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Sunday, April 5 - 10:30 am ONLINE

Palm Sunday

A celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday, April 9 - 6:00 pm ONLINE

Maundy Thursday

A worship service with scripture, music & a meditation by Dr. Mack

Sunday, April 12 ONLINE

Easter Sunday

a celebration of the Resurrection

7:00 am Sunrise Service online

10:30 am Sanctuary service online with scripture, special music & a meditation by Dr. Mack

Out of care and concern for our church family and the broader community, our Session has decided to suspend in-person worship as well as all other indoor church group meetings and activities on our Trinity campus, through May 10. We continue to be the church and will worship together online at www.trinitytucson.org/watch-live and at www.facebook.com/tpctucson.

Pastoral Letter

In the movie “Contact” Jodie Foster portrays a cynical scientist who finds herself in conflict with her romantic partner, who is a missionary and minister. As convinced as Foster’s boyfriend is that there is a God, Foster cannot get past her faith in science and its demand for absolute proof in God’s existence. During a particularly heated debate, Foster’s character once again affirms that, without scientific evidence, she simply cannot accept the existence of God. In response Foster’s boyfriend fires back a question: “Did you love your father?” Foster’s character is stunned into silence, because her love for her father, who died when she was a young girl, is still a driving force in her life, and her boyfriend knows it. With a hint of anger Foster replies, “Of course I do. You know that!” to which her boyfriend replies, “Prove it!” Foster cannot respond to her friend’s challenge. She knows that her love for her father is real, but she cannot present any direct evidence to show that love. Foster’s love for her father is a powerful force within her life- a power which directs her choices, guides her paths, and shapes her life, but she cannot analyze, measure, or point to anything of scientific veracity and say, “Here is my love.”

All of existence is not wrapped up just in what is measurable or subject to analytical study, although sometimes we Christians act as if this were not the case. Many in our faith yearn for a God that can be scientifically verified. Take, for example, those Christians who seem obsessively interested in the Shroud of Turin. As a historical object the shroud is of great value, and it gives us some fascinating insights into the horror of crucifixion, but shall the church use this object to prove the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Perhaps the shroud is the authentic burial cloth of Jesus of Nazareth it is still a long leap from a scientific finding that the shroud belonged to Jesus to our confession of faith, which declares that Jesus is the Son of God. When Christians make this claim before the world, it is not a call to the laboratory- it is a call to worship and adore Jesus in wonder and in praise. The Risen Christ is as real to us as the love we bear toward our families, our friends, and our pets. The point of the resurrection is not that it relies on our belief in the witnesses of the past, but that it is a reflection of our daily experience and dialogue with the living Christ - nor is our relationship with Christ a figment of our religious imaginations, as some cynics would claim. If I wanted to imagine a God, I would

create one in my own image. The very truth of Christ’s existence lies not in how we believe Christ agrees with us, but how we know Christ judges us. Many times in our lives we have broken human laws and not felt the twinge of conscience, but Christians always find themselves struggling with our daily defiance of Christ’s words or our daily inability to do the things Jesus asks of us. This is only because Jesus’ words live in us. When Jesus rose from the grave, his word became a living, binding force over the life of believers. If Jesus had not risen, no doubt his words would have created the basis for a powerful philosophy, but because of the resurrection, discipleship is so much more than adherence to one man’s point of view.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this month, let’s keep in our minds and in our hearts a simple truth- we do not celebrate what we remember, but what we experience with our Savior everyday. We have a living relationship with a living Lord: this reality need not be tested- simply enjoyed, treasured, and shared.

With blessings for Easter,

Dr. Mack

IN PERSON CLASSES MAY RESUME SUNDAY MAY 17. WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF THE SCHEDULE AS IT BECOMES POSSIBLE FOR TRINITY TO BE OPEN AGAIN FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP, GROUPS & CLASSES

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 - 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. Using "Instant Bible Lessons A TO Z THRU THE BIBLE" and 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 Junior High School through College meet in Room 1 with Rona to study the Theology of Mister Rogers, an 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, his television episodes, recordings of Mr. Rogers giving speeches at events, with time for Bible journaling & study.

ADULT CLASSES

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life meets at 9:00 am in Room 5 (Lower Level Lounge) to continue their study using "1-3 John: A 12-Week Study" by Michael LeFebvre. The books of 1-3 John are full of practical wisdom for the Christian life. John wants his readers to understand that as they grow in their understanding of who they are as children of God, they ought to grow in love for one another and in obedience to God's commands.

POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at 9:00 am on the second Sunday of the month in Room 1 to study "More Than Words" a book on practical parenting .

APPLIED CHRISTIANITY

Applied Christianity is on hiatus so you can join Mack for his post church service Lenten class. The class tentatively resumes May 17 at 9:00 am in Upper Room West. We will be listening then to experts on how people make decisions. The Psalmist said "Who can understand his/her errors". Paul said "I do not understand what I do." We are often puzzled by our own decisions. During the first 3-weeks after Easter, we will consider what influences our decision making and how it affects our Christian life.

Congregational News

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club meets **Monday, May 25 at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.** We will discuss "The Nickel Boys", Colson Whitehead's 2019 novel based on the real story of the Dozier School, a reform school in Florida that operated for 111 years & had its history exposed by a university's investigation and May's pick "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amos Towles, a transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel in 1922 Russia.



Please join us for our annual NAMI Walks on **Saturday, April 4, 2020.** at Kennedy Park Fiesta Area from 9:00 am to 12:00. Contributions may be made to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Southern AZ, 6122 East 22nd St, Tucson, 85711 or to our team, "For Recovery. Thank you for supporting us, Tom Dean, Derry Dean, Carolyn Maycher.

Worship



Even though we are not meeting in person for worship we are planning to decorate the Sanctuary with lilies for Easter. If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone special please use the enclosed form and mail it along with your payment to 400 E. University Blvd Tucson, AZ 85705

AFRICAN CELEBRATION SUNDAY IS POSTPONED



Trinity is blessed to have several families from Africa worshipping and serving in its congregation. When scheduled join them in worship as they sing a musical selection, & after worship in Fellowship Hall as they share some of their food and culture.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 5 Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27 or Matt. 27:11-54

April 12 Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

April 19 Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 26 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY IS POSTPONED

When scheduled please join us in worship as we show appreciation to the dozens of volunteers who serve the Lord through their volunteer efforts at Trinity. Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant...just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mathew 20:26-28). We will also have a reception in Fellowship Hall after the service with light refreshments.



Mission News



TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm** and **Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm**. Food donations are always welcome and can be left on the cart in Fellowship Hall Sunday morning.

RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday & Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm** to help clients with Department of Economic Security (DES) applications, putting money on existing bus passes, ordering unexpired identification cards and notarizing documents plus other things too numerous to say.

4TH ON 4TH COMMUNITY SUPPER

Our next **4th Friday on 4th Avenue Community Supper** is **May 22 with an Mexican theme** 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 5:00 pm, open the doors at 6:00 pm with prepared dishes already on the serving tables, eat until 7:00 pm and clean up after that. Helpers are always welcome. Sign up on the "helping side" as well as the "food side" of the notebook. We want to welcome and get to know people from the neighborhood and those without homes, so sign up and join us.



Mission Opportunities Make an Impact with Helping Hands Projects!

A small group of volunteers will meet to make sandwiches for Casa Maria in April and May. If you would like to help please contact Dede Markin at 982-3787 or ddmarkin@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help!

On Friday, 2/28/20, some of Mission Committee members took a tour of Gospel Rescue Mission's Center for Opportunity.



Congregational News

"Church is not a building, and church is not just worship. Church is the gathering of faithful people through prayer, through love, and through caring for the vulnerable." This quote from Brad Munroe's Las Noticias last week is very timely. Here at Trinity we are working hard to be here for you and for our community. Our Food Pantry has moved outside to Celebration Park. It is good that it is open as there are many others that have reduced hours or are closed for now. In this trying time we hope you are able to help us financially continue our mission of "Serving God in the Heart of the City". You may mail in your pledges and donations or use Trinity's online service available on the home page of the website. Payments from our website will show delayed processing to your pledge records as we receive the funds at the end of each month from the Presbytery Foundation, our servicer.

Session Notes

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic Session did not have their regular stated meeting this month, but Dr. Mack called a special meeting on March 15 to make some decisions about how the Trinity family can navigate this disease crisis in order to keep our community as safe as possible. Using guidance from the Synod, the Presbytery and other churches, Trinity Session met before & after Sunday worship to discuss the actions we need to take in the coming days. Following is a summary of those actions:

- Immediately and continuing through the end of April or longer, all gatherings, events and activities at the church are canceled unless five people or less are expected as long as those people use the “social distancing” rule of a six-foot buffer between individuals.
- Sunday morning worship at 10:30 AM will be provided via online video streaming and will be led by a small number of people, also through the end of April or longer if needed.
- The pastor, the elders and the Worship Committee will reassess the situation as we go and keep the congregation and community updated with any changes.
- Session voted to shut down the Food Bank unless protocols can be implemented while serving the community in a safe way.
- Session also voted to shut down the Resource Center unless protocols can be implemented to allow limited digital services over the phone.
- Every effort will be made to keep our congregation connected with emails, phone calls, cards and letters with the Deacons (simply the best) leading this effort.
- The office will remain open and the business of the church will be mostly conducted via the Internet using electronic apps such as ZOOM or Skype.
- More information is being sought to see if we will be able to supply Casa Maria with their sandwiches.
- Session approved Mission Committee’s recommendation to designate the mission portion of the Pentecost special offering for the Young Adult Volunteers.
- Session also approved renting 10 of Trinity parking spaces to the Southern Arizona Aids

Foundation/Thornhill Lopez from 8 to 5 during the work week for \$350 a month.

- And Session approved Property Committee’s request to spend \$632 for HVAC corrosion inhibitor and \$322 for preventive maintenance by Comfort Response Cooling & Heating from their 2020 budget. They can also spend the money needed to repair a hole in the ceiling in the northwest stairwell leading to the archive room.

Our Pastor, our staff, our Deacons and our Elders all pray that we will endure this pestilence and that we support each other with patience, love and the belief that Christ walks along with us in the uncertain days ahead. Stay well.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

WHO’S IN YOUR PEW

Meet Bunny Mallams

What did or do you do for a living/career?

For 30 years I taught elementary school & then I went back to school & became a landscape designer for 15 years before I retired.



Where is your hometown?

I was born in Tucson and almost at Trinity. When Trinity’s Sanctuary was new the first service was Easter Sunday and that’s the day I was born.

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I like to stay in the White Mountains and walk with my dog Fred. I like to read too.

What is your favorite food?

I like everything about Thanksgiving Dinner.

What is your favorite hymn?

Simple Gifts

What does this church mean to you?

Trinity is home. I have lots of friends here and I love the music.

Trinity Milestones

Honoring & Memorials

In Memory of David Windsor by Randi Windsor

WHO'S IN YOUR PEW Meet Dawn Svenson

What do you do for a living?

I am 7yrs old (soon to be 8yrs in April) and in the 2nd grade at Painted Sky Elementary School. My favorite subject at school is recess and lunch!



Where is your hometown?

I was born in Tucson, but (recently) lived for a year in New Jersey.

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I like to go places with my family, like the movie theater. I also like to play with my toys and stuffed animals.

What is your favorite food?

Spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread

What is your favorite hymn?

My favorite songs are the ones we sing at Christmas

What does this church mean to you?

Trinity is a place where we come to learn about God. I like spending time at church with my friends (young and older)

April Birthdays

8	Helen Greer	24	Lonzo Ray
13	Rick Wickizer	24	Ward Spillers
16	Barbara Sosna	28	Liz Barlow
18	Lori Boston	28	Mary Hull - 93
22	Jim Thomas	28	Grace Corona

May Birthdays (1—10)

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

April Anniversaries

4	Edgar & Nancy Buck - 56 years
6	Jeff & Debbie Hobbs
14	David & Sheila Croteau
19	Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano
21	Barbara & Chuck Sosna
25	Hap & Nancy Howard



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

Trinity Women



The Horizon's Bible Study will be **Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.** Join us as Dr. Mack leads our study on the Ten Commandments.

Ryan's Bears will meet **April 21 at 9:30 am in the Lower Level Lounge.** There will be several

bears to be stuffed. The only skill needed to stuff bears is flexible hands. You may also contact Ruth Myers to pick some bears up to finish at home.





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April

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 for information and events.



EASTER

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Deadline for the May 2020 VISION is
Monday, April 20, 2020
Please submit typewritten articles to the church
office or to: office@trinitytucson.org