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**Trinity Ringers
25th Anniversary
Handbell Concert**



Sunday, May 7, 2017 1:00 PM
Trinity Presbyterian Church
400 E University Blvd

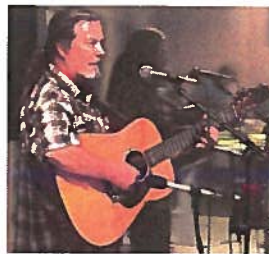
A wide variety of music including classical, hymns and the Beatles!

A light lunch will be offered in Fellowship Hall between worship and the concert.

A freewill offering will be taken for the refurbishment of the handbells.

WEDNESDAYNITEALIVE!

BBQ & CONCERT!



GREG MORTON RETURNS FOR A CONCERT ON THE PATIO MAY 17!

Please join us for a special evening of *WednesdayNiteAlive!* on **May 17**. At 6:30 pm, a barbeque will be held in the chapel courtyard with live music by Greg Morton.

Celebrate Dr. Mack Sigmon's installation as a community **Sunday May 21**. We will gather at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary for the service with a reception following in Fellowship Hall. Join us in welcoming his wife Amy and daughter Patti to Trinity.



PASTORAL LETTER

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

In the early part of the 20th century, the French developed their own distress call for ships in crisis. The French words "m'aider" means "help me," and is pronounced, "Mayday." These words evolved into a universal call for distress, used by pilots, ship captains, and the military organizations all over the world. "Mayday" is a desperate call for help, a word that literally means, "I can do no more - save me." In aviation and shipping there is a strict protocol for the use of "mayday" - the word can only be used in the most extreme and hopeless situations. "Mayday" is a term that defines moments of absolute and unconditional crisis, and while we may not find ourselves using the term in our own lives, we can certainly connect to the cry for help that "mayday" represents. It's amazing to think about the messes we find ourselves in at certain times in our lives.

So often we are our own worst enemies, and our own misguided actions, or inability to act, exacerbates a situation, leading to a full-blown crisis - and then comes our call: "mayday!" We do not take care of our health and suddenly we find ourselves with serious illness: "mayday!" We do not work on or maintain a relationship, and suddenly it falls apart: "mayday!" Jesus Christ was familiar with such cries for help. In situation after situation, the gospels present us with ordinary people caught in the most desperate of circumstances.

The Apostle Peter vividly illustrated our human dilemma when he tried to imitate Christ by walking on the water. Noticing the storm around him, Peter became frightened, and as soon as he took his eyes off Christ, he began to sink. Perhaps that is the way you feel right now. Perhaps we are in a crisis, or heading toward one, and perhaps in the midst of our anxiety and

pain we have taken your eyes off Christ. It is an easy and human thing to do, to find ourselves suddenly sinking into the struggles of life, but our answer is the same as Peter's - we can cry for help.

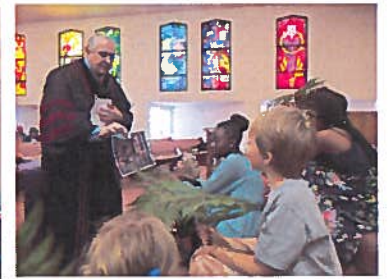
Christ is our Savior, and is always ready to pull us from the depths when we shout "mayday!" So often we act as if we can walk on water in this world - we are filled with pride and we trust in our own sufficiency. Many who find themselves sinking into the depths of despair never call out for help, but we have the gift of a rescuer, a "Soul Guard."

If you find yourself sinking today, I invite you to pray in your heart and in your mind, and reach out to the loving presence of the Savior. It is never too late to cry, "mayday." Christ is waiting to help you. Christ lifts us up, not just as we are sinking, but even from the depths, when all is despair. Christ will always still the storm in our hearts, and bring us to safe harbor. May it be so.

Dr. Mack



WNA! Helping Hands



Children's Message



Easter New Members
& 4 Baptisms!



Trinity Choir
Palm Sunday

Photos by Kathy Moser

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.

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. Parents with young children are welcome to join us!

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall** to discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman is the true story in which the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands. Come and add to the discussion. Questions please contact Billie Holbrook (billie.holbrook@cox.net or 668-6341).



GODLY PLAY CLASS

A Sunday School class, **Godly Play** for ages 4-8 is held during the 10:30 worship service. Children meet their leader at the front of the Sanctuary and participate in the first part of the service. They then go to their classroom for Bible stories, snacks and craft activities.

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.



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.



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. 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

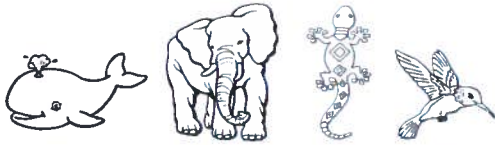
God's Little Seedlings Summer Sunday School:

All Creatures Great and Small

Children ages 4-8

Sundays starting May 28-September 3

Sanctuary and Lower Level Room 7



This summer our children will be learning about all kinds of animals that live in our world. God's remarkable and stunning creatures!

We will begin with learning about the animals closest to us, our pets.. Our Summer Sunday School time will be packed with tons of fun and learning through the Bible, books, video clips, songs, games, and crafts. It's all about animals and having fun!

PLEASE save your 2 liter soda bottles and empty toilet paper rolls as they will be used for several craft projects. If anyone would like to donate new pipe cleaners and boxes of Cheerios (marked for summer Sunday school) for craft projects, it would be greatly appreciated. You may give items to Kathy Moser!

Intergenerational Game Nights this summer, starting May 31, Every Wednesday until July 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

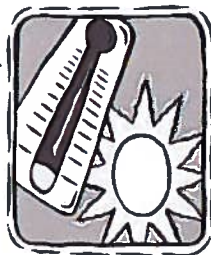
We will have board games, people are welcome to bring their own games and cards, and we will be meeting in Trinity Hall downstairs with light snacks and drinks. The last Game Night of the summer will actually be a Movie Night with ice cream sundae bar. We will not have a game night on June 28, the kids will be attending VBS.



Congregational News

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

The Deacons are expanding their Prayer Shawl ministry. In April, there will be prayer shawls available in the Narthex to check out if you find the air conditioning is too cold for you and then you will be able to sit comfortably in the Sanctuary feeling the warmth of God and our congregation wrapped around 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.




Road Trip to Mt. Graham

On Saturday June 3, John Hill will lead a road trip to Mt. Graham to tour the world's largest telescope (the Large Binocular Telescope). We'll leave from Trinity at 10AM and return before 10PM. 18 miles of the 306 mile round trip are dirt, so a fuel-efficient SUV is the best vehicle. Bring snacks for lunch, and an indoor picnic supper, and plenty of water to drink along the way.

The telescope site is at an altitude of 10500 feet, so persons with cardio/pulmonary issues are advised not to make the trip. The area is wheelchair accessible. An RSVP is required if you want to go: Send the **NAMES OF EVERYONE WHO PLANS TO ATTEND** to John Hill by **noon on Friday May 26** (jhill@as.arizona.edu).

Wednesday Night Alive! – May 2017

Date	5:00 pm Bible Study (Library)	6:00 pm Quiet Time with God (Chapel)	6:30 pm Helping Hands Project and Recipient, Fellowship and Snacks (Upper Room)	7:00-8:00 pm Discussion Topic/Guest Speaker (Upper Room)
May 3	The Ascension Acts 1		Water bottles and protein/cereal bars for Trinity's Food Bank Kathy Moser	A Voice for Abused and Neglected Children=CASA Volunteer Jill LaBrie, CASA Recruiter (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Pima County Juvenile Court Center
May 10	Replacement of Judas Acts 1		Paul's Socks for Thornhill Lopez Center on 4 th - A SAAF Place for Youth Kathy Moser	Foster Care Fundamentals Margo M. Romero, B.S. Program Director, HRSS/HACS Arizona's Children Association, Tucson
May 17	The Holy Spirit Acts 2		 Year-end BBQ and Fellowship in the courtyard patio Music by Tucson Guitarist, Greg Morton	



Congregational News

SACRAMENTAL & CARE SERVICE BEGINS JUNE 11 AT 8:00 AM IN THE CHAPEL

There are times we need to feel the presence of Christ in an especially close way. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is one way we quiet our minds and delve into our hearts to feel the loving presence of our Lord through the Holy Spirit. There are other times we need the healing presence of God for our bodies, our minds, and our spirits. Prayers for healing and anointing with oil go back to the earliest times of the church, and are a normative part of Christian worship in the New Testament, AS well as in many Presbyterian churches today.

On June 11, our 8 o'clock service will transition to a **Sacramental and Care Service**. Along with the message and our liturgy, we will share communion every week, and those with a healing need will be invited to receive prayers and, if requested, anointing with oil. Anointing with oil is a symbol of God's healing presence and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The prayer for healing and anointing will be done very quietly between the minister and worshiper as the congregation sings.

This service is designed to be quiet and contemplative, with a message, liturgy, and music that focus on the immanence of Christ. We hope our congregation will engage in this service as needed or as a weekly part of worship at Trinity.

We look forward to seeing you after Pentecost as we begin this additional way of worshipping our Lord.

Mission News

Behind The Scenes And At The Front Lines: Trinity's Mission In Action

Globally through One Great Hour of Sharing Trinity's contribution on Easter is divided into thirds. One third of the giving goes to Hunger Programs, one third goes to Self-Development and one third goes to Disaster Relief.

Trinity members give to mission co-workers in the Middle East. Co-workers are not missionaries but are support teams for existing or developing churches. This summer we hope to have the co-workers visit who serve in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

Did you know that we are saving plastic bottle caps to be given to Maria Andrade, our housekeeper? She takes them when she visits Mexico. Sixty pounds of plastic caps pays for one chemotherapy treatment for a child there.

Pop cans are recycled and the cash goes to our Food Bank. Take your cans to the storage area by the piano in Fellowship Hall. Tabs from the cans go to the Ronald MacDonald House.

Box tops from cereal and Kleenex boxes are saved and contribute to the education at the Menaul School, a faith based independent high school in Albuquerque. You can put them in a baggie under the TV in FH.

Tom Henderson, Ginger Dunn, Jane Parker, Helen Forbes, Sheila Sievert and Kenna Atwell make and serve chicken gumbo for 100 men at the Primavera Men's Shelter on the second Thursday of the month. Tom is also team leader for Primavera breakfast cooking early every Wednesday morning. Jim Croxen, Billie Holbrook and Joan Tindell help Tom with eggs, weenies and buns.

Our sandwiches that we make after church on the second Sunday of the month go to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen (a Catholic Workers' establishment working for justice and equality) where over 600 people and several families are served lunches 5 days a week.

Our Food Bank is constantly in need of volunteers as well as healthy non-perishable goods.

The Southern Arizona Food Bank serves more than just Tucson. Walk-ins at our Food Bank are numerous and what is given them (or even the families who qualify for a 'bag' a month) does not sustain the individuals for more than a few days. Think of what you'd like to receive and give cans of healthy foods with easy pop tops.

The 4th on 4th Community Dinner is a hit. Betty Lu Holland, Melissa Bird, and Rosalie Goll head the list of organizers. Between 60 and 80 people are served. Because many people don't often have a chance to sit down, eat and have a conversation, Trinity is filling that void. Food is plentiful but it is nice to have more people volunteer to mingle and mix while eating. A basic human need is dignity and respect. Here's an opportunity to show Christ's love.

Janet Munson
& Will Tilley



Photos by Kathy Moser



Sarah & Chris
Svenson
(shown with their
4 children)



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 is increasing each month. 75 clients received bags of food prepared by the Food Bank of So. AZ. The items of food that you bring supplement the bags and provides food for our street people. During the month of March we handed out 380 snack packs. The combined poundage of food given out in March was about 2,500 pounds of which 300 was donated by you. I am in need of volunteers to help on Thursdays. If you can donate a couple of hours, please let me know by calling the church office. Thank you to all who have been faithful in bringing in food. We also 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, notarizing documents and adding money to bus passes.

4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our 4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper will continue through the summer. So put **Friday June 23, July 26 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 til 7, 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. You may wonder "what can I talk about?" Try asking where they're from, and that usually starts a good conversation. Or "how did your day go, or how is your week going? Where do you stay? Are you working? Or comment on any recent sports event, or other current local topic.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY IS MAY 14

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).

Please join us in worship on May 14 as we show our appreciation to the dozens of volunteers who serve the Lord through their volunteer efforts at Trinity. A cake and punch reception will follow the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall.



**SUNDAYS in Fellowship Hall
FOR SIPPING & FOR SALE!**

Just Coffee



We make 600 bologna sandwiches each month for Casa Maria. Join us on the second Sunday at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall to help with this worthwhile mission project.



Photos by Kathy Moser

SESSION NOTES

At a called meeting in early April, Session received Christopher and Sarah Svenson into membership and they stood before the congregation on Easter Sunday to affirm their faith and have their four children – Ernesto, Alexandra, Dawn and Freja baptized. Then, at the April stated meeting Session received DeDe Markin into membership. Didn't we think she was already a member? With joy and thanksgiving she will stand before the congregation on the first Sunday in May to affirm her faith. Give these new members a warm welcome into our Trinity family.

Here's a little factoid of interest. Easter Sunday had an attendance of 230 with 36 children!

Bucky Lovejoy reported the progress of our Development Group as they are picking up some speed. The final rezoning letter arrived. Alternative plans are underway for moving the duplex and W. E. O'Neill is in the process of firming up costs of demolition and construction. Hope you didn't miss the April 30, 2017 presentation by the Development Group after services in Fellowship Hall to see what the latest drawings and models demonstrate. It is hoped that construction will begin by the end of the year. Now the Long Range Development Team might need the moniker of Shorter Range Development Team.

You can welcome Kyle Elliott as an hourly employee with the job title of Parking Attendant. And Ann Walker has joined the Counting Team.

The Deacons held a wonderful Retreat in early April and tried some new things during the 4th Avenue Street Fair by having a mission project for passers-by. The Hamburger Stand was missed.

Dr. Mack's Service of Installation is planned for May 21st at 4:00 PM in the Trinity Sanctuary. A reception will follow.

Growth & Outreach Team has many irons in the fire with numerous ideas to implement with sign-

age, murals, a little park along University Blvd. and live streaming of our worship service. Choir members – be aware! – you are on candid camera.

Property Committee is proceeding with HVAC replacement and obtaining bids for new flooring in Fellowship Hall. Mission Committee has so many avenues of mission work that it is very hard to list them all. One tidbit is that the Resource Center saw 37 clients in March and volunteers gave 121 hours of service.

Christian Education is discussing some radical ideas about altering the Sunday School time for the children. Look for the list of items you can help accumulate for Vacation Bible School. Worship Committee will recognize volunteers on May 14, 2017 and treat the congregation to a cake reception after worship service.

Session members prayed for congregants in need of extra concern and thought.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

Thank You

Lu and I would not be able to winter in Tucson if it weren't for our wonderful Trinity family. Whenever we had a problem, someone from Trinity helped us. Thank you and God bless you. We will continue to come as long as we are able. Love and prayers, Alice Gratias & Lu Brown

Honoring Trinity's own Easter Bunny (Mallams). Thank you for making Easter morning special for generations of Trinity children. From Trinity Families

Thank you DeDe for the lovely new curtains you made for the Library.

Trinity Women

TPW pledges may be given directly to the church by mail or in the offering plate. Please designate TPW or Trinity Women in the memo portion of the check.



TPW will meet **Tuesday, May 9** for the morning Circle at 10:00 am. Join them monthly for Bible study and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

Ryan's Bears will meet **Tuesday, May 16, 9:30** in the Lower Level Lounge (Rm 5) to cut out, stuff and stitch bears. As always they can use donations of fabric. Flannel is preferred for the flat bears and fleece for the jointed bears. Each bear requires 1/2 yd of fabric. The bears are given to Primavera, Our Family and to the Arizona Children's Assoc. for their Christmas giving. Your help in any form is always appreciated. Questions call Ruth Myers at 326-6888.

Life Around Trinity



Photos by Kathy Moser

Milestones

May Birthdays

3	Jessica Roggow	16	Carl Sosna
6	Celeste Dzakpa	18	Allyn Spence
9	Susan Chambers- Casteloes	19	Peace Tenge
	Turner Miller	21	Lynn Moser
		23	Jane Uhle
11	Ann Walker	26	Jason DePizzo
14	Steve Barlow	29	Leone Mohney
15	Mary Zellar		Liz Strong
		31	James Madson

June Birthdays (1—10)

1	George Greenleaf - 98	9	Nancy Howard
	Elsie Herendeen - 93	10	Carolynn Carter
2	Barbara Ball		
8	Thomas Dean		

May Anniversaries

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

Memorials

In Memory of Dr. William Dean by Derry Dean
In Memory of Dr. William Dean by Thomas Dean
In Honor of Mary Hull by Leone Mohney
In Honor of Ruth Hawley by Leone Mohney
In Memory of David Holliday by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Al Gelderman by Leone Mohney

We regret to inform you that former member David Holliday passed away Sunday, April 2, 2017. We extend our prayers to his wife, Beth, and their family. They moved to New York some years ago. If you wish to offer condolences the office has a mailing address.

