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The Christian Education Committee will showcase the fall plans for classes Sunday, September 9. Classes will be held at their regular times and information about classes and events will be featured during worship.

We begin our two service schedule
Sunday September 9

Sojourner's Chapel

Our sacramental service of healing and renewal
8:00 am in our Chapel

9:00 am Adult Classes

10:00 am Fellowship Time

Traditional Service

10:30 am in our Sanctuary

10:45 am Youth Classes

See Pages 4 and 5 for more details about the upcoming classes

Pastoral Letter

The Ministry of Inconvenience

Even as I speak the annual “rite of return” is taking place in Tucson as numerous students come back for the new academic year, and 8000 freshmen begin their journey at the U of A. We are also reminded that, with the end of summer break, the streets will be more crowded with both foot and vehicular traffic, more lines will appear at the restaurants and the grocery stores (I learned this lesson the hard way last August when I went to the Safeway of Broadway during move-in week – I have not been back since) and that just living life in Tucson will become a little bit more difficult – but not insurmountable. When we think about what the University brings to this community in terms of education, art, music, drama, athletics, and cultures from all over the world, this time of year is an inconvenience that we cannot only tolerate, but even value.

Our church, like the University, creates some inconveniences for its members – just like any downtown Christian community. One of the things I immediately noticed upon moving to corner of First Street and Third Avenue is that I lived closer to Trinity than any other member. Obviously most of our members must travel to worship, fellowship, engage in mission, and participate in the life of this congregation. Sometimes it is inconvenient to be on 4th Avenue. There is a constant struggle at Trinity with vandalism and numerous other security issues, plus those times when 4th Avenue is blocked off for different events. There are times when the homeless inconvenience us – while most are men and women simply struggling to get by, others can be suffering from addiction and mental illness. Many in our congregation know the incredible amount of energy and expertise that our staff uses to deal with this community, which is a daily part of Trinity’s life.

On the other hand, sometimes inconveniences create tremendous opportunities, especially in the kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul lived the most inconvenient life of any of the apostles: disowned by his family, suspected by the fledgling Christian church (because he had op-

pressed the church in the years before his conversion,) chased all over Asia Minor by the Jewish authorities because of his success in bringing prominent Gentiles into the Christian church, some type of physical infirmity of which we are not sure, and his own struggle with the everyday temptations and trials of living the Christian life. Yet, in all this Paul perceived an opportunity to witness to Christ which he gladly embraced, while he encouraged the church to do the same: *So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. (Galatians 6: 9-10).*

Trinity Presbyterian Church provides us – individually and as a congregation – tremendous opportunities to experience and share the kingdom of God. We share the kingdom through the Food Pantry and the Terry J. Dalke Social Services Resource Center; we share the kingdom through our worship and/or Christian Education classes; we share the kingdom by allowing our facility to be used for building up of our community and for the ongoing work of our Presbytery; and we share the kingdom by taking advantage of those opportunities to express our individual talents in bringing the love of Christ to others.

Any church that takes the call of Christ seriously is going to inconvenience its members, because that is the very nature of Christianity itself. When the Son of God called upon his disciples to “pick up their crosses and follow him,” he did not just say these words, but placed that responsibility at the heart of being the church in the world. It is our responsibility – yours and mine. True, Christ’s call can be inconvenient, but it is a glorious inconvenience, because we share this work together. We haven’t even begun to realize the opportunities created by being a part of Trinity Presbyterian Church, but we will if we keep our eyes open and our hearts focused on loving God and serving humanity. Let the work begin – again.

Dr. Mack

Congregational News



FRIENDS OF PHILIP - BE A LITERACY VOLUNTEER!

Several months ago, Rev. Voigt gave a message about Saint Philip the Evangelist and the Ethiopian eunuch. As the eunuch was returning to Ethiopia after worshipping in Jerusalem, he sat in his chariot near Gaza trying to read the Book of Isaiah. Philip came upon him and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The eunuch replied, "How can I understand unless I have a leader to teach me?" Philip explained the text to him and told him about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are so many people in our world, in our own communities that cannot read. Imagine being in a world where you are unable to read street signs, medicine bottles, books, the Bible - the list is endless! If you would like to be a Literacy Volunteer at Trinity for just a few hours each month please call the church office at 623-2579 or see Rev. Voigt to become a volunteer - **A Friend of Philip!**

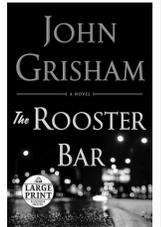
Lovejoy Library News

October is National Church Library Month. Help us celebrate with an **Open House Sunday, September 30 at 11:45 am.** We will have cake in Fellowship Hall and then come to the Library to browse and check out some books. We have books for all ages!



Trinity Book Club

Join us **Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm** as the Book Club meets in Fellowship Hall to discuss "*The Rooster Bar*" by John Grisham. The #1 New York Times bestselling author's newest legal thriller takes you inside a law firm that's on shaky ground.



2nd Sunday Mission Opportunities Make an Impact with Helping Hands Projects!

We want to be intentional about reaching out to our community through mission. So we have designated every 2nd Sunday of the month at Trinity as a Mission Sunday. **September 9 at 11:45 am** you can make sandwiches for Casa Maria; assemble water bottle and protein bar packs for distribution in Trinity's Food Bank; or write an encouraging note to homeless teens at Youth on Their Own. Pull up a chair and put your Helping Hands to work – there is something that any age can do to get involved in mission.



A huge thank you to all who volunteered their time, talents, gifts and supplies for VBS this year! VBS could not have been successful without all of our volunteers and those who generously donated money and supplies for the week. Thank you for all your help and prayers and we hope to have another amazing VBS next summer!

Matt & Rona Kreamer

Christian Education

YOUTH CLASSES

NURSERY

9:00 – 12:00 pm Children 4 and under enjoy coloring, singing and playing in our beautiful nursery with DeDe Markin.

FELLOWSHIP HALL ACTIVITY TABLE

9:00 am to 10:30 am Children 4 and up can meet Alix for low action activities—puzzles, and coloring, with some low sugar 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.



DIG IN
CREATING DEEPER BIBLE EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS

God's Trailblazers **4 through 8** will meet in **Rooms 7 & 8 with Kathy**. "Digging into the Life of Jesus" will lead kids in walking in Jesus' footsteps from birth to resurrection to ascension. Kids don't just learn about the historical Jesus; they get to know him personally. They'll discover that Jesus is a real person - a real friend - who makes a difference in their lives today. To supplement each lesson using Bible-related object lessons from "Sciency-Fun WOWS!" The kids will have fun as they learn.

KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

Kreamer's Crusaders **8 through 12** meet in **Room 6 with Matt** and will discover the bible and all its stories through object lessons using the curriculum "Top 50 Instant Bible Lessons for Elementary" This book is packed with object lessons, puzzles, games and crafts and will keep your elementary-aged children actively engaged and growing in God's Word.



ANCHOR TRINITY

Anchor Trinity **High School & College** meet in **Room 1 with Rona** and will be discussing the theme of social justice and what it really means to be a "Good Samaritan".



ADULT CLASSES

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets at **9:00 am in Room 5 (Lower Level Lounge)** **beginning September 9**. We will begin a new study. Come join us for lively discussions and interesting topics.

POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at **9:00 am on the second Sunday of the month**. We meet in the nursery for family breakfast munchies and then head downstairs to **Room 1** for our study.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today meets at **9:00 am in Upper Room West beginning September 30** with a series on Hans Rosling's new book, "Factfulness". September 30 – Quality of life in the world, October 7 – What affects our understanding of the world, October 14 – World population growth and how the world is changing.

Christian Education

ADULT CLASSES

JERUSALEM: THE CENTER OF THE WORLD

Beginning Sunday, September 9 at 9:00 am in Upper Room West join Rev. Bill Voigt as we take an educational and spiritual journey to one of the oldest cities in the world - Jerusalem!

Covering 4,000 years of history we will explore the founding of this Holy city and the birthplace of the world's three major monotheistic religions - Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The rich tapestry of life and faith come together as we look in on a city that has been twice destroyed, attacked dozens of times, and is noted as "URUSALIM" on numerous ancient Egyptian tablets. This three week class meets September 9, 16 and 23. Breakfast is provided.



Worship



Handbell Choir

The handbell choir begins their weekly rehearsals Thursday, September 6, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Bell Room. New ringers are always welcome! If you are interested, please speak with Lynn Moser.



Make Your Voices Heard with the Trinity Choir!

Join the Trinity Choir for its first rehearsal Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Exciting pieces during the year and Advent and Easter cantatas are just some of the ways to make your voices heard!



SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

World Communion Sunday is October 7 bring breads and wear clothing from different countries

Reformation Sunday is October 28 please call Peggy Chamberlain to be in a chancel drama.

SEPTEMBER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 2 Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9 Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps. 125; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 16 Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 19; James 3:1-2; Mark 8:27-38

September 23 Prov. 31:10-31; Ps. 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 30 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Ps. 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50



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.

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 duplicate IDs, money on bus passes and notarizing documents.

4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our next 4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper is **September 28** 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.

Trinity Food Pantry Special Report

The statistics for 2017 are as follows:

- 24,500 individuals were given food through the bags supplied by the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and their Agency Market, food donated by our congregation and friends of Trinity and items picked up at the CVS Pharmacies working with us,
- 3,762 day packs were handed out to people stopping by to get food and drinks for the day,
- 26,423 pounds of food and 282 cases of beverages were given to these individuals.
- The statistics for 2018 to date are:
- 18,000 individuals, 3,441 day packs, 20,136 pounds of food and 168 cases of beverages.

Trinity's food pantry is a very busy place. What's the true story behind the statistics? Clients are coming to the Terry J. Dalke Social Services Center because they are in need of our services. Who are these clients? They are individuals not just a number on a piece of paper. It takes courage to admit you need help and it can be a very humbling and fearful experience.

Let me share with you what I have observed and experienced while working in the food pantry. In the last couple of months I have substituted for all of the volunteers who work the pantry. Travis Spillers has switched from working the 1st Sunday of each month to the 2nd Sunday of the month. When I covered his Sunday in July (the family was on vacation) I had three individuals who came into the pantry and asked specifically for him. The month before I told them he had switched Sundays, so they also switched days. Was he alright and was he ready for school to start? They knew he was a special education teacher. When I covered for Tom and Vade Henderson, individuals asked "Where is that older man who went to Mt. Everest, and his wife who always seems to have papers and projects spread out over the desk?" As





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for Jim and Janet Hooper, individuals have asked “Where is that nice couple who bring special food items like hard-boiled eggs, fruits and vegetables and other healthy food items?” Then there are the compliments about that nice young man who helps me take my food to the car (Peter) or the woman with the funny New York accent whom I can tease because she will tease me back (Gerri).

What do these anecdotes say about our volunteers and Trinity’s Food Pantry? 86% of the individuals coming to us are repeats, they come every month. Our volunteers are willing to listen, ask questions and share part of their life experiences. The most important quality is that our volunteers do not judge those who come to us, by the way they look, talk or act. They are willing to work with and for those who cross our threshold.

Some of those who have come to the food pantry have shared their sadness, frustrations, dreams and every day experiences. If you ask any of the volunteers, I am sure they could tell you about an individual whose story has remained in their memory. I have had the privilege of witnessing the happiness of someone who has gotten an apartment and is no longer on the streets, or has gotten a job. I have also shared the sadness of those who have lost family members including pets. The most rewarding experience I have had, is when an individual has enough trust in us to ask us to pray with or for them.

Statistics are numbers, numbers do not walk through our doors – individuals do. If you are willing to connect with individuals in need, PLEASE visit us anytime we are open and let your heart and prayers decide if this ministry is for you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my volunteers and staff members for their dedication and hard work in helping Trinity’s Food Pantry impact individual lives. We will never know who or how we may have helped someone. Hours of operation: Tuesday and Thursday 12pm to 4pm and Sunday 12pm to 2pm. Trinity’s phone number is (520) 623-2579.

Blessings, Alice Smedley, Trinity Food Pantry Coordinator

A PARTNER OF



Summer Months at the Resource Center

Average Number of Clients served per day	20	Birth Certificates case by case basis	2/day
Average Number of duplicate ID’s per day	4	DES Applications for Food Stamps or AHCCCS	2/day
\$5 added to low income bus pass per day	10	Cold water bottles given out to each person who enters	
Toiletry bags distributed	2/day		
Day bus passes given out during the summer	50		

SESSION NOTES

Session is back to work after a respite in July. Sadly, Session received, with much regret, the immediate resignation of Sheila Sievert as acting elder in the Class of 2018. With only a few more months to serve she felt that her job as Office Administrative Assistant might cause some conflict of interest if Session makes Personnel decisions. Sheila will continue to do committee work with the Growth & Outreach Team. Please thank her for her great service on the Session as she served with enthusiasm, dedication and competence. Following are items you can take away from the August stated meeting:

- Daphne Madson reported that the Deaconate has changed the date for the All Church Picnic to November 3, 2018. Mark your calendars.
- The Long Range Development Team Chair Bucky Lovejoy sent his report via Bill Voigt that a lease is signed with the El Rio Community Health Center to occupy the first floor of the proposed building between Trinity and Time Market and that ground breaking should happen at the end of October. Parking for Trinity members during construction (ten months worth) is a high priority with many solutions in the works. Stay tuned.
- Session will study the book “Beyond the Ordinary – Spirituality for Church Leaders” by Ben Campbell Johnson. Perhaps congregants might like to check out this book as well.
- Session approved the Mission Committee request to participate in the next Jim Click Raffle ticket sales with proceeds to benefit the Resource Center and the TPC Food Pantry in an even split. Be ready to buy your ticket(s) mid- September.
- Second Sunday is a new concept planned to begin in September and will feature worship, mission, fellowship and education. Look for details in the VISION.
- Session learned that, so far, \$156. 56 was collected in the Fellowship Hall coin jars. Empty your pockets and travel lighter!
- Mission Committee is researching the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network for possible involvement.

- Property Committee reports that the HVAC work in Fellowship Hall is occurring and that new flooring and other improvements there will happen toward the end of September.
- First Communion classes are scheduled for September 16 and 23, 2018.
- The Growth & Outreach Team is hosting a Bloodmobile for Trinity members and the surrounding community for Sunday, October 28 2018.
- Stewardship & Finance transferred \$250,000 into the J. P. Morgan investment account.
- Trinity PC congregants can look forward to another Chancel Drama on Reformation Sunday (also, October 28, 2018) thanks to the good work of Peggy Chamberlain.
- The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun their work for the Elder and Deacons Classes of 2021. Can you believe it?
- Session prayed for several congregants with special concerns and for Trinity’s outreach into the community.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

ENTER TO WIN...

Beginning in mid-September the Food Pantry and the Resource Center will once again participate in the Jim Click Raffle. Raffle tickets are \$25/each or 5 for \$100. The money goes directly to Trinity’s missions where services and food are provided to low income people of Southern Arizona. The raffle drawing is December 13, 2018. You could win one of three prizes: a new 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit, two round-trip, first class airline tickets to anywhere in the world or \$5000 cash. Watch for more information...



Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

In Memory of Shirley Jo Taylor by Mikel Lo

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**,

Tuesday, September 11 at 10:00 am.

Join us as Dr. Mack leads this study.



Ryan's Bears meet **Tuesday, September 18 at 9:30 am in the Lower Lounge** to prepare bears for Christmas giving.

Help is needed to cut out bears, stuff bears and stitch them closed. Any questions, call Ruth Myers 326-6888

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

Watch a sermon at home: You can view and listen to the past weeks' sermons. 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 **Sanctuary** service most Sundays if you cannot attend. The viewer is on the right side of the home page of our website.

September Birthdays

3	Wayne Steele	15	Pat Hardy
4	Rona Kreamer	15	Daphne Madson
5	David Croteau	16	Stephen Russell
5	Barbara Kittle	17	Judith Rachael
6	Janet Goodhue	17	Amy Sigmon
8	Jim Croxen	19	Janet Hooper
8	Bucky Lovejoy	20	Anthony Corona
9	Pat Keegstra	21	Bill Voigt
9	Madeline Lind	23	Pat Whiting
12	Jackson Barlow	26	Joni Price
		30	Jennifer Carter

October Birthdays (1—10)

4	Emelia Maycher	9	Barbara Wiley - 96
5	Bill Davies	9	Roberta McDermott
7	Debbie Hobbs		



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

September Anniversaries

3	Janet & Jim Hooper
14	Bill & Jere Voigt
22	Rona & Matt Kreamer
26	Dr. Mack & Amy Sigmon



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**Deadline for the October 2017 VISION is
Tuesday, September 18**
Please submit typewritten articles to the
church office or to: office@trinitytucson.org