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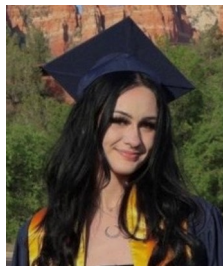
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CLASS OF  
**2026**  
CONGRATULATIONS



**Hannah Toering** is graduating on May 9, 2026 from Northern Arizona University (NAU) with a bachelor's degree in international relations and German. She was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English in Berlin, Germany.

The Toering's guide dog puppy "Keats" passed his formal guide dog training and graduated with his new partner, Mr. Anthony Lewis, in early April. The Toering family has shared many of the guide dog puppies with us on Sundays.



*If we missed you graduating from High School, Technical School or College please send a photo and some information to [office@trinitytucson.org](mailto:office@trinitytucson.org) & we'll include it in the June/July VISION.*



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 at [trinitytucson.org](http://trinitytucson.org).

# PASTORAL LETTER

**Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."**

In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the French developed their own distress call for ships in crisis. The French words "m'aider" means "help me," and is pronounced, "Mayday." These words evolved into a universal call for distress, used by pilots, ship captains, and the military organizations all over the world. "Mayday" is a desperate call for help, a word that literally means, "I can do no more - save me." In aviation and shipping there is a strict protocol for the use of "mayday" - the word can only be used in the most extreme and hopeless situations. "Mayday" is a term that defines moments of absolute and unconditional crisis, and while we may not find ourselves using the term in our own lives, we can certainly connect to the cry for help that "mayday" represents. It's amazing to think about the messes we find ourselves in at certain times in our lives.

So often we are our own worst enemies, and our own misguided actions, or inability to act, exacerbates a situation, leading to a full-blown crisis - and then comes our call: "mayday!" We do not take care of our health and suddenly we find ourselves with serious illness: "mayday!" We do not work on or maintain a relationship, and suddenly it falls apart: "mayday!" Jesus Christ was familiar with such cries for help. In situation after situation, the gospels present us with ordinary people caught in the most desperate of circumstances.

The Apostle Peter vividly illustrated our human dilemma when he tried to imitate Christ by walking on the water. Noticing the storm around him, Peter became frightened, and as soon as he took his eyes off Christ, he began to sink. Perhaps that is the

way we feel right now. Perhaps we are in a crisis, or heading toward one, and perhaps in the midst of our anxiety and pain we have taken our eyes off Christ. It is an easy and human thing to do, to find ourselves suddenly sinking into the struggles of life, but our answer is the same as Peter's - we can cry for help.

Christ is our Savior, and is always ready to pull us from the depths when we shout "mayday!" So often we act as if we can walk on water in this world - we are filled with pride and we trust in our own sufficiency. Many who find themselves sinking into the depths of despair never call out for help, but we have the gift of a rescuer, a "Soul Guard."

If we find ourselves sinking today, Christ invites us to pray in our hearts and in our minds, and reach out to the loving presence of the Savior. It is never too late for us to cry, "mayday." Christ is waiting to help us. Christ lifts us up, not just as we are sinking, but even from the depths, when all is despair. Christ will always still the storm in our hearts, and bring us to safe harbor. May it be so.

*Dr. Mack*



Sunday,  
May 10



Birthday & Anniversary  
Celebration Sunday, May 17 in  
Fellowship Hall after worship

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## YOUTH CLASSES

### GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (Preschool - 4th Grade) *Teacher: Kathy Moser* STORIES JESUS TOLD AND SERVICE PROJECT

We will be having Sunday School downstairs in **Room 8** following the children's message. We will continue learning about Stories Jesus Told. One Sunday, we will meet in the library, after the children's message, to put together "to-go-bags", for members of our congregation to distribute to those in need. Please note:

There will be no class on Sunday, May 31st.

### THE CRUSADERS & FAITH ENCOUNTERS

(4th 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

Kathy Moser is taking some time away from library duties as she is caring for her mother who is in hospice. Thank you for your love and understanding. The library will continue to be open before and after the worship service. Instructions for checking out books and the "check out" card basket will be on the desk in the library. When returning books, please leave them in the Book Return basket in the library. The book "Café Justo" is available for check out by the Just Coffee display near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall.

### MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 3 Acts 7:55-60 & Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 10 Acts 17:22-31 & Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 17 Act 1:6-14 & Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 24 Acts 2:1-21 & Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

May 31 Genesis 1:1-2:4a & Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20



### Honoring & Memorials

*In Memory of Marian Wald* by Bonnie Stull

*In Memory of Marian Wald* by Janet Jones

*In Memory of Marian Wald* by Jeff & Peg Waller

*In Memory of John Lamse* by Eileen Lamse

*In Memory of Marian Wald* by Ruth Myers

*In Memory of Marian Wald* by Maggie McConnell

# SESSION NOTES

Perhaps the April Session meeting was the shortest on record, but there were a few important decisions that were made or reported as we move further into 2026. Over a year or more ago Lynn Moser convened a special committee to study what to do with our ailing organ. Several companies evaluated the organ, and one made an estimate for an overhaul. If the organ were to be fixed it would make sense to update our sanctuary at the same time. Doing so would mean outside musical groups could rent our facility for performances thus giving Trinity some extra income. The Rev. Joseph Moore with the help of Eileen Lamse made a financial evaluation of Trinity and the Worship Committee has had a tabled motion to form a committee to pursue a new vision of Sanctuary use that would include organ repair and renovations. A plan would be needed to achieve that goal. Plus, we would need a large sum of money. Enter Sacred Places an organization that can help congregations transition their buildings to prolong the life of the church, improve its infrastructure and integrate the church into the community.

Session members held a Zoom meeting with Karen DiLossi a representative from the Sacred Spaces organization to learn more about how they can help Trinity. Session members were impressed. The meeting was recorded and there is a link that anyone interested can use to view the meeting. Session has a fund that can be used for special projects. So, Session approved \$10,000 to contract with Sacred Spaces/Places for them to complete a study of Trinity and produce a report that can lead to further decisions. This whole process has many twists and turns and hopefully this explanation will make sense to readers.

Here are more highlights from the April meeting:

- Did any one of you know that in 2027 Trinity will turn 125 years old?
- The Deacons are processing the evolution of the Senior Relief Emergency Fund and what needs to happen as they manage the fund.
- Administration & Personnel have completed staff reviews and the annual review of Pastor Mack and feel honored to work with Mack and the staff.

- The Christian Education Committee received kudos for the well-organized and outstanding April 19<sup>th</sup> presentation about Montlure.
- Mission Committee approved \$2,000 from the Special Mission Fund as seed money for a Malam Cameroon non-profit founded by Nancy and Bouba Hamadou to build a secondary education building for the Malam village.
- Property Committee approved spending \$19,300 from the Capital Maintenance Reserve line item to install mini-splits to heat and cool the Upper Rooms. This committee will soon approve photos and ads to rent spaces in the church for extra income.
- Stewardship & Finance is discussing realignment of the Cantata Subscription Fund, the Music Enrichment Fund and the Restricted Scholarship Fund. They are working with the Deacons to establish parameters for the Senior Relief Emergency Fund.

Session prayed for all of you!

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## TRINITY WOMEN

*The Horizon's Bible Study* meets Tuesday, May 12 at 9:30 am in the Library. This is the final class that Dr. Mack leads on "Finding Resilience, Joy, & Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell D. Hunter. Join us for the new class next Fall, all are welcome.

*Ryan's Bears* meets Tuesday, May 19 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 Dave & Barb Mitchell

### **What did you do for a living?**

Dave retired from the Air Force where he worked as an architect/project manager. Barb taught middle school for a number of years, then went to work as a graphic designer. She owns her own business and continues working.

**Where is your hometown?** Dave was born in Anaconda, Montana and has lived around the world since. Barb was born in Tucson, but was raised in Globe, Arizona

**What do you like to do in your leisure time?** Leisure time? What's that?

**What is your favorite food?** Dave prefers Mexican food and Barb likes a good Italian meal.

**What are your favorite Hymns?** Barb has liked the hymn, "Be Thou My Vision" as long as she can remember and chose it for their wedding – so now Dave says it's his favorite too.

**What does this church mean to you?** Trinity is our community of believers, where we experience fellowship, the teaching of faith, communion and we love the awesome music.

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

That we were married in the Trinity chapel many years ago and that this is the longest (12 years) that we have lived anywhere since then.



Monday  
May 25, 2026



Thank you to  
everyone who  
made the Holy  
Week services  
& activities  
so special.



## Look At What Your Dollars Have Done

In April, when Trinity Members and friends made donations in honor or in memory of friends and family, those dollars created a beautiful spring garden at the front of the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The colorful garden was made up of 67 pots of flowers, including tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, dahlias, marigolds, cannas, geraniums, calla lilies, daisies, and foxgloves. Children and adults had fun after the Easter service choosing which flower to take home.

# 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



# 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 \$15 & benefits Café Justo, which is a grower-owned Coffee Cooperative in southern Chiapas Mexico. More Information is at [justcoffee.org](http://justcoffee.org).

## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

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

## CASA MARIA SANDWICH MAKING

May's sandwich making **May 10** in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Stay & help with this important monthly Mission project which benefits Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. <https://casamariatucson.org/>

**FOOD PANTRY NUMBERS** In April 1080 people in 425 households received 381 Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program Boxes and 136 pantry boxes over the 9 days we were open. There were 528 walk-ins averaging 59/day.