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FREE Vacation Bible School
June 25 - June 29
@6:00 pm in Trinity Hall



Hero Central will be taking children on a journey alongside Biblical Heroes and connecting those heroes with the lives of children today. Hero Central VBS accepts Pre-K (starting at age 3) up through high school, but is geared more toward elementary and middle school students. In addition to learning about Superheroes in the Bible, the children will be doing science experiments and making crafts.

Volunteers & Donations are needed too. Register on-line at <https://hc.cokesburyvbs.com/TrinityVBS2018>



Intergenerational Game Nights
@6:00 pm in Trinity Hall

June 13

Board Games,
Puzzles,
Karaoke, Wii

July 18

Olympic Game
Night

August 22

Heritage Food
Night

**"Star-Spangled Potluck
and Sing-Along" Sunday July 1**
after worship in Trinity Hall!



The Worship Committee will provide baked chicken; **please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** Mack's class on "The Hard Sayings of Jesus" will not meet on this day. We will start by singing some favorite patriotic songs, then proceed with the potluck. Please plan to join us for some great summer fellowship!

Pastoral Letter

Summer is here - at least it is for us who live in the northern latitudes. In the southern latitudes, however, winter is just beginning. Nature gives us another lesson that we can place in our hearts and apply to our lives - *someone's summer is someone else's winter.*

It is so easy to live life in bubbles of our own making, and for Christians, our "bubbles" can be destructive to our faith. We create bubbles of self-interest, personal ambition, and ego satisfaction. We try to live lives oblivious to the problems of others and the injustice that darkens the world. Our bubbles surround us wherever we go - in our family relationships, in our social acquaintances, in our work, in our leisure, and even in our pews.

Living in these bubbles of self-absorption, we are not prepared when life pierces our habitats and the bubble bursts. Suddenly we are exposed in our weakness and dependency, and we find ourselves reaching out for help. From a selfish point of view, the breakdown of our carefully built environs is catastrophic, but from a Christian point of view it is the beginning of faith.

We can wait for the harsh realities of life to move us toward God, or we can move toward God ourselves. We can open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to the needs of those who are living in winter, wherever they may be. We can engage our lives in the mission of being Christians if we so choose and bring the blanket of Christ's love to the winter people - the hungry, the lonely, the grieving, the empty, and all those on the margins of life.

In the heat of this Arizona summer, can we see those around us who are emotionally, mentally, or spiritually freezing to death? The winter people cannot be seen with the eyes, but only with the heart, and hearts cannot see without the Holy Spirit. As Christians we sing the hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See." In the wake of Pentecost, are we willing to make this hymn our prayer? Can we allow Christ

to burst the bubble so that you see both the gifts God has given us and the those who need them? No one can live in a bubble, and outside of the bubble there are only two realities - life with Christ, or life without Christ. Life with Christ includes the winter people, not just those at a different latitude, but those right in front of us. Do we see them? Will we help them?

Dr. Mack



SANDWICH MAKING

Please join us **Sunday, June 10 at 10:45** in Fellowship Hall to make sandwiches for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.



New Members Are Joining



2018
Confirmation Class
& Their Mentors

Leslye Obiora

Photos by Kathy Moser



Christian Education

Summer Youth Sunday School

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



Children ages 4-12 will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:45am then move to Lower Level 8 until 10:30am where we will play a variety of global games from Brazil, South Africa and Zambia. Please join teacher Kathy Moser on this new and exciting adventure. Snacks will be served..

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.**



Anchor Trinity will be watching movies this summer? **Youth 9 & older** 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.**

Summer Adult Sunday School

THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS

10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall led by Dr. Mack

The class will study "**Hard Sayings of Jesus**" by F. F. Bruce which examines 70 of the hard sayings of Jesus in order to clear away the cultural and historical difficulties which keep us from grappling with the real challenge of Jesus' message.

June 3 - Matthew 5:22

June 10 - Matthew 5:48

June 17 - Matthew 5:18

June 24 - Matthew 5:29

July 1 - Star Spangled Potluck

July 8 - Luke 14:26

July 15 - Mark 10:25

July 22 - Matthew 22:14

July 29 - Mark 11:23

August 5 - Mark 13:30

August 12 - Matthew 5:31

August 19 - Mark 10:11-12

August 26 - Luke 12: 10

September 2 - Matthew 5: 29

POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at **10:45 am on the second 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**"



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**. Thanks to everyone for the support you give to this valuable mission.

4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our next **4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper is June 22, 2018** 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.

Loose Change: You will see small jars on the tables in Fellowship Hall to collect loose change for Trinity's Mission needs. The first Sunday (5/20) we received \$18+!

The Resource Center is as busy as ever. We are providing duplicate ID's and adding \$5/month to low income bus passes. We are giving out Guidelines to Getting Out to people who have recently come out of incarceration. We have a volunteer onsite from Mi Familia Vota who will be available to counsel the recently released. He will help with job searches and to connect with so many other needs of this population. The Resource Center helps about 15 people per month with Food Stamps and AHCCCS. The ID's and bus money come to around \$500/month. We are so grateful for those people who've specifically contributed money to the Resource Center. In April services were provided for more than 100 people. DeDe has made toiletry bags for individuals for whom she sees a special need. We have given out socks, too. Did you know that Southern Arizona has more than 6000 homeless?

The Food Bank and our Pantry: Each month more than 40 people/day walk into the Food Bank facility. Water and nutrition bars were handed out. Over 100 Food Bank bags were given to those who are signed up for the Community Food Bank. Our Pantry (in that same place) sets out extra food for walk-in clients who are not signed up for the Food Bank. Those extras come from church donations, from trips that Alice, Gerry and Peter make to the Agency Market twice a month (that's at the Food Bank Warehouse) and from trips to CVS pharmacies around town that donate extra inventory.

Homeless Connect: Around 300 people attended Homeless Connect on May 18th. A big THANK YOU to Trinity's volunteers. We've got this down to a science now and set up and clean up are getting easier. Did you know that we do not charge for the use of our facility for this event?

The Pentecost Offering: 40% of the Pentecost offering will go to Children at Risk in Tucson. The Mission Committee will decide in June who will benefit from this gift. Last Pentecost, we donated to the Thornhill-Lopez LGBTQ center on Fourth Ave.

4th on 4th dinners: We continue to have a steady turnout of around 70 people to our community dinners. Thanks to all of you who volunteer, cook, serve, set up, clean-up, do security, and sign up attendees for this event!

August Mission Offering: The August Offering designated for Mission within the church will go to the Resource Center/Food Bank. The PCUSA Women's Thank Offering Grant was not awarded to Trinity's Resource Center so this offering will be a great help.

Session Notes

Got Confirmands? We do! Session met with them on May 15th and on Pentecost Sunday the congregation received them into Trinity family membership as they professed their faith. Be sure to welcome these inspiring young people – Peter Alley, Angela Seddo, Paula Alley, Gracia Alley, Peace Tenge, Hannah Toering and Judith Rachael.

Session also met with Leslye Obiora and she was received into Trinity family membership on Pentecost Sunday by reaffirmation of faith. Please welcome her and be sure to read the biographies of our newest members. We are so blessed!

One more thing about our new members – please thank the Confirmand mentors who nurtured them, taught them and built relationships. They are Peter Holbrook, Debbie Hobbs, Heather Lind, Billie Holbrook, Roberta Westergaard, Heather Mace and Betty Lu Holland. And thank Barbara Pollock Callaway for inviting Leslye to our church.

After the excitement of meeting with the lovely people mentioned above, Session proceeded to conduct their regular business. Here are the highlights:

- Bucky Lovejoy reported that May 17th was the scheduled closing date for the sale of our property next to Time Market. He hopes to have a \$400,000 check minus closing costs in hand after signing the final papers. After nine and a half years of planning, working and hoping, shovels may be in the ground by October.
- Daphne Madson reported that the Deacons held an excellent retreat at the beginning of May. The Deacons are working on photos and biographies of new members so that we all can learn “who is who.”
- Session approved an updated version of the Special Offerings section of the Trinity Financial Policy as recommended by the Stewardship & Finance Committee.
- Worship Committee is working hard to make adjustments for the summer 9:30 AM worship services that began on May 27, 2018.
- Christian Education reports that volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School during the evenings of June 25 to 29th. Also, they request con-

gregants to participate in Summer Activity Nights you can see advertised in the VISION.

- Several committees did not meet in May. And Session plans to take a hiatus during the month of July.
- Mission Committee brought an idea to Session and Session approved allowing jars on the tables in Fellowship Hall to collect pocket change for our church mission projects such as the Resource Center, the Food Bank distribution site, sandwich making, the 4th on 4th community supper and cooking for Primavera.
- Alice Smedley and Billie Holbrook were Trinity Commissioners to the Presbytery meeting in Agua Prieta, Mexico in April. They brought back lots of information about several programs sponsored by Presbytery de Cristo.
- The pastors and Session prayed for the health and welfare concerns of Trinity congregants and gave thanks for the joy of receiving new members into our community of faith.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



Trinity Women

Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, June 19 at 9:30 am** in the Lower Lounge. We are currently 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 Memory of Jane Parker by Melinda Arnold
In Memory of Jane Parker by Helen Forbes
In Honor of DeDe Markin by Billie Holbrook
In Honor of Tom & Vade Henderson by Billie Holbrook
In Memory of Jane Parker by Janet Jones
In Memory of Jane Parker by Bonnie Stull
In Memory of Jane Parker by Alice Gratias
In Memory of Jane Parker by Lu Brown
In Memory of Jane Parker by Billie Holbrook
In Memory of Jane Parker by Bonnie Stull
In Memory of Jane Parker by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Shirley Jo Taylor by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Lorraine Lovin by Barbara Tallis
In Memory of Shirley Jo Taylor by Bonnie Stull
In Memory of Shirley Jo Taylor by Imogene Moser
In Memory of Jane Parker by Imogene Moser
In Memory of Shirley Jo Taylor by Marilyn Donaldson

June Anniversaries

5 Carroll and Patricia Keegstra - 60 years!
 6 Don and Ruth Myers - 64 years!
 16 Ron and Jane Uhle - 62 years!
 24 John and Joni Price - 58 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 - 59 years!
 14 Larry & Janet Jones
 27 Bruce & Peggy Chamberlain

June Birthdays

1	George Greenleaf - 100	16	Anne McConnell
2	Barbara Ball	17	Billie Holbrook
4	Elaine Banghart	18	Vade Henderson
8	Thomas Dean	18	Johanna Moyer
9	Nancy Howard	22	Robert Letson - 93
10	Carolynn Carter	24	Karen Wilkison
12	Jean Thomas	27	Nancy Hamadou
13	Roger Nichols	30	Carolyn Maycher
14	Will Tilley		

July Birthdays

4	David Windsor - 97	17	Erin Henderson
5	Tom McCartney	21	Roberta Westergaard
5	Marian Wald - 97	24	Nancy Buck
6	Heather Mace	24	Reid Miller
10	Sally Barlow Miller	27	Geoff Barlow
15	Colleen Shannon	29	Ruth Russell
17	Joanne Dimenstein Cole	30	Kathryn Dusenberry - 94
		30	Angela Seddo

August Birthdays (1-10)

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

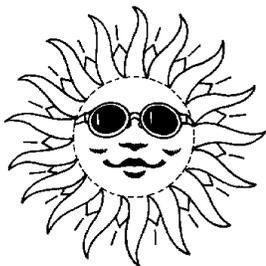




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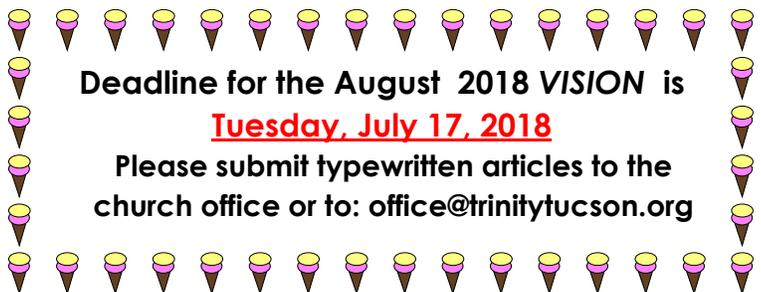
We are "LIVE" streaming the 10:30 am service if you cannot attend. It is on the home page of our website.

Visit our website at www.trinitytucson.org for information and events.

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Deadline for the August 2018 VISION is
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Please submit typewritten articles to the
church office or to: office@trinitytucson.org