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HOLY WEEK



Sunday, April 10 10:20 am

Palm Sunday

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the Trinity Choir & participate in the palm procession during the service. Join us in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live

Thursday, April 14 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday

will be observed with the Sacrament of Communion & a Service of Tenebrae. Scripture readings and music will relate the story of Jesus' life from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion as candles are extinguished and the sanctuary darkens. Join us in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live

Sunday, April 17 6:30 am & 10:20 am

Easter Sunday

The Sunrise service begins at 6:30 am in the Memorial Garden with coffee & donuts served afterwards. There will be an Easter story & egg hunt at 9:30 am for the children. The Sanctuary service beginning at 10:20 a.m. features "The Passion and the Promise" an Easter Cantata with the Trinity Choir & an orchestra. Communion will be served during the cantata.

Join us in person or online to celebrate that Christ is risen at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

PASTORAL LETTER

As we approach the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I would like to take a moment to make the distinction between Easter "joy" and Easter "happiness." In our culture, sometimes the word "happiness" is confused with the word "joy." If we think about the celebration of Easter from a "holiday" point of view, there are many ways that we seek to make our celebration a happy event. Children will color eggs and receive Easter baskets. We will see images of the Easter bunny, (and share some chocolate ones) while many families and adults will travel to their favorite vacation spot for the Easter holiday. While Easter is, thankfully, not as secularized as Christmas, our culture will still seek to drain every bit of "happiness" that it can from the celebration. But if we, as believers in Jesus Christ, carefully read and open our hearts to the Easter story, we will discover that Easter is about joy, and joy requires a different journey, a journey quite different from the one to happiness. On that Sunday morning following the crucifixion of Christ, the mood among the apostles and the disciples was anything but happy.

Can you imagine the emotional state of the women as they journeyed to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, as required by the Jewish tradition? When they arrived at the tomb, now open, and heard from the angel the good news of Christ's resurrection, the gospel of Matthew states that they left the tomb quickly filled with "fear and joy." Isn't that an interesting combination of emotions? Would we ever join the emotion of fear with emotion of happiness? They are polar opposites. So how can joy and fear be experienced by the same heart? Christ had told His followers that He would return to them from the tomb. I'm sure the women did not allow themselves to even grasp that hope until they ran from the gravesite. Joy and hope are inextricably linked. The fear mentioned in the story was from experiencing something that

no human had ever experienced - not the resurrection, but what the resurrection affirmed - that Jesus Christ was truly the promised Messiah.

Until that Sunday, most of Christ's followers probably experienced hopelessness and despair. No one had ever returned from death, and though Jesus had made this promise, it was one beyond human comprehension. But from the astonishing news from the angel to the women to the other disciples, hope grew in the hearts of those who believed in Jesus, and from that hope grew a deep and profound joy. From that morning on, the apostles and the disciples would face many unhappy days. Christ's followers would be persecuted by their culture, isolated by their families, and rejected by many who were insulted or infuriated by their story and their faith. Even among themselves the followers of Christ would experience unhappiness, as we read in many of Paul's letters to the church.

But for 2000 years, Christians have had a source of joy that overwhelms the ordinary ups and downs of life. Our joy is our faith in the resurrection of Christ and the promise that we will join Christ in the resurrected kingdom. When all else in this world fails, we can go to the Word of God and discover the joy that transcends this mortal life - a joy that makes this mortal life sweeter and more meaningful. If we celebrate Easter from our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, we will experience the deep and eternal joy from knowing that Christ is always with us and, when our purpose on earth is complete, we will be always with Christ. What deeper joy can there be, ever? Have a joyful Easter!

With blessings for Easter,
Dr. Mack



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

Meet Bob Letson

What did you do for a career?

I was an educator. In my early career, I was a high school principal in Missouri and later a Director of Instruction for a large school district in New Mexico. After that I was a professor of Secondary Education for 18 years at the University of Arizona.

Where is your hometown? Tulsa, Oklahoma

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I like to solve the Sudoku puzzles in the morning newspaper. I like to work on family genealogy on my computer. And I like to watch sports on TV especially University of Arizona sports!

What is your favorite food? Apple pie with vanilla ice cream.

What is your favorite hymn or bible verse?

"Amazing Grace" is my favorite hymn and John 3:16 is a favorite Bible verse: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

What does this church mean to you? Having been a member since 1956, Trinity is more than just a place to worship. Being a part of Trinity is really about belonging to a larger Christian family.

To register for the YAV program on April 29 visit <https://www.tucsonborderlandsyav.org/stories.html>. To learn more about them visit <https://www.tucsonborderlandsyav.org/current-volunteers.html>

COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM THE YAV HOUSE
FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH FROM 5:30-6:30 PM (MST)

Stories of Challenge & Change



The Tucson Borderlands YAV program presents a virtual fundraiser showcasing stories from our 3 YAVs! Join us on Zoom or Facebook Live to hear more about how this year has impacted their lives and our community!

To register, please visit: <https://www.tucsonborderlandsyav.org/stories.html>

MISSION NEWS

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm** and **Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 to 4:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 14. We are always in need of cases of water and fresh fruits and vegetables.

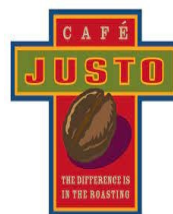
RESOURCE CENTER

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.

Mission Opportunities

A small group of 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.

Just Coffee For Sale



The 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 in southern Chiapas Mexico. More information about the cooperative, the coffee process & the different types of coffee they sell is at justcoffee.org.

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Ann Walker by Joan Kingan
In Memory of Jean Dalke by Tom & Vade Henderson
In Memory of Jean Dalke by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Pat Keegstra by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Jeanette Ryan by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Ann Walker by Leone Mohney
In Memory of Douglas Myers by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of Douglas Myers by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of Alice Smedley by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of Jane Parker by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of William Dean by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of Richard Jensen by Don & Ruth Myers



The Lovejoy Library received a copy of The Master Bible, which was published in 1926. This 96-year-old Bible had 2 church bulletins from July 1943; which are true Trinity treasures. Michael Pike sent

the Bible & the included memorabilia, which had belonged to his Grandmother, Mrs. R. D. Pike. The bulletins, along with a couple other items, & a picture of Mrs. Pike, (Grace Young) as a child, are on display in the Lovejoy Library.

I am also happy to announce that the library has obtained a copy of "A 1000 Gratuities" by Marney Ault Wasserman, our former Pastor. Here is a review of Marney's book by Charity Everitt. "Marney Wasserman's A 1000 Gratuities is a book to spend time in and to return to. These skillful poems are meditations and personal reflections on her ministry, her family, her love of sailing, growing old and, finally, her battle with cancer. It's a book full of joy and love but also jarringly honest about fears and disappointments, speaking useful truths. In these poems she shares the wisdom she has gained and invites us to know her in a new and very personal way."

Trinity's Lovejoy Library holds many treasures, stop in & 'check it out'.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8	Helen Greer	24	Lonzo Ray
13	Rick Wickizer	24	Ward Spillers
16	Barbara Sosna	28	Liz Barlow
18	Lori Boston	28	Grace Corona
22	Jim Thomas		

MAY BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

3	Jessa Roggow	9	Susan Chambers-Casteloes
6	Celeste Dzakpa	9	Turner Miller

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4	Edgar & Nancy Buck	- 58 years
6	Jeff & Debbie Hobbs	
14	David & Sheila Croteau	
19	Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano	
21	Barbara & Chuck Sosna	
25	Hap & Nancy Howard	

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study meets Tuesday, April 12 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.

Ryan's Bears meets Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ruth Myers to either help there in person or at home. Your donations of fabric, stuffing and buttons are always welcome & appreciated.