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June



**Sunday, June 4 is the
Day of Pentecost!**

The Spirit's coming!
Get your red out to wear to
worship and celebrate the
coming of the Holy Spirit!



COMING SOON

God's Little Seedlings - Summer Sunday School for ages 4-8
in the Sanctuary & Bell Room May 28 through September 3.

Intergenerational Game Nights - June 7, 14, July 5, 12, 19 &
26 at 6:00 pm in Trinity Hall.

Vacation Bible School - June 26-30 at 6:00 pm in Trinity Hall.

Look on page 4 inside for more information



**Patriotic Potluck &
Sing-Along
Sunday July 2 after worship!**

Trinity's annual "Star-Spangled Potluck and Sing-Along" will take place on Sunday, July 2 in Trinity Hall following the 10:30 am worship service. The Worship Committee will provide chicken; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Plan to join us for some great summer fellowship as well as an opportunity to sing some favorite patriotic songs!

PASTORAL LETTER

One of my favorite old hymns is “Have Thine Own Way, Lord.” The opening line of the hymn is “Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.” The scriptural reference for that beautiful verse is found in Jeremiah 18: “Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.”

In this passage, Jeremiah envisions a lump of shapeless clay, without form, meaning, or purpose. The potter begins to spin the wheel and mold the clay into a new creation. God is the potter of Jeremiah’s vision, and God’s people are the clay, a people who exist for God’s own creative purposes. Jeremiah presents a deeply spiritual image of how the people of God, then and now, are to view the meaning of life and our place in it.

While Christ doesn’t use this image in his own teaching, he constantly speaks of the creative spirit that will come after his death and resurrection, and how that spirit will shape our lives to fit God’s ultimate purpose: “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.” (John 14: 25-26)

If we are to affirm our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, then we must also affirm that God is the potter and we are the clay. Anyone who has watched potters perform their art knows that the creation of a vessel is a turbulent process involving spinning, shaping, and baking. Committing one’s life to Christ demands that we open ourselves to God’s creative spirit, and in doing so we will feel spun, shaped and put to the fire.

The Christian conscience does not allow us to have a convenient faith empowered by cheap grace. If we allow Christ to shape our lives, we must change the way we see ourselves and those around us. In changing our view of our place and purpose in the world, we then must act as God calls us to act. We cannot sit still in the face of suffering, intolerance and injustice. We also cannot rationalize our sinfulness. Rather, we must feel the pain of our

wrongdoing, so that we can experience the joy of forgiveness. In addition, the spirit will not allow us to be occasional in our commitment or seasonal in our worship.

Do we put God into our hands as we feel the need, or do we place ourselves into God’s hand as God needs us? To place God into our hands is idolatry – it is to make God into an object that exists for our purposes and at our convenience. Christ made it clear that those who would be his disciples must humble their hearts and place themselves wholly into God’s hands. God is the potter – we are the clay, and there can be no other way.

It is not easy to surrender so much of one’s self in a world that thrives on selfishness, but everything made of the world eventually falls into decay and obsolescence. It is God alone, through the love of Christ and the presence of the Spirit, who can make us new each day, each hour, each heartbeat and beyond. Are you on the potter’s wheel? It is easy to get there – all we need do is ask, and then let the work begin! May God’s work in this world begin in us today, right now and forever.

Dr. Mack

Dr. Mack’s Installation Service

May 21, 2017



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORD OF LIFE

Join us in the Lower Level Lounge (Rm 5) at 9:00 am. We continue our study called "Revelation: Awaiting The Bridegroom" by Susan Porterfield Currie. Come join us for lively discussions. We will not meet July 16, 23 or 30.

THE HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIANISM

We say we are Presbyterian, but do we know what that means? Join Dr. Mack on Sunday mornings beginning again May 28 at 9:00 am in Upper Room West to continue a multi-week class titled "The History of Presbyterianism." Dr. Mack will begin in the Bible and study the meaning of our tradition through the early church, the Middle Ages, the Reformation, early-American era and today.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today will meet again in the Fall, have a great Summer!

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 the Harbor (Rm 1) for our parent study: "Grace Based Parenting" by Tim Kimmel and "Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions For Kids" by Sarah Young.



SANDWICH MAKING for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, June 11 and July 9. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches.



GODLY PLAY CLASS



A Sunday School class, Godly Play for ages 4-8 will meet again in the Fall. Please join Kathy Moser for the Summer Sunday School program, God's Little Seedlings beginning May 28. See page 4 for more information.

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" (Lower Level 6). The class follows the text entitled The Old Testament by Kara Powell. We will not meet July 2.



ANCHOR TRINITY

All high school & college aged youth are invited to Anchor Trinity a youth group where we focus on fellowship and service, as well as asking and answering the tough questions about our faith. Meet downstairs at "The Harbor" (Lower Level 1) every Sunday at 11:15am. We will not meet July 2.



TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Some "Good Reads" and Some "Necessary Reads"



Trinity's Book Club will be reading Trevor Noah's *Born a Crime* for June 27. For July 25's reading pleasure, you may choose either Anne Lamott's book: *Hallelujah Anyway* or *Stranger in Their Own Land* by Arlie Russell Hochschild. There are also three books that were talked about at the Presbytery Women's Meeting on Saturday, April 29. These books which deal with human trafficking are in our library: *Girls like Us* by Rachel Lloyd, *This Flowing Toward Me* by Sr. Marilyn Lacey and *Half the Sky* by Nickolas Kristof

The Nursery Class was so happy to get an email response from Dennis Smith, a Missionary in Buenos Aires. We colored a picture and sent a letter to let them know that we think of them and pray for them and their work. DeDe



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



"God's Little Seedlings"-Summer Sunday School for children ages 4-8

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

EVERY SUNDAY MAY 28-SEPTEMBER 3



Please sit together in the front of the sanctuary or sit with your parents to participate in the first part of the service and then we'll go upstairs to our new classroom, the **HANDBELL ROOM**, Upper Level. We are going to have **FUN** this summer with...



Live Animals Presentations, Fun Animal/Pet Stories, Animal Bible Stories, Fun Animal Videos, Fit Factor Kids Exercise (pretending to be animals from all over the world), Creative Animal Games, Animal Crafts,



Glow in the Dark Bowling and Good Snacks!



God's Little Seedlings aka Little Helping Hands,

will also complete a service project on Sunday, June 18 AND on Sunday, July 23 to help our homeless folks who attend the 4th on 4th dinners!!



I'm looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Kathy Moser, Summer Sunday School Teacher

Intergenerational Game Nights June 7 & 14, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Trinity Hall

We will have snacks, one big active game and board games for people of all ages to enjoy and participate in. People can also bring their own board games and card games for others to enjoy. The last Game Night of the summer will actually be a Movie Night with ice cream sundae bar. **We will not have a game night on June 28, the kids will be attending VBS.**



June 7-Hungry, Hungry Hippos, June 14-Pac Man/Tic Tac Toe, July 5-Knock Down The Pin, July 12-Indoor Hockey, July 19-Board & Card Games, July 26-Movie Night

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WANTS & NEEDS

Matt and Rona will be leading Vacation Bible School, June 26-30, 2017. The children will learn about other countries, how to be instruments of God's peace, and make musical instrument crafts. Signup sheets for VBS are available on our website. Please help if you can with snacks and craft supplies. Drop them off at the office.

Craft Supplies-large paper towel rolls, wax paper, rubber bands, plastic spoons, pinto beans, dried rice, 12 inch wood dowels, large paper plates, small paper plates, paint stirrer sticks.

Snack Supplies-Goldfish, juice boxes, Variety of Cheez-its, Bags of Snyder Pretzels, Fruit Gummies, regular fruit, carrot sticks, yogurt tubes, grapes, grape tomatoes, whole wheat crackers, small water bottles.

Congregational News

Please be sure to check out this great interview and report about our own Michael Johnson's work that appears on the National Geographic Website. <https://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2017/05/01/crops-rising-from-a-cracked-desert/>



Congratulations

Congratulations to Kelsey Coyle who graduated in May from the University of Arizona Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular and Cellular Biology. She will start Graduate School on June 1 studying for a major in Pharmacology/Perfusion at the U of A.



Hannah Toering was Grand Champion Junior Showman at the 2017 Pima County Fair.



Trinity Kids Reading Club

Now that school is out, come to the Lovejoy Library and check out some books from the Children's Cart for summer reading. You will get a chart and some stars, and for each book you read, place a star in a square. For every five (5) books you check out, read and return, you will get to draw a little prize from the Treasure Chest.

Hey, Dad and Mom, while your children are looking for books at the Children's Cart, you can browse through the many books we have in our beautiful library.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to Trinity's handbell fund in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Trinity Ringers! To date, \$4,400 has been given

towards the refurbishment of Trinity's handbells! The bells will be shipped in June to the Schulmerich foundry where they will be disassembled, polished, retuned, and the clappers will all be replaced along with any other worn parts. Thank you again for your generosity, which will keep the bells ringing God's praises for many years to come!

Trinity Women



Trinity Presbyterian Women will not meet during the summer. We will have Bible study in the fall using the Horizon Bible Study. Let Leone know if you want to order a study book.

Ryan's Bears will meet again on **June 20 at 9:30 am** in the Lower Lounge. We still have bears to stuff and more to make. We will not meet in July or August. Enjoy your summer and join us!



Worship

JUNE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- June 4 Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23
- June 11 Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
- June 18 Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8
- June 25 Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

JULY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- July 2 Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
- July 9 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 16 Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23 Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 30 Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Watch a sermon at home: You can view and listen to the past weeks' sermons on YouTube. Go to the Trinity website www.trintytucson.org. Click on the Worship tab and scroll down to Sermons. Click the one you want to watch.

We are "LIVE" streaming the 10:30 am service if you cannot attend. The viewer is on the home page of our website.

Video recordings of selected full services are available on DVD in the Lovejoy Library.

Audio recordings of full services (MP3 files) are available at: <http://abell.as.arizona.edu/~hill/Trinity/>

Audio recordings on CD are available on request to John Hill at jhill@as.arizona.edu

*The Temperature's
Rising, BUT - the A/C
can get COLD!!!*



There are prayer shawls available in the Narthex to check out if you find the air conditioning is too cold for you. Leave something of value (drivers license, keys etc.) when you check the shawl out and we will return it to you when you return the shawl.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is about guiding the Christian formation of our young people by building a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Sunday, June 4



Mission News



TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sundays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm**. The need for all types of food and bottled water is increasing each month. Thank you Joe Lopez for helping on Thursdays. In April we handed out 380 snack packs and 3,000 pounds of food. We can use books and magazines for our clients to read while waiting and to take with them when they leave.

Alice Smedley

RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm** to help clients with Department of Economic Security (DES) applications and other items such as ordering birth certificates and notarizing documents.

4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our 4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper will continue through the summer. So put Friday **June 23, July 28 and August 25** on your calendar and plan to join us. We have had about 60-80 people attending: both guests and Trinity people. Everyone has a first-name name tag, so you can talk to people by name. 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.

Our purpose is to welcome and get to know people from the neighborhood and those without homes. So, even if you don't cook, come and visit with our guests.

On April 26th three dedicated educators came to Wednesday Night Alive: Stuart Baker, coordinator; Carmen Kemery, counsellor; and Vivian Chilton, community liaison. They were from Agave Middle and High School which is a TUSD school. The audience heard stories of children under the age of 22 whose needs go beyond the brick and mortar schools of TUSD. Agave is a distance learning institution. Eight hundred students attend during the winter and one thousand more attend in the summer. They go to computer labs in three of TUSD's high schools throughout the day. Some of these kids are homeless, refugees or foster children. Some don't have food for lunch let alone school supplies.

At their May meeting, Trinity's Mission Committee voted to gift \$1200 to Agave. Public schools in Arizona are being defunded by our own legislature. This gift will hopefully help with a Stipend for an AmeriCorps Volunteer at Agave. Think about contributing your tax credit dollars to Agave. When Vivian was informed about Trinity's contribution, she could only exclaim, "God is good!"



Billie, Vivian & Carmen

Over a year ago, the Mission Committee arranged for Koffi Seddo, a former refugee from Togo, Africa, and his family, to collect clothing and shoes to send to the Bethel Home where he lived as a high school student. The shipment was received and a very nice thank you letter was sent to Trinity Church by the Bethel Home Feb. 17, 2017 (by boat mail).

"We want to thank you for your investment and your contributions to our children and our Association! Thanks to you, we were able to offer our beneficiaries, the children, all their needs. Your gift has touched us greatly and we send great thanks to you for your gifts. It has permitted us to again carry on our Association with you and we promise to make good use of all you have sent. Know that our doors always remain open all year for your donors to visit, so that you can see not only the way we are using these gifts, but also to answer any questions you may have."

They're coming! Elmarie Parker, Regional Liaison for Iraq, Syria and Lebanon and her husband, Scott, will be here in Tucson August 21-24th! Read about them and what they are up to at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/elmarie-and-scott-parker/>

SESSION NOTES

Session Notes from May 16, 2017

The first thing you will all notice is that these Session Notes are shorter than usual. That's partially because it actually was a short Session meeting on May 16, and partially because acting clerk John Hill is writing the notes while clerk Janet Hooper is recuperating from eye surgery. You really appreciate all the work that Janet does as clerk when you have to take over her job for one short meeting.

Daphne Madson reported that the Deacons are studying what Deacons at other churches are doing in order to expand and develop our ministry.

Bucky Lovejoy reported that the development project is still on track for "shovel in the ground" by the end of the year.

Leone Mohny and Billie Holbrook reported on the April 22 Presbytery meeting at Christ Presbyterian. Our own Bill Voigt had a successful day for his first full meeting as the 2017 moderator of Presbytery de Cristo.

The main celebratory theme of the meeting was that Pastor Mack and his family successfully completed their move from Florida. Mack says he is "here to stay" now! At the same time, everyone (especially Mack) was looking forward to the Installation Service on Sunday May 21 at 4PM.

The celebration continued during a break in the meeting with cranberry caramel date bars with walnuts, and a side of double chocolate fudge. Special thanks to Jere Voigt and her baking talents!

Session prayed for a number of members and friends of Trinity with health or family problems.

Leone Mohny reported that Trinity Presbyterian Women will study the book of Hebrews in the Fall after their spring Bible Study concludes on May 23. TPW continues to make "Ryan's Bears" as we mark the 17th anniversary of the tragic death of Ryan McCray.

Roberta Westergaard provided her final wrap-up anticipating the dissolution of the Pastor Nominating Committee following Mack's installation. Session expressed appreciation to the Pastor Nominating Committee for their diligent and faithful work.

John Hill reported on the dates of God's Little Seedlings Summer Sunday School, Intergenerational Game Nights and Vacation Bible School (see information on page 4).

Sheila Sievert reported that Growth & Outreach is working on ideas to make the neighborhood and community feel welcome including: welcome brochure; Creation Park plans; a Blessing of the Animals service in October, etc.

Doug Holland and Billie Holbrook gave the Mission report. The TJD Resource Center is conducting outreach at New Life Community Church. Mission Committee approved a gift of \$1200 to Agave Middle and High School Distance Learning (online TUSD school) to help them acquire an AmeriCorps Volunteer. Nursery children are sending letters to the Parkers (middle east mission workers).

Ruth Russell reported that the main HVAC replacement project starts this week. Some room uses are being rearranged to make space for additional and/or larger Sunday School classes.

Lynn Moser reported that significant funds have been raised for the Handbell Refurbishment. A Pentecost reception will be held after worship on June 4th. The Star-Spangled Potluck will be held on July 2nd.

Jeanette Ryan reported that soon church office hours will be Monday-Thursday (except for pastors).

John Hill
Acting Clerk

Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

In honor of Bunny Mallams by Tom & Wade Henderson
In Memory of Pete Nielsen by G. M. & N. B. Kuehn
In Memory of Peter Nielsen by Alice Fisher
In Memory of Loraine Lovin by Ray & Barbara Tallis
In Memory of Peter Nielsen by Marian Wald

June Anniversaries

5 Carroll and Patricia Keegstra - 59 years!
 6 Don and Ruth Myers - 63 years!
 16 Ron and Jane Uhle - 61 years!
 24 John and Joni Price - 57 years!
 27 Koffi Seddo and Celeste Dzakpa

July Anniversaries

3 David and Cindy Toering
 5 George & Celia Greenleaf
 8 William & Janet Goodhue
 11 Roger & Marilyn Nichols - 58 years!
 14 Larry & Janet Jones
 27 Bruce & Peggy Chamberlain

Thank You

Trinity members and friends have been generous in gifts to the special offerings; (\$2179 to the Deacon's Emergency Fund in February's Special Mission offering and \$3994 to One Great Hour of Sharing). The Pentecost Offering benefitting youth, children at risk and young adults will be taken June 4. Thank you for your gifts. Stewardship & Finance

June Birthdays

1 George Greenleaf - 99	16 Anne McConnell
Elsie Herendeen- 93	17 Billie Holbrook
2 Barbara Ball	18 Wade Henderson
4 Elaine Banghart	Johanna Moyer
8 Thomas Dean	19 Ila Krienke - 94
9 Nancy Howard	22 Robert Letson - 92
10 Carolynn Carter	24 Karen Wilkison
12 Jean Thomas	27 Nancy Hamadou
13 Roger Nichols	28 Bruce Dusenberry- 95
14 Will Tilley	30 Carolyn Maycher

July Birthdays

4 David Windsor - 96	17 Joanne Dimenstein Cole
5 Tom McCartney	Erin Henderson
Marian Wald - 96	21 Roberta Westergaard
6 Heather Mace	24 Nancy Buck
10 Sally Barlow Miller	Reid Miller
11 Shirley Jo Taylor	27 Geoff Barlow
15 Colleen Shannon	29 Ruth Russell
16 Alice Anderson - 91	30 Kathryn Dusenberry - 93
	Angela Seddo

August Birthdays (1—10)

4 Daniel Seddo	9 Peter Holbrook
5 Jo Campbell	10 Joan Kingan
	Ron Uhle



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New Members Are Joining



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inspirational message.

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Deadline for the August 2017 *VISION* is
Thursday, July 20
Please submit typewritten articles to the
church office or to: office@trinitytucson.org