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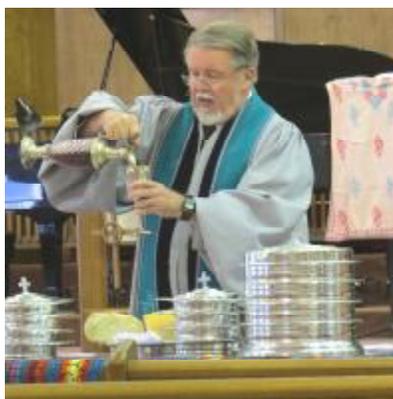
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World Communion Sunday - October 4



*a day that we remember that the Lord's table unites Christians from every nation and culture. International breads, fabrics and global songs enliven our worship on this Lord's Day. You are encouraged to wear clothing from around the world!*



Tucson Homeless Connect

Friday, October 16

Our next Tucson Homeless Connect event is scheduled for October 16, 2015 here at Trinity Presbyterian Church. If you were able to help at our last event we really appreciate your time. If you were not able to help us last time we hope you can volunteer for this one.

*It is truly a great event and you will get a great deal of satisfaction for helping.*

Over 50 agencies participate. To learn more, go to our website [www.tucsonhomelessconnect.org](http://www.tucsonhomelessconnect.org) or call us at 299-2900



# PASTORAL LETTER



*"Orthodox Icon depicting the Emperor Constantine, accompanied by the bishops of the First Council of Nicaea (325), holding the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed of 381."*

## Credo?

You may have noticed that an "Affirmation of Faith" is usually included in worship—most commonly the "Apostle's Creed" and sometimes the "Nicene Creed" (which is actually the "Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed"—say that quickly!). Or, we may recite from the Book of Confessions, or from scripture. Communion may substitute, but we always affirm our faith in some way.

The Apostle's Creed begins with "I believe," the Nicene with "We believe." That is a problem because, in reality one may actually NOT believe! And even if we actually DO believe, we each "believe" in different degrees and often in different ways! Secretly, we may disbelieve and disagree. Our affirmation may seem disingenuous. We cross our fingers and, hesitantly or even grudgingly, remain silent or mouth the words—glad to get it over with so we can move on to parts of worship we more fully embrace. So why? Why do we do that? I maintain that the Affirmation of Faith, though problematic, is essential for worship and for life.

It seems to me that the content of belief is crucial for all relationships. In marriage, for example, what each person believes about the other is part of the substance of the relationship. It is essential. Belief—the authenticity and veracity of belief—comprises the reality and vitality of any relationship—with other people and most especially with God.

But must we recite, in worship, a static piece of dogma that we neither agree with nor understand? How does that enhance worship? Could we not simply stand in the silence of our hearts to declare our personal faith to God? Yet,

wouldn't that, in effect, divide our relationships with each other from our relationship with God? What would become of the communion of saints?

Moreover, consider the actual content of the Apostle's Creed. Surely it is radically "counter-cultural"—meaning it is untenable and unacceptable for modern people. Certainly it is unscientific, perhaps even unabashedly superstitious. If one thinks about it—and not to put too fine a point on it—every phrase of the Creed is so radical as to be incredible, only embraced by the incredulous! Or not.

In any case, the Creed—especially in its "Niceno-Constantinopolitan" form ☺—has distinguished the lion's share of Christianity through the better part of two millennia. What are we to do with the Creed? What are we to do with our own faith? Having posed the question, I, and a preaching team including Bill, Harriet and Carroll, will address that question in worship through the first part of 2016. We are enthused!

We will slowly and carefully unpack the Apostle's Creed, word-by-word, sermon-by-sermon, unearthing the wealth of meaning that lies dormant, just under the surface. The purpose will not be to indoctrinate! Instead we will turn to the time-honored Creed as a solid point of reference, a ground for reflection and strengthening personal and shared Faith.

The great psychologist, Murray Bowen, said that authentic or "basic self"—who a person really is—is made up of their well-thought-out beliefs that they live by, no matter what. I believe that statement is both true and instructive for the Church. I want to do what I can to support the people of the Church in strengthening their faith for our future.

*These things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*  
— John 20:31

Blessings, *Jerry*

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## OCTOBER

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Oct 4 - Job 1:1; 2:1-10; *Psalm*  
26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12;  
Mark 10:2-6



Oct 11 - Job 23:1-9, 16-17;  
*Psalm 22:1-15*; Hebrews 4:12-  
16; Mark 10:17-31



Oct 18 - Job 38:1-7 (34-41);  
*Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35*; Hebrews  
5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45



Oct 25 - Job 42:1-6, 10-17;  
*Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)*; He-  
brews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-  
52



## ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, November 1, we will re-  
member with thanksgiving at the  
Lord's table those members and  
friends of Trinity who have joined the  
church triumphant in the year past.



## PASTOR'S PICKS

*Copies of the following books will be in the church library, for study in preparation for next year's worship:*

*The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters* by Luke Timothy Johnson.

*Credo* by Karl Barth

*Dogmatics in Outline* by Karl Barth. (An exposition of the Apostle's Creed.)

*Prayer* by Karl Barth (In preparation for a summer series on The Lord's Prayer.)

**Peacemaking Offering is now the Peace & Global Witness Offering!**

**This change will have a greater global reach, more significant impact and bring peace to people through Christ.** The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is received on World Communion Sunday.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life has begun a new study on *Shalom: A Study of the Biblical Concept of Peace*. *Shalom* shines biblical light on the issues and unsettled mood of our times. Today, more than ever, we cry out for *shalom*. See what the Bible says. Old Testament scholar Donald E. Gowan unravels the multiple biblical threads of this eternal quest in this masterful exploration of the Hebrew concept "*shalom*" and the Greek "*eirene*". Peacemaking is a central concern of the church and the world today. Join us for a lively discussion about Biblical peace in today's world. We meet in the Lower Level Lounge at 9:00 am.



## THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today will begin a new study to increase our understating of ourselves and our Christian roots. We will be discussing *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy Jill Levine.

No one is a stranger to this group. We welcome you all! The meeting place is the Lower Level Lounge at 11:45 on Sundays. The book is available from Amazon.

## KREAMER'S CRUSDERS

Kreamer's Crusaders for youth in grades 4th-8th are meeting in the Lower Level room called "The Den". (This is the room just past the downstairs lounge.) Matt Kreamer leads the Crusaders on Biblical adventures in learning. The Crusaders meet from 10:30-11:45 on Sunday mornings.



## GODLY PLAY CLASS

A Sunday School class, Godly Play for ages 4-8 is held in the Music Room (off the nursery) during the 10:30 worship service. Bible stories, snacks and craft activities will take place.

**THE FOUR GREATEST STORIES**  
In September, Rev. Bill Voigt began his class "*The Four Greatest Stories Ever Told: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*".

We begin to learn about Jerusalem and the Biblical lands where Jesus and his disciples traveled. We went through a sweeping overview of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Last Sunday, Rev. Jerry Foust talked about the "Canon" of the Bible, how it was put together, organized and shaped into the Bible we have today. On Sunday, October 4, Rev. Voigt will begin our study of Matthew and continue looking at the setting and place for this Gospel. This new exciting class will include guest speakers from the University of Arizona. Join us at 9:00 am in the Upper Room West. A Southwest breakfast is served.

## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Book Club book for October 27 - *H for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. This is a non-fiction selection.  
November 24 - *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbey and Allison Anderson.

*See you at 7 pm in the Library on Tuesday night!*



# Session Notes

Session Notes from September 15, 2015

During a busy and lengthy Session meeting the following was accomplished:

- Studied with Jerry Foust the emotional side of congregations using the Bowen Family Systems Theory to learn more about Trinity PC being “the body of Christ, and individually members of Him.”
- Approval of a November 15, 2015 Called Congregational meeting to elect church officers as well as the dates for officer training, officer retreat, ordination and installation of new elders and deacons and the January Annual Congregational meeting.
- Approved Dr. Harriet Marsh and Elder Carroll Keegstra to pray, study and preach with our pastors, two sermon series about the Apostle’s Creed and the Lord’s Prayer to begin in January 2016. Approved this Mission Statement for the Pastor Nominating Committee to use as they prepare the Minister Information Form:

*Trinity Presbyterian Church serves God in the heart of the city. We express our faith through prayer, the study of scripture, proclamation of the Word, music and a strong mission outreach. We are generous believers who strive to reveal Jesus Christ to others through our inclusiveness of all regardless of race, creed or sexual orientation. Our purpose is to love God and each other as we minister to the needs of our members and our community through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

- Approved renewing our yearly contract with Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona to operate the Trinity Food Bank Site.
- Approved spending \$1,700 from the Capital Maintenance Fund to repair the vandalized back-flow preventer valve and a protective cage for it near the Education Building.
- Learned about the hard work by Bill Voigt, Carolyn Maycher and Property Committee to think of all contingencies to make our parking lot into a “pay for parking lot” with permitting, drawings and construction, gate arms, kiosk, paid attendant, lighting, repaving and striping. (No worries for TPC members who will park at no charge).
- Approved the costs for parking lot repairs and

upgrades in the amount of \$55,000 to come from the Capital Maintenance Fund.

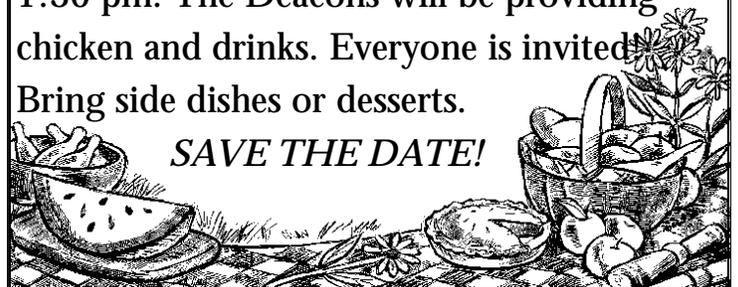
- Approved a special offering for Christ the King Sunday on November 22, 2015 to give to PC (USA) for the disaster relief for refugees from Syria, Iraq, Asia and Africa.
- Learned from the Mission Committee about Fourth Friday. A Community Supper to feed our neighbors, ourselves and our homeless will be served on the fourth Friday of each month.. Prayed for the dying, the grieving, the ill, the recovering, new beginnings, those traveling and all those in need of care and comfort.

Janet D. Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## *The Annual* ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

The picnic is on Saturday, November 14 at Reid Park’s Ramada #7 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Deacons will be providing chicken and drinks. Everyone is invited! Bring side dishes or desserts.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Youth Sunday, September 27 participants.** Hannah and Christine Toering perform a duet. Thank you to Matt Kreamer and the Kreamer Crusaders: Angela Seddo, Christine Toering, Julianna Hudson, Katelyn Hudson, Peace Tenge, Cameron Toering and Hannah Toering

Photos by Kathy Moser



Photos from September 9th - Baba Marimba concert on the courtyard patio  
by Kathy Moser



# Wednesday Nite Alive! - OctOber 2015

| Date   | 5:00 pm<br>Bible Study<br>(Library) | 6:00 pm<br>"Getting Quiet<br>With God"<br>(Chapel) | 6:30 pm<br>Helping Hands<br>Service Project<br>(Upper Room East)<br>Munchies provided or BYO                           | 7:00-8:00 pm<br>Guest Speaker & Discussion<br>Group (Upper<br>Room West)              |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Oct 7  | Hebrews 4:12-16                     | How Can God Love Me?                               | Plush Flame Print Lizard with activity book for children at the Salvation Army Hospitality House<br><i>Kathy Moser</i> | Understanding our Desert Critters<br><br><i>Larry Jones, Herpetologist</i>            |
| Oct 14 | Hebrews 5:1-10                      | He's Got our Back                                  | <i>Sandwich-making for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen</i><br><br><i>Kathy Moser</i>   | Overview of World Religions<br><br><i>Rev Jerry Foust</i>                             |
| Oct 21 | Hebrews 7:23-28                     | He's Got us Covered                                | Decorating Halloween treat bags for children at AZ Diamond Children's Center<br><br><i>Kathy Moser</i>                 | Mental Health Safe Space<br><br><i>Tracy Cooper<br/>Interfaith Community Services</i> |
| Oct 28 | Revelation 21:1-6                   | Why All Will be Well                               | Filling Halloween treat bags for children at AZ Diamond Children's Center<br><i>Kathy Moser</i>                        | Genealogy Basics<br><br><i>Barbara Ball, Certified Genealogist</i>                    |

## MENTAL HEALTH SAFE SPACE

We have arranged for a Mental Health Safe Space training by Dr. Tracy Cooper, the program director, through ICS (Interfaith Community Services) which Trinity has just joined. The training will be on October 21 as part of the WednesdayNiteAlive! program.. The training seeks to create a "Stigma Free Zone" community by providing participants with:

- ◆ a better understanding of mental illness
- ◆ how to talk with people who may have some mental problems: what to say,
- ◆ and what not to say
- ◆ ways to identify a mental health crisis and de-escalate potentially volatile situations
- ◆ how to approach individuals and offer resources as support

Another goal is to create compassion and understanding about this common health issue. Did you know that every year, 1 in 5 people experiences a mental crisis?

## TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO SPEAK AT WEDNESDAY NITE ALIVE!

Please join us on Wednesday evenings in October for the opportunity to hear speakers associated with our congregation share their expertise on a variety of interesting subjects. On October 7, Larry Jones (husband of Janet Jones and a recently-retired herpetologist with the U.S. Forest Service) will speak on "Understanding our Desert Creatures." On October 14, Trinity's Transitional Pastor, Jerry Foust, will give us an "Overview of World Religions." And on October 28, Trinity member, flutist, and certified genealogist Barbara Ball will share "Genealogy Basics." Wednesday Nite Alive offers a great opportunity to introduce a friend to Trinity! Please join us!



# Mission News



Join the Tucson 2015  
**CROP WALK**  
or Sponsor a Walker!  
Sunday, November 1  
1:45 pm to Register  
2:30 Walk

Start and end at First Methodist  
Church, 915 E. 4<sup>th</sup>

Free parking at the UA Tyndall Garage on 4<sup>th</sup> St. Join Walkers in a Walk including downtown and northwest churches! Last year our CROP Hunger Walk raised \$19,324! This year our goal is \$25,000—with refugees fleeing war, violence and drought; now even fleeing crowded refugee camps where 50 cents a day is all they have for food. Church World Service is part of the ACT Alliance now helping refugees stuck in Hungary. George Sitar, pastor of the Syrian church in Tucson, says that 10,000 Syrian refugees may come to the US, and 1000 to Tucson, working with CWS partner Lutheran Social Service-Refugee Focus. In June, CWS helped poor people in flood-prone areas of Myanmar prepare for evacuation since their tiny homes --perched on poles-- flood easily. From July- to September, 27,000 people were displaced by torrential rains and devastating floods, Homes and farmland were inundated, 103 died. After the flood, CWS will work with poor communities to rebuild stronger homes and sustainable livelihoods. Trinity has consistently been a great supporter of the CROP Walk! Sign up to Walk! Be a sponsor! Contact Sherry Letson at 745-1143 or Betty Lu Holland at 579-2895 to sign up.



Photos of Trinity children making sandwiches on September 13

*SANDWICH MAKING for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, October 11. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches for the homeless.*



Photo: Trinity CROP Walkers 2014



# Mission News



We hope to have the Terry J. Dalke Resource Center open for clients soon.

## RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

We have added a file cabinet and two more computers and desks to the Resource Center room. Several people have taken the initial training to become a community assistor for clients in filing for DES benefits. We will be having a meeting to discuss our progress and to follow up on future trainings. If you are interested in participating in this outreach program, please leave a message at the church for Sheila or Alice at 623-2579

## Tucson Taste of Chiapas

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 16 for a Taste of Chiapas. The dinner will be held in St. Mark's Presbyterian courtyard with music under the twinkling lights, and will feature food from Chiapas, where Café Justo is grown. The Café Justo cooperative started 12 years ago and now it's time to celebrate that success and to address new challenges. The purpose of this particular Taste of Chiapas dinner is to help raise money for the construction of a coffee shop next to the coffee roasting facility in Agua Prieta. This is a joint project between Frontera de Cristo, Café Justo, and a drug rehabilitation facility (CREDDA) in Agua Prieta. This is an ambitious project, but the need is great.

We ask individuals to purchase tickets for dinner at \$20 each, with tables of 8. Gather your friends and join us for a wonderful evening to benefit the Café Justo y Más. See Alice Smedley or Sheila Sievert to purchase your tickets or call 623-2579.

## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY



## 4th Friday Community Supper coming Friday, October 23

The Mission Committee is starting a 4th Friday of the month dinner open to Trinity members and the community from 6:00 to 8:00. We will have a signup sheet at the Narthex Desk for people to bring main dishes for 10, or a salad/dessert for 10; and to set up, serve, and/or clean up. We encourage you to be part of this ministry to reach out to our community. Please let us know if you are interested.

## FREE TRADE COFFEE

- Arabica \$10
- Decaf Arabica \$10
- Robusta \$10
- 50/50 Blends \$10





# Trinity Women

Trinity Presbyterian Women met on September 22 for the first Gathering of the fall. Leone Mohny reported on Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery (PWP) de Cristo and the Church wide Gathering in Minneapolis last June.

There are several activities and dates to put on your calendars:

The Presbytery de Cristo Women Fall Gathering at Tortolita Presbyterian Church is Saturday Oct. 24 8:30-2pm. Registration blanks are in Fellowship Hall or ask Leone.

The Presbytery de Cristo Women Spring Gathering will be at Green Valley, on April 2, 2016 (the Saturday after Easter).

The PW of the Synod of Southwest Gathering will be in Scottsdale, Arizona on October 28-30, 2016 (there will not be a PWP de Cristo Fall Gathering in 2016).

PWP de Cristo has received a grant to train women with time and interest in training congregation in disaster preparation. If you are interested in becoming a trainer please contact Leone for information on the date, place and application process.

Trinity Presbyterian Women's activities continue with Bible Study the second Tuesday of each month, Ryan's Bears the third Tuesdays and the Knittorius Knitters on Saturday mornings. The Ryan's Bears meeting on Nov. 17 will also be a Gathering as we finish the Bears for the year, tie ribbons & tags on them and prepare them for the blessing and distribution. There will be no TPW Gathering in October or December.



# Meet New Members



We welcome new members Glenn and Johanna Moyer (along with their two beautiful sons, Ezra and Asa) to our church.

**New Members, Glenn & Johanna Moyer with sons, Ezra Jaques & Asa Leon**

**Photo by Kathy Moser**

When this roving reporter caught up with them, they were doing their best to extract their sons from the Nursery after worship (it didn't work). So here's their abbreviated story. Glenn was born in Ohio, moved with his family to Kansas, then on to Phoenix and Tucson where he graduated with his B.A. degree. His dad worked with The Arizona Republic newspaper. Glenn worked with the Tucson weekly newspaper, went into engineering work and ultimately landed with the City of Tucson Planning Department. It was there that he caught the eye of his future wife, Johanna in 2005. He left Tucson briefly, but the love he had for Johanna drew him back (romantic, isn't it). In November of 2008 the couple married at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Rev. John Cheek of Northminster Presbyterian Church presided. Johanna was born in Pennsylvania, grew up in New Jersey, and moved to Tucson in 2005. She worked with the City Clerk Office, then shifted over to the Development Department to an I.T. position. In addition to some sleepless nights (hopefully fewer these days). Johanna and Glenn have two dogs, and two cats. Glenn has two adult children from a previous marriage. They like to exercise when able, but the two boys give them all the exercise they can handle.

# Trinity Milestones



## Congratulations

**Christine L. Toering**, a student at University High School, has been named a 2016 National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. Sixty high school seniors from Southern Arizona have been named 2016 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

The students now have the opportunity to compete for 7,400 National Merit scholarships worth more than \$32 million.

Of the 16,000 semifinalists nationwide, about 90 percent are expected to attain finalist standing. About half of the finalists will win a scholarship and be named Merit Scholars. Congratulations Christine!

## October Birthdays

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Shann Letson                | 18 Koffi Seddo         |
| 4 Emelia Maycher              | 19 Bob Bechtel         |
| 7 Debbie Hobbs                | Jennifer Lohse         |
| 9 Roberta Stevenson-McDermott | 23 Jan LaWall          |
| Barbara Wiley                 | 24 Kuman Tenge         |
| 11 Derry Dean                 | 25 Latre Lawson Adokpo |
| 12 John Price                 | 26 Doug Holland        |
| 17 Glenn Moyer                | 27 Margaret McConnell  |
|                               | 31 Mary Wong           |

## Thank You



**LOVEJOY LIBRARY**

Thank you to all the many contributors who donated their books, DVDs and offerings to the Lovejoy Library. Thanks also to those who have helped and continue to help catalog, organize and shelve the books. So many of us cherish and enjoy the room for its many uses. See online the over 3000 items that have been cataloged in our library. There are book marks available in the library that explain how to look up books online.

## November

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|----------------|----------------------|
| 2 LaRue Woslum | 9 Jane Parker        |
| 3 Greg Keidel  | 10 Christine Toering |
| 5 Lily Chacon  | Cameron Toering      |

## October Anniversaries

- 15 Bart & Heather Lind
- 17 Ed & Daphne Madson
- 23 Ted & Rose Emery



## Deaths



Longtime Trinity member, Jack Lax, died Friday, September 18. A Memorial Service will be held on October 3 at 3:00 pm in the Chapel.

Deadline for the November, 2015  
*VISION*  
**Thursday, October 22**  
Please submit typewritten articles  
to the church office or to:  
[office@trinitytucson.org](mailto:office@trinitytucson.org)





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# WORLD

Communion Sunday

October 4



Homeless Connect

October 16



Trinity Presbyterian Church Ministry Staff

Rev. Jerry Foust, *Interim Pastor*

Rev. William Voigt, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, *Choral Director*

Mr. Lynn Moser, *Organist & Director of Handbells*

Let us draw  
near to God with  
a sincere heart in  
full assurance  
of faith...



Hebrews 10:22

**Presbytery Women  
Fall Gathering  
October 17**