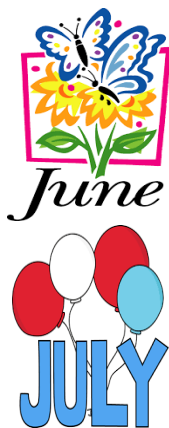


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2022 class of
CONGRATULATIONS!



Peter Alley is graduating from Catalina High School. He is currently working as a caregiver & is examining his options of going to college or the military. Peter enjoyed his senior year at Catalina as a member of the varsity soccer team.

Gracia Alley is graduating from Catalina High School. She is currently working at McDonald's & is looking at her options of going to school or the military. Gracia enjoyed her senior year at Catalina as a member of the varsity basketball team.



Hannah Toering is graduating from Tucson High School. She is traveling to Europe for seven weeks from June 11 to July 15. The last two weeks will be spent in Rome with our foreign exchange student's family. She is going to NAU where she will study international relations with a minor in viola.

CATCHING UP WITH OUR PREVIOUS GRADUATES

Daniel Seddo graduated this month from the U of A with his Masters in Systems Engineering and a minor in Information Systems. He has received an offer from Boeing in Everett WA, near Seattle & hopes to check that out this summer.

Angela Seddo has completed her first year of a pre-nursing program at Pima Community College & is looking forward to all its rewards & challenges.

Cameron Toering is in his final year of Law school & will be working for the Cochise County Prosecutors Office this summer.

Christine Toering recently got an engineering job at a firm here in town, doing computer support work & is enjoying it very much.

PASTORAL LETTER

Summer is always a relaxing time for me as a pastor, and an excellent time to catch up on some long-intended reading. I thought I would share with you my summer reading list, because it reflects a particular focus on a subject in which I wish to grow more knowledgeable. That subject is the early church in the years between Pentecost and the Roman Emperor Constantine, who established Christianity as the state religion of the Roman Empire.

This was an incredibly important time in the nascent church, as it moved from an obscure religious movement to a belief that changed the world. How did this happen? That is just one of the many questions I have about the early church, and here are the books I will be reading this summer to gain a deeper understanding the faith we continue to profess 2000 years later.

The basic book that I am reading is **The Cambridge History of Christianity – Origins to Constantine** (edited by Mitchell & Young.) This is the first in a series of books that survey the history of the Christianity from its roots to the Reformation. As I have been reading this book, it has led me to the other books that I plan to read in the summer months. After I complete the books (maybe next summer!) I am going to give a little video “book report” about each one, and what I have learned from them.

The other book that I am currently reading is **Archaeology and the Galilean Jesus** (Reed). This book focuses on the latest archaeological discoveries in the Galilean region. In this book there is a great deal of information about the cities, towns, and villages of Jesus' life & ministry, and the relationship between the Galileans and the Judeans. It also covers the topic of Herod I (not Herod Antipas, who executed John the Baptist) and his effort to repopulate that region, along with his building several major Galilean cities on behalf of the Roman Empire. It is helping me to understand Nazareth – the village of Jesus's family – and Caesarea – the city by the Sea of

Galilee where Jesus began his ministry.

One of the newest books that was released in December is **“The Herods – Murder Politics, and the Art of Succession** (Chilton). It was Herod I who kicked out the traditional high priests of the Jewish temple, installing a family whose roots lacked any connection to Palestine. That family was installed to do the political bidding of Herod I, & to create a dynasty that would focus on making the temple a political force rather than a spiritual center, in Israel. While I have yet to begin this book, the reviews have been excellent.

The other book I will read is published by John Knox Press and is titled **“The Quest for the Plausible Jesus”** (Theissen & Winter). The two authors make a case for the historical Jesus belonging both to Judaism and Christianity, and sets forth criteria for understanding the life, teaching, and followers of Jesus in Jewish and Christian cultural and religious contexts. Along with this book, I will also be reading John Dominic Crossan's excellent study, **“The Historical Jesus: The Life of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant.”** This is a book I have been wanting to read for a long time, since Crossan is currently the world's leading scholar on the historical Jesus. In this book, Crossan focuses on the apocalyptic message of Jesus's ministry and its appeal to the struggling population of Palestine.

If I am able to get through all of these before the end of the summer, I will conclude with two books focused on the religious atmosphere from which the Jesus movement emerged in the first century. The first book is titled **“Bandits, Prophets, and Messiahs”** (Hanson). Hanson focuses on the many political and religious movements that were around during the time of Jesus as Christianity emerged from obscurity. New Testament figures such as Barabbas, John the Baptist, and Simon the Zealot represented many different individuals who were “stirring the pot” in Israel in the first century. Smith reveals how Jesus was viewed in relation to these individuals and what they

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS & THE CRUSADERS (children ages 4-12)

Teachers: Kathy Moser & Alix Roa

During the summer months, children ages 4-12 can gather for Bible activities and puzzles during the worship service. Leaders Kathy Moser and Alix Roa will meet children after the Children's Message and accompany them to their class. **There will be no class May 29 or July 3.**

For more learning opportunities this summer or anytime, we recommend you check out this **CHURCH AT HOME** video series: Konnect HQ provides fun, faith-growing, content / instructional videos that the entire family can enjoy. Church at Home: Konnect HQ - YouTube

ANCHOR TRINITY (Junior & Senior High School)

Teacher: Rona Kreamer

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

Starting June 12, Anchor Trinity will begin our Summer Movie Series! We will be watching Soul Surfer, I Can Only Imagine, War Room & I Still Believe. Come enjoy some snacks and fellowship this summer!



MONTLURE PRESBYTERIAN CAMP

Check 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)
Juniors 4th – 6th Grade July 5 – 9 (Tuesday – Saturday)

represented.

Another figure that we briefly see in the Book of Acts – Simon Magus (Simon the Magician) – turns out to be the leader of a significant movement that challenged the church's proclamation of Jesus in the first century. The book that focuses on both Simon and the movement is **"Jesus the Magician"** (Smith). As the apostles moved into the Israel and the Roman Empire with the proclamation of Christ's salvation, they discovered that Jesus was already known and worshipped in some places as a spiritual magician, and this belief would challenge Christian orthodoxy in the first three centuries of the church's existence in the form of cult movements such as Gnosticism.

As you can see, I have my work cut out for me this summer, and I look forward to sharing with you in the Fall some of what I learned. I hope you have a safe, wonderful, and restful summer wherever you are or wherever you will be travelling, and our prayers at Trinity go with you.

Dr. Mack

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Thank
*you!

The annual Pentecost Offering benefits children at risk, youth & young adults. This will be taken in person **June 5**. You may also mail in a donation or donate on our website at trinitytucson.org. Please note **Pentecost Offering** on your check or the memo of the online donation form.



PENTECOST SUNDAY IS JUNE 5

The term Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth" and refers to the Jewish festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. The red, orange and yellow streamers and banners in the sanctuary are symbolic of the tongues of fire that inspired and empowered Jesus' disciples, and they remind us that God promises to fill us with that same Holy Spirit as we seek to serve Him. We will celebrate with special music and readings that day. **We encourage you to wear RED!**



STAR SPANGLED SING-A-LONG SUNDAY, JULY 3

Please stay for a star-spangled sing-along following worship in the sanctuary and online. We'll sing some favorite songs that celebrate Independence Day led by Lynn Moser at the piano, & hear some historical background provided by Dr. Bruce Chamberlain.



JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 5 Gen. 11:1-9 and Psalm 104:24-34; Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17

June 12 Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

June 19 Isa. 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28; Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 26 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16; Gal. 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 3 Isa. 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9; Gal. 6:1-6, 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 Deut. 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 17 Gen. 18:1-10 and Psalm 15; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 24 Gen. 18:20-32 and Psalm 138; Col. 2:6-15, 16-19; Luke 11:1-13

July 31 Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet Roberta Crawford

What did you do for a living?

I was a classroom teacher for 20 years & a librarian for 10 years in the Tucson Unified school district

Where is your hometown?

Well, it doesn't exist anymore because they turned it into an open pit mine. But the name of the town was Santa Rita, and was located near Silver City, New Mexico.

Later on, I moved to Tucson with my mother and sister in 1949 after living for a while in California.

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I have always enjoyed reading, but my eyesight has worsened and I am unable to do this. Now I try to keep busy exercising and socializing at my retirement living community.

What is your favorite food?

Mexican food, specifically New Mexico style enchiladas

What is your favorite hymn?

"Be Thou my Vision"

What does this church mean to you?

When we moved to Tucson we lived close enough to ride bicycles or walk to Trinity. It is so important for me to continue to come here that I advocate and negotiate with the drivers at Atria Campana del Rio to make sure they can get me to church!



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, birth certificate orders & notarizing documents.



Sandwich Making for Casa Maria

Sunday, June 12 & July 10

after the service in Fellowship Hall.

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.

SESSION NOTES

The hot summer days are upon us! Still, Session continues to move Trinity PC into the future. Traditionally Session does take a break in July & will not meet that month unless there is an emergency. Bucky Lovejoy, Chair of the Long Range Development Team, continues to update Session members about the activities of our Development Group. The latest news is that the Developers are planning to close on Phase II by November. So, that means those who occupy the old Education wing at Trinity will need to move elsewhere by November. All

committees are working with the tenants and Property Committee to find space in the main Sanctuary building. Those spaces may be temporary as we grow and stretch to find ways to coexist and make everyone feel comfortable. There may be some growing pains ahead as we work together to make sure Trinity remains the place where God is served in the heart of the city. Following are the highlights of the May meeting:

- Thank you to all those in the congregation who helped with the hosting of the Presbyteries de Cristo and Grand Canyon on April 30, 2022. One-third of the participants were in person and two-thirds were online. Hosting the event was a learning experience, but all in all the meeting was a success.
- The Deacons are looking for someone who might be interested in running the hamburger stand at the next 4th Avenue street fair. Anyone interested?
- Christian Education announces that youth Sunday School classes and activities will be held during the summer months except for holiday weekends: Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.
- Growth & Outreach reports that the Blessing of the Animals during the Pets of Pima Parade on 4th Avenue was well received.
- Mission Committee continues to report record numbers being seen at the Food Bank and the Resource Center. The committee will host sandwich making on the second Sundays of each month. Distancing will be observed. Trinity has seven Presbytery de Cristo mission partners

and Mission committee expects to support those partners in 2022 with gifts totaling \$65,000.

- Property Committee reports preventive maintenance is ongoing. With summer arriving we are glad they are on top of refrigerant leaks.
- Mark your calendars for a financial legacy workshop by Maggie Harmon. This event is planned for October 16, 2022 to follow worship services. Maggie is from the Presbyterian Foundation and an excellent speaker. The Stewardship & Finance Committee has arranged for this event. This committee is also updating and revising Trinity's financial policies.
- Worship Committee is planning a July 3 Star-Spangled Singalong such as the one we enjoyed last year.
- The Worship Restoration Group will meet at the end of August to decide about best practices for the fall. Let's all pray that the pandemic does not surge once more and that we can add back some of our older customs at Trinity.
- Session members prayed for the people of Buffalo, the people of Ukraine and the Alice Gratiyas family.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study meets in the Fall when Dr. Mack leads a new study "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight" by Carol M. Bechtel. Books are \$10 and must be ordered soon, please see Leone for one.

Ryan's Bears will meet **Tuesday, June 21 and July 19 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall**. Contact Ruth Myers to either help in person or at home. Donations of fabric, stuffing & buttons are always welcome.

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Jean Dalke by Dian Campbell
In Memory of Jean Dalke by Deborah Ritter
In Memory of Jean Dalke by Karen & Ezra Idlet
In Memory of Jean Dalke by Mollie McKasson
In Memory of Jean Dalke by Charity Everitt
In Memory of Jean Dalke by Bonnie Stull
In Memory of Rev. William F. Dean & John M. Dean by Derry Dean
In Memory of Bill & Lorraine Lovin by Raymond & Barbara Tallis



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 Don and Ruth Myers - 68 years!
 27 Koffi Seddo and Celeste Dzakpa

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 David and Cindy Toering
 8 William & Janet Goodhue
 11 Roger & Marilyn Nichols - 63 years!
 14 Larry & Janet Jones
 27 Bruce & Peggy Chamberlain

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

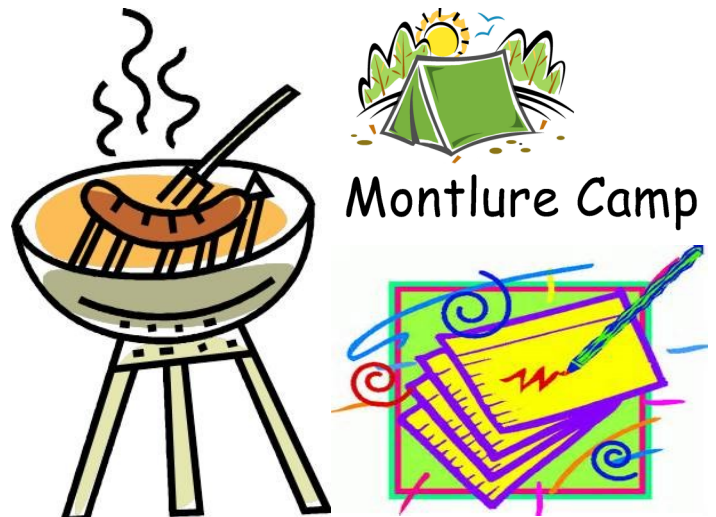
1	George Greenleaf - 104	16	Anne McConnell
2	Barbara Ball	17	Billie Holbrook
4	Elaine Banghart	18	Vade Henderson
8	Thomas Dean	18	Johanna Moyer
10	Carolynn Carter	22	Robert Letson - 97
12	Jean Thomas	24	Karen Wilkison
13	Roger Nichols	27	Nancy Hamadou
14	Will Tilley	30	Carolyn Maycher

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5	Tom McCartney	21	Roberta Westergaard
5	Marian Wald - 101	24	Nancy Buck
6	Heather Mace	24	Reid Miller
10	Sally Barlow Miller	27	Geoff Barlow
15	Colleen Shannon	29	Ruth Russell
17	Erin Henderson	30	Angela Seddo

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

4	Daniel Seddo	10	Joan Kingan
9	Peter Holbrook		



Montlure Camp



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We “LIVE” stream the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am. Watch it at trinitytucson.org/watch-live

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

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Deadline for the August 2022 VISION is

Thursday, July 21, 2022

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