



## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TUCSON, ARIZONA

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, WE HAVE BEEN

*"Serving God in the Heart of the City"*

AMONG THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Mack Sigmon continues his service as Pastor
- Sunday's worship service and fellowship are in person & online with Wednesday Vespers online
- New deacons and elders are installed
- The Annual Meeting is held in person
- Monthly sandwich making is done after worship on the second Sunday of the month
- Trinity Presbyterian Women meet monthly for Bible study
- Trinity Presbyterian Women continue to create Ryan's Bears and produced 85 bears while other members crochet caps. These were blessed and donated in December
- Ash Wednesday service is held in person & online
- Mack hosts a Lenten study "Creed - What Christians Believe and Why" adult class
- Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services are in person & online
- All Saints Day Candlelight Concert in the chapel
- Deacons, Committees and Session meet online using Zoom. Some committees have hybrid meetings with some members in person and others online
- The Food Pantry & Resource Center continue to serve the community safely in the main building
- Handbells continue to practice and participate in worship
- The Trinity Choir provides musical leadership and anthems during worship. Vocalists and other musicians also provide special music during the services
- Patriotic singalong after worship July 2
- Trinity hosts the Monsoon Brass' summer workshop
- Trinity participates in person and virtually in the CROP walk to fight hunger
- Easter & Christmas Cantatas are performed with Trinity Choir and small orchestra in person and online
- Mack hosts an Advent study "An Unlikely Advent" adult class
- Greening of the Sanctuary service in person starts the Advent season
- Two Advent Mini Concerts after worship in person and online
- Two Christmas Eve services, one AM and one PM in person and online

# 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

## AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January - 137  
February - 104  
March - 114  
April - 131  
May - 112  
June - 100  
July - 98  
August - 114  
September - 124  
October - 104  
November - 135  
December - 151

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Average attendance in 2022: 117  
Average attendance in 2023: 119

## NEW MEMBERS

By Reaffirmation of Faith:  
Karen James

BIRTHS Aziel for Sanani Mukadesa & Felix Nchimiye

BAPTISMS Zavyr Agbeko Akoda

MARRIAGES 0

ACTIVE ROLL TRANSFER: Shelby MacDonald Gaither

ACTIVE ROLL REMOVAL: Jennifer Carter

Tom McCartney  
Bev Bechtel  
Tom Coyle  
Kelsey Coyle  
Dane Gross  
Betty Jean Hand  
Clay Morgan  
Judith Rachael

## AVERAGE PARTICIPANTS

Mack Classes 7-12  
Nursery 2-4  
God's Trailblazers 0-5  
The Crusaders & Faith Encounters 1-5  
TPW Bears 3-8  
TPW Bible Study 10-12  
Wednesday Evening Vespers 6-15

## SAYING GOODBYE TO SOME OF OUR SAINTS

Members: Melissa Bird  
Betty Lu Holland  
Imogene Moser  
Mary Wong  
Leone Mohny  
Bob Letson  
Shirley O'Mara Carr  
DeDe Markin  
Bunny Mallams

Friends: Sandy Hand  
Sonyia Alley  
Ignacio Medina  
Peggy Tilley  
Alex Strong  
Corky Pobstman  
Murray Norris

**TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP : 155**

Attendance numbers include those who stream the service on the Trinity website, Facebook, Roku, or Apple TV plus congregants attending in person and guest musicians. Multiple persons might be in a household that is streaming the service. Consistently, around 30-40 people are on the web and 70-80 are in the sanctuary. Photos displayed in this report are from previous years.



# A SHARED WORSHIP LIFE KEEPS US GROUNDED

- Sunday morning service
- Music ministry of the Trinity Choir, the Trinity Ringers, the Trinity Jazz Ensemble and numerous vocal soloists and instrumental soloists/ensembles
- Wednesday Evening Vespers via Zoom

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- Provided set-up, clean-up and servers for communion services.
- Provided special opportunities to recognize events such as All Saints, World Communion, etc.
- Furnished seasonal sanctuary decorations
- Arranged for lay liturgists for worship
- Organized Ash Wednesday supper
- Continued cantata subscription series to support the presentation of large-scale musical works
- Participated in Worship Restoration Group



## THIS YEAR'S WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Virtual and in-person sunrise service in Memorial Garden on Easter, April 9
- Special services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve
- Choir cantatas with orchestra for Easter and Christmas
- Continued commitment with Monsoon Brass to use Trinity's facilities to practice and provide an annual summer workshop. In return, they play for services 4 times a year.
- Star-Spangled gathering Sunday, July 2
- All-Saints Day candlelight concert on Wednesday, November 1, in the chapel
- All Saints service on Sunday, November 5, with the reading of names of saints
- Advent mini-concerts
- Christmas Eve service: traditional service, which included a children's tableau
- Weekly children's sermons at the 10:30 service
- Technology continues to be enhanced to improve the hybrid worship experience



# MAKING DISCIPLES

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School Classes for Nursery, Children and Youth
  - Nursery – DeDe Markin, and then Liz Barlow
  - God's Trailblazers – pre-K to 2nd grade, taught by Kathy Moser
  - Crusaders – 3rd to 5th grade, Faith Encounters – 6th grade and older, taught by Debbie Hobbs and Bonnie Stull
- Adult Classes for Lent and Advent by Pastor Mack
  - Lent: Creed – What Christians Believe and Why (Adam Hamilton)
  - Advent: An Unlikely Advent (Rachel Billups)
- Science for the Church series
  - John Hill: Chat with an Astronomer
  - Josh Hack: What does it mean to “play God”?
- Presbyterian Women's Bible Study “Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts”
- Rally Sunday presentations in Worship
- Promotional Video for Lovejoy Library
- Church Library Month Reception with Cat Cake
- Easter Brunch Fellowship
- Easter Story and Egg Hunt
- Cleaning the Supply Closet

We thank God for the lifelong educational involvement of our departed friends DeDe, Bunny and Leone. Generations of children and youth have been influenced by their examples and teaching. Blessings to all who participated in or facilitated these activities.

## GROWTH & OUTREACH

- Mack participated in the “Blessings of the Animals” as part of the Pets of Pima Parade on 4th Ave.
- “Who's in Your Pew” articles continue to focus on congregation members
- Continue to encourage the church and vendor friends' participation in the Fourth Avenue Street Fair
- Technology for worship services continues to improve
- Banners advertising worship services and upcoming events were ordered and displayed
- Cantata was advertised on KUAT as well as on other free on-line bulletin boards
- Church merchandise (t-shirts, totes, coffee mugs and clings) was ordered and sold, with proceeds going to support the food pantry
- Strategic planning ideas was initiated by G&O and is now being discussed for implementation by all other church committees

# SERVING GOD'S WORLD

## MISSION COMMITTEE

- Trinity's Terry Dalke Social Services Center was very busy in 2023. The Food Pantry distributed monthly food boxes to 35 families (190 people) and daily snack bags with water to 30-40 walk-ins. Dedicated volunteers gave out beanies, socks, gloves and flipflops to walk-ins.
- Casa Maria Soup Kitchen benefited from hundreds of bologna sandwiches that Trinity provides monthly on Mission Sunday (the second Sunday of the month).
- With the tragic loss of our Mission Facilitator, Trinity no longer is a DES site for Medicaid and Food Stamp applicants. Before we closed in November more than 100 applications were filed and 200 people got birth certificates and as many received vouchers for duplicate identifications.
- Mission Offerings in 2023 went to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund (for Lahaina), to the Douglas Presbyterian Church that was burned, to the Gilbert Lopez LGBTQ programs through Southern Arizona Aids Foundation, to Rev. Elmarie Parker (PCUSA's Mission Partner who oversees a network of Christian non-profits in the Middle East, to the Southern Arizona Community Food Bank, to Midwest Food Bank, to One Great Hour of Sharing, and to the Presbytery de Cristo's eight Mission Partners.



## DEACONS

- Faithful prayer and care for Trinity members/friends with visits, calls, cards and emails
- Delivered lilies and poinsettias to Trinity's homebound
- Restarted collecting the offering during the service
- Arranged for a CPR/AED class for deacons, staff and others interested in attending
- Arranged for the Blessing of the Prayer Shawls in February
- Fifteen prayer shawls/pocket prayer shawls delivered to members/friends needing support
- Annual Church Picnic in Reid Park in November
- Hosted a Baby Shower to welcome a new little one to our congregation
- Trinity Card Connection continues to send cards to members and friends that might benefit from a little extra attention

# OUR MISSION RESOURCES

## ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL

- Following the sudden passings of our faithful servants Leone Mohny and DeDe Markin, we continue to support our staff in any way necessary.
- Worked with the Christian Education and Mission committees to update job descriptions and guidelines for the Nursery Attendant and Food Ministries Administrator positions, both previously held by DeDe Markin. The revised job descriptions were approved by Session. The positions are being advertised and the committee will be conducting the searches.
- Celebrated the 20th anniversary of our Choir Director Bruce Chamberlain in September with a luncheon and program. It was a joyous event!
- Assisted the Worship committee in establishing a fee schedule for the Memorial Service Guidelines.
- Conducted Pastor and staff performance reviews.
- Instituted "Meet the Staff!", where a member of our staff will meet with Session on a rotating basis to talk about their daily work at Trinity. Our first staff member was our Security Monitor Kyle Elliot in November.
- Recommended a 3.2% cost of living pay increase for all staff, effective January 1, 2024. This was approved by Session.

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

- Trinity's women served the church as Elders, Deacons, Sunday School teachers, and volunteers in Food Bank along with knitting or crocheting caps & prayer shawls.
- Horizon's Bible Study met for a new study that Dr. Mack Sigmon led.
- Women worked at home & in person on Ryan's Bears, crocheting caps and prayer shawls.
- In December 85 bears, along with caps & scarves were blessed and donated to Arizona's Children Association, Primavera, Our Family Services and Gospel Rescue Mission.

### TPW FINANCES

#### CAPITAL SAVINGS

Opening Balance 1/1/2023 \$ 7,459.92  
Ending Balance 12/31/2023 \$ 7,459.92

#### OPERATING

Opening Balance 1/1/2023: \$ 6,962.09  
Received \$ 2,318.45  
Subtotal \$ 9,280.54  
Disbursements: \$ 397.78  
Ending Balance 12/31/2023 \$ 8,882.76



# OUR MISSION RESOURCES

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

- A legacy giving presentation was made by Maggie Harmon from the Presbyterian Foundation in May.
- An informational package was developed and distributed to congregates for their support of the anticipated 2024 church budget. This was followed by a commitment worship service.
- A second legacy giving presentation was provided by Karl Mattison, also from the Presbyterian Foundation, in October.
- We lost our faithful corporate Treasurer, Leone Mohny; and Ruth Russell stepped in as the new Treasurer – Ruth had much “catch-up” work to accomplish due to Leone’s illness prior to her passing.
- Investments were made from the proceeds of the sale of the educational wing with New Covenant Trust, subsidiary of USA Presbyterian Foundation, the institution to which our long-term funds had been transferred in 2022.
- 2023 investments were also made with New Covenant Trust from unspecified bequests.
- At the current “burn rate,” the above two investments in Certificates of Deposit should provide operating funds into 2028.
- Certificates of Deposit being held to maturity are now recorded at purchase price; long-term investments, being subject to market fluctuations, are reported at then-current market value.
- Changes were made to our financial reporting to eliminate timing differences between our records and those of New Covenant Trust.
- Modifications are in process to make the reporting output from our accounting system more “user friendly.”
- The 2024 church budget was developed and approved by Session.
- Numerous other transactional items were fielded and actioned during the year.

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- Trinity’s Property Committee took care of property issues throughout 2023
- Improvements were made to Trinity’s closed loop system that provides Cool air or Heat every year. Improvements included new Air/Dirt Separator and a new large Fan Coil for Trinity Hall.
- Tinted the windows for the Trinity Office Annex which has helped in the summer with our electric bill.
- Ongoing maintenance issues have been handled by our Facilities Supervisor, Peter.

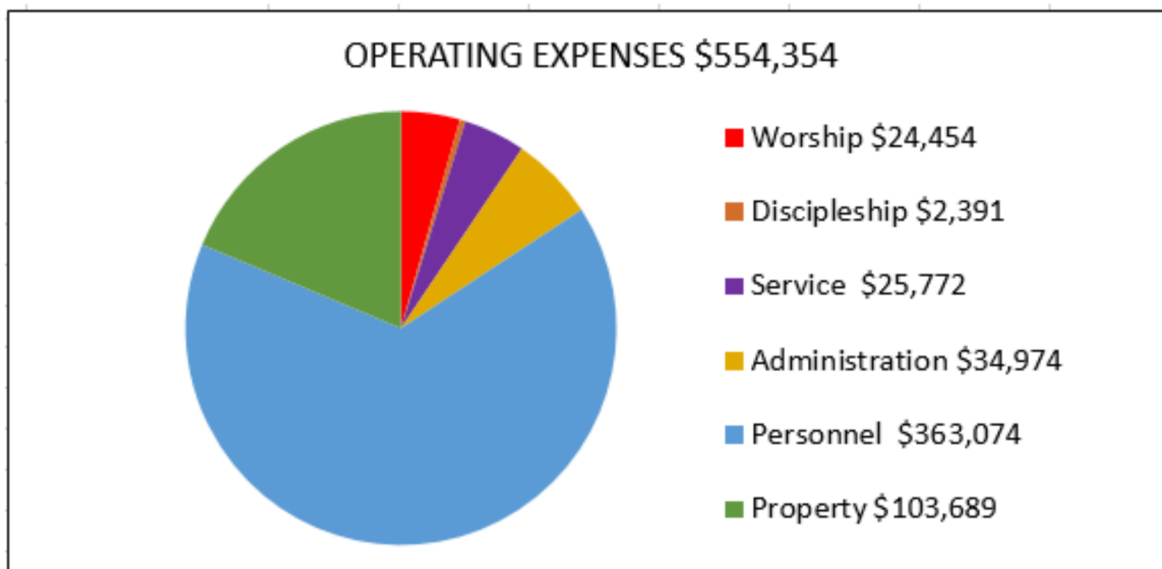
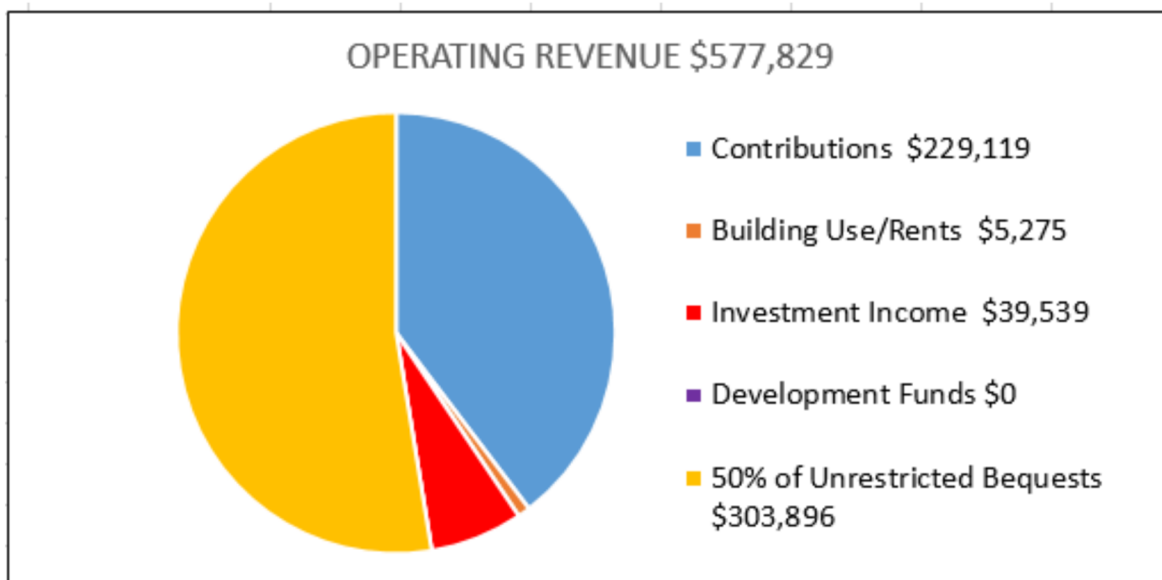
# FINANCING OUR MISSION

## DEACON'S EMERGENCY FUND

1/1/2023 Balance \$3,510.00  
 In \$ 300.00  
 Out \$2,854.00  
 12/31/2023 Balance \$ 956.00

## SPECIAL MISSION FUND

1/1/2023 Balance \$ 38,155.00  
 In \$ 61,859.00  
 Out \$ 10,700.00  
 12/31/2023 Balance \$ 89,314.00



## SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing \$ 2,320.00  
 Pentecost Offering \$ 966.00  
 Crop Walk \$ 3,517.00  
 Christmas Joy Gift \$ 1,032.00  
 Peacemaking \$ 945.00



## TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Mack Sigmon, Senior Pastor

Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, Choral Director

Lynn Moser, Organist & Director of Handbells

Sheila Croteau, Admin. Assistant & Webmaster

Peter Holbrook, Facilities Supervisor

Kyle Elliott, Security Monitor

Gerry Pearson, Bookkeeper

Kathy Moser, Elementary Education Coordinator

Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull, Youth Coordinators

Alix Roa, Sunday Activities Attendant