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**THANK YOU**

TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE  
MAUNDY THURSDAY &  
EASTER SUNRISE AND CANTATA SERVICES.



# PASTORAL LETTER

As we enter the month of May, it seems that things are returning to a pre-pandemic normal. On the other hand, we cannot deny that we are returning to a “new normal.” Things have changed in our culture that cannot be unchanged. For example, we will probably see some people wearing masks in public for different reasons. I remember seeing Asian university students wearing masks around Tucson when I first arrived, and while I did not question the reason, I thought about the fact that this was a cultural phenomenon alien to our country – but not anymore.

There is also the fact that Covid is with us as an endemic illness, and that there will be variations – and medicines to answer those variations – in the future. In these things and more it is obvious that when confronted with change, we either adapt to it or we fight it – and fighting change can be difficult, exhausting, dangerous, and costly. Not all change is good, and not all change is bad, but change happens, and it will take us into new places and new ways of thinking about life and relationships.

Everything in human history pales in comparison to the change brought about in the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, and this is amazing to think about. How did humanity change in such a definitive way based upon a story shared by a few obscure individuals in an obscure place and an obscure time? From the secular perspective, it is the things that Jesus said that matter most, even though some challenge the idea that Jesus of Nazareth even existed. Still, most do not challenge the ideas that he represented. To

this day no one has said the things that Jesus said – words that cross cultural and religious boundaries; words that embody wisdom and truths that resonate in the human heart.

For the billions of believers who have placed Jesus at the center of their lives, he is the Christ – the Son of God. We just experienced the profound joy of celebrating the resurrection, with all the hope that it represents. I think the power of our faith is that it grants our lives a transcendent purpose, and while our faith does not prevent us from suffering with the rest of humanity, it does give life a greater meaning beyond the grave. The power of this belief is what changed cultures and brought ideas that stood in the face of humanity’s power to hate and destroy.

Have we ever stopped and asked ourselves what the world would be like without Christianity or the teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ? But that is something we never need to fear, because our faith is empowered by the Holy Spirit. This means that our faith exists not just “because of” our spiritual relationship with Christ, but “in spite of” the fallen humanity around us and inside of us. Where else is there such hope in the endeavor of being human?

Through May let us remind ourselves each day of that hope, whatever may come. Whatever we are facing, we are never alone. God has wrapped our lives in the love of the Messiah, and God keeps us well. Have a blessed month.

*Dr. Mack*

## MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**May 1** Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)& Psalm 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**May 8** Acts 9:36-43 & Psalm 23; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

**May 15** Acts 11:1-18 & Psalm 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

**May 22** Acts 16:9-15 & Psalm 67; Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

**May 29** Acts 16:16-34 & Psalm 97; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## YOUTH CLASSES

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

*Teacher: Kathy Moser*

Topics: A cloud & pillar of fire, ten special laws, a giant, and two young men who trusted God  
We are having in-person Sunday School, meeting downstairs in Room 7 following the children's sermon.  
We will continue using "Top 50 Instant Bible Lessons" as our Bible story lessons continue with Israelites in the Desert, The Ten Commandments, Daniel in the Lion's Den, David & Goliath, and David the Shepherd Boy.

### THE CRUSADERS

(children 8 through 12)

*Teachers: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull*

The class will continue exploring the unit, SURPRISES, post-resurrection stories of Jesus' appearances to Mary and other women, and to the disciples. On May 22, we'll celebrate the beginnings of the Christian Church by exploring the meaning of Pentecost. The class is meeting in-person for Sunday School for those attending worship following the children's moment. These lessons will be emailed to our families, as well.

May 1 Memory and Surprise, Luke 24:13-35

May 8 Thomas Wants to See, John 20:19-31

May 15 Jesus Gives Peter a Job, John 21:15-19

May 22 Pentecost Acts 2:1-41

### ANCHOR TRINITY

(Junior High School through College)

*Teacher: Rona Kreamer*

### TikTok Evangelizing

Anchor Trinity is working on evangelizing- through TikTok! Students are brainstorming ideas for short videos with sounds/duets/dances to spread the word of Christ & introduce others to Trinity Presbyterian on the social media site!

Follow us @anchortrinity on TikTok !



## Montlure Presbyterian Camp

Check [www.montlure.org](http://www.montlure.org) for details. Registration is open now. Scholarships are available to all children and youth interested in going to camp this summer. Speak to Rona Kreamer, Bonnie Stull, Debbie Hobbs, Kathy Moser, or John Hill for more information.

**DAY CAMP:** at Christ Presbyterian Church, Tucson, June 27 - July 1, 9am-3pm M-F,  
Grades 1-6 (2023-24 school year) Registration cost: \$100

**OVERNIGHT CAMPS** at Camp Raymond, west of Flagstaff, Registration Costs range from \$475 to \$850  
Senior High 9th - 12th Grade June 19 - 24 (Sunday - Friday)  
Junior High 6th - 8th Grade June 26 - July 1 (Sunday - Friday)

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW

### Meet Carolynn Carter

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

I am a retired educator. Most of my career was teaching elementary children & teachers in Sunnyside District here in Tucson. I especially loved helping children learn to read.

#### Where is your hometown?

I lived in Howard, South Dakota, a small town of 1,500, many with Scandinavian roots. I have Norman Rockwell type memories of ice skating, scavenger hunts, etc. A great place to grow up.

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

I belong to several philanthropic groups (Woman's Club, ESA) plus Red Hat activities. I enjoy reading, scrapbooking, bridge, crochet & love to travel.

#### What is your favorite food?

Mexican (chile relleno) and Chinese (sesame chicken).

#### What is your favorite hymn?

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" is my favorite. I have memories of it as the opening hymn in my childhood church each Sunday and still love its energy and message today.

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

Trinity is special to me for many reasons. Foremost is its friendly, caring congregation & leadership & its commitment to mission & stewardship.



## Casa Maria

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. Thank you for your help!

### Beginning **Sunday, June 12**

sandwich making will be done in Fellowship Hall after the church service.



# TRINITY MILESTONES

## HONORING & MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Jean Dalke by Deborah Dalke*

*In Memory of Jean Dalke by Roberta Westergaard*

*In Memory of Jean Dalke by The Carlson Family of Austin Texas*



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5 Tom & Vade Henderson

23 John & Joan Davies (73 years)

29 Errol & Catherine Dimenstein

31 Will Tilley & Janet Munson

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

3	Jessica Roggow	16	Carl Sosna
6	Celeste Dzakpa	18	Allyn Spence
8	DeDe Markin	19	Peace Tenge
9	Susan Chambers-Casteloos	21	Lynn Moser
9	Turner Miller	29	Leone Mohney
		29	Liz Strong
14	Steve Barlow	31	James Madson

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

1	George Greenleaf - 104	8	Thomas Dean
2	Barbara Ball	10	Carolynn Carter



# SESSION NOTES

Zooming right along, Session conducted their stated April meeting in record time. Along with live streaming our worship services being a permanent feature in Trinity's future, it seems hybrid meetings may also become the norm. Several Session members don't enjoy night-driving, and everyone likes saving their gas with one less trip to church. Luckily, church leaders are taking care of Trinity business with care and aplomb. Kudos to Sheila Croteau for making sure everyone has copies of reports and minutes online so all Session members are on the same page. Here are the meeting highlights:

- The Deacons arranged delivery of Easter lilies to those without allergies and unable to attend worship in person.
- Because of our streaming services the Easter sunrise service had a record turnout with six people in person and twenty-one online.
- Session voted to have Deacon and Elders Classes 2023 and 2024 installed and or ordained on April 24<sup>th</sup> allowing some to remain online for their installation or ordination. Though things are easing with COVID infections and hospitalizations we remain vigilant about the continuing endemic pandemic.
- Administration & Personnel is learning about the evolution of the job of Trinity Treasurer and evaluating how to move forward in the future. It seems that the responsibilities of the Treasurer have grown over the years. Leone Mohny has a difficult job that takes more and more of her time.
- Christian Education thinks future adult classes can move the meeting Owl to the Upper Room once we purchase another television screen. This will allow other uses for Fellowship Hall at the 9:00 AM hour.
- Growth & Outreach evaluated the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Fair participation and have plans for improvement. Apparently, the Trinity Ringers were a big success.
- Trinity received a check for \$100,000 from the Developers for the extension of their purchase for Phase II.
- Session approved Mission Committee's request to have sandwich making on second Sundays after worship. They have worked out how to distance everyone making sandwiches for safety. One more step toward "normality."
- Property continues to monitor church maintenance. Right now, it looks as if Trinity's roof may need some repair so the strange leaks can be mitigated.
- Worship Committee thanks Will Tilley and Janet Munson for their palm decoration under the pulpit for Palm Sunday.

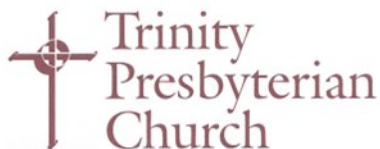
Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session



## TRINITY WOMEN

*The Horizon's Bible Study* meets Tuesday, May 10 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. This month's class was prerecorded. TPW may meet in June, stay tuned!

*Ryan's Bears* meets Tuesday, May 24 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Please note the date change and contact Ruth Myers to either help there in person or at home. Your donations of fabric, stuffing & buttons are welcome & appreciated.



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## MISSION NEWS

### 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 Café Justo is at [justcoffee.org](http://justcoffee.org).

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### 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 always need of cases of water, fresh fruits & 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.



**Deadline for the June/July 2022 VISION is**  
**Monday, May 23, 2022**

Please submit articles to the church office or to:  
**[office@trinitytucson.org](mailto:office@trinitytucson.org)**