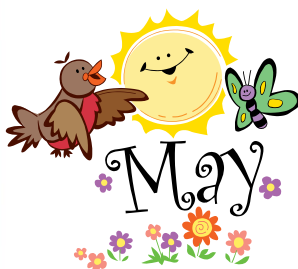


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**EXILE AND RETURN:**

**THE SAGA OF TWO GREAT RELIGIONS**

Join Rev. Bill Voigt Sundays at 9:00 am on Zoom and journey through ancient lands, such as the recently discovered lost city of ancient Luxor, then travel through three thousand years of time, as we together seek to uncover new truths and theories about Christianity and Judaism.

May 9 – “Against All Odds: Suffering, Annihilation and Growth?!”

May 16 – “There’s No Place Like Home: A Long Journey Back ” (or “Just Click Your Heels”)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86935961653>

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 23**



The term Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth" and refers to the Jewish festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. The second chapter of Acts recounts how Jesus’ disciples were gathered together for this festival when the Holy Spirit came upon them as the sound of a rushing wind & through tongues of fire. They began to speak in many languages, which enabled them to spread the good news of Christ to the peoples from many lands who were gathered in Jerusalem for the festival. The red, orange and yellow streamers and paraments in the sanctuary are symbolic of the tongues of fire that inspired and empowered Jesus’ disciples, and they remind us that God promises to fill us with that same Holy Spirit as we seek to serve Him. We will celebrate with special music and readings that day.

# PASTORAL LETTER

Since Memorial Day will be observed on May 31, I thought I would take a moment to reflect on the meaning of memorials. A memorial is a physical representation of both a memory and a hope. Memorials are intended to send a message in the present about an event or an individual in the past in the hope of changing the future. Historians tell us that World War I was labelled the “war to end all wars” following its conclusion. Nobody could ever imagine, having come through such a terrible time, that humans would be willing to engage in global conflict ever again. Considering the events that took place no more than 25 years later, would we consider the memorials dedicated to the “war to end all wars” foolish or hopelessly optimistic? Of course not. I imagine that if we could speak to those who built such memorials, they would say that they did not expect war to end forever with the end of World War I, but certainly it was their prayer that such would be the case.

Is it not our prayer today that the current global struggles that are roiling the world and our own nation will somehow find a peaceful, just, and restorative solution? Prayers are verbal; prayers are silent; prayer can be acted out, and sometimes a prayer can be built from stone and wood. In the Old Testament, whenever God touched the hearts of people in a special way, an altar was built, and the ground became sacred. When I travelled through Europe just after my graduation from seminary, I visited the American cemetery at Lorraine, France – one of several large cemeteries where American soldiers from the first World War are interred. It became clear to me that I was standing on sacred ground as I contemplated the sadness and cost of warfare, and why this piece of ground was so carefully maintained – not just to honor the dead, but to say something to the living.

Memorials are reminders, but they are also messages. If God has touched the hearts of people at some point in time in the past, God is touching

hearts in the present, and will continue to touch hearts in the future. Sometimes in the midst of grim news we find ourselves losing heart or sinking into despair, but our faith reminds us that God, through the work of his Son, Jesus, is actively present in the world in many places. The work of the Holy Spirit is normally not going to make it on the evening news, but, then again, the news has never defined for us the total picture of what is happening around us. We pray for all of those who suffer hardship in the world, but in our little corners of it we can actually be the answer to prayer. The good news is that Christians continue to answer prayers in corners of the world every day. One day God will gather all those corners together and fulfill what we seek whenever we pray the Lord’s prayer - “Thy kingdom come.” Each of us has a place and a part in this reality; each of us has a responsibility to bring the peace of Christ into the lives of those around us; each of us are called to place the peace of Christ’s love into our own hearts and live with confidence. Are we working in our corner of God’s kingdom? Are we praying for the world? Are we building living memorials to peace? Perhaps Memorial Day should be a time not just to remember, but to commit ourselves to work for peace and justice in the lives of those around us. May it be so.

*Dr. Mack*



## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club is taking a break from their Zoom meetings & encourages their group to continue reading over the Summer months. When and if we start up again we may have the option to meet as a small group in person. For suggested readings & more information contact Billie Holbrook [billie.holbrook@cox.net](mailto:billie.holbrook@cox.net)

# 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 (May 2-23, 2021): Parable of the Seeds and Soil (God Wants Us to Listen to and Obey the Bible), Living as Christians (Love and Encourage Each Other), Jesus Gives Final Instructions (Go and Make Disciples), Pentecost Sunday The Holy Spirit Comes (The Holy Spirit Gives Us Power).

### KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

(children 8 through 12)

*Teacher: Matt Kreamer*

Summer movie lessons for Sunday school. Matt has picked four movies for his students and their families to watch. He has provided some questions for them to answer on the movie. The first movie is Frozen. This can be completed anytime you have time. If you are not on the list for Matt's email and want to be please contact him at [matthewkreamer@gmail.com](mailto:matthewkreamer@gmail.com).

### ANCHOR TRINITY

(Junior High School through College)

*Teacher: Rona Kreamer*

Anchor Trinity is going to SEE THE WORLD! This year, 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).

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### Preparing for Hybrid Worship

We plan to install an additional camera on the East side wall near the chancel and a large screen television on the West side above the chancel ramp. If you would like to help make these happen you may make monetary donations by mail or online at [trinitytucson.org](http://trinitytucson.org). The donate button is at the bottom of the home page. Please designate *Property Wish List* in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.

### MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**May 2** Acts 8:26-40 & Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

**May 9** Acts 10:44-48 & Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**May 16** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 & Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**May 23** Acts 2:1-21 & Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 30** Isaiah 6:1-8 & Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet The Rev. Dr. Amy Sigmon

### ***What do you do for a living?***

I'm an ordained minister in the PCUSA and have served churches in Florida and North Carolina. Unfortunately, I had to go on disability about 12 years ago because of symptoms associated with ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. ME/CFS is a disease that effects every system in the body, produces poor quality of life and has no cure.

### ***Where is your hometown?***

I grew up in a lovely small town, Woodstown, surrounded by farm land in the southern part of New Jersey. Woodstown was 35 minutes from downtown (Center City) Philadelphia and about 25 minutes from Wilmington, Delaware.

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

I love reading, although my memory and ability to concentrate has been compromised by my ME/CFS. I do crossword puzzles and like jigsaw puzzles. Mack and I both enjoy watching movies and documentaries. I also like sewing and embroidery. In the fall we began feeding birds so I watch them and try to identify each species. It's exciting that my regulars are beginning to bring their fledglings to the feeder. I most enjoy seeing the Gambel's quail with the highest count at 14 at one time. and Jigsaw puzzles

### ***What is your favorite food?***

Dark chocolate! (Delicious and good for my cholesterol!)

### ***What is your favorite hymn?***

A Mighty Fortress and Through All the Circling Years, Proverbs 3:5-6 and John 1:1-18

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

Christian Love - The very fabric of life within the church is love. Some churches are better at emulating Christ's love for us and expressing it in concrete ways than others. Trinity is one of those churches. I've been deeply moved at the love and caring we have received at Trinity, where Christ's love shines brightly. I've also been impressed with how the church reaches out to the community to help the most vulnerable among us.



## MISSION NEWS

### TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm and Tuesday & Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 14.

### RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 to 4:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 13 to help clients with DES applications, payment vouchers for duplicate Arizona ID cards and notarizing documents.

They also have limited clothing and shoes.



## Casa Maria

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!

# SESSION NOTES

Still Zooming, the Session met on its regularly scheduled third Tuesday of the month. All committees, officers and the Deacon Moderator reported their activities since March. The business of Trinity PC is in good hands. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

- Session approved the Annual Congregational Meeting, as mandated in the Presbyterian Book of Order, will be held on May 2, 2021 via Zoom after the worship service. We are hoping that a quorum attends.
- Session approved that the Rev. Bill Voigt may preach on April 25, 2021 and on June 6, 2021. Dr. Mack Sigmon will take a few days away to be sure his second vaccine dose doesn't cause any unwanted reactions and, in June, spend some days with his parents in North Carolina.
- It was approved again that the Monsoon Brass may use our facility for practice and performance and Worship Committee will ask that they play during a number of services as payment. A very welcome trade!
- The Hedgehog Narcotics Anonymous will be allowed to use a closet in the education building in order to store their camping equipment. They will pay \$20 a month and take care of additional expenses such as lock changes, etc.
- Bob Schulz, Presbytery Stated Clerk/Associate informed Trinity that we can send three commissioners to Presbytery meetings. This will balance Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders. Carolyn Maycher graciously volunteered to be the third elder commissioner along with John Hill and Leone Mohny.
- Session voted upon the recommendation of the Mission Committee to allow the Resource Center to reopen on May 4, 2021 with safe protocols in place and with all the volunteers fully vaccinated against COVID.
- The Worship Restoration Work Group continues to grapple with opening the sanctuary to in-person worship as a "hybrid" church. No date is evident, but research and bids are forthcoming concerning the projectors, screens, etc. that will be needed.
- The Deaconate will arrange to send a needed

monetary gift to the Matthias Class family in Togo after the death of Matthias's brother.

- Worship Committee is planning Pentecostal displays and decorations and welcomed Elder Leslye Obiora to serve on this committee. This committee and Dr. Mack are working with Barbara Kittle's family for a memorial service in the sanctuary for the end of May.
- The Stewardship & Finance Committee has performed due diligence while researching transferring Trinity invested funds from J. P. Morgan to another investment firm. Next session meeting they will present their findings and recommend the New Covenant Trust Company, a subsidiary of the Presbyterian Foundation. Session will decide.
- Administration & Personnel will also present their final changes to Trinity Personnel Policies at the next meeting for approval.
- Session members mourned the death of former pastor Marney Wasserman.

With a long list of those in need of health and welfare concern, Session members prayed for our nation, our world and our church family.

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 concludes on Tuesday May 11 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, May 25 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Any help that you can provide at the workshop, working at home (cutting out bears or stitching), providing material (fabric, buttons) will be greatly appreciated.

# TRINITY MILESTONES

## HONORING & MEMORIALS

*In Memory of* Celia Greenleaf by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Karen James Mother by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Marney Wasserman by Don & Ruth Myers  
*In Memory of* Marney Wasserman by Bonnie Stull  
*In Memory of* Marney Wasserman by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Ayite Amayi (Mathias Class' brother) by Leone Mohney  
*In Honor of* the Deacons by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Lorraine Lovin on Mother's Day by Barbara & Ray Tallis

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5 Tom & Vade Henderson  
 23 John & Joan Davies (72 years)  
 29 Errol & Catherine Dimenstein  
 31 Will Tilley & Janet Munson

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

3	Jessica Roggow	15	Mary Zellar
6	Celeste Dzakpa	16	Carl Sosna
8	DeDe Markin	18	Allyn Spence
9	Susan Chambers-Casteloes	19	Peace Tenge
9	Turner Miller	21	Lynn Moser
11	Ann Walker	29	Leone Mohney
14	Steve Barlow	29	Liz Strong
		31	James Madson

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

1 George Greenleaf - 103  
 2 Barbara Ball  
 8 Thomas Dean  
 10 Carolynn Carter

## Thank you from Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN)

I'd like to thank the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church for your generous support of the people served by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). We were so grateful when members of Trinity reached out to us to tell us that we would be the recipient of your February 14 Mission Sunday, soon to find out that you extended collecting donations for us even longer.

We were so excited to have the support of another caring Southern Arizona faith community to help support the needs of vulnerable people living with HIV. And when we found out that your congregation provided a gift of \$1,230 to support our clients, we were moved and grateful.

Your gifts provide help and hope to people living with HIV right here in our community. During these challenging times, your support of people living with HIV helps provide key programs and services while striving to keep everyone safe. In 2020, we served more people living with HIV than ever before, during some of the most challenging times.

Since the pandemic hit in March of 2020, we have adapted our programs and operations to provide the most essential services--focusing on meals and food support, Care Packages filled with personal care and cleaning supplies (including masks), financial assistance, and emotional and practical support for our client living with HIV, most of whom are older and face economic and health challenges.

Thank you so much to the people of Trinity Presbyterian Church for giving from the heart and offering support to people living with HIV. You are a godsend to the people we serve.

With best wishes and our sincere gratitude, Scott Blades Executive Director