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Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

5:30 pm Supper & the Lord's Supper in Fellowship Hall

Sandwich fixings will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share

6:30 pm A Service of Tenebrae in the Sanctuary
Scripture readings & music tell the story of Jesus' life from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion as candles are extinguished & the sanctuary darkens.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

12:00 pm A Service in the Chapel

A service of Scripture and hymns based around the seven last words of Christ.

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

A Celebration of the Resurrection

9:00 am 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 in the Library & Egg Hunt in the Courtyard

10:20 am Sanctuary service featuring "Calvary's Lamb" with the Trinity Choir and Orchestra directed by Dr. Bruce Chamberlain.

All services are IN PERSON & ONLINE at trinitytucson.org/watch-live

PASTORAL LETTER

This year in our Lenten study titled “The Third Day,” we looked at the way Jesus’s resurrection affected those who experienced it firsthand. We focused on the startling difference between how his followers related to Jesus before his crucifixion and resurrection, and how they struggled with in their encounters with Jesus afterwards. Some clear patterns emerge in the post-resurrection appearances.

In the resurrection stories, the apostles and disciples do not initially recognize that it is Jesus standing before them. This is consistent in Matthew, Luke, and John, while Mark lacks any post-resurrection stories. The inability of the disciples to recognize Jesus is not related to the physical appearance of Christ, but our understanding of the finality of death. Jesus spiritual family had seen him die the horrible death of crucifixion – the kind of death that left no room for hope. We can easily imagine how we would react if a loved one died in front of our eyes and, after the final disposition of the body, suddenly appeared to us later. Our minds would be unable to accept it.

Another characteristic of the post-resurrection appearances was the way in which Jesus made himself known to them. In every case, it was through something physical that was unique in the disciples’ relationship to Christ. For Mary Magdalene, Jesus called her by her name. For the disciples who met him on the road to Emmaus, Jesus blessed the meal as they sat at table. In one of his appearances to the gathered disciples Jesus breathed upon them and blessed them. In another Jesus told the disciples to cast their nets to the other side of the boat (where they caught a miraculous haul of fish) then had breakfast with them.

But even with these proofs, the post-resurrection stories also are characterized by doubt. Along with the doubt of Thomas, there are expressions of uncertainty from many of Jesus’s followers, even as he met with them for the final time: “And some doubted.”

Doubt was the challenge that all of Christ’s disciples faced in that period before and for a time after his ascension. As I mentioned to the class, I realized that is why Jesus said to Thomas “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe” (John 20:29).

I once thought Jesus’s words to Thomas were centered on faith, but I now believe they were about Christ’s spiritual presence with us. That is the life of Christ we encounter daily in our journey of discipleship. In the post-resurrection appearances, Jesus’s followers struggled with how the risen Christ came to them and then left to go elsewhere, leaving them wondering when they would see him again – a struggle which continued after his ascension. But for us, Jesus’s life is always with us. We need never question where he is or when he will return.

The resurrection was confusing and even troubling for those who had followed Jesus before his death, but for us it is the only way that we know him and – as Jesus says – that is the blessing for “we who have not seen.” Our celebration of Easter is the celebration of one who was always with us and will never leave us – not in life and not in death. That is why we can cry “Alleluia! He is risen – now and forever.” Have a wonderful Easter and a joyous April.

Dr. Mack

Birthday & Anniversary
Celebration Sunday, April 19 in
Fellowship Hall after worship



Casa Maria sandwich making
Every second Sunday in Fellowship Hall after
the Sanctuary service. The next one is
Sunday, April 12

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (Preschool - 4th Grade)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

SERVICE PROJECT AND STORIES JESUS TOLD

On Easter Sunday, April 5th, the children will remain in church to listen and to enjoy the Easter Cantata with their families. The children will be given Easter related activity sheets to do during the worship service. On April 12th, we will meet in the library, after the children's message, to put together "to-go-bags", which members of our congregation will distribute to those in need. On April 19th and 26th, we will be having Sunday School downstairs in Room 8 following the children's message. We will continue learning about Stories Jesus Told: The Sower and The Good Samaritan.

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

Teacher: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

GRAB YOUR WORSHIP BAG

We encourage children and youth grades 5th 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 theme for the first part of April will continue with Ashes to Alleluias. Come check out the assortment of books on Lent and Easter. Please feel free to take home one of the crosses (Ashes to Ashes) which are displayed with the books. Books will be on the credenza in Fellowship Hall. 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 also open before and after the worship service. Please contact Kathy Moser, your librarian, if you have any questions. Please note: The book "Café Justo" is available for check out by the Just Coffee display near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO CAMP? SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

Montlure is looking forward to another incredible summer with campers. Montlure offers an experience where campers can unplug from both technology and stress/anxiety and connect with nature, their peers, their counselors, and their faith, all while having an incredible amount of fun! Space is limited so register early to hold your spot. Visit montlure.org for more information & to make your reservation.

10-12th Grades | June 7 – 12, 9-10th Grades | June 14 – 19, 7-8th Grades | June 21 – 26

5-6th Grades | June 28 – Jul 3, 4-6th Grades | July 6 – 10

Camp in the City: (grades 1-6) Tempe | June 8 – 12, Casa Grande | June 15 – 19,

Douglas | June 22 – 26 Tucson | June 29 – July 3

Scholarships are available through our Christian Education Committee!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



WHO'S IN YOUR PEW Meet Lynda Bauersachs

What did you do for a career?

I was a Secretary to the Principal at Tucson High for 11 yrs and at Flowing Wells for 15 yrs. I loved it and still get calls from the students I worked with.

Where is your hometown? Tucson AZ, born and raised here

What do you like to do in your leisure time? Read and Swim. When I was growing up all I ever wanted to do is ride my horse Lady & then Butch. Lots of work, but it taught me responsibility

What is your favorite food? Mexican

What is your favorite Bible verse? Psalm 23

What does this church mean to you? I feel like I'm at home. It brings my spirit up.

What is something that many people would not know about you? My husband and I first got season tickets to Arizona Women's Basketball 35 years ago. I have been enjoying them ever since, now I share them with my daughter and family.

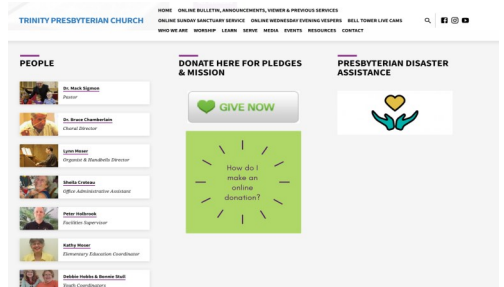


Easter Fun ...Join Us !



ONLINE DONATIONS

Online Giving is a great option. Follow these steps to set up your account at the Presbyterian Foundation to support Trinity's mission of "Serving God in the Heart of the City." If you have issues setting it up at trinitytucson.org or making changes to an existing account, please contact the office so we can help.



- ◆ Go to www.trinitytucson.org & scroll to the bottom. Click the GIVE NOW button to go to the secure website for the Presbytery Foundation.
- ◆ On this page you may make a one-time donation or you may create a profile & setup recurring donations. Choose from the categories and click their GIVE button. Enter your donation information and a note if desired. You may choose to make a one time gift or make it recurring. Enter the payment information, you may use credit or debit cards or checking accounts.
- ◆ If you want to make changes to an existing profile such as updating credit card information, enter your email address and password and click LOG IN to go into your profile and do that.
- ◆ If you have forgotten your profile password, enter your email address on the sign in popup then click *Forgot Password?* below your email address. An email will be sent to your address on file (where you get your donation receipts) from cs@vancopayments.com. The email will provide you a temporary password & instructions on how to reset your password.
- ◆ Once you have done this you can login and make changes to your account & make donations.

We appreciate your support!

MISSION NEWS

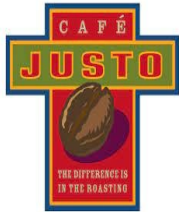
TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

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.



Food Items are Needed for the Food Pantry:

Please bring your donations on Sunday or by the church office or food pantry during open hours. Crackers & tuna, sausage sticks, Vienna sausage cans, ramen, peanut butter, cheese & crackers, water



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 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.

WORSHIP NEWS

WEDNESDAY EVENING VESPERS

Dr. Mack hosts "Wednesday Evening Vespers" the **first Wednesday each month, at 6:30 pm**. This is a brief time of prayer and sharing with scripture, a Devotional, prayer concerns, and prayer. Join him at <http://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>.

HANDBELL REHEARSAL is **Thursdays at 5:30 pm** in the Bell Room upstairs. Please see Lynn Moser if you are interested in participating.

CHOIR REHEARSAL is **Thursdays at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Come to a rehearsal and join the choir in leading the weekly services.



Montlure Sunday

April 19 in the Sanctuary

In recognition of Montlure Presbyterian Camp's Centennial Celebration, the Christian Education committee will have Montlure Sunday on April 19. If you have ever been to Montlure as a camper, counselor, director, staff, bus chaperone, or board member, please share your experiences & pictures with the committee at bonniestull@gmail.com. Check out other Centennial Celebrations at www.montlure.org/centennial



SESSION NOTES

By March, all the elders are settling in with their committees and Session meetings run very smoothly. Pastor Mack commends the committees for staying on budget, making good decisions and demonstrating their best leadership.

The congregation is alerted that Trinity is hosting a Presbytery meeting on May 2nd and congregants are invited to help with lunch serving, greeting, communion serving, answering questions and participating.

It was noted during the meeting that we have had many young couple visitors who are looking for a church with people their age. The in-person congregation and the online congregation is a double-edged sword. The online part of our congregation are the elderly and the younger couples that visitors are looking for. We get it, but this dichotomy makes church growth difficult.

Here are highlights of the March Session meeting:

- Karen James has been approved as a member-at-large for the Worship Committee.
- Treasurer Eileen Lamse reports that so far, our investment accounts are doing good. There is a small deficit because of lower income.
- The Deacons and the Stewardship & Finance Committee are working on distribution of funds and criteria for those seniors who need assistance.
- The Deacons took care of the parking lots during the 4th Avenue Street Fair to raise funds.
- Pastor Mack told Session members how he and the Property Committee are working to shut down areas where the unhoused camp around our property and about other security issues.
- Administration & Personnel are working on staff reviews and commend our staff with their dedication, creativity and responsible attention to their jobs at Trinity.
- Christian Education is working on a Science for the Church in early May.
- Mission reported that the special offering for Sister Jose's Women's Center totals \$1,423.00 so far.
- Property Committee is working to spruce up Trinity spaces for rental and are taking photos of the spaces for a website.
- Stewardship & Finance is looking at the restrictions placed on Trinity's Scholarship Fund to allow easier access to a large chunk of money.
- Worship Committee looks forward to the new

potted spring flowers planned for Easter Sunday under the direction of Kari Warner and Lynn Moser.

- Session members attended a Zoom meeting with Karen DiLossi from Sacred Spaces to learn more about possible help to renovate our sanctuary, fix our organ and apply for grants.

Session members prayed for congregants needing special care and concern. They also gave thanks for the beauty of Trinity, our congregation and our staff.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 5 Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6 & Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

April 12 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 & Psalm 16 or Ex. 15:1-11 & Psalm 111; 1 Pet. 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

April 19 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 & Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 or Isa. 51:1-6 & Psalm 34:1-10; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

April 26 Acts 2:42-47 & Psalm 23 or Ezek. 34:7-15 & Psalm 100; 1 Pet. 2:19-25; John 10:1-10





TRINITY MILESTONES

Spring Street Fair Highlights ...with music on Saturday & Sunday too



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 8 Helen Greer | 24 Lonzo Ray |
| 13 Rick Wickizer | 24 Ward Spillers |
| 16 Barbara Sosna | 28 Liz Barlow |
| 18 Lori Boston | 28 Grace Corona |
| 22 Gracia Alley | |

MAY BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

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| 3 Jessa Roggow | 9 Susan Casteloes |
| 6 Celeste Dzakpa | 9 Turner Miller |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 6 Jeff & Debbie Hobbs |
| 14 David & Sheila Croteau |
| 19 Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano |
| 21 Barbara & Chuck Sosna |

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study meets **Tuesday, April 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 & 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.

Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, April 21 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall,** to make bears for Christmas 2026. Everyone is always welcomed to help cut them out and to stuff them. Donations of fabric are always needed along with black embroidery thread, ribbon to put around their necks & buttons for their eyes, nickel size with two holes. Questions call Ruth Myers 520-326-6888. Many thanks to the many hands that created the bears and for Mack's blessing.



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Holy Week

- ⇒ 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 May 2026
VISION is
Thursday, April 23**
Please submit articles to the
church office or to:
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