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**STAR SPANGLED
SING-A-LONG
SUNDAY, JULY 5**



Join us after worship in Trinity Hall! The Worship Committee will provide baked chicken; **please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** Plan to join us for some great summer music, food and fellowship!





SANDWICH MAKING
for Casa Maria **June 14 & July 12**
in Fellowship Hall after worship

Birthday & Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, June 21 & July 19
in Fellowship Hall after worship





Sunday, June 21

PASTORAL LETTER

In first-century Israel, pilgrimages were an important part of the religious culture. While there was no such concept as a “vacation,” the festival pilgrimages were a way for families, villages, and communities to travel together. The purpose of these journeys was not only to share a meaningful celebration of Israel’s relationship to Yahweh, but to spend time together with others, bound together by their kinship and spiritual unity. In the Hebrew scriptures, particularly in the Psalms, we read joyful expressions of those who “go up” to Jerusalem to celebrate and praise God. Psalms 113-118 are called the “Hallel,” or “praise” psalms, but Psalm 150 is the one that most scholars associate with the joy and festivity of the temple pilgrimages:

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Worship at the synagogue was never approached with such joy as in festival worship. I believe that as the early Christian church developed its worship, it combined the reverence and study of the

synagogue with the joy of the pilgrimage. That is why our worship encompasses music, prayer, and the interpretation of God’s Word. In our Reformed tradition, we seek to balance these elements of prayer, praise, and preaching when we gather on the Sabbath. The fact that the community gathers on this day is an image of those who gathered in the upper room with the risen Christ.

My attitude in leading worship has always been to communicate grace in opposition to sin, peace in opposition to turmoil or despair, and spiritual joy in a world where that word is associated with trivial and temporal things. I have had many wonderful days in my life, and some sorrowful, but joining with my brothers and sisters in worshipping Christ is a joy that I always experience. Of course, for me leading worship is work, but it is a worthy work and one which is shared, since we all in some way participate in the leadership of worship. Most importantly, it is a genuine encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Summer is the time for travel and our own little “pilgrimages” of rest and recreation, but as Christians we must never neglect our Sabbath worship wherever we are. Taking a moment on Sunday to say a prayer, listen to a spiritually meaningful song, or read your favorite verses of scripture brings rest to our souls, and reminds us of God’s ever-present love. May we have joyful pilgrimages this summer, wherever we may be.

Dr. Mack

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study Trinity Presbyterian Women will begin a Bible study **September 8 at 9:30 AM** in the Library with Mack leading it. Watch this space for more information.

Ryan's Bears has 50-60 bears in progress. We are taking the summer off & will resume **September 15 at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall making more bears for agencies working with children. If you have questions call Ruth Myers 520-326-6888

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (Preschool - 4th Grade)

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

Teachers: Kathy Moser, Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

GRAB YOUR WORSHIP BAG

Children and youth preschool and older are invited to pick up an activity packet and WORSHIP BAGS, and sit with their families during worship. Look for the Children in Worship display in the narthex. **There is no Sunday School in June or July.**



LIBRARY NEWS



The library is 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.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

Meet Allain Akou & Nathalie Meheza

Who is your family? Allain & Nathalie are proud parents of three children:

Aliyah, David and Nathan who love to join in the Children's message time during church

What did you do for a living? Allain is a nurse and Nathalie is a CNA

Where is your hometown? We were born and raised in Lome, Togo Africa

What do you like to do with your leisure time? We are busy raising three beautiful kids

What is your favorite Hymns? "You Raise Me Up" and "Amazing Grace"

What does this church mean to you? Trinity Presbyterian Church is our community of believers and friends in faith.



JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 7 Hos. 5:15-6:6 & Psalm 50:7-15 ; Rom. 4: 13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14 Ex. 19:2-8a & Psalm 100; Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

June 21 1 Jer. 20:7-13 & Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18; Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39

June 28 Jer. 28:5-9 & Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42

JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 5 Zech. 9:9-12 & Psalm 145:8-14; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 Isa. 55:10-13 & Psalm 65: (1-8) 9-13; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 Isa. 44:6-8 & Psalm 86:11-17; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 1 Kings 3:5-12 & Psalm 119:129-136; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

SESSION NOTES

My, my, but it seems as if this year is flying by. The May Session meeting was mostly routine. Each committee accomplishes their work with expertise and responsibility. Both Dr. Mack and the Administration & Personnel Committee praised Trinity volunteers and staff for making the Presbytery de Cristo and Grand Canyon Presbytery meeting on May 2nd a resounding success. Kudos to all. Then the staff worked a second Saturday to make Marian Wald's celebration of life service so meaningful and lovely. We are filled with gratitude and appreciation for the selfless work of all.

At a Called Session meeting in early May, Session approved the baptism of Jairam Ramamurthy and we witnessed his profession of faith and baptism on May 10th. Jairam is a student at the University of Arizona and has been attending our church regularly. Look for him to return to Trinity in the fall as he is now on summer break with his family in San Francisco. We give thanks and praise for this new Christian.

Here are more highlights from the May Session meeting:

- ◆ Session approved the parameters for the Senior Relief Emergency Fund that a subcommittee of the Deaconate developed.
- ◆ Administration & Personnel Chair Roberta Westergaard and Treasurer Eileen Lamse will work with our accountants regarding bill pay, check runs and payroll to ensure there are no interruptions while Administrative Assistant Sheila Croteau is away from the office in July.
- ◆ Eileen Lamse will work in the office on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm.
- ◆ A&P is discussing contracting with a part-time A/V technician for Sundays and special services. This comes as a suggestion from Sheila Croteau.
- ◆ Upon the recommendation of Christian Education, Session approved a donation of \$500 from the Youth Scholarship Fund for a Montlure Camp scholarship.
- ◆ Because of the increasing numbers of people using our Food Bank site Mission Committee needs to replace a faulty freezer and purchase a pallet lifter.
- ◆ Property Committee reports that mini splits will

soon be installed in the Upper Rooms allowing those rooms to be used in the hot summer months. Other church repairs are being accomplished in a timely manner.

- ◆ Stewardship & Finance Committee is reviewing our investment accounts with New Covenant Trust with plans to convert unrealized gains to cash or continue to invest those gains.
- ◆ A special offering taken on Pentecost Sunday will benefit the YAVs (Young Adult Volunteers).
- ◆ Worship Committee is researching advertising for the Monsoon Brass Sundays. When we advertise our Cantatas our attendance numbers increase. Pretty sure there are others who would like our Monsoon Brass Sundays.
- ◆ Session approved delaying contracting with Partners for Sacred Places until we achieve further research and cooler weather.

Session prayed for people in need of special care and concern and for victims and their families after the tragedy at the mosque in San Diego.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



In Memory of Don Myers by Allen Coffin
In Memory of Marian Wald by Allen Coffin
In Memory of Marian Wald by Derry Dean
In Memory of Marian Wald by Robert & Martha Eby
In Memory of Marian Wald by J. E. & R. L. Howe
In Memory of Marian Wald by Helen Howe
In Memory of Marian Wald by Thomas Howe
In Memory of Marian Wald by Unknown
In Memory of Marian Wald by Catherine & Errol Dimenstein

TRINITY MILESTONES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2	Barbara Ball	16	Anne McConnell
4	Elaine Banghart	17	Billie Holbrook
4	Kirsten Barlow	18	Vade Henderson
8	Thomas Dean	18	Johanna Moyer
10	Carolynn Carter	24	Karen Wilkison
12	Jean Thomas	25	Rose Emery
13	Roger Nichols	27	Nancy Hamadou
14	Will Tilley	30	Carolyn Maycher

JULY BIRTHDAYS

6	Heather Mace	24	Nancy Buck
10	Sally Barlow Miller	24	Reid Miller
15	Colleen Shannon	27	Geoff Barlow
17	Erin Henderson	29	Ruth Russell
21	Roberta Westergaard	30	Angela Seddo
		31	Jim Hand

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1	Jim & Marilyn Slagle
3	David and Cindy Toering
8	William & Janet Goodhue
11	Roger & Marilyn Nichols - 67 years!
14	Larry & Janet Jones
27	Bruce & Peggy Chamberlain

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

4	Daniel Seddo	10	Joan Kingan
9	Peter Holbrook		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

27 Koffi Seddo and Celeste Dzakpa

MISSION NEWS

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open **Tuesday & Thursday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm** in basement of the main Sanctuary building. Thank you for your monetary and food donations.


Just Coffee For Sale

in Fellowship Hall before and after church. The display is near the stained glass window. Prices are \$15/bag. You may pay cash or check & the proceeds benefit Café Justo.

Food Pantry Numbers 711 people in 297 families received 336 Temporary Emergency Food Boxes in May. There were 482 walk-ins averaging 60/day. There were 113 pantry visits (families who returned multiple times). We gave out non-food items: socks, hygiene bags, whistles, lip balm, pet food, bandanas, and toilet paper.

Bouba and I greatly appreciate Trinity's support of Malan's Hope in Action. Your generous donations toward construction of a new secondary school in Malam will have a long lasting effect on the lives of Malam's young people. Thank you for your generous support. Nancy & Bouba Hamadou



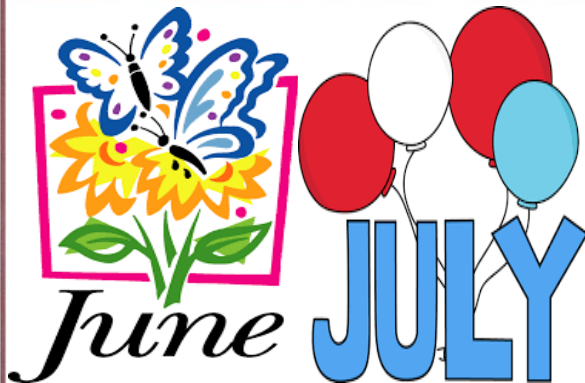
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- ⇒ We are "LIVE" streaming the Sunday morning service beginning at 10:20 am. Watch on our website trinitytucson.org/watch-live
- ⇒ Join us in the Sanctuary for In Person Worship at 10:20 am.
- ⇒ Visit our website at www.trinitytucson.org for all the latest information and events you are looking for.

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Deadline for the **August 2026**
VISION is
Thursday, July 23

Please submit articles to the
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