born in Connecticut and grew up in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, South Carolina and New York. But I moved to the southwest 39 years ago and consider Tucson my hometown.

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

I enjoy walking, researching my family tree, spending time with family and friends, traveling, and helping the homeless.

**What is your favorite food?**

Chocolate!

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

My favorite hymn is "Let There Be Peace On Earth" by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson. My favorite verse is Philippians 4:6, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything." (NLT)

**What does Trinity mean to you?**

Trinity is my spiritual family, reminding me to love God and my neighbors.



# Congregational News



## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Join us May 27 at 6:00 pm  
in Fellowship Hall.

The Book Club members choose a book each month to read. Members then come together once a month to discuss the book in a very informal way. The group tries to balance fiction and non-fiction and with every book we read, we learn new ideas and ways to look at the world. Here are the selections through August.

**May** - Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

**June** - My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**July** - Oxygen by Carol Cassella

**August** - The World in a Grain by Vince Beiser

## TRINITY CARE TEAM

**Our Mission Statement:** Trinity Care Team: Extending a special helping hand with Christian love and compassion.

**Our Purpose:** The purpose of the Trinity Care Team is to support Pastor and Deacons by providing care and resources when the need is complex or long term.

The Trinity Care Team has already begun work on several situations where much research is needed to complete an application or file paperwork to help provide needed assistance. Please keep the Care Team & those we endeavor to help in your prayers.

Dede Markin

## GUIDE DOG PUPPYS TO PET SUNDAY MAY 5

11:45 am in Fellowship Hall

Want to pet puppies and learn all about how service dogs for the visually impaired are trained? Please join us for an informative and furry presentation on **Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the church service in Fellowship Hall. Guide Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raisers, Tucson AZ will be bringing puppies in training for us to pet and will give a brief presentation on puppy raising and training a service dog. Guide Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raisers, Tucson AZ uses our facility for their monthly meetings and would like to thank the congregation for our support by providing a light luncheon and presentation followed by puppy petting. Please plan on attending and learning about this important community service our church is helping.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY IS MAY 12

*Please join us in worship as we show appreciation to the dozens of volunteers who serve the Lord through their volunteer efforts at Trinity.*

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 as a ransom for many."  
(Matthew 20:26-28).



Long time member Pat Whiting passed away peacefully Thursday, May 2. Services are planned for Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Mack has asked Bill if he would like to participate in the service and because he is still on staff until May 31 (he is currently using up vacation and continuing education time) he may choose to do so.



# Session Notes

With great thanksgiving and joy, Session approved receiving Marilyn and Jim Slagle into Trinity PC membership by letter of transfer from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Tucson, AZ. They will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, April 28th. Please welcome them warmly.

Say it isn't so! Bill Voigt's last day working for Trinity PC is April 30, 2019. He will be taking his four weeks of vacation time in May and will be officially retired on May 31, 2019. Session spent some time thanking Bill for his 25 years and 7 months of service for Trinity and its people while demonstrating his many gifts with sermons, accounting, leadership, visitations, caring and loving as well as problem solving. Needless to say Bill will be missed and Session spent some time praying for Trinity and the Trinity family as we transition to having one pastor.

And say it isn't so that Jere Voigt will be retiring from baking and cooking her wonderful treats that Session members enjoy during their break during meetings. Jere's devotion to treating Session members with goodies made from scratch has been epic. Some are wondering which of the Voigts we will miss more – Jere or Bill!

Most of April's Session business was fairly routine. Here's a quick peak:

- Bucky Lovejoy reported that in spite of the rain, construction for Phase I remains on schedule and the Development Group is moving ahead with plans for the next Phase.
- Trinity PC is one of three churches in Presbytery de Cristo that is invited to elect one elder from our congregation to be a nominee to attend the 224th General Assembly in Baltimore, Maryland in 2020. Session will vote on someone in June. Anyone interested?
- Volunteer Recognition Sunday is May 12, 2019 and the 8:00 AM worship service is terminated for the time being.
- Christian Education is looking forward to Vacation Bible School the end of June, Summer Youth Group Wednesdays and Rally Sunday on September 8, 2019.
- The Food Bank will be buying a second freezer to accommodate the additional food being received from the government.

- Everyone congratulated Peggy Chamberlain for her excellent leadership of the players who performed on Palm Sunday.
- Be sure to read the letter prepared by Administration & Personnel and mailed to the Trinity church family that explains the transition that we will all experience as Bill retires from his service at Trinity.
- Session voted to approve the Mission Committee recommendation that letters seeking funds and other donations for the Family Shelter Ministry may be mailed to potential donors.
- Mission Committee will hire contractor Daniel Rezeko to be the Shelter Coordinator from May to August. He will be paid \$3,000 for this position.

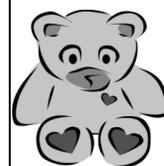
Session prayed for many of our parishioners in need of special care and concern.

Bill prayed that we are all blessed to be a part of God's Kingdom.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## Trinity Women

The Horizon's Bible Study will be **May 14 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall**. Join us as Dr. Mack leads our final study until Fall.



Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 am in the Lower Lounge**.

We create an average of 40-45 bears annually and always need help. Donations of fleece or flannel are always welcomed as is your time making them.

# Trinity Milestones

## Honoring & Memorials

*In Memory of* David Windsor by Pat Whiting  
*In Memory of* David Windsor by Joan Kingan  
*In Memory of* Doug Myers by Joan Kingan  
*In Memory of* Jan LaWall by Melinda Arnold  
*In Memory of* David Windsor by Mary Wong  
*In Memory of* Jan LaWall by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Robert Tweit by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Amos' grandfather by Leone Mohney  
*In Honor of* Harriet Marsh's 90th birthday by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* David Windsor by Ruth & Don Myers  
*In Memory of* Jeanette Wilka by Ruth & Don Myers  
*In Memory of* Jan LaWall by Thomas Hamm  
*In Memory of* Jan LaWall by Kathleen Muir  
*In Memory of* David Windsor by Hubert & Josephine Henry  
*In Honor of* Bill Voigt by Imogene Moser  
*In Memory of* David Windsor by Jean Brady  
*In Memory of* David Windsor by Margaret Gallegos  
*In Memory of* Jeanette Wilka by K. M. Wilka



THANK YOU THANK YOU

Pat Whiting sends a grateful thank you and appreciation for all the cards, caring, prayers and expressions of concern from her Trinity family

## May Birthdays

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

## June Birthdays (1—10)

1	George Greenleaf - 101	8	Thomas Dean
2	Barbara Ball	10	Carolynn Carter

## May Anniversaries

1	Georgia & Tom Bach
5	Tom & Vade Henderson
29	Errol & Catherine Dimenstein
31	Will Tilley & Janet Munson

## MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**May 5** Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**May 12** Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

**May 19** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

**May 26** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev. 21:10; 21-22:5; John 14:23-29

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BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY



Deadline for the June/July 2018 *VISION* is  
Thursday, May 23, 2018  
Please submit typewritten articles to the  
church office or to: [office@trinitytucson.org](mailto:office@trinitytucson.org)