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**HOLY WEEK**



Thursday, April 1 6:30 pm ONLINE

**Maundy Thursday**

will be observed with the Sacrament of Communion & 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. Some of the service is prerecorded.

Join us at [trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live)

Sunday, April 4 7:00 am & 10:30 am

ONLINE

**Easter Sunday**

The Sunrise service begins at 7:00 am in the Memorial Garden. 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](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live).



**Wednesday Evening Vespers**

Dr. Mack hosts a weekly devotional on Zoom each Wednesday, at 6:30 pm for about 30 minutes. Your invitation is at <http://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>.

# PASTORAL LETTER

What was the effect of the resurrection of Jesus Christ as reported in the gospels? Has any other story ever had such a profound and practical effect upon the world? Looking at those who experienced the event as it happened, we see the kind of transformation that had not happened to people in the living of their lives in that time. Fishermen became ministers, evangelists, and leaders. Women became public organizers, provisioners, and leaders in a culture wherein such public roles were only allowed for men. Gentiles and Jews broke bread, prayed together, and shared in a common ministry. The rich and the poor, the enslaved and the free, and others who lived on completely opposite sides of life found themselves truly seeing and knowing each other for the first time.

Obviously, it was going to be a slow and difficult time for the Jesus movement as it made its way into the cultures of the Roman empire and beyond. Christianity should have never had the success that it experienced in the first one hundred years of its existence. The religious leaders who opposed the Jesus movement were counting on its self-destruction because of its message and its lifestyle. The Roman Empire in the first century was a hotbed of religious movements, all of which hit walls of opposition from the death of its leaders, oppression by the permitted religions of that time, or the opposition of the Imperial cult.

Yet, those who shared the story of Christ's resurrection, those who believed in that story, and those who turned that story into a systematic faith of worshipping communities, not only continued to grow Christianity, but prevailed in places, people, and ways that were previously unimaginable. Perhaps the most impossible part of the story of Jesus's resurrection is not the resurrection itself, but how that story transformed a structure of static, inert, and frozen cultures that resisted any kind of change.

How did this happen? A story remembered could have never accomplished these things, but a story

lived out in real time could, even as that story continues centuries later and persists in changing the world and our lives every day. This never-ending story continues to transform humanity in two ways – through purpose and presence. By purpose, I mean that the resurrection of Jesus Christ gives life a ground of existence unlike any other in that it completely affirms what Jesus taught, no matter how or what the world may believe. But for believers in the resurrected Christ, with that purpose comes a living presence – a relationship that enables us to make that purpose real in our lives and the lives of others.

Purpose and presence are the heart of what we strive for in life – it is what we share as human beings. No one wants to feel alone or lost, yet there had never been a true antidote for those experiences until the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In experiencing that story and living in its reality, even death cannot leave us without purpose or presence; neither can suffering, trauma, or personal failure. This is why Christianity endures, thrives, and continues to be a transformative force in our world - not because it is a religion, but because it gives meaning to that which, without it, would be ultimately senseless. Easter is a story we are in and, more importantly, it is a story that is in us – a story that never ends, and a story that never leaves. It is a story of life, love, and hope. Have a joyous Easter, and may we live it with our Lord everyday.

With blessings for Easter,

*Dr. Mack*



## Mission Opportunities

A small group of volunteers meet regularly to make sandwiches for Casa Maria. If you would like to help please contact DeDe at 982-3787 or [ddmarkin@yahoo.com](mailto:ddmarkin@yahoo.com). Thank you for your help!

# 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 be in the New Testament with lessons (April 4th-25th): The Resurrection (Jesus is More Powerful Than Death), Set Free From Sin (God Sets Us Free From Sin), The Body of Christ (God Wants Us to Work Together) and Armor of God (We Can Win Against Sin).

### 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.

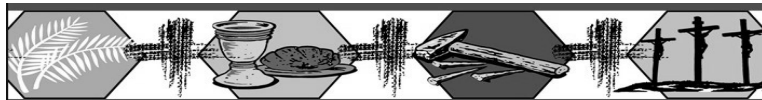
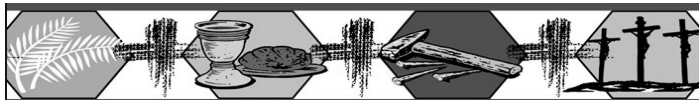
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### ANCHOR TRINITY

(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](mailto:rona.nichols@gmail.com) - Links/Lessons can be emailed, sent via text message, Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp.



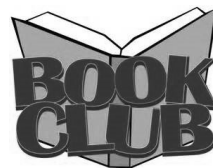
## LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

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](https://www.pts.edu/devotional_1), or subscribe to an email list.** If you have any issues, contact John Hill ([jhill@as.arizona.edu](mailto:jhill@as.arizona.edu)).

## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club will be reading "The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz" by Eric Larson.. On Winston Churchill's first day as prime minister, Adolf Hitler invaded Poland and Belgium. Poland and Czechoslovakia had already fallen, and the Dunkirk evacuation was just two weeks away.

See you on **April 26 at 4:00 pm** to talk about the book. If you'd like to be included in the Zoom meeting contact Billie Holbrook [billie.holbrook@cox.net](mailto:billie.holbrook@cox.net).



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



## MEET THE VOCAL QUARTET

The Worship committee would like to introduce to you, our congregation, the four members of the Vocal Quartet who have been providing anthems during our pandemic webcast services since January. These four young people come each Sunday morning and in rehearsal with Bruce and Lynn provide meaningful choral music in support of our worship experience.

Soprano, **Gabriella Carrillo**, is a native of Tucson, Arizona and graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Music. She has had significant church music experience having served in a similar post at Northminster Presbyterian for nearly a decade. She has been active in Arizona Opera's OPERA-TUNITY outreach troupe and has participated in music festivals in Germany and California.

Tenor, **Max Michaud**, is from Tucson as well and is a sophomore majoring in vocal music at the Fred Fox School of Music at the U of A.

Alto and fellow Tucson native, **Diana Olivares**, is thrilled to be part of the vocal quartet at Trinity and finds the opportunity to be uplifting and healing. Diana is an accomplished mariachi vocalist, violinist and instructor, having received the Southwest Folklife Alliance "Master-Apprentice Award." Most recently she is the founder and director of Las Azaleas, an all Latina band focusing on the works of pioneering Latina artists, which we can all enjoy by visiting [www.lasazaleasmusic.com](http://www.lasazaleasmusic.com).

Baritone, **Yongjae Lee**, is a native of South Korea, where he received a bachelor's and master's degree in vocal performance from the Seoul National University and also has a master's degree from the prestigious Manhattan School of Music in NYC. He is presently completing his DMA from the Fred Fox School of Music at the U of A. Yongjae sang with us last year before the pandemic hit and fortunately was able to return to the USA this spring. Yongjae mentioned after worship on Sunday, "it is the greatest honor for me to sing in worship & I Thank God for giving me a commitment to use my voice at Trinity Presbyterian Church."

## 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 on Tuesday and Sunday.**



## WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

### Meet Don & Ruth Myers



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

Ruth: retired RN

Don: Emeritus Prof. of Mathematics, UA and consulting

**Where is your hometown?**

We are both from Iola, Kansas

**What do you like to do in your leisure time?**

Read, Travel also Ruth does Quilting

**What is your favorite food?**

Ruth: Anything fixed by someone else

Don: Italian, cheese, cherry pie

**What is your favorite hymn or bible verse?**

"Faith of our Fathers"

**What does this church mean to you?**

Support, family, choir

# SESSION NOTES

Session members gathered on Zoom for an uneventful stated meeting. In fact, it lasted only 55 minutes – perhaps a record. During “Leading Together,” Mack discussed how Presbyterian churches are preparing to become hybrid churches once the pandemic allows larger numbers of people to gather for worship. With increased technology churches will continue to stream services so that at-home worshipers and the sanctuary worshipers experience the same event. Those who enjoy “doing church” in their pajamas can continue to do so without missing any activities happening in the sanctuary and on the chancel. Trinity needs another camera and another screen and some tweaks for sound quality and we will be ready as a hybrid church. You can thank Sheila Croteau, John Hill, Peter Holbrook and Mack Sigmon for their increasing skills with the technology involved. Following are the main topics of the meeting.

- Session learned that Dr. Mack will receive his second vaccination in late April and is planning to visit his parents in North Carolina in May.
- John Hill and Leone Mohny, our Presbytery Commissioners will attend a Zoom Presbytery meeting on April 23 and 24, 2021 to learn more about hybrid churches. Sheila Croteau and Mack Sigmon will be presenters at the meeting.
- The Deaconate is finding out how many congregants have received their virus vaccine and planning Easter lily deliveries to homebound members.
- The Growth & Outreach Team is excited about the chat option that is now available for the streamed Sunday service. It is available ten minutes before, during and five minutes after each service.
- Mission Committee is grateful for the monetary gifts that help with snacks for the homeless and sandwiches for Casa Maria.
- Property Committee is grateful for the gifts given for the Property Wish List that will help keep our campus repaired and inspiring.
- Session approved allowing Bookkeeper Gerry Pearson to record gifts received from the PCUSA online giving and other sources such as IRAs with

an explanation regarding which are tax deductible and which are not on member's quarterly statements. The Stewardship & Finance Committee proposed this action.

- Worship Committee is well pleased with the quartet and hope congregants read the bios found in the April VISION. These four excellent vocalists add so much to our Sunday services.
- Administration & Personnel will soon bring updated Personnel Policies to Session for its approval.
- Christian Education is excited that the Rev. Bill Voigt is planning an adult education class for April/May. It will be online, of course.
- Session members listed those in need of special care and concern. They prayed with Mack for those named, for our children and young families, for our Trinity staff and for those affected by the recent shootings. Gratitude was expressed for the congregation's generosity.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## 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 April 13 at 10:00 am** in Fellowship Hall with masks and social distancing. The business meeting will be held after the Bible study class.

*Ryan's Bears* is continuing to meet. Our next workshop will be **Tuesday, April 27 at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. Christmas is coming so any help you can provide at the workshop, working at home (cutting out bears or stitching), providing material (fabric, buttons) will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for the continued interest, help and support.

# TRINITY MILESTONES

## HONORING & MEMORIALS

*In Memory of* Jo Campbell by Helen Forbes  
*In Memory of* Art Alberding by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* John Price by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Glee Alberding by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* George Banghart by Don & Ruth Myers  
*In Memory of* Celia Greenleaf by Don & Ruth Myers  
*In Memory of* John Price by Imogene Moser

“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 last year is still true today. At Trinity we are working hard to be here for you and for our community. We continue to thank you for being able to help us financially continue our mission of “Serving God in the Heart of the City”. Cash & check gifts and online gifts through PCUSA (Vanco) recorded on your quarterly statement are tax deductible. Gifts from IRA distributions are not tax deductible. Payments from our website will show delayed processing on your quarterly statement as we receive the funds at the end of each month from PCUSA (Vanco), our servicer. You may mail in your pledges and donations or use Trinity’s online service available on the home page of the website.

### NAMI SA

(NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS- So AZ)

NAMI is holding its annual fundraiser to end the stigma & raise awareness & funds. We invite you to join our virtual team, “Recovery for Now,” Saturday, April 10, 2021. Email Derry Dean for information at guerrodean@gmail.com.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS (1–10)

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

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 Edgar & Nancy Buck - 57 years
6 Jeff & Debbie Hobbs
14 David & Sheila Croteau
19 Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano
21 Barbara & Chuck Sosna
25 Hap & Nancy Howard

I have two free commemorative plates of Trinity Presbyterian Church to give away. If you would like 1 or 2 call Ruth Myers, 520-326-6888.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**April 4** 10:34-43 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

**April 11** Acts 4:32-35 and Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

**April 18** Acts 3:12-19 and Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**April 25** Acts 4:5-12 and Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18