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Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Litany & Blessing of the Animals
Information Booths from
Paws for a Cause &
the Humane Society of Southern Arizona

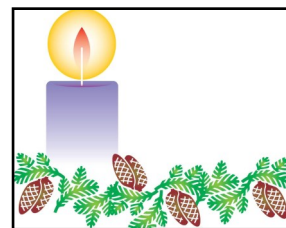


Our Traditional Cornucopia

Our traditional cornucopia will adorn the chancel area in front of the pulpit on November 14 and 21. If you would like to contribute any Fall produce (e.g. pumpkins, corn stalks, apples, or any canned goods to the display, please bring them to the church office by November 10. (Food items will be given to our Food Pantry).

Advent Mini Concerts are coming...

Trinity's Advent mini-concerts begin November 28 and will occur immediately following the worship service in our Sanctuary. The programs feature music for the Advent and Christmas season with each lasting approximately 20 minutes. You may watch IN PERSON or ONLINE.



November 28 *Praise God with Trumpets and Horns!* The Monsoon Brass
December 05 *Praise God with Tambourine and Cymbals!* The Trinity Jazz Ensemble
December 12 *Praise God in His Sanctuary!* A Musical Potpourri
December 19 *Let Everything that Has Breath, Praise the Lord!* Woodwind Trio and Pipe Organ

PASTORAL LETTER



It's hard to believe that we are only four Sundays away from the first Sunday of Advent, followed by just a few more weeks to Christmas and the changing of the year. I am excited that we will have our normal Advent/Christmas worship, with the added bonus of watching our service from anywhere else if we are travelling or cannot make it to Trinity. I also cannot wait to have the choir behind me again starting the first Sunday of November. While I still appreciate our Trinity Quartet, it will be wonderful when the choir joins voices with them to celebrate God's precious gift of music.

It means a lot to have our choir or the bell ringers behind me as I lead worship, because I enjoy sharing the task of praising God using all of our talents – and we have a lot of talent at Trinity. From the very beginning of our faith, Jesus shared his life with the apostles, the disciples, and any and all who were willing to listen. Jesus came to fashion us into a people of the Kingdom of God, but he could not complete the work for which the Father sent him until he gave his life for us upon the Cross, then returned to us through his resurrection.

Now we not only go to God as we worship, but we go with God as we depart from worship to serve those around us. I look at the month of November 2021 at Trinity as being something like a resurrection after a long period of isolation. Christ did not build his church on isolation – from the very beginning of his mission he worked at bringing vastly different people together and spiritually binding them into one people committed to discipleship.

Maybe you are feeling discouraged right now because of the vast divisions being opened and nurtured in our communities by voices of hate, including hate for God. But why should our journey of faith be any easier than those who served Christ and the church from the beginning? Every generation has its burdens to bear. My Mom and Dad went through the terror of World War 2, and a few of my father's extended family left their blood and their bodies on the field of battle in Europe. For baby boomers such as myself, we went through the Kennedy and King assassinations, the Vietnam War and the battle over civil rights. My 26-year-old daughter and her peers are dealing with the challenge and the burdens of the pandemic while still trying to have a work-life and a social life.

Our lives change; the seasons change; but God is forever. Christ taught us to treat everyday as a precious gift, and to use the gift of our lives to help others. Thank you for supporting our church in a season of Thanksgiving. At Trinity we work to praise God and change lives, a task we do together to honor God and the saints who have gone before us. Rejoice, for the Lord is with us in every place and circumstance. Have a joyful November.

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 & God's amazing, good world (thebanner.org). A packet with lessons for the first 3 Sundays in November has been mailed to the parents. Lesson titles are: "Thankful 30", "Fall is for Pumpkins!" and "Thank God for Food". Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving weekend (11/28-no lesson).

THE CRUSADERS

(children 8 through 12)

Teachers: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

The "*Growing In God's Love*" November unit is GOD'S MESSAGES. These stories of the prophets are like short biographies of four men sent by God to speak to His people to remind them of who they were and how God expected them to live. In turn, these stories tell us, as children of God, who we are and ways we are expected to live.

Nov. 7 - Telling the Truth Amos 1:1; 4:13; 5:14-15; 7:12

Nov. 14 - What Does God Want Micah 1:1; 4:1-4; 6:6-8

Nov. 21 - You Are Not Alone Isaiah 43:1-7

Nov. 28 - Speak Up, Jeremiah 31 Jeremiah 1:1-10; 31:31-34

ANCHOR TRINITY

(Junior High School through College)

Teacher: Rona Kreamer

HEARING GOD

Rona sent 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. When it is safe to get together in person again, we will meet downstairs and listen to your favorite musicians together and talk about how God is speaking to us through music.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA

A cherished tradition at Trinity, poinsettias adorn the Sanctuary enriching worship during Advent. The cost is \$10 each and you may order as many as you like. You may choose to pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve services or after worship on December 26. You may also leave them to be distributed by the Deacons. Order your poinsettias by calling the church office at 623-2579 or using the enclosed order form.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

In November & December let us introduce you to our newest members

WHO'S NEW IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW

Meet The Williams Family

Cheyenne

What do you do for a living?

I am an RN Liver Transplant Coordinator

Where is your hometown?

Alpine, Texas

What do you like to do with your leisure time?

Travel, visit museums, cooking

What is your favorite food?

Shish Kebabs

What is your favorite hymn & Bible verse?

"Blessed are the brokenhearted for they shall be comforted" Matthew 5:4, "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

What does this church mean to you?

Family



Gage

What do you do for a living?

I am a U of A student studying Engineering.

Where is your hometown?

Alpine, Texas

What do you like to do with your leisure time?

Film elevators and ride buses.

What is your favorite food?

Mac n Cheese & Cheeseburgers

What is your favorite hymn or Bible verse?

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

What does this church mean to you?

A place of redemption from all of our sins.



Charles

What do you do for a living?

I am a student at Tucson High School

Where is your hometown?

Alpine, Texas

What do you like to do with your leisure time?

Cook, watch movies, visit museums

What is your favorite food?

Mozzarella Cheese Sticks

What is your favorite hymn or Bible verse?

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

What does this church mean to you?

A sanctuary



Jan

What do you do for a living?

I am a photographer

Where is your hometown?

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

What do you like to do with your leisure time?

Read, listen to music & cook

What is your favorite food?

Bar B Que

What is your favorite hymn & Bible verse?

"Psalm 23" & "Amazing Grace"

What does this church mean to you?

We prayed that our Lord would help us find a house here with a nice yard for Charles. When we first arrived at North Hoff, the church bells welcomed us. I became compelled to find their source. It was our answer and providence to learn that there were the bells of Trinity Presbyterian Church. We were let to our house, neighborhood and place of worship by Jesus Christ.



WELCOME
new members

MISSION NEWS

Requests for Help & Donations

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 !

THANKSGIVING FOOD

The Mission Committee and our Food Bank is asking for donations of Thanksgiving, nonperishable extras to be distributed to families. Stuffing, cranberry sauce, box or fresh potatoes and sweet potatoes, gravy mix, canned or frozen vegetables, etc. A collection box will be in the Narthex (give frozen items to Peter) through Sunday 11/17.

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Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo developed the Coffee and Compassion program last year in response to the economic downturn due to COVID and the concurrent drop in sales of Café Justo when churches stopped meeting together in person.

The program has been an amazing success, and we thank everyone who participated. So far, 1,182 pounds of coffee have been bought, and we have been able to provide emergency food aid to 700 families who were impacted economically by COVID. And the program continues...

Need coffee and want to buy freshly roasted coffee directly from farmers who cultivate, process, roast, and pack delicious organic coffee, and ship it directly to you? You will enjoy delicious 100% organic coffee, and at the same time, you will be helping families affected by COVID-19. Order online at <https://www.justcoffee.org/>. We will resume coffee sales at Trinity soon, stay tuned!

The **Peace and Global Witness Offering** which was collected during the month of October is being given to Compañeros en Misión, a partner of the Presbytery de Cristo. Compañeros en Misión, as part of the Presbyterian Border Ministry of PCUSA focuses on church development and mission outreach working with three small Presbyterian churches located in the cities of Caborca, Nogales and Hermosillo, in the state of Sonora, Mexico. These congregations have witnessed membership growth during the last year. The program seeks to build faith, understanding & relationships among Presbyterians on both sides of the border. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/CompanerosEnMision/>.



TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 14. Thanks for your food and monetary donations.

RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 to 2:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 13 to help clients with Department of Economic Security (DES) applications, vouchers for duplicate Arizona ID cards, birth certificates for adults and notarizing documents.

SESSION NOTES

Still Zooming! But with plans for a big change with new technology called a "Meeting Owl." If you do an online search for "meeting owl" you will see a device that does indeed resemble an owl. This new technology will allow meetings with Zoom and in-person participants. Anyway, Trinity has purchased a Meeting Owl and our tech-savvy staff (God bless them all) will master how to use it so we can have hybrid meetings and classes. It is possible that the stated session in December will be a hybrid meeting with some session members meeting from home on Zoom and others attending in Fellowship Hall. In November our Deacons will be the first to give this meeting method a try.

The October Session meeting was routine except for the second Reception of New Members in a row. Hallelujah! Please welcome Eileen and John Lamse into our Trinity family. They come to us by letter of transfer from Christ Presbyterian Church in Tucson. We welcome them with open arms into our church life.

Following are routine Session business items:

- The Deacon's Emergency Fund could use some additional monies.
- The Congregational Nominating Committee is hard at work. Say "yes" to service.
- Administration & Personnel has completed their updated Personnel Policies and asks that each elder place them in their white binder.
- Christian Education is polling their students and parents about having Sunday in-person classes.
- Growth & Outreach Team is excited about the Meeting Owl microphone and camera that will facilitate hybrid meetings and classes.
- Mission Committee reports that the Food Bank and Resource Center are acquiring volunteers and are running smoothly. They are researching ways to safely resume 4th on 4th Community Suppers by using bag meals from Caridad.
- Property Committee is keeping up with church repairs and has purchased a new security system using funds from the Memorial Funds line item. They are updating AED and first aid kits around the church. They also are approving room use by

different organizations that will follow safety protocols. The OTOJOY hearing loop has run into some snags because of the steel framing in our building and work arounds are under discussion and negotiation.

- Stewardship & Finance reports that Trinity's account with J. P. Morgan/Chase Trust is now closed and the funds are transferred to the New Covenants Trust Corporation with the Presbyterian Foundation. The committee kicks off a stewardship campaign "Praising God and Changing Lives" in November that will culminate with a giving thanks Sunday with a possible bagged lunch on the patio.
- Worship Committee announced that the choir and handbells return in November, vaccinations will be required for participants. Communion will continue to be served as wine bread through December.
- Session listed prayer concerns and prayed for those in need of special care and concern as well as first responders and our homeless population in our community.

Janet Hooper,
Clerk of Session



SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 7 1 Kings 17:8-16 & Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 14 Dan. 12:1-3 & Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 21 2 Sam 23:1-7 & Psalm 132 1-12; Rev 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 28 Jer 33:14-16 & Psalm 25 1-10; 1 Thess 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

TRINITY MILESTONES



In Memory of Alice Smedley by Janet Munson

In Memory of John Dean by Joan Kingan

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In Memory of All Saints by Leone Mohney

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study meets **Tuesday, November 9, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.**

Dr. Mack leads the study, "What My Grandmother Taught Me - Learning from the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus by Merryll Blair. See Leone for a study book.

The TPW Thank Offering is taken each year in November. One of this year's recipients will be Frontera de Cristo's aid to children program. Please mark TPW Thanks Offering in the memo portion of your donation.

Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, November 16 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.** Please contact

Ruth Myers to either help there in person or at home. We are completing bears to be blessed and distributed in December for Christmas gifts at Primavera, Our Family Social Services and the Arizona Children's Assoc. Donations of fabric, stuffing & buttons are welcomed

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 LaRue Woslum	15 Catherine Dimenstein
3 Greg Keidel	16 Tony Miranda
4 Gerry Pearson	18 Sheila Croteau
5 Lily Chacon	20 Lulu Brown
10 Cameron Toering	23 Hap Howard
10 Christine Toering	24 David Maycher
13 Imogene Moser - 94	26 Brooke Miller
	28 Alice Gratias - 97

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

2 Ida Wickizer	6 Elliott Koeppen - 92
4 Melinda Arnold	7 Marilyn Slagle
5 Errol Dimenstein	9 Bonnie Stull

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Travis Spillers and Heather Mace
16	Glenn & Johanna Moyer
24	Robert & Linda Lohse
29	Bates & Annie Butler

TUCSON BORDERLANDS YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS IN THE NEWS

Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers joined with members of a partner organization, Tucson Mennonite Voluntary Service, to hold a street side vigil demanding the removal of Title 42, the federal policy that has expelled more than 1.2 million asylum seekers since the beginning of the pandemic. You may read the complete article at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/streetside-vigil-demands-an-end-to-title-42/>.



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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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BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY



Deadline for the December 2021 VISION

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

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