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- ◆ The observance of Lent begins February 17 at 6:30 p.m. with the online Ash Wednesday service. This contemplative service of Scripture and music invites us to search our hearts, confess our sinfulness, and reflect on Christ's great love that compelled him to journey to the cross. Join us at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.
- ◆ Dr. Mack will teach an online Zoom Adult class using Susan Robb's Lenten Study titled "Seven Words" which begins Sunday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Robb's video-led course takes us through a study of the seven last words of Christ from the gospels. More information about the class is on page 3 inside & at <http://trinitytucson.org/seven-words-a-lenten-study-with-dr-mack/>.
- ◆ Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:20 am Join us online as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with trumpet, organ and vocal quartet at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 pm will be observed with the Sacrament of Communion and a Service of Tenebrae. Scripture readings and music will relate the story of Jesus' life from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion as candles are extinguished and the sanctuary darkens. Join us online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live Some of the service will be prerecorded.
- ◆ Easter Sunday April 4 at 10:20 am The Sanctuary service begins at 10:20 a.m. & includes Mack's Easter message. It also features music from Trinity's vocal quartet, the Trinity Ringers and trumpet. Join us online to celebrate that Christ is risen at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

PASTORAL LETTER

Have you ever taken a difficult journey? What made it difficult? Was it the length of time? Was it the conditions under which the journey was taken? Was it those who were also taking the journey, whether acquaintances or strangers? Right before Christmas I drove to Austin to pick up my daughter so she could share the holiday with us. Several weeks ago, I drove her back to Austin, dropped her off, then immediately made the 13-hour drive back. That was a tough journey because of the distance and the little rest that I had from its beginning to its end. But while we were travelling, Patti and I remembered the same journey several years ago under even more difficult conditions (this was before she moved to Austin.)

Patti was scheduled to fly to Austin to catch up with friends for a cruise, but because of the weather her flight was cancelled. I told her I would drive her there, but we had to leave immediately, because her friends were leaving Austin for the ship's port the next morning. That was a genuinely difficult journey, not just because of the time factor, but because of the terrible weather. When I finally returned to Tucson, I was so exhausted that it took me a week to physically recover. In the instance of both journeys with my daughter, it was the physical demands that made the trip difficult. But there are other types of journeys that can be even more tasking.

When I was in my first church in Charlotte, NC, one the kids in our congregation died in a horrible school bus accident. The child had just been confirmed in our church the Sunday before. I will never forget that moment in the hospital when I had to walk with the police officer to a small room in the emergency area to inform the child's parents that their son had died. It was a short journey in distance – about 30 or 40 feet – but it was the hardest journey I have ever made in my life. That year I had to make the same journey two more times for children in my congregation – one who had died from drowning, and another who died from cancer. At the end of that year, I told my wife Amy that I was not sure I had the emotional strength to stay in ministry - but I did.

I am sure you have also made difficult journeys that were physically, mentally, or emotionally taxing, but nothing we have experienced can compare to the journey that Jesus made to the Cross. Lent is a period of 40 days for us to remember Jesus' journey to Golgotha and the price he paid for our salvation. The cost of Christ's journey, from his baptism on the banks of the Jordan River to his final cry upon the Cross, is something we cannot even imagine – but as we read the gospels, we see that the cost of our salvation tasked Jesus in every way – physically, emotionally, and in those final moments of his life, spiritually.

The Lenten season does not ask us to make the same journey as our Lord, but it does ask us to make a journey of remembrance and spiritual discipline. In whatever way we make the journey of Lent, it must be the way that means the most to us. Some Christians surrender something they enjoy for 40 days as a token of the self-deprivation that Jesus embraced. Others take on additional acts of worship in order to remember Christ's journey, including daily devotionals or Scripture reading. I know one person who lights a candle throughout the 40 days when they are home, to watch it slowly be consumed as a remembrance of how Christ's love for us consumed his life. Some disciples make a service or mission commitment for each day of the 40 days, such as gathering food for the Food Bank.

There are many ways to make the journey of Lent, but they are all for one purpose – to bring us spiritually closer to the Lord as we remember God's love for us in the sending of his Son. Whatever difficult journeys we have made in our lives, none can or ever will compare to the *via dolorosa* that Christ took so that we could know the love of God and receive the promise of eternal life. Let us make the Lenten journey together in our hearts starting on Ash Wednesday, taking just a few moments out of our lives to remember, to express our gratitude, and to commit our hearts to the journey of Christ's church in the world.

Dr. Mack

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (children ages 4-8)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

We will continue using Top 50 Instant Bible Lessons for Elementary. Each lesson begins with the focus Scripture and memory verse. The "Big Idea" keeps children focused on the main truth being taught from God's Word. The Bible Story opens God's Word and begins the learning. Until we are together again for in-person class time, a month's lessons will be mailed to the parents. We will continue the Old Testament with lessons (Feb 7-March 7): David as Shepherd" (God Wants Us to Spend Time with Him-Psalm 23), "David as King" (God Looks at the Heart), "King Solomon" (God Gives us Wisdom), "Josiah" (Good Kings Obey God) and "Samuel" (I Can Listen To God).

KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

(children 8 through 12)

Teacher: Matt Kreamer

We will be exploring questions of faith using the Be Bold Curriculum. Each week, Matt will email a lesson plan containing questions that will be discussed using scripture. This curriculum is meant to allow students to ask questions followed by a discussion. There will always be a bible exploration and a core bible truth.

<https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/childrens-ministry/sunday-school/be-bold.do>

ANCHOR TRINITY

(Junior High School through College)

Teacher: Rona Kreamer

Anchor Trinity is going to SEE THE WORLD! This Fall, we will (virtually) travel around the world with the Presbyterian Church! We will be watching services from churches around the USA and the World, as well as learn more about Presbyterian Mission Partners around the globe. Please send your contact information and preferred way of receiving the virtual lessons to rona.nichols@gmail.com - Links/Lessons can be emailed, sent via text message, Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp.

ADULT CLASS

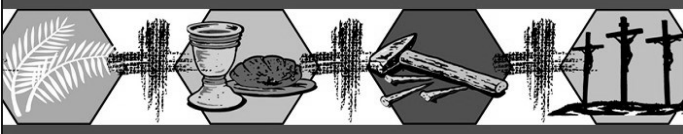
DR. MACK'S LENTEN STUDY BEGINS ONLINE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 9:00 AM

Dr. Mack has chosen Susan Robb's Lenten Study titled "Seven Words" for our church as we go through the Lenten Season. Rev. Robb is a Methodist pastor who serves in Dallas. Her video-led course takes us through a study of the seven last words of Christ from the gospels. More information, the Zoom invitation & a preview video are at <http://trinitytucson.org/seven-words-a-lenten-study-with-dr-mack/>. The classes will be recorded and posted on that webpage in case you are not able to join us on a Sunday morning so you can view the class anytime.

February 21 – "Father, Forgive Them"
February 28 – "Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"
March 7 – "My God, My God"

March 14 – "Woman, Here Is Your Son"
March 21 – "I Am Thirsty"
March 28 – "Into Your Hands"

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Trinity's Christian Education Committee is recommending daily personal devotions for the Lenten season produced by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. They are traditional devotions with a scripture, a one paragraph meditation and a prayer written by faculty and friends of the seminary. We are not going to distribute paper copies except by request. You can load the free app on your phone (search for "PTS Devotions" in your favorite app store), or download PDFs or audio files, or view them online at <https://www.pts.edu/devotional> 1, or subscribe to an email list. If you have issues, contact John Hill (jhill@as.arizona.edu).

WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet Bill Goodhue



What do you do for a living?

I am retired now. Most recently I worked as a Software Engineer at Raytheon in Tucson.

Where is your hometown?

Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. It's claim to fame is that it is the

oldest summer resort in America - supported by many signs displaying this fact.

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I really enjoy golf.

What is your favorite food?

And I really enjoy steak.

What is your favorite hymn or scripture?

Do Justice Love Kindness Walk humbly with your God Micah 6:8

What does this church mean to you?

My wife, Janet, and I visited Trinity in the spring & the talk of church members was Trinity's 100 year celebration. We were struck by the outgoing friendliness of everyone & were impressed with the Mission focus of Trinity's community outreach. We became members a short time later..

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Best selling author Sherman Alexie wrote *"The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian"* which tells the story of Junior growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the Rez to attend an all-white high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Come join us Monday, February 22 at 5:00 pm via Zoom to discuss this book. If you'd like to Zoom in email billie.holbrook@cox.net for your invitation.



WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet Georgia Bach



What do you do for a living?

I'm retired. I previously ran several design related businesses from my home.

Where is your hometown?

Edina, Minnesota

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I like to read, cook, paint and Garden. I love dogs, especially Boxers.

What is your favorite food?

Cheese, but oh so many to choose from!!

What is your favorite hymn or scripture?

Rock of Ages is my favorite. My Grampa would sing it while driving. We had adventures!

What does this church mean to you?

Trinity is like extended family to share faith with.

MISSION NEWS

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sundays 12:00 to 2:00 pm & Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 to 4:00 pm**. It is located in the Education Building Room 15 near the corner of 4th Avenue and 4th Street.

RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is closed until further notice. **AZ DMV Vouchers to pay for duplicate Arizona ID cards are given out at the Food Pantry during its open hours.**

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING IN FEBRUARY

Twice a year our Mission Committee has a special offering that reaches out to the local community. During the month of February you may donate online or by check & that offering will be given to TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network). TIHAN provides community resources and caring support so that people with HIV can live well. TIHAN and its partner groups and faith communities are dedicated to delivering non-medical support in an open, compassionate and non-judgmental environment to those in Tucson who are living with and are impacted by HIV. Their website is www.tihan.org. With this offering Trinity will be helping improve the health, bettering the lives and showing compassion to those living with HIV. This open and loving faith community helps remove the stigma that still endures today. There is yet no vaccine or cure for this disease yet but ongoing treatments are lifesaving. Please consider giving to this non-profit in February. Click on the Donate button at www.trinitytucson.org & designate your gift for TIHAN or mail a check to the office with TIHAN in the memo. Thank you in advance as we support each other in our community to live well, love well and be well.



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Wednesday Evening Vespers

Dr. Mack hosts a weekly devotional on Zoom called "Wednesday Evening Vespers" each **Wednesday, at 6:30 pm** for about 30 minutes. This is a brief time of prayer and sharing. He will share scripture, a Devotional, prayer concerns, and then we will pray as a group. The invitation is available at <http://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>.

MAKING SANDWICHES

A small group of volunteers meet regularly to make sandwiches for Casa Maria. Contact Dede Markin at 982-3787 or ddmarkin@yahoo.com to help.



SESSION NOTES

Welcome January 2021! And welcome Class of 2023 elders Steve Barlow, Carolyn Maycher, Leslye Obiora, Roberta Westergaard and Karen Wilkison. And welcome back Deacon Moderator Daphne Madson. Session began the year by taking care of a lot of housekeeping and routine business. Using Zoom seems to speed us along as our meetings have consistently been an hour or so. Maybe it's because we don't take a break for refreshments! Here's the business Session conducted:

- ◆ Session regretfully received the resignation of Will Tilley, Class of 2021 as an active elder.
- ◆ Session recombined Finance Committee and Stewardship Committee back to Stewardship & Finance Committee.
- ◆ Janet Hooper and Leone Mohny were elected as Clerk of Session and Treasurer for year 2021. Any "wanna be" clerks out there?
- ◆ Committee assignments are as follows with the committee chair listed first: Administration & Personnel are Liz Strong, Barbara Callaway Pollock & Jeanette Ryan; Christian Education is Steve Barlow & Jim Hooper; Growth & Outreach Team is Karen Wilkison; Mission is Carolyn Maycher; Property is Chuck Sosna; Stewardship & Finance is Jeanette Ryan, Leone Mohny, Elliott Koeppen, Ruth Russell & Leslye Obiora; Worship is Roberta Westergaard. Bucky Lovejoy, non-active elder, will head up the Long Range Development Team.
- ◆ Session elected Ruth Russell and Karen Wilkison to serve as elders on the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- ◆ Session elected Leone Mohny and John Hill as Presbytery de Cristo commissioners and Liz Strong and Alice Smedley will serve as alternates.
- ◆ Because of the pandemic the Session approved postponing the examinations, installations and ordinations of Class of 2023 Elders and Deacons until there is a safe time to perform these activities.
- ◆ Also, because of the pandemic, an alternative way is being considered for the Annual Congregational Meeting and annual report to

the congregation. Perhaps we will do these things by mail or email.

- ◆ Session learned that the Board of Deacons elected Daphne Madson as Moderator, Cindy Toering as Vice-Moderator and Marilyn Slagle as Secretary. Jim Slagle will serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- ◆ Dr. Mack outlined the tough decisions ahead of us in the coming year such as financial difficulties, reopening for corporate worship and the impending sale of the south portion of our campus to the Developers. To meet these challenges Session will consider recommendations from experts via Zoom meetings, research and careful debate. Your prayers for Session members to be vigilant and to make wise decisions are appreciated.
- ◆ Session received reports from each committee. Our transition from 2020 to 2021 went smoothly as committee chairs handed over their expertise to new chairs and committee members.
- ◆ Session gave thanks for the new elders and prayed for several church members in need of special care and concern. Session also prayed for a safe presidential inaugural and for the smooth transition of power.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Mary Hull by Bonnie Stull
In Memory of Mary Hull by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Ruth Stokes by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Judy Fischer by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Phyllis Coffin by Roberta Reideler

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Betty Lu Holland	19	Ida Medina
8	Emmanuelle Seddo	20	Kathy Moser
15	Precious Mukadesa	28	Shirley Wilka
16	Georgia Bach	29	Alice Smedley
18	Bill Goodhue		

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 7 Isaiah 40:21-31 and Psalm 147:1-11, 20; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 14 2 Kings 2:12 and Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 21 Gen. 9:8-17 and Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 19:9-15

February 28 Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16 and Psalm 22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

1	Harriet Marsh	4	Ed Hawley
2	Truman Spillers	7	Holly Clark
3	Riley De Pizzo		

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Liz & Steve Barlow
12	Elaine & George Banghart

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study "Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament" by P. Lynn Miller taught by Dr. Mack continues **Tuesday February 9 at 10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall with masks and social distancing. The monthly business meeting is at 10:00 am before the Bible study class.

Ryan's Bears Despite the pandemic the making of bears has continued. We are meeting in person and working at home to create these bears for giving. Fabric contributions (fleece or flannel are preferred but any good cotton can be used). We can also use buttons (nickel sized with two holes are best). If you would like to help in any way please contact Ruth Myers for the schedule and to volunteer. Thank you for your contributions & Support for this valuable mission of the Trinity Presbyterian Women.



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We are "LIVE" streaming the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am. Watch it on our website at trinitytucson.org/watch-live

Visit our website at www.trinitytucson.org for all the information and events you are looking for.



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

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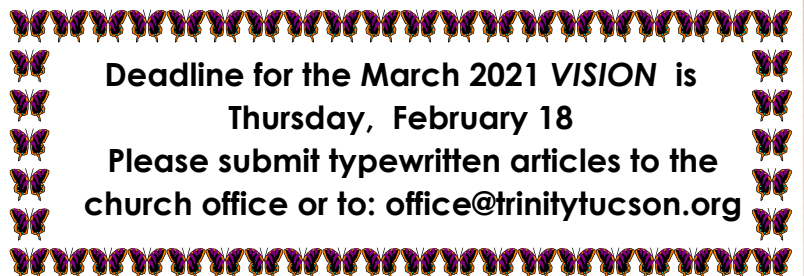
Office 10:00 am-2:00 pm Monday-Thursday

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**Deadline for the March 2021 VISION is
Thursday, February 18**

**Please submit typewritten articles to the
church office or to: office@trinitytucson.org**