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2024
class of 24
CONGRATS!

Dr. Yongjae Lee graduated with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the UA. He began his studies in the fall of 2019 & joined the Trinity Choir as our bass section leader then. We have all been inspired by and appreciated the immense talent and leadership that he has demonstrated during these last 5 years.



If we missed you graduating from High School or College please send a photo and some information to office@trinitytucson.org and we'll include it in the August VISION.



STAR SPANGLED SING-A-LONG
SUNDAY, JULY 7

Join us after worship in Fellowship Hall!
The Worship Committee will provide baked chicken; **please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** Plan to join us for some great summer music & fellowship!



PASTORAL LETTER

Summer in Pima County brings with it both pleasures and worries. Since the University and the local schools are on summer break, the traffic in our community is a little bit easier to handle. On the other hand, there are more children out and about in our neighborhoods, and we are all aware of the pedestrian hazards in Tucson. In the wake of spring, some of the most beautiful flora and fauna abound in the summer in the parks and the trails, but to hike or just to walk these areas can be extremely hazardous in the heat. I found this out the hard way just by sitting outside during midsummer to enjoy our yard. I was not wearing a hat, but I thought that, planning only to be out for a short time, it would not matter. But when you have from Type 2 diabetes, you are extremely susceptible to the effects of dehydration. When I got up to go back in, suddenly I found myself barely able to walk, and I couldn't speak correctly. It would have appeared to Amy as if I were totally drunk, but she knew right away what was happening. She called the hospital to see if I needed to go in for rehydration, but as I drank more water and took my glucose tablets, I quickly started to feel better. Every summer we hear of healthy individuals dying on the trails and parks of the area because they are not aware that they are perspiring just as they would in the more humid regions of the world. Summer is also a great time to see the natural wonders of Arizona, such as the Grand Canyon (which is unlike anything on the planet.) But many people from all over the world have the same idea, making these trips unbearably crowded. When I lived in Florida, we had a year-round pass to Disneyworld. It was great fun, but we also had to plan our visits very carefully, picking the days and the hours when the parks would be less crowded.

Even our Christianity is impacted by the pleasures and challenges of summer. On the pleasure side, we find additional time to do things indoors that are safer, including reading. But practicing our faith can be impacted by our perception that, because of the season, there is less to do for

others in the name of Christ; nothing could be further from the truth. Homelessness, hunger, illness, death, and migrant issues do not take a summer break. Our gifts are needed just as much in the next few months, if not more, because of summer's hazards and the lack of more hands to help mitigate those hazards. I want to challenge you in the months ahead to make a prayerful commitment to do several things. First, read something about our faith, either in the Bible or in a book. Our church library is filled with some amazing publications, and I am happy to recommend them to you on any subject in which you are interested. Second, if you do not have one already, set a regular time and place for prayer. Third, contribute to our Food Bank or some other benevolent need which interests you. Right now, the Food Bank is stocked with water, but by midsummer we will be asking for more, and we always need high-protein canned food. Fourth, if you are unable to attend Trinity worship services in person, take advantage of our streaming services. Sheila has put together one of the best worship streams that I have ever seen. Unlike many other churches, she has done this, and is producing the service, by herself. We always appreciate your feedback as you watch our service online, so please let us know if there are any issues. Finally, since we are more distanced from each other as a congregation, let us continue to lift each other up to God. We need not do so by name. God knows our names. But we need to pray for our congregation & for Trinity Presbyterian Church.

It is my prayer that you and your loved ones will have a wonderful, safe, and restful summer. God bless you and keep you in the love of Christ.

Dr. Mack



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (Preschool - 2nd Grade)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

STARLING BIRDS AND THE 50 US STATES

Summer Sunday School will start on Sunday, June 9. We will have class downstairs in **Room 8** following the children's message. We will first learn about Starling birds by watching some incredible videos along with a few other activities. We will then take a "trip" around the 50 US states using puzzles, books, matching games and other activities. **There will be no Sunday School on July 14 and July 21.**

THE 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.



LIBRARY NEWS



Love, Romance, Mystery and Adventure await you beginning June 16 through June 30. Come and "check out" the assortment of books on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. Here are a few of the book titles: "Hometown Hope", "Troubled Waters", "Church Choir Mysteries", "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn", and The Riverboat Adventures Book Series: "Escape into the Night", "Race for Freedom", "Midnight Rescue", "The Swindler's Treasure", "Mysterious Signal", and "The Fiddler's Secret".

'He'll do anything for his daughter...even fight to regain an old classmate's broken trust. In the three years since her mother's death, widower Hoyt Bradley's daughter, Jess, hasn't spoken – until she suddenly begs him to save her favorite bookstore from closing.'
"Hometown Hope"

'He's working for the Coast Guard, but that's not Heath Gerlach's only mission. He's also an undercover FBI agent, and his target for investigation is his new partner, Tracie Crandall. With her blond hair and pretty blue eyes, Tracie looks sweet and innocent. But was she involved in her former partner's crimes? Tracie won't talk about it. Because she's guilty? Or because she's afraid to trust another partner? Just when Heath is sure he knows, a shocking revelation changes everything. Now all he wants is to keep Tracie safe...and give her a reason to believe in the power of love.' "Troubled Waters"

'When young choir member Amy Cantrell becomes the victim of a suspected poisoning, Gracie Parks is determined to investigate, especially when Amy, who appeared to be recovering, vanishes from the hospital.' "Church Choir Mysteries, The Highly Suspicious Halo"

A new theme "BIOGRAPHIES" will begin July 28 and go through Sept 1. More details in the August Vision.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR PEW Meet Emmanuel Alley



What did you do for a living?

In Togo after my high school I was an assistant pastor (catechism) at one of the congregations at Vogan, a city near the capitol. I was also training to be a welder, electrician, or tailor. Here in Tucson I am working at Fry's grocery store.

Where is your hometown? Togo in West Africa

What do you like to do with your leisure time? I come to church to help sometimes & like to watch soccer.

What is your favorite food? African Togo food and American food

What is your favorite hymn or Bible verse? Isaiah 9:2-3

What does this church mean to you? This church means to me a big love, health, everything. This church is my soul, health and family.

What is something that many people would not know about you? I want to keep a relationship between my hometown Presbyterian church from Togo to my Trinity Presbyterian church. I love so much my Trinity church.

JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 2 1 Deut. 5:12-15 & Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Cor. 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9 Gen. 3:8-15 & Psalm 130; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 16 Ezek. 17:22-24 & Psalm 92:1-14, 12-15; 2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 23 Job 38:1-11 & Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 30 Lam. 3:22-33 & Psalm 30; 2 Cor. 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 7 Ezek. 2:1-5 & Psalm 123; 2 Cor. 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 14 Amos 7:7-15 & Psalm 85:8-13; Eph. 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 21 Jer. 23:1-6 & Psalm 23; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28 2 Kings 4:42-44 & Psalm 145:10-18; Eph. 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 16 & July 21
in Fellowship Hall after worship



Sunday, June 16



The annual Pentecost Offering benefiting children at risk, youth & young adults was taken in person on Pentecost. You may still mail in a donation or donate through June at trinitytucson.org. Please note *Pentecost Offering* on your check or the memo of the online donation form.

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 & the proceeds benefit Café Justo. More information is at justcoffee.org.

MISSION NEWS

CASA MARIA

SANDWICH MAKING

Sandwich making in Fellowship Hall is after the Sanctuary service on **June 2 & July 14**

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 & monetary donations.



THANK YOU

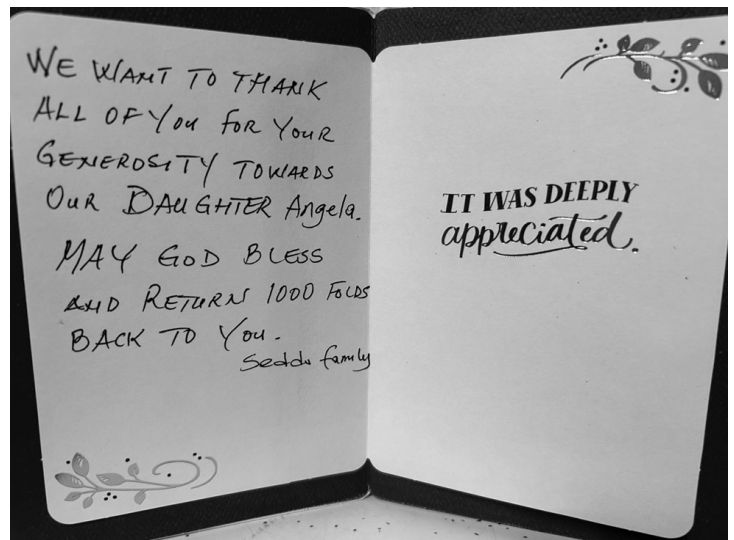


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In March Celeste Seddo approached Trinity's Mission Committee needing help with Angela's nursing school tuition. In April, a good portion of that help came through the Mission Committee with additional thanks to Rose Emery, Ruth Myers, Eileen Lamse, Ruth Russell, Sheila Croteau, Bill Voigt, Marilyn Slagle, Daphne Madson, Trinity's Finance Committee, Trinity's Session, and many others for navigating the logistics of getting Abla's (Angela's) scholarship. Here's a thank you card Abla gave Billie Holbrook.



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to people at risk worldwide. Trinity's Mission Committee gets 20% of that collection and we decided to give it to a local non-profit – I Am You 360. They provide homes and professional training for young at-risk Tucsonans. Here are two sites where you can learn about what they do:

www.iamyou360.org

<https://news.azpm.org/p/newsfeature/2024/1/9/218689-local-tucson-non-profit-uses-whole-healing-approach-to-fight-homelessness/>



SESSION NOTES

This month Session did not have a great deal of business to conduct so our meeting was quick and easy. During our Leading Together time we had the great pleasure of welcoming Sheila Croteau, Trinity's Administrative Assistant and Office Manager. We knew Sheila is very busy and organized, but all of us are in awe of the number of tasks she accomplishes in a 30-hour work week. You name it; Sheila does it! She monitors the phone, email, snail mail, members who need some information, visitors and the homeless that come to the office door. She produces the Sunday bulletins and the monthly VISION. She organizes the slides for the Sunday streaming service. She services the church web site, computers, printers, copier, the wireless network, the security system and works with our remote bookkeeper. The biggest challenge for her is that being a Jill of all trades, there is no one to back her up and it would be a good guess that it would take more than one person to fill her shoes. There is only one office volunteer – Cindy Toering – to help with some of the tasks. We are so blessed that Sheila joined the Trinity staff in 2016. Give her a big thank you! And maybe consider volunteering in the office for a few hours.

Here are the business items accomplished by Session and its committees this month:

- Session approved updating the Memorial Garden and Columbarium Regulations to allow Session to approve the eligibility of non-members and their family members to use the columbarium because we no longer have a Memorial Garden Committee to make those decisions.
- Session then approved Certificates of Purchase for the Memorial Garden Columbarium for two non-members.
- Session approved a baptism for Christopher Kittle Roberts for June 30, 2024.
- Session approved Nancy Hamadou to be a member-at-large for the Stewardship & Finance Committee.
- Session received the information that Mack officiated at a wedding in the Trinity Chapel on May 15th for Mark Phillip Moore and Patricia De La Rosa.

- Administration & Personnel Committee has completed staff reviews and is planning a small luncheon in Tubac to celebrate Gerry Pearson, our former bookkeeper.
- Mission Committee says that Trinity's portion of the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will go to I Am You 360, a non-profit that serves foster people who have aged out of the system.
- Property Committee continues to work out how to make the ramp at the east entrance to the church a safer ramp without a curb. Also, this committee wants input for how we can use the Trinity Hall kitchen in the future.
- Session does not meet in July unless there is an emergency need.
- Session prayed for congregants who are traveling, for Elliott Koeppen, for Carolyn Maycher, for the John Lamse family and for our Trinity church serving God in the heart of the city.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study Trinity Presbyterian Women have finished their Bible study for this year (2023/2024). A new study will start **September 10 at 9:30 AM** (change in time) in the Library with Mack leading it. Watch this space for the title of the new study

Ryan's Bears has 50-60 bears in progress. As a result we are taking the summer off. We'll begin **September 17 at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall making more bears for agencies working with children. If you have questions call Ruth Myers 520-326-6888

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of John Lamse by Ruth & Don Myers
In Memory of John Lamse by Alice Jones
In Memory of John Lamse by Frederick & Judith Giraud
In Memory of John Lamse by Bonnie Stull
In Memory of John Lamse by Eileen Lamse

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5 Marian Wald - 103	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
21 Roberta Westergaard	31 Jim Hand

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 Don and Ruth Myers - 70 years!
27 Koffi Seddo and Celeste Dzakpa



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Barbara Ball	16 Anne McConnell
4 Elaine Banghart	17 Billie Holbrook
4 Kirsten Barlow	18 Vade Henderson
8 Thomas Dean	18 Johanna Moyer
10Carolynn Carter	24 Karen Wilkison
12 Jean Thomas	25 Rose Emery
13 Roger Nichols	27 Nancy Hamadou
14 Will Tilley	30 Carolyn Maycher

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

4 Daniel Seddo	10 Joan Kingan
9 Peter Holbrook	

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jim & Marilyn Slagle
3 David and Cindy Toering
8 William & Janet Goodhue
11 Roger & Marilyn Nichols - 65 years!
14 Larry & Janet Jones
27 Bruce & Peggy Chamberlain

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Trinity Presbyterian Women participate in three different funds of Presbyterian Women nationally. The Fellowship of the Least Coin was described in the May issue of the VISION. Another fund is the Birthday Offering. This offering gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The fund gives to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000. The fund was begun in 1922 and has been shared every year despite conflicts in the world. Projects on six continents have been recipients for over 100 years. Those receiving grants in 2023 include Making Miracles Group Home, Tallahassee Fla; Advocate for Community Choice Bethel Hills-Villa Apts, Marthaville, Mo; Western College Bethel Synod Birhame Yesus Kindergarten School Construction Dembi-Dollo, Ethiopia. In 2024 Presbyterian Church Café Ginko, Louisville KY was a recipient. To learn more about the history of Presbyterian Women and their projects go online to <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/who-we-are/history/> for the History of Presbyterian Women.

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Picnic



Vacation!

Thank You, Teachers!

- ⇒ 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 August 2024
VISION is Thursday, July 25

Please submit articles to the
church office or to:
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