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Holy Week

Sunday, April 9

8:00 & 10:30 am

Passion/Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 12 - 6:00 pm

Special WednesdayNiteAlive!

supper and movie: *The Fourth Wiseman* (see page 5)

Thursday, April 13 - 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday

Potluck meal, a celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Service of Tenebrae (*child care provided*)

Friday, April 14 - 12:00 pm

Good Friday

a light lunch in the courtyard, followed by a half-hour service of scripture and music in the Chapel.

Sunday, April 16

10:30 am

Easter Sunday

a celebration of the Resurrection

9:00 am Easter Breakfast *Please bring juice, egg dishes and fruit*

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am Choir Cantata "At the Ninth Hour"

We celebrate the conclusion of the Lenten Journey on Easter Sunday morning as the Trinity Choir with orchestra presents the cantata "At the Ninth Hour." This dramatic presentation traces Christ's last week on earth from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the solemn power of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, followed by the Crucifixion and joyful Resurrection.

PASTORAL LETTER

As we approach the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I would like to take a moment to make the distinction between Easter "joy" and Easter "happiness." In our culture, sometimes the word "happiness" is confused with the word "joy." If we think about the celebration of Easter from a "holiday" point of view, there are many ways that we seek to make our celebration a happy event. Children will color eggs and receive Easter baskets. We will see images of the Easter bunny, (and share some chocolate ones) while many families and adults will travel to their favorite vacation spot for the Easter holiday. While Easter is, thankfully, not as secularized as Christmas, our culture will still seek to drain every bit of "happiness" that it can from the celebration.

But if we, as believers in Jesus Christ, carefully read and open our hearts to the Easter story, we will discover that Easter is about joy, and joy requires a different journey, a journey quite different from the one to happiness. On that Sunday morning following the crucifixion of Christ, the mood among the apostles and the disciples was anything but happy.

Can you imagine the emotional state of the women as they journeyed to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, as required by the Jewish tradition? When they arrived at the tomb, now open, and heard from the angel the good news of Christ's resurrection, the gospel of Matthew states that they left the tomb quickly filled with "fear and joy." Isn't that an interesting combination of emotions? Would we ever join the emotion of fear with emotion of happiness? They are polar opposites. So how can joy and fear be experienced by the same heart? Christ had told His followers that He would return to them from the tomb. I'm sure the women did not allow themselves to even grasp that hope until they ran from the gravesite. Joy and hope are inextricably linked. The fear mentioned in the story was from experiencing something that no human had ever experienced - not the resurrection, but what the resurrection affirmed - that Jesus Christ was truly the promised Messiah. Until that Sunday, most of Christ's followers probably

experienced hopelessness and despair. No one had ever returned from death, and though Jesus had made this promise, it was one beyond human comprehension. But from the astonishing news from the angel to the women to the other disciples, hope grew in the hearts of those who believed in Jesus, and from that hope grew a deep and profound joy.

From that morning on, the apostles and the disciples would face many unhappy days. Christ's followers would be persecuted by their culture, isolated by their families, and rejected by many who were insulted or infuriated by their story and their faith. Even among themselves the followers of Christ would experience unhappiness, as we read in many of Paul's letters to the church.

But for 2000 years, Christians have had a source of joy that overwhelms the ordinary ups and downs of life. Our joy is our faith in the resurrection of Christ and the promise that we will join Christ in the resurrected kingdom. When all else in this world fails, we can go to the Word of God and discover the joy that transcends this mortal life - a joy that makes this mortal life sweeter and more meaningful. If we celebrate Easter from our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, we will experience the deep and eternal joy from knowing that Christ is always with us and, when our purpose on earth is complete, we will be always with Christ. What deeper joy can there be, ever? Have a joyful Easter!

Dr. Mack



Photos from the YAV Southwest Showdown



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



No Sunday School Classes Easter Sunday

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 at 9:00 am in Upper Room West for 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 meets in the Lower Level Lounge (Rm 5) at 11:45 on Sundays for great conversations and are looking for a new study topic.

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!



Photos by Kathy Moser



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). Matt Kreamer leads the Crusaders on Biblical adventures in learning. A Biblical foundation is built through discussion with active participation and openness to thoughts and questions. 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.



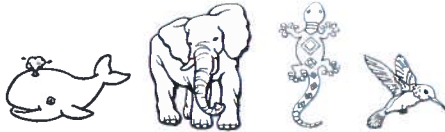
LOVEJOY LIBRARY NEWS

The Trinity Kids Reading Club began on January 1, 2017. Please get your 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. 3 children have already drawn a prize! There are many great books in the Library and reading is fun for children and grownups too!

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! Thank you!

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.



HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO MEET DR. MACK?

The Pastor Nominating Committee is planning small potluck dinners of no more than 10 Trinity members/friends to meet in homes for fellowship and get to know our new Pastor, Dr. Mack. These gatherings will take place this Spring more information will come soon.

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).

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

We will meet on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to discuss Hillbilly Elegy by J D Vance. Come and add to the discussion. We are open to requests! Questions please contact Billie Holbrook (billie.holbrook@cox.net or 668-6341).



Wednesday *NiZe* Alive! – April 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)
April 5	Paul's Sermon Acts 13:13-43		Easter treat bags for children <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Lenten Series: Who Is This Man? "Three Days That Changed the World" <i>Dr. Mack Sigmon</i>
April 12	NO BIBLE STUDY	Supper and Movie: "The Fourth Wise Man" Based on Henry van Dyke's classic, <i>The Story of the Other Wise Man</i> , this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms.		
April 19	The Post Resurrection Appearances I		Project Linus: Kids Helping Kids <i>Dale Shoots, Assistant Coordinator, Project Linus and Kids Helping Kids Leader</i>	
April 26	The Post Resurrection Appearances II		Water bottles and protein/cereal bars for Trinity's Food Bank <i>Kathy Moser</i>	Helping Youth with Difficult Life Circumstances to Graduate <i>Vivian Chilton, Student Community Liason and Carmen Kemery, TUSD Counselor at AGAVE Middle & High School-TUSD's Online Option</i>



LENTEN SERIES

Our Wednesday evening Bible study and presentation has been based upon the Lenten devotional series titled "Who Is This Man?" by Presbyterian pastor John Ortberg. The 5:00 pm Bible study focused on a passage that related to the topic of the 7:00 pm Lenten presentation which featured a 20-25 minute video, followed by discussion. John Ortberg's book titled "Who Is This Man?: The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus" is available through Amazon (on Kindle also), Cokesbury, or Barnes & Noble. The book is very interesting and well-written, and goes deeper into the topic of each Session. I hope you have enjoyed this thought-provoking series. *Dr. Mack*

THE FOURTH WISE MAN

April 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm we will conclude our observance of Lent with Supper and a Movie, *The Fourth Wise Man*. Based on Henry van Dyke's classic, *The Story of the Other Wise Man*, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. Artaban takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. Along the way, Artaban uses his gifts to help people in dire need. He now has nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds Him. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new King, bringing peace to his life. A deeply moving experience examining what true faith really means. Starring Martin Sheen and Alan Arkin.



APRIL 26 WNA! PROGRAM

Vivian Chilton, TUSD Student Community Liason, and Carmen Kemery, TUSD Counselor, will speak at WNA on the Agave online Middle and High School in TUSD. Agave serves youth under 22 years of age who are homeless, refugees, undocumented minors, previous drop outs and foster kids. These students need more than schooling and Vivian and Carmen will speak on how they keep the students focused on goals and graduation. The title of the WNA event is 'Helping Youth with Difficult Circumstances to Graduate'.

Congregational News



25th Anniversary Handbell Concert & Matching Gift Opportunity!

The Trinity Ringers will be celebrating 25 years of handbell ringing with a special concert on Sunday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m. in Trinity's sanctuary. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall between worship and the concert. Please join us for this exciting concert that will feature a variety of music including classics, hymns and the Beatles!

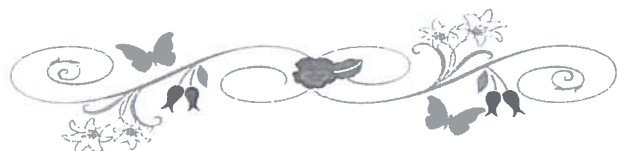
After 25 years, the handbells are due for some refurbishing and will be shipped to the Schulmerich foundry in Pennsylvania this summer for a tune-up. A friend of Trinity has offered to match donations to the handbell fund up to \$1000! Donations may be placed in the offering plate or sent anytime to Trinity

with "Handbells" noted in the memo. An offering will also be received at the concert to help cover the \$5500 needed.

The Ringers first played in worship on November 3, 1991 and there were 14 ringers listed in the bulletin. Barbara Kittle is the only one of the founding members who has not moved away or gone on to play in the heavenly bell choir! Thanks, Barbara, for helping to get us started and then ringing faithfully for many years! The current ringers have been a part of the group from 2 to 15 years.

Fun facts: Handbell ringing was developed around 1700 in England to give those people who rang a church's tower bells a way to practice without actually having to ring the tower bells, which of course were heard all over the neighborhood! Handbells can weigh as little as 7 oz. or upwards of 18 lbs!

The *Las Mariposas String Quartet* (Daphne Madson and friends) are having a **FREE** concert Sunday, April 23 at 4:00 pm at Trinity. Put it on your calendar and plan on attending.



Trinity Hosts the Rose Show Saturday, April 8 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Once again Trinity will host the Rose Society of Tucson's annual rose show. This year's theme is "Rockn' Roses". The show will be in Trinity Hall and all are welcome from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The show offers a display of hundreds of roses (hybrid teas, floribundas, miniature roses, old garden roses) as well as beautiful rose arrangements and rose photography competition. Plus, rose bushes will be for sale. The Rose Society of Tucson extends its sincere thanks to Trinity for the church's continued support of the rose show.

The Stewardship and Finance committee is grateful for the financial support from members and friends in 2016. Your contributions were 44% of the operating receipts and 46% of operating expenses. This continued the level of support in the transition years. In addition your support of the church wide Special Offerings was strong in 2016 with \$2,137.00 given for Christmas Joy, \$3,702.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing, \$682.20 for Pentecost and \$2,087.25 for Peace & Global Witness.



As we begin a new chapter in the life of the church with Dr. Mack Sigmon, our pastor, we are exploring additional ways to receive contributions such as credit card, Pay Pal on the website and sustaining by direct deposit from a checking account. If there are other methods you would like to see installed, please let us know by contacting the church office, The Rev. Bill Voigt, Leone Mohney, Alice Smedley or the S&F Committee Chairman, Elliott Koeppen. We are grateful to all who indicated their commitment of continued financial support. If you have not done so, prayerfully consider participating and let us know of your intention.



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**. This month we need individual servings of food items for our street packs. We are averaging 30 people coming in for these snacks when we are open. We **NEED** all types of canned goods. We served 127 clients in March who received the food bags. Thanks to all of you who have been providing items along with produce for our food pantry

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. The Resource Center is gathering data about these other services to apply for grants to help with funding. You can also help with their cause by signifying "Resource Center" on your offering plate or mailed in donation.

THE NEXT 4TH ON 4TH FRIDAY

Community Supper will be on **Friday, April 28 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**, downstairs in Trinity Hall. Come and meet new people from the community, and bring a dish to share. April's theme is Italian dishes. Someone will be in the Narthex with a sign-up sheet **Sundays after church**. Questions- please call Betty Lu Holland 579-2895

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



Deacon's Service Project at 4th Avenue Street Fair

The Deacons did a service project in the absence of the Hamburger Booth. The service project involved putting together food packs for Sister Jose Women's Center. The project was a success! We made 144 food packs with the help of our community, friends and church members. Lynn and I delivered the food packs to Sister Jose on Saturday afternoon. The young woman volunteer at Sister Jose was thrilled to receive all the food packs. What touched me the most was that there was a young man outside, who, before we came had asked for help from the women's center. He asked us if he could help bring in the boxes with food packs and we graciously accepted his help as both of our cars were loaded with boxes of food packs. When we finished unpacking both cars, the young woman volunteer went back inside and came out with 2 food packs for Richard, the young man who helped us. Our service projects reach out to all in need.



Sisters Helping Sisters

SESSION NOTES

The newest elder class is settling in, but all Session members regretted accepting Elder-elect Ed Buck's resignation for Class 2019. We all pray for Ed's good health. This means the Congregational Nominating Committee has some work to do a little earlier than expected. They will nominate a potential elder to round out the Administration & Personnel Committee.

Session authorized the baptism of the children of Christopher and Sarah Svenson. So, on Easter Sunday both our pastors will baptize Dawn (4), Alexandra (7), Ernesto (9) and Freya (7 months). We are grateful for this glorious event.

Christian Education is seeking to hire an intern who can work part time with Children's Ministry and Session approved asking Administration & Personnel to consider and to study this idea. With over 20 children showing up for church these days, this seems a timely idea.

The Pastor Nominating Committee – yes, they are still working – asked Session to approve May 21, 2017 at 4:00 PM for the Installation of the Rev. Dr. Mack Sigmon as our pastor with a reception to follow. Session approved of course. And this information is sent along to the Rev. Brad Munroe, Presbytery Pastor for Presbytery de Cristo, and to the Rev. Bill Voigt, Moderator of Presbytery de Cristo, so that Presbytery can plan a service of Installation.

Peter Holbrook presented a power point outlining reasons for repairing or replacing pieces of Trinity's HVAC system. Property Committee recommended replacing the system that was first installed in 1947-8 and is now barely limping along. It turns out that replacing is less money than repairing and a new unit will be more efficient plus cost less to operate. So, after consideration, Session approved spending up to \$79,000 from Unrestricted Funds. With three proposals in hand, Peter and Bill will make plans to get this work underway as quickly as possible.

The Deacons are planning a retreat at Lodge on the Desert for April 8, 2017. Long Range Development Team and the Development Group plan to present a model of the design plans for the new development to the congregation sometime in late April. Right now the Development Group is preparing to move the duplex to a new location. The Mayor and City Council gave the "go" for all of this by taking the property out of the Historic Preservation Zone and amending the zoning to allow for new height restrictions and building materials.

Mission Committee is thankful for those in the congregation offering tutoring and rides to the dentist for our refugee children. Our Food Bank site distributed 2,500 pounds of food in February. Growth & Outreach and Worship Committee have plans for October with a Blessing of the Animals service and a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Session members prayed for those in the congregation in need of encouragement, healing and caring. Hug a congregant today!

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| April 2 | Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45 |
| April 9 | Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27
Matthew 27:11-54 |
| April 16 | Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 |
| April 23 | Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter
1:3-9; John 20:19-31 |
| April 30 | Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-
19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35 |

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, April 11 for the morning Circle at 10:00 am. Join them monthly for Bible study and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

We will host the PWP (Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery) Spring Gathering "Called into the Light with Presbyterian Women" on Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 8:30 to 3:00. We will praise and worship, install officers, hear a report on the USA Mission Exchange in San Francisco by Martha Ashton our Synod representative. Lunch will be prepared by Middle Eastern Fellowship. See Leone Mohney for registration forms.

Ryan's Bears will not meet in April, but will meet 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 with Mack, Bill & DeDe

Photos by Kathy Moser

Milestones

April Birthdays

8	Helen Greer	24	Marilee Kelsey -92
	Verneta Steadman -97		Lonzo Ray
13	Rick Wickizer		Ward Spillers
16	Barbara Sosna	28	Liz Barlow
18	Lori Boston		Mary Hull - 90
			Grace Corona
22	Jim Thomas	30	Tom Coyle

May Birthdays (1—10)

3	Jessa Roggow	9	Susan Chambers-Casteloos
6	Celeste Dzakpa		Turner Miller

April Anniversaries

4	Edgar & Nancy Buck - 53 years
6	Jeff & Debbie Hobbs
17	Bruce and Katie Dusenberry - 69 years
19	Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano
21	Barbara & Chuck Sosna
25	Hap & Nancy Howard

Memorials

In honor of Jeanette & Lester Wilka by Leone Mohney

In memory of Mary Anne Young Lavine by Leone Mohney

In memory of Arlene Stevenson Booth by Ruth & Don Myers



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★ **Tuesday, April 18** ★
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