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Rally Sunday September 7

The Christian Education Committee will showcase the fall plans for classes with a presentation during worship. September youth class information is on page 3.



World Communion Sunday October 5

World Communion Sunday offers our congregation a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith, we are part of the whole body of believers & the Lord's table unites us. You are invited to wear clothing representing your culture or travels. *We will take the Peace & Global Witness offering that day in person.* Join us at **10:20 am** in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live & facebook.com/tpctucson. You may also watch on the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.

Science For The Church Sunday October 5

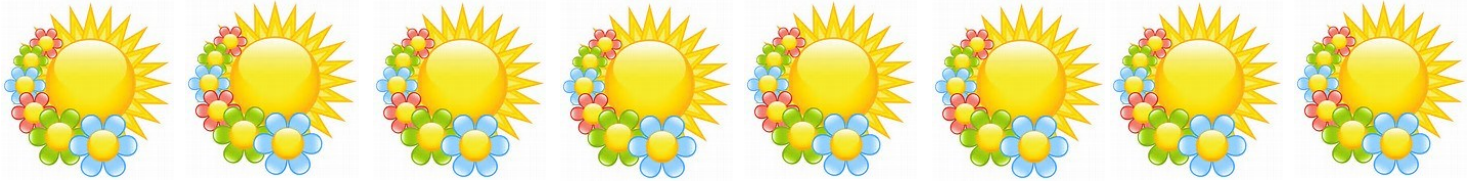
Dr. Daewook Kim, UA Associate Professor of Optical Sciences & Astronomy will give a presentation "A Journey to the Genesis of the Cosmos with Extreme Telescopes" after worship in Fellowship Hall.

All Saints Day Saturday, November 1



A Candlelight Concert for All Saints Day:
Music of Remembrance and Hope will be offered in Trinity's chapel at **6:30 p.m.** This free program of meditative and peaceful music will be presented by Lynn Moser (piano and organ), Christine Harper (flute), soloists from the Trinity Choir, and handbell players from the Trinity Ringers. Join us in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live & facebook.com/tpctucson. You can also watch on the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.

PASTORAL LETTER



I always like to think of September as a transitional month. Schools have started the academic year all over the country, but students and teachers have yet to settle into their routines. Fall will begin on September 22, but as we know in Tucson this doesn't turn on a weather switch and bring cooler temperatures. The church has yet to start what is officially titled "The Christian Year," which begins with Advent. But the signs of change are present in worship – the choir is back, some of the seasonal members begin to arrive, and announcements begin to prepare the church for Advent and Christmas.

Times of transition are important, are they not? When one moves from one place to another – as Amy and I have done too many times – there is a period of rearranging one's life around a new location. When one starts a new job, there is that period known as "onboarding," where a scope of work is developed, and the company rules are established. Transitional periods can be intentional or forced upon us, but either way we must make some kind of change.

Because Christianity has existed in our world for 2000 years, we do not think of it in a transitional way, yet transition is what our beliefs and our church are all about. Jesus came with a seemingly final declaration – "the kingdom of God is upon you." Many of Jesus's followers took his words so seriously that they assumed his presence meant the end of time and creation as it existed. Jesus's disciples would have taken the resurrection as an absolute sign that a transitional world had now become permanent. That belief is reflected in the conversations they had with Jesus just before his ascension, focused on one question: "Is this the end of all things?"

But Jesus clarified by saying that, as he had come in time and space, he would be leaving his followers in time and space. When Jesus gave them the Great Commission just minutes before he departed from them, he defined for them a

transitional life that would define their existence for as long as they were on the earth. They were, according to Jesus, to "go forth." Later, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit arrived in the form of a howling wind. This image recalled Jesus's words to Nicodemus in John's gospel: "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

One of my favorite fictional characters is Jack Reacher, from Lee Child's series. Reacher lives his life with no fixed address and with little means of identification. He changes his clothes by simply throwing away what he is wearing and buying new ones. When he travels, he always hitchhikes unless someone else is paying for it. And whenever Jack Reacher sees an injustice, he gets involved in righting the wrong.

While I don't agree with Jack Reacher's method of acting as investigator, prosecutor, judge and punisher, the transitional quality of his life relates to the way Jesus expects us to live out our faith – ready to help when we see one in need, and doing justice for those whom the world casts aside. That to me is the meaning of Jesus's command, "Go forth." I think it means that, wherever we are in our lives, our eyes must be open to those around us, our hands must be willing to work, and our hearts must be tuned to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

What new opportunities for serving our Lord will emerge in September? Whatever they are, we need to be ready for them. No matter how settled our lives, our spirits must always be in transition, until the time comes when our tasks will be done. But that time is not for us to decide. As the old hymn declares, "Work, for the night is coming."

Dr. Mack

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (preschool - 4th grade)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

SOW THE SEEDS OF SCRIPTURE & SERVICE PROJECT

We will be having Sunday School downstairs in **Room 8** following the children's message. The children will have their own Bible Activities book and their own Memory Verses book. We will be learning 2 Bible verses this month: Psalm 119:105, and John 3:16 through various activities and songs. On the second Sunday (Sept 14), we will meet in the library to do our "Little Helping Hands service project". These "to-go-bags" will then be handed out to individuals in the congregation to distribute to those in need.

THE CRUSADERS & FAITH ENCOUNTERS (5th Grade & Older)

Teachers: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

GRAB YOUR WORSHIP BAG

Children and youth in 4th grade and above are encouraged to pick up an activity packet and WORSHIP BAGS, and to sit with their families during worship. These resources contain activities to enhance their worship experience. Look for the Children in Worship display in the narthex.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our theme for September is "Peace" and "Quiet". "Be Still: Finding the Quiet and Security of God's Presence"; "Psalms of My Life"; "Letter to a Grieving Heart"; "The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom"; "Henri Nouwen A Spirituality of Imperfection"; "Praying the Psalms"; "Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to Be with God"; "Intercessory Prayer Praying for Friends and Enemies"; and "Starting Now: A Blossom Street Novel". Instructions for checking out books and the "check out" card basket will be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. When returning books, please leave them in the Book Return basket in the library. The library is open before and after the worship service. Please contact Kathy Moser, your librarian, if you have any questions.

WORSHIP



The Trinity Ringers resume weekly rehearsals **Thursday, September 4, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** in the bell rehearsal room. If you are interested in ringing, please speak with Lynn Moser at the organ after the worship service on Sunday.

The Trinity Choir resumes its regular rehearsal/worship schedule **Thursday, September 4 at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Exciting worship coordinated anthems and the annual Christmas cantata are planned. We hope that interested singers would join us for this vital ministry.



MISSION NEWS

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

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

Volunteering at the Food Pantry Monday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Help sort, inventory and store items we receive from Wal-Mart for our food pantry. Park in the south parking lot and enter through the gate. Questions? Contact Billie Holbrook.

Food Pantry Needs Check the table in the Narthex for ideas. Canned vegetables, protein or granola bars, tuna and peanut butter are always needed. Grocery bags too. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday & the office Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sign up to volunteer at trinitytucson.org/volunteer.

Sandwich Making for Casa Maria

Sunday, September 7 in Fellowship Hall after church. Join us for this important monthly project. Come at 9:00 am to help setup.

Food Pantry Numbers In July 601 people in 250 households received 281 TEFAP boxes and there were 562 walk-ins or 56/day at Trinity's Food Pantry.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

Meet Paul Banghart

What do you do for a living? I own a shop specializing in circle track race cars – retail and service

Where is your hometown? Tucson, AZ

What do you like to do in your leisure time? I love to do anything racing related, participation or just watching. I also like going to movies.

What is your favorite food? Honestly I can not pick – food is my weakness

What is your favorite hymn? “How Great Thou Art”

What does this church mean to you? As a child I came a few times with my dad and I brought him to church towards the end of his life. This church was very important to him & the people here make it special to me.

What is something people don't know about you? My love is listening to 80's Rock and Country music



Fall Game Days

First & Fourth Tuesdays
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Looking for a fun way to unwind, connect, and challenge your mind? Join us for table games, laughter, and great company in Fellowship Hall!

All ages are welcome. We'll have games like Uno, Scrabble, decks of cards, and Monopoly. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

Wednesday Evening Vespers

September 3 at 6:30 pm

Join Dr. Mack for a brief evening vesper service on Zoom. The service will last for 30 minutes or less and include a brief devotional, scripture, prayer requests and prayer. More information and the Zoom link are at <https://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>

SESSION NOTES

During July when Session takes a break a Called meeting occurred. Session met with a spokeswoman from Thrive Communities LLC. Thrive is a home school enrichment program whereby the children are tutored in four different subjects and given socialization opportunities. The program liked our Trinity facility and wished to meet twice a week during the school year. A contract was signed, & everyone was excited about the added income stream and that our property could be so useful for a positive program. Unfortunately, an out-of-control homeless person chased one of the teachers into the church and the program used their 90 days out to cancel the contract. Picture an unhappy emoji face in this space.

Session resumed meeting in August. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- The Deacons are making plans for the All Church November picnic and the winter 4th Avenue Street Fair.
- Christian Education is planning another science for the church event for October 5th with Dr. Daewook Kim, a U of A professor, to speak on "A Journey to the Genesis of the Cosmos with Extreme Telescopes." They also wish to find a replacement for Alix Roa as nursery attendant.
- Mission Committee keeps reporting higher and higher numbers of people using our Food Bank site to help them with food assistance.
- Stewardship & Finance is planning for the Rev. Joseph Moore to attend a Session meeting to present his findings about Trinity's financial health as upgrading the organ and sanctuary may or may not be a future possibility.
- S & F is also looking toward the 2026 budget and how to address our deficit. Spending less and increasing church income is not easily done.
- Session approved granting a scholarship to Sohee Kim in September 2025 and January 2026. Ms. Kim is studying at the U of A on a F-1 visa. She will attend our church and plans to sing in the choir.
- Session approved the Rev. Mark Adams to preach on August 24th as you already know.
- Worship Committee has mapped out all its activities for the remainder of the year to include World Communion, a Hymnfest, an All-Saints Candlelight concert in the chapel, All Saints Sunday, the annual Cornucopia and all the activities for Advent.

- Worship Committee is asking that the cantata instrumentalists receive a \$25 pay increase to make our production competitive with those who hire them for special events.
- Worship also decided that this year only members and significant others of our members who went to glory during the past year will be named during the All-Saints service. All other saints named by congregants will be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Session prayed that God helps Trinity meet the challenge of being a downtown church with all the problems, demands & joys that we experience.

Janet Hooper,
Clerk of Session



Just Coffee For Sale

The display is near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall. Coffee is sold before and after church Sunday for \$10 (cash or check) with the proceeds benefiting Café Justo. More information is at justcoffee.org.



Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 14
in Fellowship Hall after worship

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 7 Deut. 30:15-20 & Psalm: 1;
Philem. 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 14 Ex. 32:7-14 & Psalm 51:1-10; 1
Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 21 Amos 8:4-7 & Psalm 113; 1
Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 28 Amos 6:1a, 4-7 & Psalm 146; 1
Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Jim Thomas by Don & Ruth Myers.

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study meets on **Tuesday, September 9 at 9:30 am in the Library.** Dr. Mack will lead the 2025-2026 PW/Horizons Bible Study "Finding Resilience, Joy, & Our Identity in Jesus Christ" By Rhashell D. Hunter. In this nine lesson Bible study, we will explore resilience which is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy. We will also seek to rediscover our identity. Books will be available for purchase at the class for \$15.

Ryan's Bears took the summer off. We have 50-60 bears in progress and should be able to make 30 more by the end of November. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday September 16 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall** to stuff and cut out more bears. The bears are blessed & distributed in December. Questions? Please call Ruth Myers.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Wayne Steele	15	Pat Hardy
4	Rona Kreamer	15	Daphne Madson
5	David Croteau	16	Stephen Russell
6	Janet Goodhue	17	Amy Sigmon
8	Jim Croxen	19	Janet Hooper
8	Eileen Lamse	20	Anthony Corona
8	Bucky Lovejoy	21	Bill Voigt
9	Madeline Lind		

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

4	Emelia Maycher	7	Debbie Hobbs
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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Janet & Jim Hooper
14	Bill & Jere Voigt
22	Rona & Matt Kreamer
26	Dr. Mack & Amy Sigmon
30	Randi Windsor & Tom Roof



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Thank you to everyone that helped make Mission Sunday, August 24 a huge success. The luncheon and program along with the worship service led by Rev. Mark Adams were wonderful. Thank you for your generous support to the special mission offering being given to Frontera de Cristo.

You may continue to make that offering online at trinitytucson.org or by mail through September 22.

Please note Frontera de Cristo or August Special Offering in your memo.

Bruce & Peggy Chamberlain's daughter-in-law, Pilar Vergeli has successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in Geological Sciences and is now Dr. Pilar Vergeli. She has accepted a post-doctoral position at Carnegie Science Global Ecology at CalTech, Pasadena. She & our son, Tucker Dunn & granddaughter, Zelda have moved to California. We are very proud!

A note from Alix Roa in Venezuela She is happy to be celebrating with her mother on her 90th birthday. Life is very different now. She misses everyone at Trinity & would love to hear from you. Her email address is latachirensa@gmail.com. If you use WhatsApp, the church office has her number.

