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World  
Communion  
Sunday

*World Communion Sunday - October 6*

This is a Sunday that offers our congregation a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. We remember that we are part of the whole body of believers and that the Lord's Table unites Christians from every nation and culture. We invite those attending to wear clothing that is representative of their culture and travels. The

Trinity Choir will be presenting Craig Courtney's rousing "Hymn to the Holy Spirit" accompanied by a brass quartet, and Yujia Luo will be sharing music on the erhu, a beautiful Chinese stringed instrument. Communion will be offered at the four corners of the Sanctuary.



**ALL CHURCH PICNIC**

**Saturday, November 2**

**10:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**REID PARK, RAMADA 7**

**11:00 am Lunch & Fellowship**

The Deacons will provide baked chicken, potato salad & beverages Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

There will be playground time for the kids & games for everyone like Bocce Ball, Corn hole & Guess the Number of Items

**Everyone is invited!!!!**

**Don't miss the FUN! We look forward to seeing you at the park!**



# Pastoral Letter

We live in a time of nationalistic fervor, and it is not just an American phenomenon. I want to make sure you understand what I mean by “nationalism.” I’m not talking about the love of our country or our ongoing efforts to fix our nation’s many problems. I am thinking of “nationalism” over against “globalism.” Right now these two identities are wrestling with each other in many societies, and most of the time the struggle is powered by our most toxic political and cultural viewpoints.

We see this struggle between nationalism and globalism in issues involving immigration, climate change, trade and economics, conflict and warfare, and political extremism (to name a few.) And then, of course, there is religion. I would say that for religion – particularly Christianity – the struggle is not so much globalism and nationalism, but the connectional church as compared to the ideal of radically independent Christian communities.

The reason I bring up this up is because we begin October in our connectional church with World Communion Sunday – a service that celebrates the kingdom of God on earth as a global community. To some factions in the Christian religion, the celebration of World Communion Sunday is, in itself, a blasphemy - the sign of an apostate church. This same issue has divided Christianity from the very beginning.

The Jesus movement began as a Jewish Christian community to such an extent that many believed Christianity to be a sect of Judaism. As Gentiles expressed a desire to enter the Christian community, some early Christian leaders placed requirements and restrictions on joining the church, including circumcision and the typical dietary requirements of the Jewish law. Then along came Paul, who called himself both a “Jew’s Jew” and an “Apostle.”

This past week I pointed out in my sermon that in First Timothy, Paul reveals that he did not wait for the Christian community’s “permission” before he started to convert Gentiles from their pagan beliefs into followers of Christ. The first authority that emerged in the Jesus movement came from Jerusalem, which was primarily a

Jewish Christian community led by Jesus’ brother, James. However, Paul, in his conversion experience, received a call to be an apostle to the Gentiles, and he did such a good job that the church leadership had little choice but to accept the large numbers of Gentiles who had been baptized as Christians.

In Paul’s testimony before the church’s leadership, he gave examples of the movement of the Holy Spirit among the Gentile communities of the Roman empire. In hearing Paul’s testimony, the leadership decided that the Spirit authenticated Paul’s work, and that Gentiles should be welcomed into the community as brothers and sisters in Christ, equal in every way. Of course, not every member of the early church agreed with this decision, and soon the church found itself struggling against fragmentation and cultic impulses.

That struggle has continued for 2000 years and in many ways. Yet, in all that time, the Holy Spirit has continued to create a worldwide community of those who believe in Jesus Christ as the Messiah and the Son of God. In the Reformed tradition of Christianity, we embrace and celebrate our spiritual connectionism. That is a tough stand today because there is a countermovement against any idea of a global community. Connectionism brings with it demands for tolerance and acceptance as opposed to orthodoxy and rigid sectarianism. But the evidence is overwhelming that Christ died for the world, and “that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOEVER believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

World Communion Sunday is a recognition and celebration of that “WHOEVER:” a celebration that moves us from judgment to joy, from isolation to community, and from legalism to grace. Churches and denominations may change and fade with the ages, but the Holy Spirit continues to work in a world hungry for the love of God, and that is a truth well worth experiencing on World Communion Sunday. Please join us on October 6<sup>th</sup> if you are able.

*Dr. Mack*

# Mission Updates

**Trinity's Family Shelter** Thank you for your continued support and interest in our shelter. In the last month, there have been some important developments. The first concerns the family with the newborn and father in prison. They lived in our shelter for a few weeks waiting for the husband's trial. She attended services and asked for prayer. Recently, we helped her move to a nice home where she could stay as long as she needs to. Second the US Supreme Court issued an order that the requirement for asylum seekers to seek asylum in countries they cross, could be enforced while legal challenges work through the courts. This has reduced the number of families coming to Tucson. Some of the church shelters have closed or are open only part time. We have reduced our operation to weekdays only. This still allows us to care for about 15 people each week and get them off to their sponsors. We stay open because the participation of Christian churches is a witness to the Tucson community that God cares for all people regardless of their origin. Also, our shelter is well suited to take larger families and families with very young children. The number of asylum seekers typically varies a lot and the future is hard to predict. If the numbers remain low for a prolonged period, we may close our shelter and then work with other shelters. We will keep you informed.

**Trinity's Resource Center:** *Matthew 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.* Recently, three people came back to the Resource Center after they had received their ID or Food Stamps to say 'thank you'. Also, one Friday morning, while I was waiting for the streetcar, a man we had helped stopped to say how much he appreciated the assistance he received. What we do in the Resource Center, as well as the Food Bank, is greatly appreciated by those we help. Thanks to the support & prayers of Trinity's congregation, we are making a greater impact on our community than we will ever know.

**Trinity's Food Pantry** continues to help those in need with snack packs and water along with the distribution of bags to eligible people from the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

**Helping Hands Projects** Each month we made over 600 bologna sandwiches for the Casa Maria soup kitchen and we make water and protein bar packs for our Food Pantry.

**4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper** We hold the 4th on 4th Dinners monthly (except November & December) serving between 50 and 80 persons each time.

**Primavera** We feed breakfast to 100 men each week at the Primavera Men's Shelter. (17 ½ doz. eggs per week). We've provided chicken gumbo for the Men's Shelter once a month for more than 10 years.

## **Invitation to Congregation Become an At-Large Committee Member**

The Committees of Session oversee the work of the Church. Each committee is chaired by an Elder, and includes at least one other Elder along with at-large members from the Congregation. Session invites all interested members to consider becoming an at-large member of one of the Committees described below. If you are interested, please speak to the Committee Chair.

**The Christian Education Committee** coordinates education activities at the church from the Nursery through adult Sunday School classes. Chair: John Hill. Committee meets fourth Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

**The Mission Committee** provides ways for our congregation to serve the local community as well as informs the congregation about needs in the wider world and distributes financial support where most needed. Examples of local needs include sandwich making, Food Bank, 4th on 4th Dinner, and the Resource Center. Chair: Doug Holland. Committee meets first Tuesday at 5:00 pm.

**The Property Committee** oversees the maintenance and improvements of the facilities and grounds of Trinity. Chair: Carolyn Maycher. Committee meets second Tuesday at 5:00 pm.

**The Worship Committee** works with Dr. Mack to plan and make preparations for Trinity's worship services, which includes such responsibilities as setting up Communion and adorning the worship spaces. Chair: Lynn Moser. Committee meets second Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

**The Administration and Personnel Committee** works to oversee, maintain and support the staff of the church and to review and recommend to the session any changes in the standing committee structure of the church, any changes in the church's stated administrative policies, practices, and procedures, any revised Personnel Policies and Staff Job Descriptions and conditions of employment, salary levels and salary changes for staff. Chair: Jeanette Ryan. Committee meets second Monday at 5:00 pm.

**The Stewardship & Finance Committee** plans for and oversees the financial well-being of the church and its ministries. It has oversight of all church funds, prepares the annual budget and the annual stewardship campaign. Chair: Leone Mohney. Committee meets first Monday at 1:30 pm.

**The Growth & Outreach Committee** encourages membership growth in order to provide the church with the people necessary to carry out God's mission, provides outreach to visitors, potential members and current parishioners, are the Sunday Ambassadors, oversees the Compañeros program and coordinates the marketing of the church's ministry and mission through advertising. Chair: Rona Kreamer. Committee meets first Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

# Christian Education

## YOUTH CLASSES

### NURSERY

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

### FELLOWSHIP HALL ACTIVITY TABLE

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

10:30 am to 11:30 am Children 4 and up meet their teachers in the Sanctuary and participate in the Worship Service. After the Children's Message they leave for these age appropriate classes.

### GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS

*God's Trailblazers* 4 through 8 will meet in Rooms 7 & 8 with Kathy continue a new theme using "Instant Bible Lessons A TO Z THRU THE BIBLE". & will learn 26 Biblical stories and engage in fun activities, games and crafts.

### KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

*Kreamer's Crusaders* 8 through 12 meet in Room 6 with Matt & continue using the book "Be Tween- Exploring Faith & Christian Life with Older Elementary Children."



### ANCHOR TRINITY

*Anchor Trinity* High School & College meet in Room 1 with Rona to study the Theology of Mister Rogers. Students are provided with a copy of "The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers," by Amy Hollingsworth. Students will be learning more about Fred Rogers, the ordained Presbyterian minister who spent a lifetime teaching children and modeling Jesus' edict that we should love our neighbor as we would want to be loved. This mixed media class will include printed books, songs penned by Mr. Rogers, television episodes, recordings of Mr. Rogers giving speeches at events, with time for Bible journaling & study.

## ADULT CLASSES

### WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life continues at 9:00 am in Room 5 (Lower Level Lounge) and continues our study on the book, "Faith in the Face of Apostasy: The Gospel According to Elijah and Elisha".

### POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at 9:00 am on the second Sunday of the month in the Anchor Room (Room 1) for our study.

### TRINITY PLUS ONE

Trinity Plus One presented by David Croteau and Garth Nielsen meets at 9:00 am in Upper Room West October 6, 13 and 20 to share their knowledge of Native American spirituality & Christianity - walking the "Red Road" and the Christian road through life and "Our Story" in a multi week series.



# Christian Education

## ADULT CLASSES

### DR MACK'S BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Dr. Mack continues to lead a study on the Book of Revelation each **Thursday at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall**. We will look at John's amazing work verse-by-verse and sometimes word-by-word. This will be an extensive study that will go throughout the year. We are videotaping classes and placing it on our website, so that no one will miss a class.



## Congregational News

### TRINITY BOOK CLUB

We meet Monday, **October 26 in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm** to discuss "Myths America Lives By" by Richard Hughes & "The Overstory" by Richard Power



### WHO'S IN YOUR PEW Meet Leone Mohny

**What did you do for a living or career?** I am a microbiologist; I worked 16 years in arbovirus research at the School of Public Health, UC Berkeley and 32 years in Diseases of Farmed Shrimp at UA.

**Where is your hometown?** I was born in Raton, New Mexico, lived at a mine near Red River, New Mexico & moved to Tucson with my parents when I was eight.

**What do you like to do in your leisure time?** Read, attend theater, concerts, dance & garden

**What is your favorite hymn and verse?** Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Ode to Joy); with How Great Thou Art a close second., Verse: Romans 8:38-39 and Matt 5: 14-16 particularly 16

**What does Trinity mean to you?** Trinity is my family; I grew up in it, learning from wonderful Sunday School teachers & youth group leaders and continue benefit from worship, music, education, mission, & fellowship opportunities.

### Protect Yourself from Scam Artists!

On **Sunday, October 20** join us at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall for some light refreshments & a presentation by Tucson Police Department Detective Shad Stanbrook about some of the more common scams in our community. Det. Stanbrook will give you strategies on how to recognize scam artists and how to avoid being duped in our community.



### WHO'S IN YOUR PEW Meet Elve Baraka

**What do you do for a living or career?** I go to school at Amphi Middle School. I want to be a doctor.

**Where is your hometown?** I'm from Uganda, but lived in the Congo.

**What do you like to do in your leisure time?** I play soccer.

**What is your favorite food?** Chicken

**What does Trinity mean to you?** It's nice here and they help people.



Thank you for your donations to the Property Wish List. We purchased a Plastic Smoker's Receptacle that is in Trinity Commons for our guests.

# Congregational News

NAMI Southern Arizona will host their Annual Candlelight Vigil for Mental Illness Recovery & Understanding!

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:00 pm**  
 Reid Park Cancer Survivors Plaza  
 22nd St & Lakeshore Dr.

There will be a short candle lighting ceremony & presenters will tell their personal stories of recovery and hope. The event is free and open to the public and people of all faiths

# ORGANIST SHOWCASE CONCERT

**Sunday, October 13 4:00 pm**

The Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting its annual Showcase concert and the public is invited. This year's concert features music for organ and instruments, and Trinity's own Lynn Moser and the Trinity Ringers will be among the performers. The concert is free, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to the organists' guild.



# Mission News



## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sunday 12:00 to 2:00 pm & Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 to 4:00 pm.**

## RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 to 4:00 pm** to help clients with Department of Economic Security (DES) applications & other items such as duplicate Arizona ID cards, money on economy bus passes & notarizing documents.

## 4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our last 4<sup>th</sup> Friday on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Community Supper for 2019 is **October 25 & the theme is Chili** so 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, 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. Join us for food and fellowship.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Mission Opportunities

**Make an Impact with Helping Hands Projects!**



Join us **October 13 at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall.** You can make sandwiches for Casa Maria & put together Water Bottles/Protein Bar Packs for our Food Pantry.

## CROP Hunger Walk

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

**1:30 p.m. Register, 2:00 p.m. Start**

**First Methodist Church, 415 N Park Ave.**

*(free parking at the UA Tyndall Garage on 4<sup>th</sup> Street)*



Trinity has been one of the most active participants- last year we had 20 Walkers and raised \$4,285! The 2018 Tucson CROP Walk overall raised \$18,249. This year there are some new churches and we're hoping to reach our goal of \$25,000! The Walk supports Church World Service's worldwide work with refugees and refugee resettlement, disaster relief and reconstruction, and self-help development. Join Trinity's Team to participate in this event! See Betty Lu Holland or Sherry Letson to sign up.

## United Nations World Food Day is October 16

What better way to celebrate than with a contribution of non-perishable canned goods to our own Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable canned goods and put them in the box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for helping others that are less fortunate.



## Session Notes

September's Session meeting was unusual in that the majority of the meeting was devoted to a conversation with two representatives of Presbytery de Cristo's Committee on Ministry (COM). Every three years COM representatives meet with the Pastor and Session of each church in the Presbytery to discuss the mission and ministry of the church and its congregation, the church's successes and challenges. The meeting with COM went very well and provided an opportunity to discuss the many aspects of Trinity's mission and administration.

Due to an abbreviated business meeting, following are highlights of the business conducted at the September stated session meeting.

- Bucky Lovejoy reported on the status of the new building. The parking lot asphalt is in and must be cured, striped and receive city approval. Peter will install poles and signs indicating the twelve parking spots east of Trinity Hall which are reserved exclusively for Trinity Presbyterian Church. El Rio clinic will be moving into the first floor of the building November 15, 2019.
- Daphne Madson reported that the all-church picnic on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Reid Park Ramada 7, at 11:00 AM, will be a lunch. Steve Barlow will oversee the hamburger stand for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Fair, December 13 – 15, 2019.
- Session approved a new position description for Facilities Supervisor, Peter Holbrook's full time position at Trinity.
- Session learned that Trinity's Cantata Subscription Series is going well.
- Session listed those in need of extra prayer and caring.

Dr. Mack prayed asking God's help to continue our work on this corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and University Boulevard.

Liz Strong  
Acting Clerk of Session

## Worship

### ADVENT CHANCEL DRAMA

We will be presenting the chancel drama 'Waiting for the Christmas Guest' on December 8. The cast calls for 2 men, 2 women and a beggar character who could be either male or female. No memorization is required and rehearsals will be limited. If you are interested in participating contact Peggy Chamberlain at [redhead1402@comcast.net](mailto:redhead1402@comcast.net) or 520-490-7416.

The Handbell Choir meets **Thursdays at 5:30 pm** in the upstairs Bell Room.

The Trinity Choir meets **Thursdays at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**October 6** Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26; Psalm 137; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

**October 13** Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**October 20** Jer. 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**October 27** Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

### Special Offerings

Thank you for the generous Special Mission offering of \$ 1962.00 for the T.J. Dalke Resource Center received August 25, This assures they have funds for the remainder of the year. The Peace and Global Witness offering, a national special offering, will be taken October 6 on World Wide Communion Sunday. The Mission Committee will decide how Trinity's share (25%) will support peace efforts in our community.

# Trinity Milestones

## Honoring & Memorials

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Ellaine Ogren

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Jane Uhle

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Alice Stewart

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Ruth & Don Myers

*In Memory of Lester Wilka* by Tom Roof

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Linda Jones

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Joy Darling

*In Memory of Lester Wilka* by Ruth & Don Myers

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Molly & David Lagermeier

*In Memory of Margaret Ough* by Leone Mohney

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Imogene Moser

*In Memory of Lester Wilka* by Lorraine Sandven

*In Memory of Arnold Funckes* by Imogene Moser

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Edward & Louise Knutson

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Gary & Pam Hildreth

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Allen Coffin

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Dennis & Faye Hunt

*In Memory of Phyllis Coffin* by Margaret Cayan

*In Memory of Lester Wilka* by Lynn & Kathy Moser

## October Birthdays

4 Emelia Maycher

18 Koffi Seddo

7 Debbie Hobbs

19 Jennifer Lohse

9 Roberta McDermott

24 Kuman Tenge

9 Barbara Wiley - 96

25 Latre Lawson Adokpo

11 Derry Dean

26 Doug Holland

12 John Price

27 Margaret McConnell

17 Glenn Moyer

31 Mary Wong - 95

## November Birthdays (1—10)

2 LaRue Woslum

5 Evelyn Chapman

3 Greg Keidel

10 Christine Toering

4 Dave Cotton

10 Cameron Toering

5 Lily Chacon

## October Anniversaries

12 Chris & Sarah Svenson 17 Ed & Daphne Madson

15 Bart & Heather Lind

## Trinity Women



The Horizon's Bible Study will be in Fellowship Hall **October 8 at 10:00 am**. Join us as Dr. Mack leads this study "*Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*" authored by Eugenia Anne Gumble. Everyone (men & women) is welcome to join the study.

## Trinity Women

Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, October 15 at 9:30 am** in the Lower Lounge to

prepare bears for Christmas giving. We need stuffers and stitchers. If you have



either of these talents your are more than welcome to join us. There will be more bears to cut out too.

Thank you to the many anonymous donors of fabric for the bears. Thank you to Catherine Dimenstein and Charity Everett for their "non stop" crocheting of caps. We are most grateful!

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We are "LIVE" streaming the 10:30 am service if you cannot attend. It is on the home page of our website.

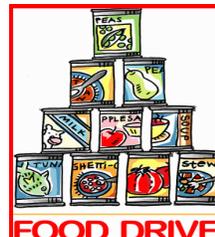
Visit our website at [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org) for all the information and events you are looking for.

Deadline for the November 2019 *VISION* is  
Thursday, October 17  
Please submit typewritten articles to the church  
office or to: [office@trinitytucson.org](mailto:office@trinitytucson.org)

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Bring non perishable items before **October 13** for Trinity's Food Pantry to celebrate the United Nations World Food Day