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Sojourner's Chapel

Our sacramental service of healing and renewal
called Sojourner's Chapel begins
September 10 at 8:00 am in our Chapel

Each week we will celebrate Holy Communion, and we will share the Biblical practice of healing prayers and the use of anointing oil. Anointing with oil is a symbol of God's healing presence and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

This service will have some unique elements within its 45-minute time frame. The music will be both sung and instrumental, with emphasis upon meditation and spiritual refreshment. Silence will also be a part of this service – a quiet time to pray, meditate, or feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

For our congregation and visitors, this service will be an opportunity for communion and a place for those times when we may have special prayer needs. The Pastors will lead this service and while the order of the service may change, the basic elements will remain the same.

See page 5 for an example of the service.

PASTORAL LETTER

In my message for September I would like to focus on two exciting changes that we are making in the areas of worship and the Wednesday night program. I hope you have already heard about Sojourners Chapel and Breakout Wednesday, but allow me to refresh your memory and add a little more information.

We are changing the basic nature of our 8am service to focus on specific spiritual needs within our congregation. Thematic worship has proven to be a powerful source of healing and renewal, and offering the Lord’s Supper each week allows those who feel a need for the sacrament to receive that opportunity. We have also given the early service a name – “Sojourner’s Chapel.”

The “sojourner” represents the pilgrim or the seeker who yearns for a spiritual encounter with the Lord. Sojourners Chapel will have creative music and a reflection of our deepest spiritual needs. Prayers for healing will be accompanied by anointing with oil for those who wish it. There will always be an opportunity for the rededication of one’s life to Christ, and the sacrament will be shared in the context of healing and renewal. We will have limited liturgy and no bulletin (except for the informational insert). Music will feature praise choruses, the psalms, and instrumental pieces for meditation. As we work out this service in the coming months, your feedback and suggestions will always be welcome.

I am extremely excited about our new format for the Wednesday evening gathering, called “Breakout Wednesday.” I will quickly highlight the changes from our previous format. First, the time will be shorter. We will start at 5:30 pm, and end no later than 7:15 pm. We will continue to establish a monthly theme, but each Wednesday night will be focused on a different view of that theme. Every Wednesday will begin with a casual meal, allowing members to drop in and eat from 5:30 to 6:15. Along with our table fellowship, there will be a mission corner set up with a simple project to support our many missions, open to any who would like to put their hands to work.

On the first Wednesday of the month, we will move to the Chapel for a time of worship centered around the theme. Along with our prayers, praise, and meditation, we will dialogue about our views and expectations regarding the theme.

The second Wednesday of the month we will remain in the Upper Room (where we have shared the meal). We will begin with a brief service of worship that will include hymns and prayers, then we will share a focused Bible study on the topic, led by one of the pastors. We will discuss the biblical view of our theme and how that view relates to our discipleship.

The third Wednesday of the month will be program night, when (after the meal and our brief worship) we will hear a speaker or share a video presentation of our topic, followed by question and discussion.

The final Wednesday of the month will be mission night, where we will share a creative way to put our faith into practice as expressed by our theme. The mission may be at the church or in the community, but it will always be a “hands-on” expression of what we have shared and learned from the previous three weeks.

It is my hope that these changes will provide for our congregation some creative new ways to experience the love of Christ and the fellowship of our church. Bill and I look forward to sharing Sojourners Chapel and Breakout Wednesday with you in the Fall.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Dr. Mack

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 ★ A special "Thank You" to Kathy Moser ★
 ★ for planning and leading "God's Little ★
 ★ Seedlings" this summer. We are grate- ★
 ★ ful to all the guests that came to ★
 ★ share their knowledge with the chil- ★
 ★ dren and the wonderful animals that ★
 ★ some of them brought. ★
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



is Sunday, September 10. The Christian Education Committee will introduce the fall plans for classes. Classes will be held during their regular times and information about classes and events will be featured during the worship services.

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets at **9:00 am** in the Lower Level Lounge Room 5. We continue a new study based on the book *"First Corinthians"* by *Bruce Fisk*. Come join us for lively discussions.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today meets at **11:45 am** in the Lower Level Lounge Room 5 beginning September 10.

THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS

Beginning September 17 at **9:00 am** in the Upper Room West, Rev. Bill Voigt will lead us in a study of the Salem witch trials.

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 Lower Level Room 1** for our parent study: *"Grace Based Parenting"* by Tim Kimmel and *"Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions For Kids"* by Sarah Young



God's Little Seedlings and the Reid Park Zoo staff.
Photo by Rona Kreamer

NURSERY

9:00 – 11:30 am, The little ones, birth to 3 years old, are treated to coloring, singing and playing in our beautiful nursery with DeDe Markin.

GODLY PLAY

A Sunday School class for ages 3-5 meets in the front of the sanctuary to participate in the first part of the **10:30** worship service then goes to **Lower Level Room 7**. Bible stories, snacks and crafts take place.

HANDS-ON BIBLE FOR KIDS

A Sunday School class for ages 5-8 meets in the front of the sanctuary to participate in the first part of the **10:30** worship service then goes to **Lower Level 8**. The Bible comes alive through music, sound effects and captivating gizmos which are fun, interesting objects that help kids discover God's truths in unforgettable ways.

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

ANCHOR TRINITY

All high school & college aged youth are invited. 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**.

Congregational News

Trinity Kids Reading Club

Come to the Lovejoy Library and check out some books from the Children's Cart. 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.



Lovejoy Library News

October is National Church Library Month. Help us celebrate our beautiful Library with an Open House on October 1, 2017 at 11:45 am. We will have cake in Fellowship Hall and then come into the Library to browse and check out some books. If you check out a book, you will get to enter a drawing for some prizes. We have books for all ages. See you there!!

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

September 26 at 7:00 pm the Book Club will meet in Fellowship Hall to discuss "*My Stroke of Insight*" by Jill Taylor. The story written by a neurologist who documents her own stroke and recovery.



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. There will also be a potluck lunch. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information.

Jeanette Ryan & Ruth Russell



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*

EDUCATE YOURSELF ON THE IMPACT OF MENTAL ILLNESS!

Come and listen to the experts at free forums being held at DuVal Auditorium, Banner-University Medical Center (1501 N. Campbell) from 6:30-8:00 pm on the following dates:

- Thursday, Sept. 7,--Everything You Wanted to Know about Mental Illness
- Tuesday, Sept. 19,--Mental Illness and Youth
- Thursday, Oct. 5 Mental Illness and Geriatrics
- Thursday, Oct. 19--Mental Illness and Law Enforcement
- Thursday, Nov. 2--Mental Illness and Incarceration
- Thursday, Nov. 16--Mental Illness and Psychopharmacology

For more information go to: www.namisa.org/forums

Worship

The Handbells Are Back



The handbell choir resumes weekly rehearsals on **Thursday, September 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm** upstairs in the Bell Room. New ringers are welcome! If you are interested, please speak with Lynn Moser.

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.trinityucson.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 most Sundays 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

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 3 Exodus 3:1-15; Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

September 10 Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 17 Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114, Exodus 15:1b-11; 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 24 Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Make Your Voices Heard!!!

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



Sojourner's Chapel September 10 at 8:00 am in our Chapel.

Here is an example of the service:

Welcome

Reflection and Invitation to the Spirit

Music and Praise

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Requests for Healing

Prayers for Healing and Renewal with

Anointing as Requested

Scripture

Meditation

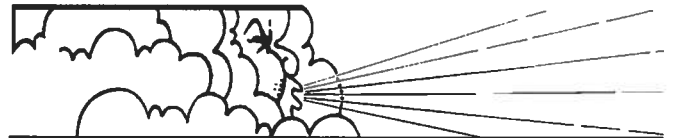
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with

Music and Praise

Thanksgiving and the Passing of the Peace

Music and Praise

The Blessing






God is Always in Control

September 2017 – “God’s Chosen People”



God is Always in Control

Date	5:30 – 6:15 pm	6:15 – 7:00 pm	
6	Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i>	Worship With Q & A And Dialogue “Chosen or Frozen?” <i>Chapel</i>	
13	Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i>	Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i>	Look At The Scriptures “Who’s In & Who’s Out” Deuteronomy 7 & Romans 11 <i>Upper Room West</i>
20	Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i>	Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i>	Consult an Expert “Israel: Past, Present & Future” <i>Upper Room West</i>
27	Food & Fellowship <i>Upper Room East</i>	Hymns & Prayer <i>Upper Room West</i>	Response & Service  Project Linus Creating blankets for children <i>Upper Room West</i>

BREAKOUT WEDNESDAYS

Are you looking to “break out” of the mid-week doldrums? Does your Christian walk need a jolt of energy to make it through the week? Have you ever wanted to “break down” some of the tougher questions that face us on our faith journey?

Wednesdays at Trinity, beginning September 6, will look different this fall as we look to 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 **6:15-7:00pm**.

Each month we will feature a different theme that we can break-down over the 4 weeks **equipping us to put our newly “revived and informed” faith into action!** On the first week we will have a worship service in the Chapel. The second week will be a Bible Study in the Upper Room West. The third week will be a speaker or DVD on the monthly theme and the fourth week will be the hands on mission project. See Dr. Mack’s letter on page 2 of this Vision for more details. .

Monthly Themes:

September - God’s Chosen People?
 October - A Reformation
 November - A Pilgrimage
 December - The Coming of the Messiah

Breaking it down:

1st Wed. - Worship with Q&A dialogue
 2nd Wed. - Look to the Scriptures
 3rd Wed. - Consult an Expert
 4th Wed. - Response & Service
 5th Wed. - Special event or Guest speaker



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.

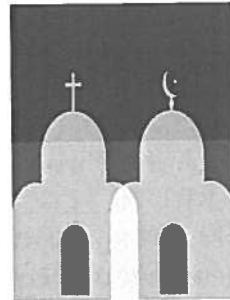
4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our next 4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper is **September 22** 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.

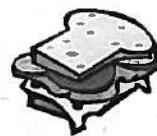
Our purpose is to welcome and get to know people from the neighborhood and those without homes. So, even if you don't cook, come and visit with our guests.

THE MISSION LUNCHEON

Trinity hosted mission co-workers Scott and Elmarie Parker, members and friends of the church and Presbytery de Cristo guests at a Mission Luncheon in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, August 23, 2017. . During their presentation, Scott & Elmarie described the Christian communities in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. Survivors of war torn countries are displaced peoples who gather under Presbyterian programs that are healing and aiding families of Muslims and Christians. Educational programs and schools are sprouting where there are refugees with children who've not attended a school for 7 years. Hope dwells in small village churches that harbor families coming from miles away looking for safety. Churches become those sanctuaries. Scott told us what it is like when children feel safe again. They can play. Part of his ministry is helping establish that safe space and safe feeling, doing puppetry, playing games, and inviting parents participation. Trinity's website will soon have a link where you can see videos, interviews, programs, curriculum, blogs and connections to partnerships and the Middle Eastern Council of Churches.



SANDWICH MAKING



for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be Sunday, September 10.

Please join us at 11:45 am to make 600 sandwiches.



SESSION NOTES

“... back in the saddle again, out where a friend is a friend”.... after a hiatus in July, Session was back to a regular schedule with their August meeting. With myriad plans for the fall and the coming new year all congregants need to be heads’ up about some changes to schedules and traditional events. Please read the rest of the VISION and the Sunday bulletins to be sure you are aware of these changes – there’s always some confusion when changes are made, but we are sure you will like what is planned for the months ahead.

From my perspective, I am thinking you might be interested to know that during the end of July into mid-August the average attendance for children attending the 10:30 AM worship service was 18. What a treat to see those children up front to hear their sermon from Pastor Mack or Pastor Bill. And, didn’t some of those children give us pause with their astute answers to theological questions. They put a few of us to task for their answers to those questions. Right?

Following are highlights of Session actions and communications in August:

- Learned that the All Church Picnic at Reid Park, Ramada 7, will be a BRUNCH on October 14, 2017 to begin at 9:00 AM with Deacons providing pancakes, bacon/sausage and coffee.
- Learned from Long Range Development Team that several contractors are being consulted to bid on the work ahead to achieve the best numbers for the development. Conditions, covenants and restrictions to protect the property are being worked.
- With the resignation of Gerry Pearson, our part-time accountant, Session approved transferring the accounting to EZ Accounting Solutions under the watchful eye of Debbie Bouchard, an accountant familiar with church and Presbytery accounting.
- Session approved the sale of cookbooks with recipes from Trinity members and friends to raise money for the Resource Center. Submit those recipes now!

- Noted that Carolyn Maycher has resigned from the Congregational Nominating Committee and that the committee has convened to conduct their business of nominating potential Deacons and Elders for the Class of 2020 – can you believe that! 2020!
- Note that Rally Sunday will NOT have a brunch, but classes and events will be featured during the worship services. Regular classes begin on September 10, 2017.
- Also on September 10, “Sojourner’s Chapel” – a sacramental service for healing and renewal begins at 8:00 AM.
- Learned that the Wednesday night event is undergoing changes with a name change to “Breakout Wednesdays” and a different format. Check VISION and the Sunday bulletin.

Session prayed for congregants in need, world violence and our nation’s divisions.

There’s more, but my space is consumed. We are definitely an active church in the heart of the city!

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

@trinitypcprays is our “real time” prayer request line you can use anytime. You will need a free twitter account to do this. Sign up at www.twitter.com. Once you have done that you can “tweet” your prayer requests to our pastoral staff by signing into your account and clicking the TWEET button at the top right of the screen. Type in @trinitypcprays then your message and click the TWEET button on the message screen.



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Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

In Memory of Ted Emery by Ruth Myers
In Honor of Doris Santeford's birthday by Ruth Myers
In Memory of Bruce Dusenberry by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Norman McClelland by Leone Mohney
In Honor of Maria Ickler by Leone Mohney
In Honor of Doris Santeford by Leone Mohney
In Honor of Bob & Shann Letson's 70th Anniversary by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Catherine O'Dell by Leone Mohney



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 meet Tuesday, September 19, 9:30 AM in the Lower Lounge to continue preparing bears for Christmas giving. Help is needed to cut out bears, stuff bears and stitch them closed. Any questions, call Ruth Myers 326-6888

September Birthdays

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

October Birthdays (1—10)

1	Shann Letson - 92	7	Debbie Hobbs
4	Emelia Maycher	9	Barbara Wiley - 95

September Anniversaries

3	Janet & Jim Hooper
4	Jennifer Lohse & Jason DePizzo
14	Bill & Jere Voigt
22	Rona & Matt Kreamer

The Growth & Outreach Committee invites you to see the Thornhill Lopez Center on 4th Ave that opens this Fall as a "safe place" for youth. Meet in the Narthex at **11:45 am** Sunday, September 24. Everyone on the tour should be able to walk without assistance of a wheelchair, walker or crutches. You need to wear close-toed shoes and wear a hard hat, during the tour (which will be provided).



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**Deadline for the October 2017 VISION is
Thursday, September 21**
Please submit typewritten articles to the
church office or to: office@trinitytucson.org