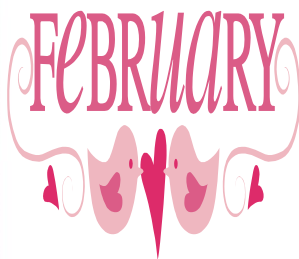


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- ◆ Please join us for worship this month with Special Music being provided by Trinity's vocal quartet, the Trinity Jazz Ensemble, a string quartet, the Monsoon Brass and the Trinity Ringers!
- ◆ The Annual Congregational meeting will be February 13 immediately following the Sanctuary service.
- ◆ The observance of Lent begins March 2 at 6:30 pm with the Ash Wednesday service. This contemplative service of Scripture and music invites us to search our hearts, confess our sinfulness, and reflect on Christ's great love that compelled him to journey to the cross. Join us in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.
- ◆ Mack's Lenten study for this year will be from Adam Hamilton's study series, "Words of Life – Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today." This hybrid class will be held in the Fellowship Hall and online from 9:00 am– 9:45 am for six consecutive Sundays, beginning March 6 (first Sunday in Lent) and ending April 10 (Palm Sunday.) Each class will begin with one of Rev. Hamilton's videos, followed by a discussion. An informational video introducing the class will be posted on our website under the Adult Classes section. All classes will be recorded.
- ◆ Dr. Mack hosts "Wednesday Evening Vespers" each Wednesday, at 6:30 pm. This is a brief time of prayer and sharing with scripture, a Devotional, prayer concerns, and prayer. Join him online at <http://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>.

PASTORAL LETTER

This week I read an interesting article in the New York Times titled, “Why Churches Should Drop Their Online Services.” The opinion piece was written by Tish H. Warren, a priest in the Anglican Church of North America. Warren argues that the embodied community of Christ is an essential part of living the Christian life, and that providing streaming for worship services takes away from this foundational Christian principle. She cites the incarnation of Christ as the theological model for the embodiment of the church as a physical community. Warren acknowledges that the pandemic has reasonably forced the church to adapt its technology to provide both sanctuary and home worship, but with the transformation of Covid-19 from a pandemic to an endemic illness, she asserts that the church must return to the sanctuary as the exclusive domain for regular Sabbath worship.

In the midst of making her argument, however, Rev. Warren acknowledges a contradictory point in favor of the hybrid church: “No longer offering a streaming option will unfortunately mean that those who are homebound or sick will not be able to participate in a service.” Her answer to that dilemma is to call the church back to its “in-home” ministry of the sick or the homebound as exemplified by visitation.

For me, this is where Rev. Warren’s argument falls apart. Clearly she does not see the online presence of the church as a part of a congregation’s “in – home” ministry. In that idea, I hear the echoes of Christianity’s historical resistance to technology and innovation. We might recall that the Reformation was a direct response to the medieval Roman Catholic Church’s resistance to allowing believers to read and hear the Word in any language except Latin. That resistance initiated the persecution of the earliest reformers like John Wycliff, who published the Bible in English and translated it from the older Greek texts rather than the Latin texts.

While I can assent in part to Rev. Warren’s point that the embodied church in its worship, education, mission, and fellowship is a manifestation of the incarnation of Jesus, we cannot set aside the Great Commission spoken by Christ as his final words to the disciples before his ascension: “And Jesus came

and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

In the great commission, Jesus gave the “what,” but he said nothing about the “how,” because the “how” would reveal itself to believers through the presence of the Holy Spirit, as the church earnestly sought to share the good news of Christ’s salvation. In fact, in becoming a hybrid church at Trinity, I’ve discovered that we have more people participating in worship on a weekly basis than at any time in the six years I have served as your pastor, which is both exciting and encouraging.

I also believe that limiting the church to one form of congregational life is putting a limit on the work of the Holy Spirit. In saying this, I mean that we never know what the Spirit is doing through our ministry, but what does that matter? All that matters is that we provide the conduits through which the Spirit can flow into the hearts and lives of believers. I believe that hybrid worship simply opens another channel through which the Spirit can speak to those who listen.

I do not believe for a moment that the hybrid church signals the death of in-person church. Believers always yearn to be together and to share their lives with each other, and this is not going to change. But we cannot neglect a new means of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ once it becomes available. I have been amazed at Trinity’s global online presence in the statistical report that we get from our streaming service. I have no idea why someone from Iceland is participating in our worshipping community, but if they are fed by the Holy Spirit, how can we say that is a bad thing?

So, it is my hope, whether online or in-person, that you will feel the presence of Christ in your life, and that we will let the Holy Spirit guide us in our responses to Christ’s call. Have a wonderful and safe February.

Dr. Mack

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (children ages 4-8)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

Topic: In the Beginning

Our in-person classes meet downstairs in Room 7 following the children's sermon. We started using "The Children's Bible Story Book" & then "Top 50 Instant Bible Lessons" in January and started with the story of Creation; the First Man and the First Woman and The Garden of Eden. This month we will continue Bible lessons with stories of Cain and Abel; Noah; Abraham Has a Son and Jacob & Esau.

THE CRUSADERS

(children 8 through 12)

Teacher: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

The class will meet in-person Sunday School for following the children's moment. We'll continue PEOPLE JESUS MET unit with three more people who encountered Jesus - each with a different request, or reason to want to meet Jesus, and each one touched in a unique way. The last week of February, the group will explore a story of friends who wanted to help a sick friend receive healing from Jesus. These lessons will be emailed to our families, as well.

February 6 The Thankful Man Luke 17:11-19

February 13 The Very Thirsty Woman John 4:1-32

February 20 The Rich Man Luke 18:18-30

February 27 Friends Who Help Luke 5:17-26

ANCHOR TRINITY

(Junior High School through College)

Teacher: Rona Kreamer

Anchor Trinity is BACK IN PERSON and we will be continuing our Hearing God series by hanging out in the Harbor

Room 1 downstairs and listening to music and finding biblical references in the music~ Bring your open heart and listening ears!

Please make sure you give Rona your updated email addresses- there will be a few weekends where there will not be class so make sure you check your email for updates!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet Barbara Callaway Pollack



What did you do for a living? I am a retired professor and university administrator who spent forty years at Rutgers as a professor, Provost and Dean of the Graduate School.

Where is your hometown or where have you lived? Besides living in Boston and New Jersey, I have lived in Los Angeles, England, Nigeria and Ghana.

What is your favorite food? Beef bourguignon

What is your favorite hymn, scripture and quote? My favorite hymn is "The Church's One Foundation" and favorite scripture the 23rd Psalm. My favorite quote is "Hope arouses, as nothing else can arouse, a passion for the possible," William Sloan Coffin.

What does this church mean to you? Trinity provides me with my life's foundation - values, goals, beliefs, a love of great music and a sense of moral obligation.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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 & 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, or subscribe to an email list. If you have issues, contact John Hill (jhill@as.arizona.edu).

MAKING SANDWICHES

A small group of volunteers meet regularly to make sandwiches for Casa Maria. Contact Dede Markin at 982-3787 or ddmarkin@yahoo.com to help.

ADULT CLASS

DR. MACK'S LENTEN STUDY BEGINS IN PERSON & ONLINE SUNDAY, MARCH 6 AT 9:00 AM

We view the Ten Commandments in different ways. Some view the commandments as word-for-word laws. Some view them as an ancient list of basic rules established by an early culture. Some view them as a declaration of a particular point of view, such as when the ten commandments are posted in public places. In the Christian Reformed tradition, we view the ten commandments as “guardrails” and “guidelines” that help us to understand how we are to live with each other and how we are to connect those 10 ideas to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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If you would like to purchase the class curriculum before March 6, you can do so by going to Amazon or Cokesbury and searching for “Words of Life” by Adam Hamilton. On Amazon the Kindle edition is \$9.99, while the hardcover is \$20.00 new, and \$14.00 used. If you plan to buy a used copy, I suggest you do so immediately as they will get gone very quickly. While having the book is not necessary to participate in the class, it is recommended.

If you would like to view Adam Hamilton's introductory video to the study, you can do so by going to <https://youtu.be/WppMKwpXsQs>. You are cordially invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall or online for this year's Lenten Study. If you plan to attend in person, please let us know so that we can set up Fellowship Hall in a safe manner. God bless you and I hope to see you there.

MISSION NEWS

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.

We are always in need of cases of water and fresh fruits and vegetables.

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.



Just Coffee For Sale



The Mission Committee **Thanks You** for the great response to the re-introduction of Just Coffee sales in December. The Just Coffee display is near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall with volunteers handling the sales before and after church on Sunday.

You may pay by cash or check. Coffee will be \$10 or \$11 and the proceeds benefit Café Justo, a Grower owned Coffee Cooperative based in southern Chiapas Mexico, formed to address the poverty & migration from Mexico to the U.S.A. More information about the cooperative, the coffee process & the different types of coffee they sell are available at justcoffee.org.

Coffee, Conversation & Compassion Zoom Meetings Frontera de Cristo and Café

Justo developed the Coffee and Compassion program in 2020 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 encourage you to join them for these upcoming events. Join the conversations by

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88683455600> **on these Thursdays at 4:00 pm.**

February 3 What's New With FDC? with Coordinators Jocabel Gallegos & Mark Adams

March 3 Mutual Mission: Lessons Learned at the Border with Catherine May, PhD

April 7 Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development: A book study with the author, the Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, Director of the World Mission Initiative, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

May 5 Coffee, Migration and Faith Café Justo: 19 Years of Responding to Root Causes of Migration

June 2 Choosing Welcome in the Face of Rejection: Migration in the Borderlands

July 7 The Border as a Place of Encounter: Life and Faith of Frontera de Cristo

SESSION NOTES

By the end of 2021 Session felt that beginning January 2022 we might be able to have hybrid meetings using the Meeting Owl and Zoom. But because of Dr. Mack's illness and the surge of Omicron in Pima County, Session opted to continue Zooming their meetings for now. Session welcomed returning elders Barbara Callaway Pollack and Chuck Sosna for their second terms as elders as well as newly elected John Hill and Janet Jones to another term of leadership at Trinity PC. Here are highlights from the January meeting – mostly housekeeping actions as we begin 2022:

- ◆ Janet Hooper will continue as Clerk of Session and Leone Mohny will continue as Treasurer.
- ◆ Ruth Russell and Karen Wilkison will be the elder representatives for the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- ◆ John Hill, Carolyn Maycher and Leone Mohny will be our 2022 Presbytery Commissioners and a joint meeting for the Presbyteries of de Cristo and Grand Canyon is scheduled for January 29th at Mesa First PC and will be Zoomed as well as in person.
- ◆ Cheyenne Williams and Janet Hooper will join the Worship Committee as members-at-large and the Growth & Outreach Committee is looking for at large committee members.
- ◆ Session approved the composition of committees to be as follows: Liz Strong, Chair, & Barbara Callaway Pollack & Roberta Westergaard for Administration & Personnel; John Hill, Chair, for Christian Education; Karen Wilkison, Chair, for Growth & Outreach Team; Carolyn, Chair, & Steve Barlow for Mission; Chuck Sosna, Chair, & Carolyn Maycher for Property; Ruth Russell, Chair, & Elliott Koeppen & Leone Mohny for Stewardship & Finance; Janet Jones, Chair, for Worship; Bucky Lovejoy (non-active elder), Chair, for Long Range Development Team.
- ◆ Session voted to reschedule the Annual Congregational meeting from February 6 to February 13, 2022.
- ◆ To protect the health of our pastor and other participants Session decided to reschedule the January 29-30 visit with Maggie Harmon from the Presbyterian Foundation. Ms. Harmon was planning to preach on January 30 and conduct a few seminars about financial matters. We will look forward to a future program.
- ◆ Daphne Madson reported that the Deacons have elected their officers for the coming year: Daphne will be Moderator, Cheyenne Williams will be Vice-Moderator, Marilyn Slagle will be Secretary and Jim Slagle will be the Deacon to serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- ◆ The Growth & Outreach Team is looking for ways to expand the Trinity footprint during the April 1-3, 2022 4th Avenue Street Fair and the Pets of Pima Parade on 4th Avenue on April 23, 2022.
- ◆ Property Committee continues to stay on top of maintenance and repairs needed to keep our aging facility in good working order.
- ◆ Session prayed for several congregants in need of special care and concern – most especially for the McCray family as we celebrate the gift of Jeanette Ryan's life and mourn her passing.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

Special Mission Offering

Twice a year Trinity's Mission Committee has a special offering for the community. February's offering will be given to Trinity's Deacon's Emergency Fund. This fund assists church members and friends with hardships needing emergency assistance. To give your gift please click on the Donate button on Trinity's website & designate it as SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING or mail a check to the office. This special offering may be made throughout the month of February.

SHARING
GOD'S
GIFTS

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Jeanette Ryan by Bonnie Stull
 In Memory of Jeanette Ryan by Leone Mohny
 In Memory of Jeanette Ryan by Ruth & Don Myers

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Betty Lu Holland	18 Bill Goodhue
8 Emmanuelle Seddo	19 Ida Medina
15 Precious Mukadesa	20 Kathy Moser
16 Georgia Bach	28 Shirley Wilka

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

1 Harriet Marsh	4 Ed Hawley
2 Truman Spillers	7 Holly Clark
3 Riley De Pizzo	

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Liz & Steve Barlow



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY



SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 6 Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) and Psalm 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 13 Jer. 17:5-10 and Psalm 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

February 20 Gen. 45:3-11, 15 and Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

February 27 Ex. 34:29-35 and Psalm 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

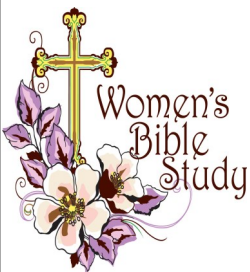
TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study meets Tuesday,

February 8 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



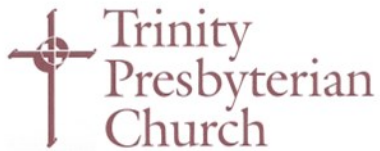
Jesus by Merryl Blair. See Leone for a study book. The women's business meeting is held

Ryan's Bears meets Tuesday, February 15 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 at least 50-60 bears made by December for 2022 Christmas gifts at Primavera, Our Family Social Services & the Arizona Children's Assoc. Your donations of fabric, stuffing & buttons are always welcome.



Ryan's Bears



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We are "LIVE" streaming the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am. Watch it on our website at trinitytucson.org/watch-live

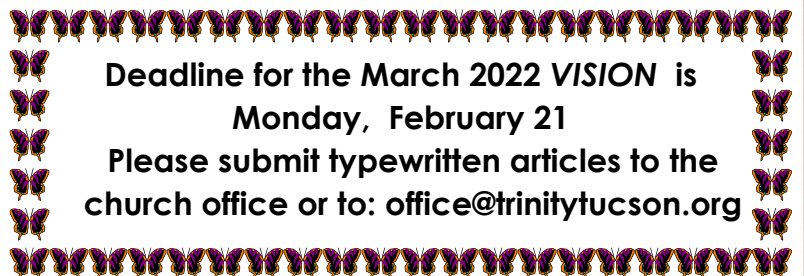
Visit our website at www.trinitytucson.org for all the information and events you are looking for.

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**Deadline for the March 2022 VISION is
Monday, February 21**

**Please submit typewritten articles to the
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