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- ◆ Please join us for worship this month with Special Music being provided by the Trinity's Choir, the Trinity Jazz Ensemble, the Monsoon Brass and the Trinity Ringers!
- ◆ The Annual Congregational meeting will be February 11 immediately following the Sanctuary service.
- ◆ The observance of Lent begins February 14 with the Ash Wednesday worship 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. There will be a simple soup/bread supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. During the supper hour, we will be putting together snack packs for individuals to take with them to give to those in need. Join us in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.
- ◆ Mack's Lenten study for this year will be at 9:00 am in the Upper Room. "The Six Mountains of Jesus" is a class he created. The source book was written in 1985 by Terence Donaldson titled "Jesus On The Mountain."
 - February 18 – "The Mountain of Temptation"
 - February 25 – "The Mountain of Teaching"
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PASTORAL LETTER



Ash Wednesday is February 14th, which begins the season of Lent and the six Sundays leading to Holy Week. Each year I teach a Lenten-themed six-week class which begins on the first Sunday of Lent and continues through Palm Sunday. This year I am teaching a class I have developed called “The Six Mountains of Jesus.” My source book was written in 1985 by Terence Donaldson titled “Jesus On The Mountain.” The book is out of print and unavailable, but it will not be necessary for the class. Here are the topics for each Sunday:

Feb. 18 – “The Mountain of Temptation”

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All classes are sourced in Matthew’s gospel. I will be making the scripture passages available each Sunday, but you are also welcome to bring your favorite Bible. The classes will be held in the Upper Room on the third floor of the Sanctuary building (near Fellowship Hall.) Classes will begin at 9am and end at 9:50. Because we will not be using a copyrighted video for teaching, I will be recording the classes and placing them on our website each week.

The class will explore the spiritual theme in Matthew of the mountains from which Jesus performed his ministry and prepared his disciples for his death and resurrection. It will also highlight the two Old Testament mountains that Matthew connects to his gospel – Mt. Sinai, and Mt. Zion (the Temple Mount.) Whether you join us in the classroom or watching

online, it is my prayer that the Lenten Class will be inspirational and informative.

May God bless and keep you in February as we enter the Lenten season and journey with Christ to the cross and the empty tomb.

Dr. Mack

YEAR ROUND DEVOTIONS

The Christian Education committee recommends the D365 devotional for use during Lent (and year round). Visit <https://d365.org> or download the free D365 app from your app store. It has 5 steps of "pause, listen, think, pray, go" which includes scripture and music each day.

LENT DEVOTIONS

If you prefer a book, Rev. Rachel M Srubas of Mountain Shadows has written a book called "The Desert of Compassion: Devotions for the Lenten Journey". The book is available for purchase from Westminster John Knox & Amazon (including Kindle).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 4 Isaiah 40:21-31 and Psalm 147:1-11;
1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 11 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Psalm 50:1-6;
2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 18 Gen. 9:8-17 and Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

February 25 Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16 and Psalm
22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (preschool - 2nd grade)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

Topics: Joshua and God's Love for us

We will be having in-person Sunday School downstairs in **Room 8** following the children's message. We will celebrate and learn about obedient Joshua and those high "block" walls of Jericho (building project). Our celebrating and learning continue with "God Loves You-a Shepherd's Psalm" and as we enter Lent "Jesus Enters Jerusalem" and "Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet".

CRUSADERS (3rd - 5th grade) & FAITH ENCOUNTERS (6th grade & older)

Teachers: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

GRAB YOUR WORSHIP BAG

We encourage children and youth grades 4th and above to pick up activity sheets and supplies for worship-based activities from the Kids Korner in the narthex and to sit with their families during worship.

ADULT CLASS

DR. MACK'S LENTEN STUDY BEGINS IN PERSON ONLY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 9:00 AM IN THE UPPER ROOM

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Please read Mack's Pastoral Letter on page 2 for more details about the class.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are celebrating "Love of Reading" and "Lent" this month. Please come and "check out" the "Recent Arrival" of library books in Fellowship Hall. Beginning on February 11 and through the month of March there will be books related to Lent and Easter. Check out instructions and the "check out" card basket will be in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Kathy Moser, your librarian, if you have any questions.



Montlure Camp

Start making your summer plans now for day camps in Tucson (info available soon) or traveling camp back in Greer (9-12th Grades - June 2-7, 6-8th Grades - June 10-15, 4-6th Grades - June 25 - 29. Scholarships are available through our Christian Ed. Committee. Info at <https://www.montlure.org/overnight-camp/>



LOVE OF READING



A total of 47 people submitted responses. Thank you for all your responses and participation. Let's peek at their favorite books to read. This is so exciting!!!

Matt Kreamer and Maggie McConnell "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee (Fiction) / Billie Holbrook "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weil (Science Fiction) and "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett (Science Fiction) / Charity Everitt "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence (Spiritual); "Attending Marvels: A Patagonian Journal" by George Gaylord Simpson (Archaeology/Paleontology) and "Emily: The Diary of a Hard-Worked Woman" (Women in the West) by Emily French (Biography) / Harriet Marble "The War Prayer" by Mark Twain (Short Story); A World on the Wing: The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds" by Scott Weidensaul (Creative Non-Fiction) and Any books by Mary Oliver (Poetry) / Cheyenne Williams "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott (Fiction) / Liz Barlow "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway (Fiction) and "Canterbury Tales" by Geoffrey Chancer (Fiction) / Bonnie Stull "Penelope in Retrograde" by Brooke Abrams {Tucson author} (Fiction/Humor) and "The Legacy of Job's Wife" by Cynthia Koelker (Historical Biblical Fiction) and "I Wish that I Have Duck Feet" by Dr Seuss (Fiction/Children's Literature) / Lynda Bauersachs "A Distant Shore" and "The Chance" by Karen Kingsbury (Fiction/Novels) / John Hill "Cardinal and the Kremlin" by Tom Clancy (Fiction/Novel) / Eileen Lamse "The Women: A Novel" by T.C. Boyle (Historical Fiction) and "The Plover" by Brian Doyle (Spiritual Fiction) and "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell (Historical Fiction) / Janet Hooper "Undaunted Courage" by Stephen E. Ambrose (Non-Fiction) / Georgia Bach "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom (Non-Fiction) and "The Autobiography of Mark Twain" (Non-Fiction) / Derry Dean "The Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum (Fiction/Novel) / Barbara Kausen "The Wisdom of the Saints: An Anthology" by Jill Haak Adels (Meditations) / Will Tilley "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis (Children's Literature) / Jim Slagle "The Boxcar Children" by Gertrude Chandler Warner (Children's book) / Bill Goodhue "William Wigglesworth" by Anne Heynenan (Children's book) / Liz Strong "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown (Non-Fiction) / Debbie Hobbs "The Book of Lost Friends" by Lisa Wingate (Historical Fiction) and "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein (Children's book) / Nancy Hamadou "Dragonriders of Pern" series by Anne McCaffrey (Science Fiction) / Janet Jones "Follow My Leader" by James B Garfield (Teen and Young Adult Fiction) / Kari Warner "Anne of Green Gables" by L.M. Montgomery (Fiction) and "Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon" by Melissa L. Sevigny (Non-Fiction) / Hadley Warner "Encanto" (Spanish version) and Harper Warner "Encanto" (English version) by Naibe Reynoso (Picture books), Hadley and Harper "Railroad Hank" by Lisa Moser; "The Elephant and Piggie series" by Mo Willems; "My Town Mi Pueblo" by Nicholas Solis; "The Girl Who Ran: Bobbi Gibb, the First Woman to Run the Boston Marathon" by Frances Poletti & Kristina Yee; "Paletero Man" by Lucky Diaz; "Sulwe" by Lupita Nyong'o (Picture books); "The Jasmine Toguchi series" by Debbi Michiko Florence; "The Princess in Black series" by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale and "All-of-a-Kind Family" by Sydney Taylor (chapter books)/ Faith Nchimiye "Sonic the Hedgehog" by Ian Flynn (Children's Fiction) / Cindy Toering and Bobby Whipple "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett (Historical Fiction) and Cindy Toering "Love You Forever" by Robert Munsch (Children's book) / David Toering "The Wise Man's Fear" by Patrick Rothfuss (Science Fiction and Fantasy) / Shirley Wilka Books by Joanne Fluke and Laura Childs ("Cozy Mysteries" Fiction) / Karen Wilkison "No Ordinary Time: Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II" by Doris Kearns Goodwin (History/Biography) / Alix Roa "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Fiction) / Mack Sigmon "Blood Meridian" by Cormac McCarthy (Western) / Errol Dimenstein "The Last Temptation of Christ" by Nikos Kazantzakis (Historical Fiction) / Catherine Dimenstein "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle (Science Fiction Fantasy) / Kyle Elliott "All About History Book of British Royals" by Alex Hoskins (Non-Fiction) / Ed Hawley and Diana Peralta "The Harry Potter book series" by J.K. Rowling (Fiction)

/ Carolyn Maycher "The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis (Literature/Religion) / Don Myers "Nathaniel Bowditch and the Power of Numbers" by Tamara Plakins Thornton (Biography) / Sherry Letson "Night" by Elie Wiesel (Memoir) / Marilyn Slagle "The Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream (Religion Non-Fiction) / LaRue Woslum "The Old Farmer's Almanac by Old Farmer's Almanac (Reference) / David Croteau "Seven Storey Mountain" by Thomas Merton (An Autobiography of Faith) and "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance": An Inquiry Into Values by Robert M. Pirsig (Philosophy) / Randi Windsor "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus (fiction) and "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt (realistic fiction) / Lynn Moser "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr (Historical Fiction) and "The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History Through the Heart of the Grand Canyon" by Kevin Fedarko (Non-Fiction, Adventure) / Kathy Moser "Distant Dreams" ('Ribbons of Steel' series) by Judith Pella and Tracie Peterson (Historical Fiction); "Dawn's Prelude" ('Song of Alaska' series) by Tracie Peterson (Historical Fiction) and "The Melody of the Soul" (Music of Hope series) by Liz Tolsma (A WWII Historical Fiction)

It was so fun to see what people like to read!! Did you notice any of the same titles on your book list? Were there any book titles that intrigued you that you might want to have a conversation with the reader about the book? Having a love for reading is so important, especially for children, which carries into adulthood. Thank you for sharing your book titles with me. Let's celebrate Love of Reading this month! See Library News for details!

MISSION NEWS

SHARING
GOD'S
GIFTS

Special Mission Offering Twice a year the Mission Committee has a special offering that reaches out to the community. February's offering will be given to our **Deacon's Emergency Assistance Fund** which is intended to benefit Trinity members and non-members who are facing emergency type situations. You may make your donation to this offering throughout the month of February in the offering plate, by mail or online. Please designate February Mission Offering when you do. Thank you for your generosity.

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open
Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm in basement of the Sanctuary building.
Thanks for your donations.

Casa Maria sandwich making
Is **February 11** in Fellowship Hall after the Sanctuary service.

Just Coffee For Sale

The Mission Committee sells Just Coffee before and after church each Sunday in Fellowship Hall . The display is near the stained glass window manned by volunteers. You may pay by cash or check. Coffee will be \$10 and the proceeds benefit Café Justo which is a Grower-owned Coffee Cooperative based in southern Chiapas Mexico. For info visit justcoffee.org.

Food Items are Needed for the Food Pantry:

Please bring your donations on Sunday or by the church office or food pantry during open hours.

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| ◆ Crackers & tuna | ◆ Vienna sausages | ◆ Cheese & crackers |
| ◆ Sausage sticks, small | ◆ Ramen | ◆ Bottles of water |

MISSION NEWS

Trinity's Terry Dalke Social Services Center was VERY busy in 2023! The Food Pantry distributed food boxes to 35 families each month (190 people in those families). There were between 30 and 70 walk-ins daily. Dedicated volunteers gave nutritious snack bags to each walk-in. Some got beanies, socks, gloves, flip flops or toiletries. On March 5, the Food Pantry had an Open House to show off the Pantry as it is, now, in the main building. The congregation had the opportunity to visit after worship. Trinity's Women raffled three quilts with the proceeds going to our Food Pantry. Just Coffee sales continued and the profit from the sales was sent back to Frontera de Cristo. Casa Maria Soup Kitchen benefited from hundreds of bologna sandwiches that Trinity provides monthly with our sandwich making after the worship service. With the tragic loss of our Mission Facilitator, Trinity no longer is a DES site for Medicaid and Food Stamps. Before we closed in November, we had helped more than 100 applicants receive Food Stamps and AHCCCS in 2023. We helped more than 200 people receive birth certificates and duplicate ID's in 2023. That service has been discontinued as we found other non-profits and state agencies can make that service available. The Mission Committee helped Admin & Personnel write a job description for a replacement for DeDe Markin. The search is on for a Mission Food Facilitator. Mission Offerings in 2023 went to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund for Lahaina, to the Douglas church after a fire, to the Gilbert Lopez LGBTQ program on 4th Ave through Southern Arizona Aids Foundation, to Rev Elmarie Parker (PCUSA's Mission Partner in Lebanon) who oversees a network of Christian Non-Profits in the Middle East, to the Southern Arizona Community Food Bank, to Frontera de Cristo, to One Great Hour of Sharing and to the Presbytery de Cristo's eight Mission Partners. Thank you to the congregation for their in-kind contributions to the Food Pantry as well as monetary help. The need continues to grow. We get additional help from the Midwest Food Bank, from Grocery Rescue (Trader Joe's) and the Agency Market through the Southern Arizona Community Food Bank. It Thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers who selflessly give of their time and energy to commit to our motto: Serving God in the Heart of the City! Here is an email that the church office received in May, 2023, from a family that came to our Pantry:

Dear Trinity, I can't thank you enough for your generosity. My family needed a food box this month, and you were all so kind and non-judgmental. The items are beyond my wildest expectations and we are just so grateful. Please know how much of an impact you are making for the community and you are very much appreciated ♥
Many Thanks, Skinner-McDaniel Family

WORSHIP NEWS

HANDBELL REHEARSAL is **Thursdays at 5:30 pm** in the Bell Room upstairs. Please see Lynn Moser if you are interested in participating.

CHOIR REHEARSAL is **Thursdays at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Join the Trinity Choir as they participate weekly in the service and prepare for the Easter Cantata.

WEDNESDAY EVENING VESPERS

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/>.



SESSION NOTES

Session wrapped up its first meeting of 2024 by taking care of several housekeeping motions and saying goodbye to our “retiring” elders – Carolyn Maycher and Karen Wilkison. Dr. Mack praised Carolyn and Karen for their good work and generous spirits. Our “new” elders – Steve Barlow, Janet Hooper, Liz Strong and Roberta Westergaard begin their next three years of service. Here are the highlights of the January meeting most of which are routine, but are necessary for good and decent order:

- ◆ Session approved Janet Hooper as Clerk of Session and Ruth Russell as Treasurer for 2024.
- ◆ Committee members have been shuffled and, for now, current assignments are as follows: Administration & Personnel has Roberta Westergaard, Chair, and Liz Strong; Christian Education has John Hill, Chair, and Barbara Callaway Pollack; Growth & Outreach has Tom Roof, Chair; Mission has Steve Barlow, Chair; Property has Chuck Sosna, Chair, and Al Coffin; Stewardship & Finance has Ruth Russell, Chair, and Elliott Koeppen; Worship has Janet Jones, Chair, and Janet Hooper.
- ◆ Session elected John Hill, Carolyn Maycher as Presbytery de Cristo Commissioners with Billie Holbrook as an alternate.
- ◆ Elders that will serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee will be Liz Strong and Janet Hooper.
- ◆ Session learned that our membership total stands at 155 members.
- ◆ The Annual Congregational meeting is set for February 11, 2024.
- ◆ The Deacons have met and elected Daphne Madson as Moderator, Cheyenne Williams as Vice-Moderator and Kathy Moser as Secretary. Jim Slagle will serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee.
- ◆ Dr. Mack's Terms of Call will be presented at the February 11th Congregational meeting and includes a 3.2% salary increase for medical supplement and for professional expenses reimbursement.

- ◆ Growth & Outreach Team will begin having monthly birthday and anniversary celebrations after worship.
- ◆ Mission Committee has approved Just Coffee profits of \$350 to be given to Frontera de Cristo. They have discontinued giving out ID vouchers at the Food Bank site. They approved the February special offering to go to the Deacon Emergency Assistance Fund.
- ◆ Stewardship & Finance approved canceling the credit card assigned to DeDe Markin.
- ◆ Worship Committee is planning Lenten events beginning with an Ash Wednesday soup supper and ending with a 6:30 am Easter sunrise service and 10:30 am Cantata.
- ◆ Session's prayer is to have the Holy Spirit's guidance in the coming year as we address the challenges ahead.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study Dr. Mack leads the study “Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts” by Olive Mahabir. The group meets **in the Library on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 am.** Everyone is welcome.

Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, February 20 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.** We are off to a good start with several bears in the process of being stuffed and stitched. More bears have been cut out and are ready to be stuffed. Everyone is welcome to help. Any questions, please call Ruth Myers 520 326 6888

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Honor of Don Myers by Jill & John O'Rourke

In Honor of Don & Ruth Myers by Ida Wickizer

WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW

Meet Daphne Madson

What did you do for a living?

I was a Registered Dietitian and worked at the VA Medical Center for 38 years. For at least half of my career, I worked in the Intensive Care Units specializing in nutrition support for the critically ill.



Where is your hometown? I grew up in Phoenix

What do you like to do with your leisure time?

I'm retired, but I'm not sure I have leisure time!!! I enjoy making music - playing in two orchestras and singing in the choir.

What is your favorite food? I like Mexican food

What is your favorite hymn or Bible verse? My favorite hymn is "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand." It was the anthem for a choir recognition Sunday when I was growing up and I remember being so impressed by it.

What does this church mean to you? Although it keeps changing, when I first moved to Tucson, single and not knowing anyone in town, Trinity became my family.

What is something that many people would not know about you? I went to that "other" school, but since I'm now in Wildcat country, I keep quiet about it!!!!

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 8 Emmanuelle Seddo | 19 Ida Medina |
| 15 Precious Mukadesa | 20 Kathy Moser |
| 16 Georgia Bach | 28 Shirley Wilka |
| 18 Bill Goodhue | |

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

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



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Liz & Steve Barlow



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.

**Deadline for the March 2024 VISION is
Thursday, February 22**

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