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Vacation Bible School



God's Little Seedlings



PASTORAL LETTER

Recently, while going through some old files, I found an unattributed article titled, "What Can We Learn from Geese?". It is one of my favorite little contemporary parables, and I think very much worth sharing. I hope it is meaningful to you.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM GEESE?

FACT 1: As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an up-draft for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation the whole flock adds a greater flying range than if one bird flew alone.

What can we learn? Christ gave us a corporate church with a common mission – to make disciples of all nations. If each member does her or his part in every way, it lightens the weight of that mission for all of us. Each of us needs to take inventory of our commitment to Christ, not to determine what we are doing for Christ's church, but to discern what we need to do.

FACT 2: Whenever one goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

What can we learn? If we have as much sense as geese, we will not view our faith as strictly individual and private. By joining ourselves to the ongoing work of the church that takes place through our committees and our organizations, we can find it easier to accept help when we need it and give help when it is needed.

FACT 3: When the lead geese get tired, they rotate back in formation and allow other geese to fly the point position.

What can we learn? Leadership in the church is a shared act, especially in our Presbyterian system. The ministers simply cannot do all the visitation, teaching, caregiving, and outreach that is needed to meet the demands of a vital congregation. Every member needs to consider their skills, their interests, and their availability for leadership.

FACT 4: When a goose falls ill or is shot down, two geese fall out of formation and follow it down to the ground to help protect it. They stay with their compan-

ion until it can fly again or until it dies. Then they launch their own formation or catch up with the flock.

What can we learn? We need to stand by each other in difficult times. We need to pray for those whose special needs are brought before the congregation. We need to be less critical in our conversation. Instead of spreading gossip, we need to share love. We need to keep contact with those in our church family and on the staff who are wounded by illness, grief, or despair.

God has given us all a lesson on how to live with each other through the beauty and wonder of creation. During the month of August and beyond, let us commit our hearts to never reduce our love for each other, but to constantly find ways to increase it. Together at Trinity, we fly in the formation that God has provided for us – but we never fly alone. Let us lift up our church and our Savior as we continue to the journey of our faith.

Have a safe and wonderful August.

Dr. Mack



MEET OUR NEW PASTOR, MACK

Plans are underway for church members to host potluck dinners with Mack. The dinners will be held on selected Thursday and Sunday nights in September, October and November.

Everyone interested in participating please call the church office at **623-2579** by August 17 to be included in the guest lists.

If you are interested in hosting a potluck and have not already signed up please let the office know. Those hosting will be contacted shortly to plan dates and guest lists.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for further information.

Jeanette Ryan & Ruth Russell

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life resumes **August 6 at 9:00 am** in the Lower Level Lounge (Rm 5). We will begin a new study then based on the book *"First Corinthians"* by **Bruce Fisk**. Come join us for lively discussions.

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.

BREAKOUT WEDNESDAYS

Beginning September 6 Wednesdays will look different this fall as we simplify and intensify our mid-week program. As your day winds down, drop in for **food and fellowship** between **5:30-6:15pm** to replenish your body and spirit. Then revive your soul with **singing, prayers, and discussion** from **6:15-7:15pm**. Each month we will tackle a different theme that we can break-down over the 4 weeks, using Q&A sessions, meditation and worship, scripture, and community resources to equip us to put our newly **"revived and informed"** faith into action!

More information in September's Vision.

GOD'S LITTLE SEEDLINGS

Now through 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 go to the **Bell Room** upstairs. We are going to have **FUN** this summer with live animal presentations, fun animal & pet stories, animal bible stories and videos, Fit Factor Kids Exercise (pretending to be animals from all over the world), creative animal games & crafts, glow in the dark bowling and good snacks!



CRUSADERS



KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

Kreamer's Crusaders for youth in Grades 4-8 meet in the Narthex at **10:30 Sunday mornings** and then move to **"The Den"** (Lower Level).

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

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**.



Classes for All Ages

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

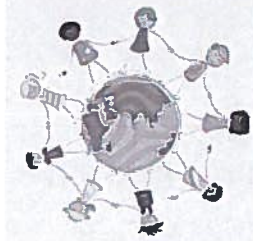


On **August 22 at 7:00 pm** the Book Club will meet in Fellowship Hall to discuss *"The Man in the High Castle"* by Philip Dick and/or *"Winter Garden"* by Kristin Hannah.

Congregational News

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.



Hannah Toering was selected to represent TUSD as an exchange student as part of TKAP (Tucson Korea Ambassador Program). She travelled to Ulleungdo Island, South Korea this summer and attended middle school while living with her host family. You might remember Lily in the picture, she lived with the Toering family and came to Trinity for 8 weeks this past winter as part of the program.

THE BIG EVENT

A training event for church leaders in the Presbyteries of de Cristo and Grand Canyon

Saturday, August 12
9:00 a.m.

Valley Presbyterian Church
6947 E. McDonald Dr, Paradise Valley

Choose from over 20 workshops designed to assist in your congregation's on-going ministry efforts. Topics range from Youth Ministry and Elder Training, to Civil Dialogue around Difficult issues and Designing or Re-Designing a church website. Visit the presbytery website to enroll and sign up today as classes will close as they reach capacity!

Invite other members from your church as this event is open to all members!

See you August 12 for THE BIG EVENT!

Registration at:

www.pbygrandcanyon.org

www.presbyterydecristo.org

Road Trip to Mt. Graham

On Saturday June 6, John Hill led a road trip to Mt. Graham to tour the world's largest telescope-the Large Binocular Telescope (LBT = 5000 x 8408 binoculars).



Calling All Bakers/Cooks

Trinity's Resource Center is anticipating a Cook Book, as a fundraiser, in the very near future. We need all your great recipes to be a part of this book. Please email recipes you would like to share to ddmarkin@centurylink.net. You can also make a photocopy and bring it to me. I will be compiling recipes in August, September and October. *DeDe*

SANDWICH MAKING for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be Sunday, August 13. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches.



Worship



The Handbells Are Back

Many thanks to all of the members and friends of Trinity who contributed so generously to the handbell refurbishment fund! The handbells have returned from the foundry in Pennsylvania, where they were cleaned and repaired. The handbell choir is excited to unpack them and resume weekly rehearsals on **Thursday, September 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** New ringers are welcome! If you are interested in ringing, please speak with Lynn Moser.



Make Your Voices Heard!!!

The Trinity Choir is always looking for new members. Please join us for our first rehearsal of the new year on

Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Exciting pieces celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and a stunning Advent/Christmas cantata are just some of the ways to **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD** in each worship service at Trinity.

Our Sacramental Service of Healing and Renewal begins September 10 at 8:00 am

in our chapel. The title tells you what it will be – “A Sacramental Service,” meaning that each week we will celebrate Holy Communion, and “Healing and Renewal,” which means we will share the Biblical practice of healing prayers and, for those who wish, the use of anointing oil.



More details will be in the September Vision.

DIFFERENT WAYS TO SEE & HEAR OUR SERVICES IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON

Watch a sermon at home: You can view and listen to the past weeks' sermons on YouTube. Go to the Trinity website www.trinitytucson.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

AUGUST SCRIPTURE READINGS

- August 6 Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
- August 13 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
- August 20 Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28
- August 27 Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20



Mission News



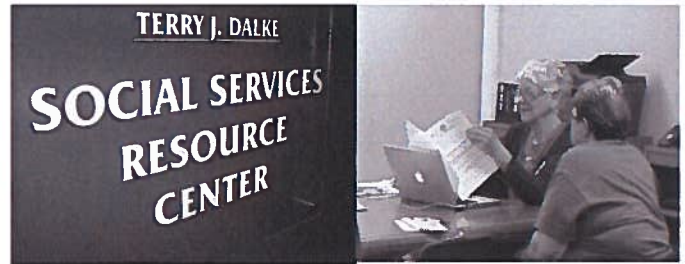
Remember Arab Spring? The Spring of 2011? My Mom had a stroke just about the time that Syria was attempting it's move toward democracy. The ER doctor was from Syria. He was on call that evening. My sister and I sat in the ER with Mom and Dad talking about the doctor's family and how awful it must be to be separated from them and how there might be hope of a peaceful end. Mom recovered in a short time but the Syrian crisis escalated and refugees poured into neighboring countries. Six years inched by and Trinity wanted to be involved in sponsoring Syrian refugees. We learned about ISIS, about Christians being persecuted, about Muslim factions fighting, about chemical warfare, travel bans and attempts at ceasefires. Trinity got a refugee family (from Democratic Republic of Congo). Tucson received some from Syria and Iraq. We followed the events in the Middle East and learned from The Middle Eastern Fellowship members that worship at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Meanwhile, the Presbyterian mission co-workers in the region worked, prayed and supported the Christian churches. Elmarie and Scott Parker, our mission co-workers for Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, are back in the US for a break after three years in the Middle East. **Come to the Mission Luncheon event at Trinity on August 23 at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. A catered Middle Eastern Luncheon will welcome Elmarie and Scott and we'll hear stories from places that don't make the news.** Best of all we'll have the opportunity to find out what Christ is up to in places like Mosul and Kirkuk. Read the latest letter from Elmarie:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/enduring-for-a-purpose>

Call Trinity Office (623-2579) before August 17 and reserve your seat at the Mission Sponsored Luncheon on Wednesday, August 23.

Billie Holbrook, Mission Co-Chairperson



The Terry J Dalke* Resource Center is giving so much to the community. When we opened in 2015, the Resource Center was welcoming clients who needed help getting food stamps and low-income health insurance (AHCCCS-Arizona's Medicaid). We began as part of an existing agency called We Care. There are five certified Community Assisters who volunteer here and are certified by Arizona's Department of Public Safety and the Department of Economic Security.

Now, in 2017, the Resource Center is on its own as part of Trinity in service to the Department of Economic Security. We are doing our best to serve the basic needs of our clients. We have contracted with Sun Tran to add \$5/month to low income bus passes. So many people on the streets have had their papers stolen. Our church is paying for birth certificates or duplicate IDs for those who must have documents to get into shelters or to get employment.

We, the volunteers, are applying for a grant through the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering. Little did we know our budgeted amount (our line item with the church) would tap out so soon. The needs are mushrooming as word gets out that Trinity really is 'Serving God in the Heart of the City'!

Please come to check out the Resource Center on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and see the thankful people who pass through our doors. See your giving at work and the beautiful facility that is a respite for all who enter.

*Terry J Dalke was an attorney and member of Trinity who worked tirelessly for the juvenile court as a mediator. She passed away in 2014.



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. 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 next 4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper is **August 25** so put it on your calendar and 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.

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.

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."



Thank you to all who have graciously answered the call, volunteering your time, your service and your dollars to make Trinity's 4th on 4th dinner a successful venture for over a year now. It is a heart warming experience, and I am proud of our hospitality. This is an ongoing mission every fourth Friday, "Serving God in the Heart of the City". The food is excellent. Serving as many as 90+ is a hefty challenge and for this event to continue its success we need **YOU!** We of course, always need food, servers and help with the cleanup but the bonus is that you can enjoy the fellowship and food along with our guests. A signup table is in the narthex every Sunday. Thank you again for your continued support. God bless.

Rosalie Goll

SESSION NOTES

Session is resting during the heat of July, but gearing up to resume meeting in August. If you attended church on July 2nd, then you know that Session called a Congregational Meeting to recommend the dissolution of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The PNC is now retired, but not forgotten. Please thank Elders Roberta Westergaard and Billie Holbrook, Deacon Holly Clark and Congregants, Ed Buck, Jim Hooper, Rona Kremer and Liz Strong for bringing us the Rev. Dr. Mack Sigmon – he's a keeper!

Following are some of the highlights of the June 20th Stated Meeting and a Called Meeting on June 25th:

- * Approval of committing funds for choir interns from September 2017 through Pentecost 2018 – the academic year.
- * Deacons are reviewing the active membership roll, delivering prayer shawls and staying on top of the health and welfare of Trinity congregants.
- * Trinity Presbyterian Women are working on Ryan's Bears through the summer.
- * Administration & Personnel are updating the Trinity Sexual Misconduct Policy for future Session approval.
- * Approval of A & P's recommendation to move Sheila Sievert and Peter Holbrook from hourly employment to a salaried, non-exempt status and increase administrative hours for Alice Smedley. Being salaried means staff can accrue sick leave, vacation time and have some health benefits.
- * Approval of Stewardship & Finance's recommendation to increase Trinity's budget to reflect the actions as described above.
- * Also, from S & F, Session approved Trinity's participation in Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle 2017 Edition to benefit the expenses needed for the Resource Center to aid clients.
- * Approval of the Long Range Development Team recommendation for an amendment to the Real Estate and Purchase Agreement, Option Agreement and Escrow Instruction that extends the Development Group entitlement period for August 31, 2017 to October 31, 2017 and the closing from October 31, 2017 to December 29,

2017, and that Trinity PC receives \$100,000 on or before June 30, 2017. The LRDT under the watchful eye of Bucky Lovejoy says this pushes groundbreaking into 2018 while other areas are moving forward such as moving the duplex and getting a finance package ready.

- * Property predicts the HVAC exchange may happen in July and is in the process of making room use rearrangements.
- * Mission Committee is planning for an August 21-24 visit by Elmarie and Scott Parker, mission co-workers from the Middle East. Look for events and dates elsewhere in the VISION.
- * Christian Education is gearing up for Rally Sunday on September 10, 2017.
- * Growth & Outreach Team has many irons in the fire with banners, a Blessing of the Animals event, murals and much, much more.

As always, Session members prayed for congregants in need of our special concern.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

Trinity Women

The Horizon's Bible Study books on Hebrews have arrived. See Leone for your book. The Bible study will be in Fellowship Hall, **Sept. 12, at 10:00 am**. Join us as Dr. Mack leads this study.



Ryan's Bears will resume on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, **September 19 at 9:30 am** in the Lower Level Lounge to cut, stuff and sew the bears that are given out at Christmastime.

Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

*In Memory of Bill Lovin by Ray & Barbara Tal-
lis*

In Memory of Ted Emery by Leone Mohney

*In Honor of Bruce Dusenberry's 95th birthday
by Leone Mohney*

*In Memory of Ted Emery by Allen & Phyllis
Coffin*

In Memory of Ted Emery by Rose Emery

In Memory of Terry Dalke by Marica Sisley

*In Memory of Ted Emery by Mr. & Mrs. Ron
Uhle*



Thank You

Dear Friends at Trinity Presbyterian,
Thank you for all your prayers and many car-
ing messages during Ted's illness and follow-
ing his recent death. The signed cards from the
Trinity choir and the Presbyterian Women
were particularly meaningful. Your continued
friendship is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Rose Emery

Thank you for your continued support
during the slow summer season. The June 4
Pentecost Offering was \$1245.36. The major
portion (60%) will support children at risk
programs and Young Adult Volunteers
(YAV). The other portion (40%) will support
a children at risk program locally which will
be selected by the Mission Committee.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

August Birthdays

4 Daniel Seddo	20 Cecilia Kreamer
5 Jo Campbell	24 Bruce Chamberlain
9 Peter Holbrook	24 Randi Windsor
10 Joan Kingan	26 Bev Bechtel
Ron Uhle	Mary McMillan ; 96
11 George Banghart	27 Charles Cook
12 Ruth Myers	Betty Jean Hand
Corbin Lind	28 Peggy Andrews
14 Travis Spillers	Marilyn Nichols
17 A. Bates Butler, III	29 Jane Marie Boyiddle
19 Tom Roof, Jr.	

September Birthdays (1—10)

3 Wayne Steele	8 Jim Croxen
4 Rona Kreamer	Bucky Lovejoy, III
5 Dave Croteau	9 Pat Keegstra
Barbara Kittle	Madeline Lind
6 Janet Goodhue	



August Anniversaries

2 Rick & Ida Wickizer
12 Doug & Betty Lu Holland
20 Geoffrey & Kirsten Barlow
22 Frank & Pat Whiting - 59 years!
24 Bob & Shann Letson - 70 years!
29 George & Mary Zellar - 68 years!



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Trinity HOPE line
Call 623-HOPE (623-4673)
to listen to an inspirational message.

Deadline for the September 2017 *VISION* is
Thursday, August 24
Please submit typewritten articles to the
church office or to: office@trinitytucson.org