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Holy Week



In Person & Online Holy Week Services

- ◆ Palm Sunday, March 24 at 10:20 am A celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a palm procession and trumpet soloist.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday, March 28
5:30 pm We'll share a meal and the Lord's Supper together in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the main course; bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP to the church office (520-623-2579 or office@trinitytucson.org).
6:30 pm A Service of Tenebrae in the sanctuary - 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.
- ◆ Easter Sunday March 31
A celebration of Christ's Resurrection
6:30 am – Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden,
9:00 – 10:15 a.m. – Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide pancakes; please bring a dish to share (eggs, fruit, rolls, etc.)
9:45 am – Easter Story (Library) and Egg Hunt (Courtyard),
10:20 am – the Trinity Choir and Orchestra will present "The Passion and the Promise". The many moods of Holy Week followed by the triumph of Easter are captured in this moving work from Lloyd Larson and Mark Hayes with narration by Pamela Stewart.

Join us in person or online for all of these
services at trinitytucson.org/watch-live.

PASTORAL LETTER

There is a huge difference between reading a quote and hearing it spoken in its context. My favorite depiction of the life of Jesus is Franco Zeffirelli's "Jesus of Nazareth," a drama in four-parts that covers Jesus's ministry from his baptism to his ascension. The most dramatic moment in the carefully researched production is when Mary Magdalene announces the resurrection. As you might imagine, it is a crucial and demanding scene. Anne Bancroft, an actress of unprecedented skill, played the part of Mary. It was her task to deliver the three words – "He is risen," with all the power that the moment demanded. Bancroft did so perfectly. She captured not only the shock of that announcement, but also the joy and the disbelief. Somehow, she managed to depict both strength and weakness in a line of only three words. I hope that if you get the chance, you will view either the series or that episode.

It is easy for us as Christians to take those three words – "He is risen," for granted. We should not. In the gospels it is not Mary that says those words, but it is the words that are said to her by both Jesus and the angel at the tomb. I sometimes wonder how she conveyed that incredible message, and how she felt before she said those words. Mark tells us that when Mary returned to the disciples, they were mourning and weeping. When Mary told them of Jesus's resurrection, Mark says, "They would not believe it." Who would? Today most of the world still does not believe it, but that is the point of the story.

In the oldest copies of Mark's gospel, there is an abrupt ending: "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Later transcripts added a short ending: "And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation." Even later transcripts added a much

longer ending, which included Jesus's post-resurrection appearances, the commissioning of the disciples, and Jesus's ascension.

I always like the original ending of Mark more than the later additions. Mary and the others fled from the tomb "in terror or amazement." Imagine standing face-to-face with someone you knew – maybe someone in your family -- who had died. It is the subject of many horror stories, most of them depicting ghosts or some kind of evil spirit. But Jesus's resurrection as depicted in the gospels was not a ghost story – it was a love story, and it was not a love just for those who witnessed the risen Christ, but an eternal love for humanity and the world.

You and I are the objects of Jesus's love, and we encounter the risen Christ every moment of our lives through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Many to whom we make the Easter proclamation still disbelieve it. Like the women that morning, it is easy for us to desire to "say nothing to anyone" – but the women did, and what they said changed everything forever. Think of how many people over the last 2000 years have been saying the same three words – not with a question mark at the end or in a whisper, but with life-changing conviction.

Easter is an opportunity not just to say to each other, "He is risen," but to find creative ways to share our conviction with the world. Those three words must never be spoken casually, but as a reflection of what we have witnessed ourselves. This is why our life as a Christian community is so important. In the church we witness the transforming power of God's love in our worship, fellowship, and work. Since that first morning, those three words – "He is risen," have had more to say than anything else since the first words of creation: "Let there be light." There is light, and it is in our hearts. Have a wonderful Easter.

Dr. Mack

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (Preschool - 2nd Grade)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

Jesus' Journey to the Cross and Resurrection

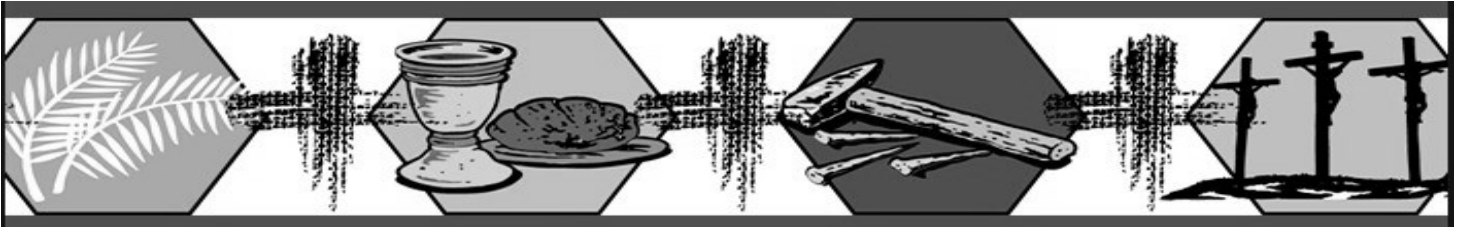
We will be having in-person Sunday School downstairs in **Room 8** following the children's message. We will celebrate and learn about Jesus's journey to the cross as we look at Bible stories of Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, His time before Pilate, Peter's denial of Jesus, Jesus on the cross and Jesus in the tomb. On Easter Sunday, the children will stay in church to hear the Easter Cantata with their families. Easter activities will be available for the children during the Cantata. On Easter Sunday, all children are invited to the library at 9:45 am to hear a reading of the Bible Story "The Tomb is Empty" and then we will go to the courtyard for the Easter egg hunt.

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 sit & with their families during worship.



ADULT CLASS

DR. MACK'S LENTEN STUDY CONTINUES IN PERSON ONLY SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM IN THE UPPER ROOM WEST

Dr. Mack is teaching a class that he developed called "The Six Mountains of Jesus." The source book was written in 1985 by Terence Donaldson titled "Jesus On The Mountain." Join him at 9:00 am in the Upper Room West. The classes are recorded & posted with the class notes at <https://trinitytucson.org/the-six-mountains-of-jesus/>

March 3 – "The Mountain of Feeding"

March 10 – "The Mountain of Transfiguration"

March 17 – "The Mount of Olives"

March 24 (Palm Sunday) – "The Mountain of Commissioning"

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS



The "Love of Reading" month has come to a close but reading continues for a lifetime: Plant the seed and watch it grow and blossom! This month we are celebrating Lent and Easter! Please come and "check out" library books and DVDs in Fellowship Hall related to Lent and Easter. Instructions for checking out books/DVDs and the "check out" card basket will be in Fellowship Hall. When returning books/DVDs, please leave them on the desk in the library. Please contact your librarian, Kathy Moser if you have any questions.



Montlure Camp

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



Knitorious meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. We use needles, hooks and fiber and engage in marvelous conversations. Join us March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25.



WORSHIP

Wednesday Evening Vespers

Dr. Mack hosts a weekly devotional on Zoom **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** for about 30 minutes. Join us at <http://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>.

CHOIR REHEARSAL is **Thursdays at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary.

HANDBELL REHEARSAL is **Thursdays at 5:30 pm** in the Bell Room upstairs.



If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone special please use the enclosed form and mail it along with your payment to 400 E. University Blvd Tucson, AZ 85705. You may also pay at www.trinitytucson.org. Please enter the dedication information in the memo.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



WHO'S IN YOUR PEW Meet Jim Croxen

What did you do for a living?

I am an assembly technician and I work for a company which started out here in Tucson. It designs and manufactures cameras (even custom camera systems) which are used for research work and astronomy.

Where is your hometown? *I was born and raised in Tucson, AZ. While growing up, I spent a lot of time during my summer breaks at my parents cabin in the White Mountains near Greer, AZ.*

What do you like to do in your leisure time? *Listening to music & making music, I just started singing with the City Psalms Choir. I also enjoy taking long walks, bicycling, doing yard work at my house and viewing informative YouTube videos.*

What is your favorite food? *For me, what stands above the many foods I enjoy, is a well prepared meatloaf with either a baked potato or yam on the side.*

What is your favorite hymn or scripture? *"Lift High the Cross" is my favorite hymn and John 14:6 is my favorite Bible verse.*

What does this church mean to you? *This church to me means a place where you can visit with friendly people, strengthen your faith and even make new friends.*

What is something that many people would not know about you? *Although I am right handed, I just naturally pick up a fork or other utensils and eat with my left hand.*

MISSION NEWS

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 food and monetary donations.



Just Coffee For Sale

The Just Coffee display is near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall with volunteers handling the sales before and after church on Sunday.

If a volunteer is not available you may still purchase the coffee and place your cash or check in the lockbox on the wall.

Coffee will be \$10 or \$11 and the proceeds benefit Café Justo, a Grower-owned Coffee Cooperative based in southern Chiapas Mexico, formed to address the poverty & migration from Mexico to the U.S.A.

More information is available at justcoffee.org.



CASA MARIA SANDWICH MAKING

Every second Sunday in Fellowship Hall after the Sanctuary service.

The next one is March 10, 2024

Session Notes

Elders are settling into the new year and moving forward with some adjustments and new ideas. Everyone is getting more comfortable with the Zoom format. Worship attendance is remaining steady with online participants and those worshipers who come into the sanctuary. Following are the communications received and actions performed at the February Session meeting.

- ♦ An annual statistical report was approved for submission to General Assembly.
- ♦ Session approved Roger Nichols as an offering counter to replace retiring Carolyn Maycher.
- ♦ Regretfully, Session accepted the resignation of newly elected Steve Barlow as an active elder; he will remain as a committee member for Mission Committee.
- ♦ Carolyn Maycher and John Hill attended the January Annual Presbytery meeting via Zoom.
- ♦ The Deaconate has assigned church members and regular attendees to a specific deacon to stay in touch with the health and welfare concerns of our church family.
- ♦ Administration & Personnel Committee is working to fill our staff vacancies at Trinity.
- ♦ Christian Education announces Montlure camp registrations are in progress. Also, they are planning an Easter brunch and egg hunt for the children. Bill Brown is soon to be scheduled to speak on "The Bible and Astrobiology" in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- ♦ Session voted to place the committee titled Growth & Outreach Team on hiatus and assign its tasks to others. Committee members and elder chair will join other committees.
- ♦ Mission Committee voted to give \$500 to Papago United Presbyterian Church in Sells, AZ to honor Josefina Ajumada. This committee is so grateful to all the volunteers for the Food Bank site, sandwich making, Café Justo sales and other activities. Watch for photos to show their gratitude for faithful volunteers.
- ♦ Property Committee manages repairs and finds that the air handler install is nearing completion for Trinity Hall.
- ♦ Stewardship & Finance is researching changing

our insurance company. They said that Trinity investments had a strong ending in 2023 after a less stellar performance in 2022.

♦ Worship Committee is finalizing plans for Lenten activities with palms and lilies ordered, the Cantata being practiced and special decorations for Palm Sunday.

♦ The Organ Committee is making progress with promise. They are evaluating our console, our organ pipes and all else pertaining to the organ as our maestro Lynn Moser manages to coax the best from a failing instrument.

♦ Session hosted Peter Holbrook to learn all about his duties, headaches and triumphs as he works to keep Trinity clean and in good working order. He deserves rounds and rounds of applause and gratitude. Thank you, Peter!

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study - Dr. Mack leads the Presbyterian Women Bible study, "Sacred Encounters: The Power & Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts" by Olive Mahabir. **The group meets in person in the Library on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 am** and everyone is welcome.

Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**. We are off to a good start with several bears in the process of being stuffed and stitched. More bears were cut out and will be ready to be stuffed. Every one is welcome to help. Any questions, please call Ruth Myers at 520 326 6888

Trinity Milestones

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of John Davies by Don & Ruth Myers

In Memory of Allyn Spence by Don & Ruth Myers

In Memory of John Davies by Melinda Arnold

In Memory of John Davies by J. R. Atwood

In Memory of Allyn Spence by Matthias Gottman



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Harriet Marsh – 95 | 11 | Asa Moyer |
| 2 | Truman Spillers | 15 | George Zellar, Jr. |
| 3 | Riley De Pizzo | 18 | Jerry Rowe |
| 4 | Ed Hawley | 22 | Roberta Crawford |
| 7 | Holly Clark | 23 | Emalie Wilka |
| 11 | MacKenzie DePizzo | | |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS (1–10)

8 Helen Greer

NAMI SA (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS- So AZ)

Please join us for our 18th annual NAMI-Walks for Mental Health Awareness. NAMI-SA (National Alliance on Mental Illness, So. AZ) provides free services of education, support and advocacy to all. The Walk is at Kennedy Regional Park, in Fiesta Area, Ajo & La Cholla Blvd, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am. Registration free!! More information see us: Derry and Tom Dean, co-captains



THANK YOU THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who reached out to remember my father Bruce Cunningham. Your best wishes were much appreciated. Thank you, Barbara and George Ball.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 3 Exodus 20:1-17 & Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 10 Num. 21:4-9 & Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; 1 Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 17 Jer. 31:31-24 & Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 24 Isaiah 50:9-9 & Psalm 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or mark 15:1-39

March 31 Isaiah 25:6-9 & Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

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" & includes scripture and music each day.

LENT DEVOTIONS

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



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- ⇒ We are "LIVE" streaming the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am. Watch on our website trinitytucson.org/watch-live
- ⇒ Join us in the Sanctuary for In Person Worship at 10:20 am.
- ⇒ Visit our website at www.trinitytucson.org for all the latest information and events you are looking for.

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Deadline for the **April 2024**
VISION is Thursday, March 21
Please submit articles to the
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