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SCIENCE FOR THE CHURCH

Following worship on **May 4**, Dr. Kristy vanMarle, senior researcher at the OHAIRE Lab at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Arizona will give a presentation about her work and research. HAI, Human-Animal Interaction, studies how interacting with animals impacts our health and wellness. Her current research is examining the benefits of trained service dogs as complementary therapy for veterans living with PTSD and their families. This will be an informal talk with plenty of opportunity for discussion and questions! Kristy is Linda Bauersachs' daughter. Light snacks will be provided. For more information: <https://vetmed.arizona.edu/research/human-animal-interaction/ohaire>.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Holy Week services and activities so special.



Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall



Easter Story in the Library



Egg Hunt in the Courtyard



Easter Cantata in the Sanctuary

PASTORAL LETTER

We celebrate the beauty of Easter in the spring, when new life is emerging all around us. I imagine all of us have been enjoying the beautiful weather of the season, with warm days and cool nights. But we also know that summer is around the corner, and to remind us, we had one day of 100-degree weather in April – the earliest recorded in the history of Tucson. In the days between Jesus's ascension and Pentecost, his followers basked in the joy of his resurrection. I am sure they were filled with expectation, and it is more than likely those expectations centered on his promised return and the conclusion of life as they knew it. Though Jesus had promised his followers the Holy Spirit, they may not have understood the demands upon their lives that would arrive with the Spirit's presence. Even after Pentecost, when the disciples began to fervently spread the good news of the Kingdom of God and form communities of faith, there was still a sense that Christ would return immediately. This belief lingered for decades, until the first generation of Christians began to die. The death of the Apostles, other church leaders, and members created a crisis in the life of church. Christians began to realize that Christ might not be returning in the time that they expected, and so their vision had to shift. The emphasis of the church became that of establishing the norms of Christianity that would survive any temporary conditions and go beyond time and location. The Apostle Paul was essential to beginning this work, but it was happening among other church leaders and in many places that were well beyond Paul's reach. It took about three centuries before the church could state its basic beliefs with a clarity that could be passed from one generation to another, as the first season of the church passed into its second season. Yet, with each subsequent generation of Christianity, the values and emotions of the Easter

event remained. This is what made the Christian community so effective in reaching out to others, regardless of the culture. The joy of believers continued to be contagious, and the fellowship of the Christian community created a family of support for all who joined it. While the Christian community was (and still is) far from perfect, its message of salvation, love, and service transcended all other social constructs. And behind the church's institutional existence was always the words of its creator – words and ideas that are still regarded as unlike any other. Christianity is a springtime for all seasons in all places, but a springtime that can only continue with the commitment of those who believe and follow the Lord Jesus Christ, serving him with their hearts, minds, and talents. That is why, while we may leave the season of Easter behind for this year, there is an eternal season of new life that must pour out of us, like a fresh and inviting spring for a thirsty world. May we be about the work of love that never ends.

Dr. Mack



Sunday,
May 11



Birthday & Anniversary
Celebration Sunday, May 18 in
Fellowship Hall after worship

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (Preschool - 3rd Grade) *Teacher: Kathy Moser*

Noah and the Ark and To-go-bags project

We will be having Sunday School downstairs in **Room 8** following the children's message.

We will begin the month with a Bible story, Bible verses, and Bible activities about Noah.

Our "Little Helping Hands service project", will be on the second Sunday of the month. We made 82 to-go-bags last month. The rest of the month will include more Bible stories of Noah with the return of the dove & God's Rainbow Promise, along with Bible activities, a craft, puzzles & a matching game.

THE CRUSADERS & FAITH ENCOUNTERS (4th Grade & Older)

Teacher: 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

Our themes for May will be the ancient city of Jerusalem and Christian poetry and literature. "Jerusalem the Holy", "Jerusalem: The Biography" by Simon Sebag Montefiore, "The Glory of Jerusalem", "The Jerusalem Windows"; "Journey", "Psalms of Lament", "A Gift so Rare", "Your Dreams on a Little Twig" and "Lord, Could You Make it a Little Better?". These and other books will be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall.

Instructions for checking out books and the "check out" card basket will also be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. When returning books, please leave them in the Book Return basket on the cabinet next to the desk in the library. The library is open before and after the worship service.

Please contact Kathy Moser, your librarian, if you have any questions. Thank you!

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our salad potluck last month was well attended, and we had lots of good food. Regrettably, we were not able to get a speaker from Pima Council On Aging, but many of our members shared their positive experiences with their classes and support groups. I hope to be able to work with PCOA this summer and be able to offer more specific information for the fall. Although this event was hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Women, we hope to have more gatherings throughout the year that include even the men. Gathering just for fellowship, with or without an agenda, can enhance our sense of community. And it's just fun!

We take a break for the summer after our May Bible Study & Ryan's Bears gatherings (info on page 4).

As many of us leave to cooler places, we pray for safe travels. Many of us will brave the heat of our Sonoran Desert, and we give thanks for air conditioning and swamp boxes.

We will start back up in September with a new bible study and more bears.

SESSION NOTES

Dr. Mack pushed through pain in his knee to lead the elders and our Deacon Moderator during the April stated session meeting. Later that evening he found himself on the way to Tucson Medical Center for some treatment. Session members were notified and asked for their healing prayers. Hopefully by the time these notes go to print, Dr. Mack will be on the mend. Stated Session meetings are still conducted via Zoom. Because everyone comes to the meeting well prepared and informed our meetings rarely go beyond an hour's time. Here are the highlights of the April meeting:

- Currently, our membership number is 153. Attendance hovers around 120 for Sunday services.
- The Deacons have changed the date for the All-Church Picnic to November 1, 2025. They made \$854.00 by selling packaged snacks at the 4th Avenue Street Fair to augment their Emergency Assistance Fund. They are grateful that Billie Holbrook and the Trinity Food Bank site bought the leftovers.
- Our wonderful Treasurer, Eileen Lamse, keeps a close finger on the pulse of Trinity's finances. Her reports about the operating statements, balance sheets, cash flow and investment accounts are much appreciated. At the end of March, it was pleasant to learn that our actual deficit is lower than the budgeted deficit. The Minute for Mission about our per capita obligation was well received.
- Session received a report from Sheila and Dave Croteau about the successful Trinity presence at the 4th Avenue Street Fair with the Cup of Water, the Deacon's Bodega, Kid's Zone and others.
- John Hill and Carolyn Maycher, our Presbytery Commissioners, attended the spring stated combined Presbytery meeting on March 29, 2025 via Zoom. They were much impressed with a presentation about 12 Steps to TLC (Thinking, Listening, Communicating) that help cultivate healthy relationships for all groups.
- Administration & Personnel has completed staff reviews including Mack's review.
- Christian Education has plans for two more Science for the Church events.
- Mission Committee is planning a Trinity wide fellowship event to gather supplies for delivery to Salvation Army or other entity.
- Session approved asking the Presbyterian Foundation to do a financial evaluation or spending and giving analysis so that Trinity might make a wise decision about upgrading our sanctuary and organ. The motion came from Property Committee.
- Stewardship & Finance plans to lease a new office copier from Pacific Office Company. The new company will pay off the old lease and send the old copier back.
- Worship Committee continues to discuss the feasibility of making organ and sanctuary upgrades.
- Session prayed for congregants in need of special care and concern. May the Holy Spirit be with us in all things, large or small.

Janet Hooper,
Clerk of Session



TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study meets **Tuesday, May 13 at 9:30 am in the Library.** This is the final class that Dr. Mack leads on "Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes" by Judy Yates Siker. Join us for the new class next Fall, all are welcome.

Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, May 20 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.** Contact Ruth Myers to either help there in person or at home. Your donations of fabric, stuffing & buttons are welcome & appreciated. We will take a break for the summer and start again in September.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

Meet Kari Warner & her daughters Hadley and Harper

What do you do for a living?

Kari - I am a high school science teacher turned quality assurance editor after a stint as a stay-at-home mom. Hadley - I'm a second grader. Harper - I'm a kindergartener.

Where is your hometown?

Kari - Tempe, AZ, Hadley & Harper - Tucson, AZ

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

Kari - I enjoy reading, running, hiking, & spending time with friends and family. Hadley - I like to play with Barbies and do crafts. Harper - I like to play with Barbies and Legos.

What is your favorite food?

Kari - Pizza or tacos, Hadley - Popcorn chicken and bean burritos, Harper - Soup dumplings and gummy candy

What are your favorite Hymns?

Kari - My favorite songs we sing here at Trinity are "As the Deer" and "Shine Jesus Shine", Hadley and Harper - "Halle, Halle, Halle" (because we like to sing it Hadley, Hadley, Hadley)

What does this church mean to you?

Kari - To me Trinity means a heart of service and community. Hadley and Harper - Friends, fun, and helping others.

What is one thing people don't know about you?

Kari - I was in the marching and pep bands at U of A. Hadley - I love to rollerblade. Harper - I love to roller skate. (No, it's not how I broke my arm.)



Monday, May 26, 2025



Thank
you!

Amy and I want to express our love & heartfelt appreciation for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, texts, and emails that have supported us through my time of injury and recovery.

Though I am still recovering, I am well on my way to being fully mobile, and can now return to most of my regular pastoral responsibilities. Your prayers have helped me beyond that which you will ever know, and I will always be grateful for your support. God bless you all.

Dr. Mack



Pentecost Sunday, June 8

We encourage you to wear **RED** that day as we celebrate with special music and readings. We will take the Pentecost Offering which benefits children at risk, youth & young adults. It can be given by mail or online.

TRINITY MILESTONES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3	Jessica Roggow	19	Donna Lawrence
6	Celeste Dzakpa	19	Peace Tenge
9	Susan Casteloes	21	Lynn Moser
9	Turner Miller	26	Jim Slagle
14	Steve Barlow	26	Jason DePizzo
16	Carl Sosna	29	Liz Strong
		31	James Madson

JUNE BIRTHDAYS (1–10)

2	Barbara Ball
4	Elaine Banghart
8	Thomas Dean
10	Carolynn Carter

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5	Tom & Vade Henderson
29	Errol & Catherine Dimenstein
31	Will Tilley & Janet Munson



MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 4 Acts 9:1-6 & Psalm 30 or Isa. 61:1-3 & Psalm 90:13-17; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 11 Acts 9:36-43 & Psalm 23 or Isa. 53:1-6 & Psalm 114; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 18 Acts 11:1-18 & Psalm 148 or Lev. 19:9-18 & Psalm 24:1-6; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 25 Deut. 34:1-12 & Psalm 109:21-31; Rev. 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

MISSION NEWS

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. If a volunteer is not available put the money in the lockbox. Coffee will be \$10 and benefits Café Justo, a grower-owned Coffee Cooperative in southern Chiapas Mexico. Info. at justcoffee.org.

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.

CASA MARIA SANDWICH MAKING

May's sandwich making **May 11** in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Come at 9:00 am to help setup.

FOOD PANTRY NUMBERS In April the Food Pantry served 436 family members in 204 households. We gave out 219 Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Boxes. We had an average of 52 walk-ins each day. We have over 100 lbs of Starbucks coffee beans that need to be ground. There is still pet food to shovel into smaller bags too. Please check with Billie to arrange to help with those items or come to the Food Pantry during open hours Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.