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Rally Sunday September 13

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 4

World Communion Sunday offers our congregation a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. We remember that we are part of the whole body of believers and that the Lord's table unites Christians from every nation and culture. You are invited to wear clothing that is representative of your culture or travels. *We will take the World Communion 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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints Day Sunday, November 1

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*A Candlelight Concert for All Saints
Day: Music of Remembrance and Hope*



will be offered in the chapel (400 E. University Blvd.) at **6:00 p.m.** This free program of meditative and peaceful music will be presented by Lynn Moser (piano and organ), Christine Harper (flute), Max Adler (oboe), 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

The scripture that I handed out at the end of my children's message a few weeks ago was from Matthew 5, which opens with The Beatitudes. The fourth beatitude, which I gave to the children, was Matthew 5:6, which says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." The title of my message that morning was "The Good Table," which focused on Jesus's parable, told in response to his watching the Pharisees jostle for the most prominent seat closest to the host at a banquet. I thought the fourth beatitude would be an appropriate tie-in to the parable because Jesus gave a spiritual meaning to the common customs surrounding eating and drinking.

In the Sermon on the Mount, what did Jesus mean when he said, "Blessed are you who hunger and thirst after righteousness"? The key to interpreting the beatitude is the word "righteousness." It is a word we rarely hear in conversation and when we do, it is usually associated with the idea of "self-righteousness." The Biblical Greek used for the word "righteous" is "dikaiousunay" which means "justice," "fair dealing," "to make or render right," "vindicate". In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus promised that those who hunger or thirst for these things would be "filled." I thought about this in the context of the time and culture in which Jesus taught this idea.

In 1st century Israel as in the Roman Empire, the motivation to do justice or do good was limited to the requirements of the law or one's self-interest. Doing good just for the sake of doing good lacked a foundational or guiding principle. Israel's laws said much about specific things that were required of those who believed in God (the Ten Commandments and those requirements specified by the Mishnah and the Talmud), but there was no direct connection between individual "righteousness" and the divine. The Greek and Roman philosophers spoke of doing good as the highest virtue of humanity, but not one of them, from Socrates to Epicurus, spoke of righteousness as an emulation of divine love. But Jesus taught that the very nature of divinity was love. Only Jesus used the intimate language

of family love when he spoke about God, calling him "Father" or "Daddy." If you look at the word "love" in connection to Jesus's teaching, he declares that it is not only the essence of God's identity, but the quality that dwells in our hearts as "the image of God": "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

That is why, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches, "Blessed are you who hunger and thirst after righteousness," or "Blessed are you who hunger and thirst to love others, for you will be filled." Jesus opened the door for humanity to love freely, just for the sake of the joy that fills our hearts when we do good for others. When we love as Jesus taught us, it is the closest we come in our lives to being at one with God. But we also must remember that Jesus taught us how to do God's love – in communication with the Holy Spirit. It is the guidance and discipline of the Spirit that makes our love "righteous," so that love is a benefit for we who share it and for those who receive it. In God's love, all is gain, and nothing is lost. That is why, truly, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Jesus kept his promise, and freed us to love each other as God loves us

Dr. Mack

Wednesday Evening Vespers September 2 at 6:30 pm

Join Dr. Mack for a brief evening vespers service on Zoom which includes a brief devotional, scripture, prayer requests and prayer. More information and the Zoom link are at <https://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (preschool - 4th grade)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

VEGGIE TALES & SERVICE PROJECT

We will be having Sunday School downstairs **beginning September 13 in Rooms 6 and 8** following the children's message. We will start off watching a Veggie Tales video, talking about what we learned today, reading the story from Scripture and doing an activity. On Sunday, September 27, we will meet in the library to put together "to-go-bags", which members of our congregation will 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 **"God's Gift of Humor"**. "Live, Laugh, and be Blessed, finding humor and holiness in everyday moments"; "And God Created Laughter"; "Short Meditations on the Bible and Peanuts"; "Laugh Again, Hope Again"; "More Holy Humor"; "Way Off the Church Wall"; "The Gospel According to Peanuts"; and "The Parables of Peanuts". 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.

WORSHIP



The Trinity Ringers resume weekly rehearsals **Thursday, September 10, 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 rehearsal/worship schedule **Thursday, September 10 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.



MISSION NEWS



Nancy and Bouba Hamadou spoke to Trinity in May about the construction of a high school in a rural area of northern Cameroon. Here is an update of the progress of the school. In the first photo, Bouba is speaking to the people who will be building the school. Though it is government funded, the funding is for the teaching & administration only and is not available until the building is finished. The next two photos are laying the foundation and the forming of the handmade blocks used for the building. In the photo of the two men the one on the right is the engineer of the site. The last photo is of the well. A latrine has been built there, also. There will be trees planted for a wind block. In mid-August, rains have hampered the road to Malam so progress has slowed.

Nancy and Bouba are thankful for the generosity of Trinity. Malam's Hope in Action is a 501-C3 non-profit. If you would like to help Billie Holbrook can deposit tax deductible checks made out to Malam's Hope in Action into their account .

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

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

Food Pantry Numbers In August 527 people in 199 families received 257 temporary emergency food boxes, 237 people in 104 of those families came for another visit (a pantry visit). There were 381 walk-ins averaging 47/day.

Snack bags items are often purchased using the Mission budget and your donations would keep us from needing to do that. Donations of tuna or tuna kits, Vienna sausages, Nutrigrain bars, protein bars, applesauce cups, peanut butter crackers, Welch's fruit snacks and fruit cups help create healthy snack bags and these items can be purchased at Costco, Sam's Club and your favorite stores.

Hygiene kit items are purchased with the Mission budget too. We need donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste and bandaids. Many of these items can be purchased online or at the dollar stores locally.

When you make your purchases and there is a delivery option available, that is a great way to get those items to the church. Please select times that align with the office hours Monday – Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

We give out water too. If you would like to donate that we encourage it. We also need plastic grocery sized bags (not paper, cloth, produce or newspaper bags).

Thanks again for your help, *"Serving God in the Heart of the City"* and for your donations, it is greatly appreciated by everyone.

SESSION NOTES

After a July respite, Session resumed regularly scheduled stated meetings. Each committee is working hard to make the rest of 2026 a success for our Trinity family. Since signing a contract with Sacred Places we are now preparing for their first meeting with a team consisting of Karen DiLossi and Danny Cruz. Karen and Danny will arrive in Tucson on October 26. On October 27 they will have an in-depth tour of our Trinity campus when they take photos, make measurements and write down impressions of our campus. After lunch they would like a 50-cent tour of Tucson to get a feel for our community. Around 5:30 in the afternoon they will facilitate a meeting with around 15 Trinity members (session members and others who are interested) to discuss Vision and Values. They will leave Tucson on October 28. Around early December they will send our church a lengthy (25 pages) report with their reflections and recommendations for Trinity PC's evaluation.

With the report from Sacred Places our task will be to prioritize recommendations, to make a list of community stakeholders and to plan for the second visit from Karen and Danny. In early March Karen and Danny will return to Tucson for an afternoon meeting with church leaders and community people. They will facilitate a discussion and brief tour of the church. They will talk about how outside groups might use our spaces. They will be looking for specific follow-ups from the community and will present Trinity with an addendum to their first report. All of this is new territory for Trinity, and we will need help from congregants. Hopefully, Sacred Places will help Trinity achieve viability for the future.

Here are other highlights of the August meeting:

- Deacons are planning a baby shower for Cameron & Kyra Toering on September 20, 2026.
- Congregational Nominating Committee will begin their work soon. Think about leader possibilities for the Classes of 2029.
- Mission Committee continues to report record numbers of people needing to use our Food Bank site.
- Property Committee reports that every room in our church is now air conditioned and ready for rental by outside groups. They have a few nibbles.
- Stewardship & Finance is planning their stewardship campaign to begin October 11, 2026. They are working with each committee to keep budgets trim and viable.

- Worship Committee, with an OK from S & F, approved a scholarship for Sohee Kim. Sohee is planning a recital for September 22nd. All four of our choir section leaders will be returning for the end of the year and beginning of 2027.

Session members pray for congregants in need of special care and concern.

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 \$15 (cash or check) with the proceeds benefiting Café Justo. More information is at justcoffee.org.

Sandwich Making for Casa Maria

Sunday, September 13 in Fellowship Hall
after church. Join us for this important
monthly project.



Birthday & Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 27
in Fellowship Hall after worship

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 6 Ezek. 33:7-11 & Psalm 119:
33-40; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

September 13 Gen. 50:15-21 & Psalm 103:
(1-7) 8-13; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-25

September 20 Jonah 3:10-4:11 & Psalm
145:1-8; Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

September 27 Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32 & Psalm
25:1-9; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Doris Santeford by Bonnie Stull

In Memory of Robin Reed by the Dimensteins

TRINITY WOMEN

Trinity Presbyterian Women begin their Horizon's Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 8 at 9:30 am in the Library.** Dr. Mack will lead a new study

"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other," by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Join them and learn about Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. This Bible study explores the letter's setting, divisions within the congregation, and ultimately, the gifts given to all through the work of Christ. Readers will explore how Paul's timeless message of loving unity calls Christ's followers today. Books will be available 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 15 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

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 & great company in Fellowship Hall!



We would like to thank our Trinity family for all of the cards & expressions of sympathy that you've shared since Kathy's mom passed away. Your prayers & support upheld us during Doris' illness & passing, and we know that the comforting presence & peace of God were made tangible to us through our Trinity family. Kathy and Lynn Moser

Join us **Sunday, September 20** in Fellowship Hall after worship as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of a new Toering. The Deacons will be hosting a shower for Cameron & Kyra. Please use the links below if you want to bring a gift.

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/kyraandcameron-toering-october-2026-phoenix/2NIV2UHBWHCA8>

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=7786ebe0-74f0-11f1-9d0d-318cef893aa4&type=BABY>

