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## Wednesday Evening Vespers

Dr. Mack continues his 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 & sharing . Mack will share scripture, a devotional, prayer concerns, and then we pray as a group.

<http://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>.



## Rally Sunday Is Postponed

Mack is preparing a Zoom Adult Class so stay tuned!  
The Youth teachers are contacting their students with class information.



## World Communion Sunday October 3

Worship including communion with music provided by Trinity's Vocal Ensemble & a Trinity Handbell Quartet. Join us each Sunday at 10:20 am in person or online at [trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live) & [facebook.com/tpctucson](https://facebook.com/tpctucson).

You can also watch through the BoxCast app on Roku TV, Apple TV and Fire TV.

# Pastoral Letter

We are not having the September at Trinity that I anticipated, and I am disappointed. You probably know exactly what I mean. We anticipated that our church would return to its rhythm of congregational life which we have been compelled to set aside for so long. The Delta variant of Covid-19 has changed all this. Once again, we are anxiously watching the statistics in our county and in our nation to discern when our congregational life will return to some semblance of normality.

Of course, the consequences of an event as huge as a global pandemic are the same as other significant and life-changing events – the old normal is gone, and a new normal must be embraced. What the new normal will be for our culture, our church, and our lives has yet to be seen, and trying to make any kind of prediction would be fruitless – but in my heart there is a yearning for this to happen quickly so we can “move on” with our mission at Trinity. We can probably apply that same desire to move on with other areas of our lives, personal and corporate. It will happen – I was just hoping it would happen by September.

In my newspaper article last month I talked about my experience of loss, which became very personal with the death of my parents. But the experience of disappointment is not limited to such archetypal events as death; it is simply a part of being human, and a daily test of our emotional and spiritual maturity. The gospels are replete with stories of those around Christ experiencing disappointment. Disappointment is inversely related to expectations, and there were many who found their expectations of Jesus as the Messiah thwarted, usually by Jesus himself. Some of that disappointment became toxic. While we do not know Judas’ motive for betraying Jesus, extreme disappointment is a certainly possible.

We also see less-extreme instances of disappointment in those who encountered Jesus throughout his life. Jesus’ parents were disappointed when their

child slipped away from them as they began their journey home after Passover. The wealthy young ruler was disappointed after Jesus told him he needed to “sell all that he had” to become a disciple. We see Peter and the other apostles disappointed in Jesus numerous times – a disappointment usually expressed in their questions to Jesus, or their exasperation with his actions.

Perhaps we can deal with spiritual disappointment if we change the vector of our expectations. Instead of having expectations of God, perhaps we should focus on what God expects of us. It is those expectations that Jesus taught us and showed us time and again. Following Christ is not a conditional commitment on our part – we believe, obey, and live our faith not grounded in personal fulfillment, but in asking the question “How can I participate in your kingdom today, Lord?” Jesus taught the kingdom of God as a transcendent reality – a transcendence that is lived in real time. Whatever the day brings to us, large or small, there is a Christian response, and it is our task to understand our faith so we can react appropriately.

I know that there will be a return to more typical way of doing church in the future – but there is nothing typical about being a disciple of Christ, because our faith is lived in the moment – and moments always change. What we can do everyday is pray that we will see God’s expectations of us in whatever comes our way, so that we can react with the love that Christ has taught us and the grace that he has given to us. Have a wonderful and blessed September.

*Dr. Mack*



# Christian Education

## YOUTH CLASSES

### GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (children ages 4-8)

*Teacher: Kathy Moser*

#### A LOOK INTO GOD'S AMAZING CREATION

Until we can meet for in-person classes, we will continue to use the Discover column for kids exploring nature, science, and God's amazing, good world ([thebanner.org](http://thebanner.org)).

A packet with lessons for the last 3 Sundays in September and the first Sunday in October will be mailed to the parents. Lesson titles are "Wonder in the Stars", "Finding the Way", "The Sheep of God's Pasture" and "Five Ways to Pray".

### THE CRUSADERS

(children 8 through 12)

*Teachers: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull*

The Crusaders will be studying stories from the Bible using **GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE** curriculum. Debbie Hobbs and Bonnie Stull will be the leaders this year. Lessons, activities, and resources will be distributed to our families in person, by mail, and via email. In September, we will begin with **CREATION**: Sept. 12 - How God Made Everything (Genesis 1:1-2:4a) Sept. 19 - We Were All Farmers Once (Genesis 2:4b-22) Sept. 26 - When the World Started Over Again (Genesis 6-9)

### ANCHOR TRINITY

(Junior High School through College)

*Teacher: Rona Kreamer*

#### HEARING GOD

Anchor Trinity is looking forward to getting back together when it is safe to gather together in the Harbor (Room 1). Until then, Rona will be sending out a list of Contemporary Christian Musicians across all genres- listen to these artists, visit their websites, and choose your Top 3 and send the artist's name and favorite songs to Rona at [anchortrinity@gmail.com](mailto:anchortrinity@gmail.com). When it is safe to get together in person again, we will meet downstairs starting at announcements and listen to your favorite musicians together and talk about how God is speaking to us through music.

## ADULT CLASSES

STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW ZOOM ADULT CLASS THAT MACK WILL BE TEACHING THIS FALL.

### TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club is taking a break from their Zoom meetings & encourages their group to continue reading for the rest of the year. 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](mailto:billie.holbrook@cox.net)



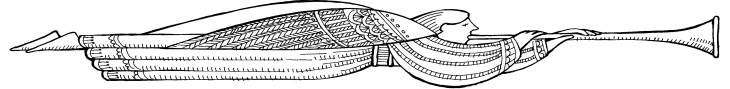
# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## Celebrating Alice Smedley

### Memorial Service



A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, September 25 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. More information will be available in the near future. We hope you will be able to join us in celebrating all that Alice did for the community & Trinity



## Trinity Choir

It is almost impossible to believe that it has been since March 15, 2020 that our Trinity Choir was last together as lay worship leaders. I have been joyfully anticipating restarting our leadership role in September very much, but alas, with the concerning uptick in infections due to the delta variant, the Worship Committee has determined that our four section leaders only will provide the anthem for the foreseeable future.

While this is frustrating and disappointing, it is truly prudent that we take this action. The Worship Restoration Committee continues to meet and will provide us with updates & targeted possibilities for Rally Day when we will return to more normalized worship setting. Keep the faith, we'll be back ... in the meantime, please keep Trinity and its musicians and mission in your hearts and prayers.

## The Trinity Ringers

We will begin the Fall season ringing in quartets. The Covid situation will continue to be monitored to determine when it is safe to return to ringing with the full handbell choir. If you are interested in joining this music ministry, please speak with Lynn Moser following worship.



### WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet Liz Strong

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

I retired in 1997 from Hughes Missile Company which is now Raytheon.

I was the Manager of Engineering Administration.

#### Where is your hometown?

San Marino, California. I moved to Tucson with Hughes in 1994 when they consolidated their California operations in Tucson.

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

Gardening is wonderful therapy. I have about 40 roses and enjoy caring for them and am active in the Rose Society of Tucson. I also enjoy needlepoint, & since Covid arrived, I've gotten into jigsaw puzzles.

#### What is your favorite food?

I like Italian food and my favorite place for Italian food is Vivaci.

#### What is your favorite hymn?

"How Great Thou Art"

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

As a life-long Presbyterian, I joined Trinity in 1996 after moving to Tucson. The friendships I've made at Trinity mean so much to me. Trinity is my family and I often thank God for having such a wonderful family away from home.

### WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet John Hill



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

I build telescopes for the UofA.

I frequently work at night using the Large Binocular Telescope on Mt. Graham.

#### Where is your hometown?

I grew up in the countryside about 30 miles NE of Pittsburgh (Leechburg/ Vandergriff)

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

4 x 4 adventures in the boonies, like Eagle Creek near Morenci, and, genealogy (ask how I'm related to Jimmy Carter).

#### What is your favorite food?

I like mashed potatoes with creamed hamburger, followed closely by machaca burros, enchilada-style.

#### What is your favorite hymn?

"How Great Thou Art"

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

My friends at Trinity are like a second family with lots of extra grandmothers, parents and siblings.

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



## MAKING SANDWICHES for Casa Maria

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 !



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 service  
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. *Thank you!*

## 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.

## WE ARE ORGANIZING A TEAM FOR THE 2021 CROP HUNGER WALK

**If you are interested in participating  
please call Betty Lu Holland 579-2895 or Sherry Letson 954-4057**

Church World Service (CWS) combines the efforts of 30 Christian denominations to provide:

- **Disaster Relief**- not just for a month, but long-term rebuilding
- **Refugee relief/Resettlement in the US**: careful screening brings hope to new, energetic workers
- **Self-help development**: local staff work with communities to help them meet *their* needs: with tools and skills to make lasting changes to feed themselves for a lifetime/improve their health: with chicks and vegetables; a staff teaches whole communities how to build family sanitary latrines, building materials for primary schools with communities providing the labor, then the government provides the teachers.

75% of what we raise goes to the worldwide work of Church World Service  
25% stays in Tucson, shared equally between the Community Food Bank,  
Casa Maria and Interfaith Community Services.

# SESSION NOTES

After a July break Session is back on the job. Still Zooming and glad for that given the Delta variant surge. Keeping everyone safe is a high priority for Pastor Mack and the elders. When, oh when, will this pandemic cease? Session members prayed heartily for our children and grandchildren as well as their teachers, all of whom are returning to school. Following are the highlights of the business that Session undertook.

- All are grieving over the sudden death of Alice Smedley, the spirit and soul of our Food Bank mission site. According to Steve Barlow, Alice was a saint working tirelessly long hours to provide nutrition assistance to all who came to Trinity for help. In July alone there were 95 clients for Food Bank bags of food and 625 homeless or those in need of extra assistance that came to our Trinity site for help. A rough total of 4,665 lbs. of food was delivered. So now it's all hands-on deck to keep delivering for the community at our humble corner of 4th Avenue and University Blvd.
- David Cotton became a member of Trinity in 2016 and passed away in January 2021. He left Trinity PC a bequest of \$99,000. How grateful we are for his love of the Trinity family.
- The Terry J. Dalke Social Services Center (Resource Center) has received a memorial gift of \$10,600 from one of her sisters. Again, how grateful we are for this boost to the mission of Trinity PC.
- In order to obtain financing more easily our Development Group – Rob Paulos and Randi Dorman – have decided to build 22 town homes and skip the retail aspect of their development strategy for Phase II. They will present their new concept to Session members soon.
- The Deacons are researching whether Trinity will be able to participate in the December 4th Ave. Street Fair.
- Administration & Personnel are tweaking the Personnel Policies to make sure they are correct.
- Christian Education is postponing Rally Sunday and Dr. Mack will teach an adult class on Zoom to begin sometime in September.

- Growth & Outreach Team is working to establish contact with new repeat visitors.
- Mission Committee is researching how to do 4th on 4th Community Suppers with “Grab and Go” meals.
- Stewardship & Finance is working on an officer retreat for early 2022.
- Worship Committee is working to teach the congregation new hymns, is welcoming back the quartet and is requesting all worship music participants be vaccinated before returning to their groups.
- Property Committee is researching a “loop system” for the sanctuary that will make those with hearing issues more able to hear sermons, solos, music, etc.
- Session members had a long, long list of those in need of prayer. We prayed for individual members and for countries in crisis and for our mission work here at Trinity PC. We prayed for our country as it is grappling with the pandemic and the new variant.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**September 5** Isa. 35:4-7 & Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

**September 12** Isa. 50:4-9 & Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**September 19** Jer. 11:18-20 & Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30-37

**September 26** Num. 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 & Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50



# TRINITY MILESTONES



## Honoring & Memorials

*In Memory of John Dean by Derry Dean*

*In Memory of John Dean by Leone Mohney*

*In Memory of Alice Smedley by Bonnie Stull*

*In Memory of Alice Smedley by Carolyn Carter*

*In Memory of Alice Smedley by Leone Mohney*

## Trinity Women

**The Horizon's Bible Study** Dr. Mack will lead a new study. Stay tuned for a start date.

**Ryan's Bears** meets **Tuesday, September 21 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall**. Please 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.

## September Birthdays

3	Wayne Steele	15	Daphne Madson
4	Rona Kreamer	16	Stephen Russell
5	David Croteau	17	Judith Rachael
6	Janet Goodhue	17	Amy Sigmon
8	Jim Croxen	19	Janet Hooper
8	Bucky Lovejoy	20	Anthony Corona
9	Madeline Lind	21	Bill Voigt
12	Jackson Barlow	26	Joni Price
15	Pat Hardy	30	Jennifer Carter

## October Birthdays (1-10)

4	Emelia Maycher	7	Debbie Hobbs
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## September Anniversaries

3	Janet & Jim Hooper
14	Bill & Jere Voigt
22	Rona & Matt Kreamer
26	Dr. Mack & Amy Sigmon
30	Randi Windsor & Tom Roof



Dear Trinity Congregation,  
Thank you so very much for your prayers, your sympathy cards, your phone calls, your help and support, following the death of John Mark, our beloved son, brother and uncle. We know he is at peace in God's loving arms. Your loving spirit is very much appreciated.

In Christ's Love and Peace,  
The Dean, Coult, Dyer Families



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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](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live)
- ⇒ Join us in the Sanctuary for In Person Worship at 10:20 am.
- ⇒ Visit our website at [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org) for all the latest information and events you are looking for.

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