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the Vision

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 join is at **10:20 am** & to wear clothing representing your culture or travels. *We will take the Peace & Global Witness offering that day in person.* This offering may also be made online or by mail through the month of October.

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.

Hymnfest Sunday October 19

The liturgy for our Sunday morning worship service will be made up entirely of hymns revolving around the theme "I Love to Tell the Story." Old and new favorites will be sung by the congregation and led by the Trinity Choir, the Monsoon Brass and the Trinity Ringers. Join us as we sing our way through worship & hear the stories behind the hymns!

Church Picnic Saturday, November 1

11:00 am to 1:00 pm Reid Park Ramada #7

See Page 4 for more information.

All Saints Day Saturday, November 1

A Candlelight Concert for All Saints Day: Music of Remembrance & Hope will be offered in Trinity's chapel at **6:30 p.m.** This free program of meditative and peaceful music is presented by Lynn Moser (piano and organ), Christine Harper (flute), soloists from the Trinity Choir, & handbell players from the Trinity Ringers. Join us in person or online.

All Saints Sunday November 2

Our worship service includes a special time to remember loved ones who have gone ahead of us into the church triumphant. You are invited to submit names to the church office by **Monday, October 27**. We will read aloud the names of our members who have passed away this past year & the names submitted will be printed in the bulletin.

PASTORAL LETTER

As soon as the month of October ends, most of the nation will go off of Daylight Savings Time, (DST) except for Arizona, Hawaii, and five US territories. Arizona opted out of DST in 1968 due to its hot desert climate, arguing that an extra hour of late-day sun would increase energy use for air conditioning rather than save it (or it could have just been stubbornness). So where did Daylight Savings Time originate? DST was originally proposed by Benjamin Franklin after a visit to Paris in the 1780's. Europe experimented with DST in the 18th and 19th centuries, but it was Great Britain who first put into effect a nationalized DST law in 1906.

America's first experiment with DST was during World War I, as a means of extending the workday for manufacturers of war materials. President Woodrow Wilson tried to make DST a national standard but was defeated in those efforts by the Congress. During World War II, DST was in effect year-round, from 1942 until the end of the war, after which states were given the option whether they wished to legislate it. It wasn't until 1996 that Congress passed a law mandating DST for all 50 states. The one exception was states that had more than one time zone within its borders.

Now that you know just about everything there is to know about DST, so what? Well, to me Daylight Savings Time represents how precious time is to us, and how much we want to make the most of the time in this life that we are given. DST is either a wonderful convenience for some or a hassle for others (I always felt the latter), but either way it proves that time is not static. Time can be manipulated; time is flexible. What we make out of the time we are given in life is what we choose to make of it.

For we who follow Christ, the choice of how we use our time was defined for us by the one we worship and follow. From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus talked about time from a new perspective. Until Christ, humanity measured a lifetime from birth to death, but Jesus presented a concept of time related to God.

According to Christ, his followers were part of a new way of life – a life transcendent.

Rather than thinking in terms of birth, death, and whatever might come after death – like much of the world in Christ's day – Jesus presented a new way of

understanding time: birth, re-birth, and life eternal. Humanity's rebirth began with Christ's resurrection and our belief in that singular event. Until the resurrection, our only option in life for peace, security, or joy was that provided by worldly things – the lucky had them; the unfortunate did not. To have a happy life, one had to gain all the things that one could; but with Christ's resurrection, the object of life was redefined – pleasing God became the ultimate goal of living, as opposed to pleasing ourselves.

While this new perspective may sound simple, its effect upon our understanding of life was, and still is, phenomenal. In pre-Christian religion, the gods favor could only be measured by the worldly gains one accumulated; after Christ, the suffering and sadness of life was given ultimate meaning. The poor, the sick, the wounded and despairing no longer needed to view themselves or be viewed by others as out of favor with the gods or the one God. As the Apostle Paul writes, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us."

What does this new view of time mean for us? Since eternal life removes all quantitative approaches to time, we measure our lives not by years, but by Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes every moment of life meaningful, no matter how many moments we are given to live. While death still thrusts heartache and grief upon us, it is a temporary condition. Death does not have the final say. As for making the most of our time in this life, that is achieved not through the values of the world, but through the divine values taught to us by the Son of God – values that are animated in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. When we take time, and make time for worship, mission, love, prayer, confession and forgiveness, we have made the most of our time, no matter how the day has been.

The time of our lives – is it driven by the world's temporary definitions of happiness, or is it defined by the Christ we show to the world in every moment? Some parts of our nation have Daylight Savings Time, but every Christian in the world has a time that never ends. Our mission is to invite the world to join in God's time, God's love, and that ever-present joy which exceeds all happiness.

Dr. Mack

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

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 3 Bible verses this month: John 3:16 and Psalm 66:1 through various Bible activities and songs. Our third verse is Matthew 25:35 which corresponds with our Little Helping Hands service project: "I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink." We will meet in the **Library** on the second Sunday (**Oct 12**) to do our "to-go-bag" project. The "to-go-bags" will then be handed out to individuals in the congregation to distribute to those in need. On the third Sunday, the children will remain in the worship service for the Hymnfest. On the last Sunday, we will have "Pumpkins-a gift from God" coloring fun.

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

Teachers: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

GRAB YOUR WORSHIP BAG

Children and youth in 5th 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 October is "**Nature Sings**". "All the Plants of the Bible"; "Beside Still Waters"; "Meditations on a Rose Garden"; "No Safe Arbor"; "Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig"; "Sagebrush Seed Thoughts & Parables from the High Country"; "Seasons of Light"; and "To Every Thing a Season". 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 continue weekly rehearsals **Thursdays 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 continues its regular rehearsal/worship schedule **Thursdays at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Exciting worship coordinated anthems & the annual Christmas cantata are planned. We hope that interested singers would join us for this vital ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



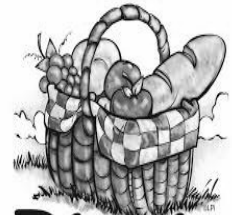
ALL CHURCH PICNIC SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

11:00 am – 1:00 pm at REID PARK, RAMADA 7

11:30 am Lunch & Fellowship

The Deacons will provide baked chicken, potato salad & beverages

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!



There will be games for everyone & playground time for the kids.

There will also be a guessing game with a "twist". The "twist" will benefit our Food Pantry.

Everyone is invited!!!!

Don't miss the FUN! We look forward to seeing you at Reid Park!

Fall Game Days

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! We play Mexican Train & have other games too. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

This annual mission offering, taken in October, enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ across the world. It can be dropped in the offering plate October 5 or mailed in & made online throughout the month at trinitytucson.org using the Donate button on the home page.

The Big Event, the Power of Stories and Storytelling, was held at Northminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 23rd. The day began with a dual-language service which folded the Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship, an Arabic-speaking fellowship associated with Northminster since 2008 into full membership of their congregation. The remainder of the day was given to workshops, instructional videos, and lots of practice in storytelling and listening led by Monica Tornoe. The day's emphasis was on how and where the Presbytery can use instances of storytelling, and particularly careful listening, to bridge political and cultural divides in our community.

Attendees from Trinity were Carolyn Maycher and Charity Everitt.

Wednesday Evening Vespers

October 1 at 6:30 pm

Join Dr. Mack for a brief evening vesper service on Zoom. The service will last for 30 minutes includes a brief devotional, scripture, prayer requests & prayer.
<https://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>



Join us in person & online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live & facebook.com/tpctucson. You can also watch the BoxCast app on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.

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, October 19

in Fellowship Hall after worship

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

Meet Betty Allen

What did you do for a living? I taught general music for 30 years, & taught voice at Pima College & the University of Arizona. I sang opera & maintained a private voice studio.

Where is your hometown? I have lived in Tucson since 1952, when my parents, Ed and Marian Wald, moved here with myself and my two sisters. I lived here all my life, raised five children (his, mine, and ours).

What do you like to do in your leisure time? I sing in choir, & have been playing viola in the Civic Orchestra of Tucson for the past few years. I picked up playing fiddle a few years ago and have been learning American Old Time fiddle tunes. Ron and I like to sit on the back porch at our summer home in Ruidoso and play our fiddles. We keep up with our five grown children and six grandchildren, scattered from Tucson to NYC to Sweden.

What is your favorite food? I'm not picky, but I really love home-grown Wagyu beef. I also like rice pudding and key lime pie. Oh, and lots of veggies and salads.

What is your favorite Hymn and Bible verse? I have so many favorite hymns, usually the one I'm singing at the time. Today it's "My Shepherd Will Supply my Need". My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 100.

What does this church mean to you? From the time I first stepped into this church at age 3, it has meant security of a supportive and loving community, and the knowledge of a constant and loving God. My parents, Ed and Marian Wald, took us to Trinity the first Sunday we were here in 1952. When my Dad was in a bad car accident the following morning, Dr. McGee saw the article in the paper and immediately called Mom, offering help for the next several months. We became members, and attended every Sunday morning, evening, and Wednesday night suppers. I sang in every choir, from Cherubs through the 100-strong high school choir. Today, in my 70's, it carries the same meaning with the added comfort of coming home to many friends who have been part of my life and my parents' lives. In addition, Trinity's tradition of quality church music, service to the community, thoughtful and meaningful sermons, and the closeness of a smaller but dedicated congregation means a lot to me.

What is one thing people don't know about you? I enjoy researching my ancestry, and I discovered I'm the umpteenth great granddaughter of a 16th century Norwegian pirate. There's even an opera written about him!



WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

Meet Ron Allen

What did you do for a living? I was a professor at the University of Arizona in the departments of Animal Sciences and Nutritional Sciences.

Where is your hometown? Abilene, Texas is where I grew up, and after nine years in Iowa and Michigan, I moved to Tucson where I've lived for the past 45 years.

What do you like to do in your leisure time? I raise thoroughbred race horses, and love to see them at the farm and watch them run. I enjoy working with wood, primarily mesquite, creating unique and functional pieces. I started playing fiddle after I retired, and Betty and I enjoy jamming and attending fiddle contests and festivals together. I really like singing in the choir here at Trinity.

What is your favorite food? Beef steak.

What is your favorite Hymn or Bible verse? "Be Thou My Vision" is my favorite hymn, and Psalm 139 is my favorite Bible verse.

What does this church mean to you? My family has been Presbyterian since the 1600's, and I enjoy being a member of a traditional Presbyterian church. Like Betty, the first Sunday I was in Tucson in 1981, I attended Trinity and soon afterward became a member. As a single parent, one child being disabled, this church embraced me and my children. Members like Paul and Jane Parker and others made us feel at home (even the Young Couples group invited me and my children to some of their events). I especially appreciate the way Trinity makes a place for all God's children.

What is one thing people don't know about you? I once bought Betty a cow for her birthday.



SESSION NOTES

The September Session meeting was a little longer than usual to take care of some special business. We are still Zooming. Many elders appreciate not having to drive after dark but remain able to conduct the business of Trinity PC.

Session was delighted to meet with Ronald & Betty Allen whom many of you know as they have been worshipping with us and singing in the choir on a regular basis. Also, Betty is a daughter of long-time member Marian Wald. Ronald and Betty are now members of our Trinity family by a letter of transfer from their church membership at St. Andrews PC. Please welcome them.

Next on the Session docket was a presentation by the Rev. Joseph Moore from the Presbyterian Foundation. Using the giving and spending data given to him by our Treasurer, Eileen Lamse, and the information found in our annual report to General Assembly, Joe performed an assessment of Trinity's financial health. There was a lot of information to digest, and the elders will need to think long and hard about how we can increase our income as deficit spending and relying on bequests and dipping into our reserves is not sustainable over the long term. Our spending is done responsibly. And we allow the Spirit to guide us as we serve God in the heart of Tucson.

Here are other highlights of the September Session meeting:

- Carolyn Maycher and Charity Everitt attended the combined August 23rd Presbytery meeting and found it to be so worthwhile.
- Deacons have big plans for the November All-Church picnic at Reid Park.
- Ryan's Bears are being created and the TPW Bible study is a big hit.
- The offering received for Frontera de Cristo in August totals \$2,643 so far.
- Property Committee continues to update the policies and procedures for outside groups to use our facility. Peter Holbrook received a shout out for his work to help the Thrive Communities LLC set up their program in our church. Unfortunately, an aggressive unhoused person scared them away.

- Stewardship & Finance is planning a Day of Gratitude for November 9th and we can look forward to some Minutes for Mission on Sundays before that date.
- S & F also thinks we need greeters again on Sunday mornings.
- Worship Committee is planning upcoming services and we can look forward to World Communion, a HymnFest with Monsoon Brass, an All-Saints Candlelight service in the Chapel, All Saints worship service, the Cornucopia and all the delights of the Advent season.

Session prays that the Spirit will lead us as we do the work we are called to do as a church on the corner of 4th Avenue and University Blvd.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study meets on **Tuesday, October 14 at 9:30 am in the Library**. Dr. Mack leads 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 are exploring 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 can be purchased at the class for \$15.

Ryan's Bears has 50-60 bears in progress and plan to make 30 more by the end of November. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday October 21 at 9:30 AM** to stuff and cut out more bears. The bears are blessed and distributed in December. If you have questions please call Ruth Myers 520-326-6888

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of George Banghart by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of Bunny Mallams by Don & Ruth Myers
In Memory of Leone Mohney by Don & Ruth Myers



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Cheyenne Williams | 19 Jennifer Lohse |
| 4 Emelia Maycher | 23 Karen James |
| 7 Debbie Hobbs | 24 Kuman Tenge |
| 11 Derry Dean | 25 Latre Lawson |
| 15 Gage Williams | 26 Doug Holland |
| 17 Glenn Moyer | 27 Maggie McConnell |
| 18 Koffi Seddo | |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 5 Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4 & Psalm 37:1-9;
2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 12 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 & Psalm 111;
2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 19 Gen. 32:22-31 & Psalm 121;
2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 26 Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22 & Psalm 84:1-7;
2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1–10)

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| 3 Greg Keidel | 10 Christine Toering |
| 5 Lily Chacon | 10 Cameron Toering |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Bart & Heather Lind
17 Ed & Daphne Madson

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.

Food Pantry Needs Canned vegetables and canned fruit, canned meat with pop tops & protein bars, peanut butter, tuna pouches and other snack bag items along with grocery bags are needed. Donations may be brought to church on Sunday & the office Monday-Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Food Pantry Numbers In September 705 people in 302 households were served 314 boxes. Forty-eight households made return visits for a food box pantry visit. Snack bags were given out to 490 walk-ins – an average of 55 walk-ins daily.

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.

Sandwich Making for Casa Maria

Sunday, September 12 in Fellowship

Hall after church. Join us for this important monthly mission project.

Come at 9:00 am to help setup.



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- ⇒ We are "LIVE" streaming the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am at trinitytucson.org/watch-live, facebook.com/tpctucson. You can also watch on the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.
- ⇒ 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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Please submit articles to the
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