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August 8 is Mission Sunday

Trinity is still serving God in the Heart of the City.

The Mission Committee's August Special Offering will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) which is the emergency & refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. that enables congregations & mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis & catastrophic events. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, & its program work is also funded with designated gifts. PDA's focus is on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities. It provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods. It works collaboratively nationally & internationally with church partners and other faith based responders.

Please consider making a donation anytime in August online or in the mail or in person Sunday, August 8.

Presbytery de Cristo Happenings

Matthew 25 Offering

This annual collection provides aid to our Presbyterian border ministries Frontera de Cristo & Compañeros en Misión as they serve our sisters and brothers in Christ through the CAME Migrant Assistance Center in Agua Prieta & the Compañeros en Misión Migrant Ministry in Nogales.

Online BIG EVENT! August 27 & 28

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Matthew Whitaker. Make plans to join us virtually as we explore "Engaging Anti-Racism through the Lens of Faith. This is an ONLINE event. Those who register will get Zoom invitations to join worship, their choice of workshops and the keynote speaker.

See the enclosed flyer for information on both of these items.

PASTORAL LETTER

Have you ever encountered the term “collective effervescence”? I had never heard that phrase in any context until I read an article last month in the New York Times titled “There’s A Specific Type of Joy We’ve Been Missing.” Written by Psychologist and Professor Adam Grant, it focuses on the sudden joy people are feeling as they gather once again for family, community, and national celebrations. The idea of collective effervescence is not new in Psychology. The phrase was coined by sociologist Emile Durkheim at the beginning of the twentieth century as a way of describing “the sense of energy and harmony people feel when come together in a group around a shared purpose.”

According to Dr. Grant, $\frac{3}{4}$ of our population experience collective effervescence at least once a week, while $\frac{1}{3}$ of our population experience it every day. Then came the pandemic with its lockdowns, closures, and forced isolation. There were other ways for people to gather, just like we experienced at Trinity through online platforms such as Zoom, but Dr. Grant also points out that “Zoom fatigue” is a proven phenomenon in our culture. Dr. Grant asserts that emotions are contagious, and can be spread not only face-to-face, but online in digital platforms, which would include all of the social network – and most of the shared emotions for the past year have been depression, sadness, and isolation.

The article also notes the sea change that has taken place as our nation begins to emerge from self-isolation. Some of the emotional reactions to our freedom to socialize are extreme, even to the point of being destructive, but many are experiencing nothing more dramatic than the joy of being together once again. In a mission-driven community such as the Christian Church, collective effervescence is not only real, but a gift of the Holy Spirit. In these early weeks of returning to worship in our sanctuary, most of us are just enjoying what we have

missed for well-over a year. Even if we are watching the livestream, it is wonderful to hear liturgical voices joined together in praise of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it is not just in worship that our collective effervescence is waiting for renewal. As we work together again for the provision and expansion of the mission of Trinity, we will discover something we all have missed – that sense of a collective purpose given to us by Christ. In September the Chancel Choir will return; our post-worship I fellowship and other similar church gatherings will resume. We will be given opportunities to expand our caring missions for our community, and we will engage our minds in response to Christ’s important call for us to “learn from him” through our educational programs. We will once again hear the effervescence of children on our church grounds, and the harmony of beautiful music so wonderfully provided by Lynn and Bruce.

Isn’t it time for us to share the contagious joy of our Lord once again? Dr. Grant draws several conclusions in his article, but one resonated with me as a Christian and a member of a faith community: “Some of us have already started feeling the thrill of creative collisions at work or the rush of a real vacation. But getting out of the house doesn’t guarantee that we’ll pursue happiness the best way.” I will add one idea to his words – “but getting into God’s house will.” As we continue to re-engage in our congregational life, let us remember that this means more than worship, church school, mission work, or fellowship – it means all these things with a spiritual commitment to our task as disciples. Our collective effervescence always includes the presence of Christ, and there can be no greater happiness for believers. Please have a wonderful and safe August, and I will see you at church or online.

Dr. Mack

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (children ages 4-8)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

A LOOK INTO GOD'S AMAZING CREATION

We will be using one devotion from "Our Daily Bread" and the rest of the summer we will be using Discover column for kids exploring nature, science, and God's amazing, good world (thebanner.org). A packet with lessons for August and the first Sunday in September (Sept 5) will be mailed to the parents.

Lessons include:

- How do you stay cool on a hot summer day? Have you ever wondered how animals cool off on sizzling summer days?
- What does a skunk's stripes, a sheep's wool, a walrus's whiskers, and a porcupine's quills all have in common?
- One of the things that is fascinating about creation is how interconnected everything is. God's creation is designed in such a way that each part works with and depends on many other parts.
- Did you know that the Bible talks a lot about God's eyes?
- God gave you some pretty wonderful senses. With them you can smell your pizza, watch the snow fall, listen to music, and taste hot chocolate. Your senses really help you enjoy life and also help protect you! Think about your senses in a new way. Read about some built-in protections and try the experiments. Imagine life without your senses. Then thank God for them!



KREAMER'S CRUSADERS & ANCHOR TRINITY
(children 8 through 12) & (Junior High School through College)

Teachers: Matt Kreamer & Rona Kreamer

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES



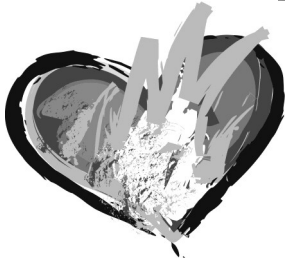
Matt & Rona are joining forces for a combined Summer Movie Series! Make sure you receive your assignments and join in the fun! Please contact them at matthewkreamer@gmail.com & rona.nichols@gmail.com. The Summer Movie Series continues until Sunday, September 12 excluding the Independence Day & Labor Day weekends.

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 information contact Billie Holbrook at billie.holbrook@cox.net



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet Randi Windsor

What do you do for a living?

I am now retired but I was a tour director for Pleasurebent Tours (a local company) for 32 years!!

Where is your hometown?

I was born in Tucson (several decades ago!), have lived other places but returned to town in 1983 and have lived here ever since.

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

Working in the yard and gardening is my therapy. I am wanting to start traveling again after taking a needed break! □

What is your favorite food?

It's a tie between Mexican and Mediterranean.

What is your favorite hymn?

"On Eagles Wings"

What does this church mean to you?

To me, Trinity is my cornerstone...I was baptized here, my son was baptized here as well, I was married here, and both of my parents are in the Memorial Garden. Trinity has been a very important part of all of my "milestones".

Amos Nsenga is a US citizen



So many people in our church helped Amos and Hadija & their children. We grew to love this family while they were here. They moved to Ohio to be closer to family & for better job opportunities. We are proud of Amos and wish he and his family well.

Alice Gratiyas & Lu Brown moved to Iowa & will not be returning to Tucson. We will miss seeing them in person as Winter visitors. They are living at Grand Living 530 S. 51st St. Unit 33, West Des Moines, IA 50265. If you would like to send them mail the address is c/o Tom Gratiyas 16574 Valleyview Lane Clive, IA 50325.

Helen Forbes moved to Iowa & will not be returning to Tucson. We will miss seeing her in person as a Winter visitor. Her address (mail & residence) is 819 N. Fellows Ottumwa, IA. 52501

WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet Tom Roof

What do you do for a living?

Retired Commercial Building Contractor

Where is your hometown?

Tucson--- since 1952

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

Making improvements to the house and playing golf

What is your favorite food?

Fresh seafood as well as our famous Mexican food

What is your favorite hymn?

"God of All Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

What does this church mean to you?

Trinity has been a part of my life for over 65 years. All our kids were baptized at Trinity. I was involved in the building of the Education building as well as the renovation of the Sanctuary. We were married in Trinity with Bill Voigt and Jack Baca officiating. In a nutshell, Trinity holds a special place in my heart.

2021
class of
CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Barbara Ball whose dissertation was accepted mid-July, She is getting her PhD this year.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

We continue in person worship in the Sanctuary Sundays at 10:20 am with safety protocols in place & hope to see you there. At this time there is no in person fellowship or classes. If you prefer you may continue to watch the service online at www.trinitytucson.org/watch-live & www.facebook.com/tpctucson. You can also watch through the BoxCast app on Roku TV,

Here at Trinity we are working hard to be here for you & our community. In this trying time we appreciate you & thank you for helping us 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 Donate button available on the home page of the website. If you donate online you will receive a receipt from the Presbytery Foundation/Vanco as they are our processor.

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 2:00 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.



YOUTH ON THEIR OWN™
Educating Homeless Teens...
Investing in Arizona's Future!

Each year 40% of the **Pentecost offering** goes to local youth at risk. Trinity's Mission Committee made the decision that this year's offering would go to Youth on Their Own. Youth On Their Own (YOTO) is a dropout prevention program that supports the high school graduation & continued success of homeless youth in Pima County. The organization was founded in 1986 when Ann Young, a guidance counselor in the Amphitheater School District, noticed that talented and motivated students were dropping out of school due to homelessness and being forced to live on their own without a parent or guardian. Inspired by the students' tenacity and willingness to stay in school, other school counselors, teachers, volunteers, and community members came together to form YOTO with the goal of helping students graduate. A check for \$1172 has been sent from Trinity to YOTO! Thank you for your generosity!



MAKING SANDWICHES

A small group of volunteers meet regularly to make sandwiches for Casa Maria. If you would like to help contact Dede Markin at 982-3787 or ddmarkin@yahoo.com. Thanks for your help and support!



SESSION NOTES

Still Zooming along Session met to conduct regular business. Session traditionally does not meet in July for a stated meeting. If anything comes up that needs attention Session will conduct a Called meeting either by Zoom or electronically. During the Leading Together segment of the June meeting the subject centered around evaluating the first Sunday – June 13th – for in-person worship or hybrid worship. Comments were positive and some tweaks are planned. Sixty persons and several children attended in the sanctuary while 45 used various platforms on the web to attend. Changes to mask protocols will be staged throughout the summer. Rally Day on September 12th is the target date to open completely for Fellowship and Sunday School. Meanwhile committees will decide to continue meeting via Zoom or in person for September and beyond. Good job, everyone!

- Session conducted Corporation business by approving a Trinity PC Corporate Resolution that allows the church Treasurer Leone Mohny, the Clerk Janet Hooper, the Administration & Personnel Chair Liz Strong and the Stewardship & Finance Chair Jeanette Ryan to conduct the financial business of the church.
- The report from the Treasurer Leone Mohny shows a continued deficit for Trinity. Those who are vacationing during the summer are encouraged to keep up with their pledged giving.
- Dr. Mack loves having a sanctuary with people singing and clapping and talking and is forward thinking about the future.
- Deacons are preparing for ushers in September and are anxious to meet in person again.
- Trinity Presbyterian Women are busy making Ryan's Bears, planning for a new Bible Study in September, and preparing to attend a national meeting via Zoom in August.
- Session approved upon the recommendation of the Administration & Personnel Committee the fully updated Trinity PC Personnel Policies as of June 2021. The improved policies represent a lot of work and revision on the part of this committee. Kudos for a job well done.
- Christian Education is sad that Matt Kreamer is stepping down as a youth teacher, but glad that

Bonnie Stull and Debbie Hobbs are considering a team teaching gig.

- Mission Committee continues to serve our community with the Resource Center, the Food Bank and sandwich making. Forty per cent of the Pentecost Offering will serve young people in Tucson. Mission will decide which organization will receive that 40%.
- Property Committee is thankful for the generous gifts to the Property Wish List and continues to make repairs as needed.
- Stewardship & Finance is undertaking the complicated transfer of Trinity investment funds to the New Covenant Trust plus is looking ahead to develop a stewardship plan.
- Worship Committee is working on the production of "wine bread" which is a safe way to deliver communion to the congregation. Wait for it! It will be a surprise. Also, they are discussing protocols for guest music groups and perhaps changing out the choir pews for chairs.
- Session prayed for congregants in need of special care and concern especially Elder Barbara Callaway Pollack recovering from her severe arm break.

Janet Hooper,
Clerk of Session

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study hope to meet again in the Fall when Dr. Mack will lead a new study.

Ryan's Bears meets Tuesday, August 17 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Contact Ruth Myers to either help there in person or at home. Despite the pandemic bear making continues. We hope to have 50-60 bears made by December for Christmas gifts at Primavera, Our Family Social Services and the Arizona Children's Assoc. Donations of fabric, stuffing & buttons are always welcome.

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Ruth Hawley by Bonnie Stull
In Honor of Angela Seddo by Leone Mohney
In Honor of Todd Wickizer by Leone Mohney
In Honor of Barbara Ball by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Bill Lovin by Barbara Tallis
In Memory of David Cotton by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Ruth Hawley by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Mary Zellar by Leone Mohney
In Honor of Peter & Leone by Joan Gaines
In Honor of Marian Wald by Leone Mohney
In Honor of Billie Holbrook by Leone Mohney
In Memory of John Dean by Debbie & Joe Obopinski
In Memory of John Dean by Tom Dean

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Chris Svenson	20 Cecilia Kreamer
2 Freja Svenson	24 Bruce Chamberlain
4 Daniel Seddo	24 Randi Windsor
9 Peter Holbrook	26 Bev Bechtel
10 Joan Kingan	26 Mary McMillan - 99
12 Ruth Myers	27 Charles Cook
12 Corbin Lind	27 Betty Jean Hand
14 Travis Spillers	28 Marilyn Nichols
17 A. Bates Butler, III	29 Jane Marie Boyiddle
19 Tom Roof, Jr.	



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

3 Wayne Steele	6 Janet Goodhue
4 Rona Kreamer	8 Jim Croxen
5 Dave Croteau	8 Bucky Lovejoy, III
	9 Pat Keegstra
	9 Madeline Lind

AUGUST SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 1 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 & Psalm 78:23-29;
 Eph. 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 8 1 Kings 19:4-8 & Psalm 34:1-8; Eph.
 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 15 Prov. 9:1-6 & Psalm 34:9-14; Eph.
 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 22 Josh. 24:1-2a, 14-18 & Psalm 15:22;
 Eph. 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 29 Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9 & Psalm 15; James
 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2	Rick & Ida Wickizer
12	Doug & Betty Lu Holland
20	Geoffrey & Kirsten Barlow





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- ⇒ We are "LIVE" streaming the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am. Watch on our website trinitytucson.org/watch-live
- ⇒ Join us in the Sanctuary for In Person Worship at 10:20 am.
- ⇒ Visit our website at www.trinitytucson.org for all the latest information and events you are looking for.

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Monday, August 23, 2021

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