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World Communion Sunday - October 3

Join us for worship including communion with music provided by Trinity's Vocal Ensemble & a Handbell Quartet. Worship begins each Sunday at 10:20 am in person with safety protocols in place or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live & facebook.com/tpctucson or the BoxCast app on Roku TV, Apple TV and Fire TV.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness special offering will be taken throughout the month of October. It can be dropped in the offering plate, made online at trinitytucson.org or mailed in. This annual mission offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.



All Saints Sunday November 7

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 of those you would like to have remembered to the church office by Monday, November 1. We will read aloud the names of our members who have passed away this past year, as well as all of the names submitted.

PASTORAL LETTER

I've always enjoyed the month of October because it is a transitional season, and we have many things around us that remind us of this. The other day I was in a grocery store that has already stocked its Fall-centered food, many of them containing, of course, pumpkin (I could not resist the pumpkin chocolate chip cookies.) Candy is in abundance for Trick or Treat, and this month the cable channels are showing a number of horror films in recognition of Halloween.

Regardless of Hollywood's view, Halloween is grounded upon a traditional Christian observance – All Hallows' Eve, which is a time we remember the martyrs of our faith, our loved ones and fellow Christians who have gone to be with the Lord, and the promise that Christ gave us in his own death upon the cross. It is appropriate that these observances would take place during a seasonal transition between summer and winter because we in the Christian faith view death as a transition to new life.

The secular culture presents death as an object of dread and fear, using images such as monsters, skeletons, and tombstones. But for we who believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we see death as a spiritual transition to the kingdom of God. This doesn't mean that we in the church celebrate death. When we gather to recognize the resurrection of the saints, we are celebrating the true life that Christ came to give us. We must be very careful that we do not appear as if we are celebrating death, or even embracing it.

It is always our task to care for the lives around us, including our own. Christ did not come to give us a reckless attitude toward death and dying, yet that is the way it sometimes appears to the world when we as Christians allow faith to seem like a replacement for responsibility. To claim that Christianity allows us to take risks because we are in some way shielded

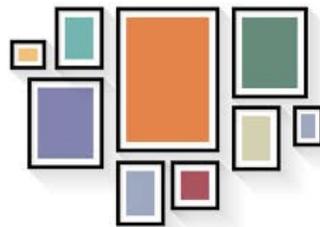
from sickness, injury, or death is not just absurd, but runs counter to both the teaching and actions of Christ.

There are times in the gospels when we see the disciples willing to take risks, and Jesus forbids them from doing so. In fact, if we think about the image of the Good Shepherd which Jesus applies to himself, it is an image of protection and guardianship. Jesus was constantly showing himself to be the guardian of his followers, going to great pains to protect those he loved from those who sought his own death. Jesus's acts of protective love were especially apparent both immediately preceding his arrest and following his resurrection.

While Jesus promises our transition to eternal life, he grounds us in the reality of the lives we live in the here and now because they are to be a witness to our faith in Christ. Our faith in Christ is not a way of death, but a way of life, and we are to live it as much and as best as we can, always placing the lives of others as a priority. Our lives are a gift, and our deaths are a blessing. That is the transition that we remember at All Hallows' Eve, and that we live with joy.

Dr. Mack

The Worship Committee is looking for a



volunteer to plan and coordinate the photo display in the Sanctuary narthex. If you are interested or would like more

information, please contact Roberta Westergaard at 520-235-7291 or rwestergaard@cox.net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (children ages 4-8)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

A LOOK INTO GOD'S AMAZING CREATION

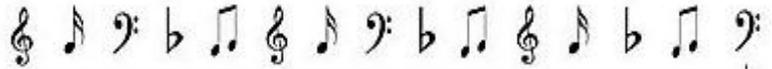
Until we can meet for in-person classes, we will continue to use the Discover column for kids exploring nature, science, and God's amazing, good world (thebanner.org). A packet with lessons for the last 4 Sundays in October will be mailed to the parents. Lesson titles are as follows: "Salt of the Earth", "October Serenade", "Fall is for Pumpkins!" and "Thankful 30".

THE CRUSADERS

(children 8 through 12)

Teachers: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

The Crusaders continue studying stories from the Bible using **GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE** curriculum with the unit: "Brave Women and Men in the Old Testament". Weekly lessons will be emailed to each family this month. Oct. 3 "The Hardest Thing" Genesis 22:1-19
Oct. 10 "Miriam and Moses" Exodus 2:1-10
Oct. 17 "Samuel Tells the Hard Truth" 1 Samuel 2:18-3:30, Oct. 24 "I used all My Courage" 2 Samuel 17:17-21, Oct. 31 "The Fiery Furnace" Daniel 3:8-30.



ANCHOR TRINITY

(Junior High School through College)

Teacher: Rona Kreamer

HEARING GOD

Rona is sending out a list of Contemporary Christian Musicians across all genres- listen to these artists, visit their websites, and choose your Top 3 and send the artist's name and favorite songs to Rona at anchortrinity@gmail.com. When it is safe to get together in person again, we will meet downstairs and listen to your favorite musicians together and talk about how God is speaking to us through music.

ADULT CLASSES

STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW ONLINE ADULT CLASS THAT MACK WILL BE TEACHING THIS FALL.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club is taking a break from their Zoom meetings & encourages their group to continue reading for the rest of the year. When and if we start up again we may have the option to meet as a small group in person.

For information contact Billie Holbrook at billie.holbrook@cox.net



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW Meet Steve & Liz Barlow

What did you do for a living?

Steve worked for many years in sales and marketing in the construction industry, and Liz was a substitute teacher in the Amphi school district.

We've both retired now, so we have time to volunteer at Trinity. Steve helps with Trinity's Food Pantry and Liz has a knitting/crocheting group on Saturday mornings.

Where is your hometown?

We've both been in Tucson since the 1960's, so Tucson is our home.

What do you like to do with your leisure time?

Our leisure time is joyously spent with our "little people". Our 8 grandchildren live within ten miles of us, so summers and weekends are spent swimming, trailblazing and eating Lucky Wishbone with them and their parents.

What is your favorite food?

Steve likes ribs and Liz is fond of anything she doesn't have to prepare.

What is your favorite hymn or Bible verse?

We both love all the music at Trinity. It seems like every hymn we sing is our favorite right at that moment. But Liz particularly likes Psalm 121, "I lift up my eyes to the hills" because the mountains that surround our Tucson valley remind her of the constant presence and strength of God.

What does this church mean to you?

To both of us, Trinity is our community, our family. You might think we already have enough family, but our brothers and sisters in Christ are just as important as our kids and grandkids.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday, November 6

11:00 am – 1:30 pm

REID PARK, RAMADA 7

The Deacons will provide baked chicken, potato salad & beverages

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

There will be playground time for the kids & games for everyone like Bocce Ball, Corn hole & Guess the Number of Items

Everyone is invited!!!!

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





MISSION NEWS



TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm** and **Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 14. Thanks for your food and monetary donations.

RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 to 2:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 13 to help clients with Department of Economic Security (DES) applications, vouchers for duplicate Arizona ID cards, birth certificates for adults and notarizing documents.

SAVE THE DATE 2021 CROP HUNGER WALK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Registration at 2:00 pm

NEW STARTING PLACE

Trinity Presbyterian Church 400 E. University Blvd



Helping to meet the needs in the World and in Tucson is our goal: *Sign up to participate and walk or donate online at events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/trinity-presbyterian-church-tucson*

Every two seconds someone in the world is forced to leave their home and everything they know. With the threat of hunger, violence, persecution or natural disaster knocking on their door they make the only choice they can to find safety—they run. In recent years fewer of the 80 million people who are forcibly displaced have the protection they need to rebuild their lives. NOW the US is taking in 95,000 Afghan refugees, some speaking English, some not. Some of them will definitely be coming to Arizona so, this year our CROP walk is especially important.

Church World Service (CWS) believes every family has the right to live in safety and dignity. That's why we welcome refugees and asylum seekers with open hearts & helping hands: through the US asylum system or refugee resettlement programs.

75% of what we raise goes to the worldwide work of Church World Service
25% stays in Tucson, shared equally between the Community Food Bank,
Casa Maria and Interfaith Community Services.

Any questions please call Betty Lu Holland 579-2895 or Sherry Letson 954-4057
We hope you will join Trinity's walking team or make a donation



MAKING SANDWICHES

A small group of volunteers meet regularly to make sandwiches for Casa Maria. If you would like to help contact Dede Markin at 982-3787 or ddmarkin@yahoo.com. Thanks for your help!



SESSION NOTES

For safety's sake Session is still Zooming! This time we Zoomed with four prospective persons who desire to join into Trinity membership by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Alpine, TX. Please welcome our new members into the Trinity family – Cheyenne Williams, Gage Williams, Charles Williams and Jan Williams. We even met Goldie, the cat! Mother Cheyenne and son Gage have been regular in-person worshipers for some weeks while father Jan tends son Charles at home. Charles is autistic and attends Tucson High School. Gage has been accepted into the University of Arizona. Cheyenne works as a transplant nurse while Jan is a photographer. We are so blessed to have this family become a part of our community.

Following are the actions and communications shared at the September stated session meeting:

- The Deaconate has decided to schedule an outdoor event for Trinity – the All-Church Picnic planned for November 6th at Reid Park. Lunch will be served!
- Bonnie Stull briefly attended the meeting to let Session know about new curriculum called “Growing in God’s Love” that she and Debbie Hobbs plan to use for the fourteen children enrolled in the Crusaders age group.
- Session approved postponing the Installations and Ordinations for the Deacon and Elder 2023 Classes until we are ready to do the same for the Classes of 2024 in early 2022. This is cautionary to avoid virus spread and to maintain distancing.
- The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun its work. Who would you like to see serve as elders or as deacons? Can you believe we are ready to recruit church leaders for a Class of 2024?
- Session approved the fully updated Trinity Presbyterian Church Personnel Policies as of September 2021 for the Administration & Personnel Committee. The policies are now in line with all Presbytery, state and federal regulations for churches.
- Session approved Maggie Harmon from the Presbyterian Foundation to be a guest preacher on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Stewardship & Finance plan ahead!

- Session approved upon recommendation from the Property Committee to accept the proposal from a company called OTOJOY to install a hearing loop system in the sanctuary. An anonymous donor has given \$10,829.00 to pay for this so that those who wear hearing aids can improve their worship experience. Give thanks for the generous donor!
- Session approved using the Capital Maintenance Fund to do necessary repairs in the mechanical room and some roof sealing plus a repair to the sprinkler riser valve.
- Worship Committee is hoping for a December 19th Christmas Cantata with vaccinated singers and instrumentalists.
- Mission Committee reports an average of 100 clients a day for the Food Bank. Volunteers are needed. Sign up today!
- Session prayed for church members in need of special care and concern and gave thanks for all the ways we are blessed as a church family.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 3 Gen 2:18-24 & Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 10 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 & Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31

October 17 Isa 53:4-12 & Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12; Mark 10:35-45

October 24 Jer. 31:7-9 & Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

October 31 Deut. 6:1-9 & Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

TRINITY MILESTONES



In Memory of Gloria Houck Pracek by Gloria McMillan (a church neighbor)

In Memory of Alice Smedley by the Lohse Foundation

In Memory of Alice Smedley by Melinda Arnold

In Memory of Alice Smedley by Rose Emery

In Memory of Alice Smedley by Imogene Moser

In Memory of Alice Smedley by Tom Roof & Randi Windsor

In Memory of Alice Smedley by Daphne & Ed Madson

In Memory of Alice Smedley by Ruth Myers

In Memory of Alice Smedley by Charity Everitt

In Memory of Alice Smedley by Elizabeth Dean Coult

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 4 | Emelia Maycher | 24 | Kuman Tenge |
| 7 | Debbie Hobbs | 25 | Latre Lawson Adokpo |
| 11 | Derry Dean | 26 | Doug Holland |
| 17 | Glenn Moyer | 27 | Margaret McConnell |
| 18 | Koffi Seddo | 31 | Mary Wong - 97 |
| 19 | Jennifer Lohse | | |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

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| 2 | LaRue Woslum | 10 | Christine Toering |
| 3 | Greg Keidel | 10 | Cameron Toering |
| 5 | Lily Chacon | | |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 12 | Chris & Sarah Svenson |
| 15 | Bart & Heather Lind |
| 17 | Ed & Daphne Madson |

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study will begin Tuesday, October 12, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Mack will lead the study, "What My Grandmother Taught Me - Learning from the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair. See Leone on Sunday or call her if you want a study book in advance.

Ryan's Bears meets Tuesday, October 19 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ruth Myers to either help there in person or at home. Despite the pandemic bear making continues. We hope to have 50-60 bears made by December for Christmas gifts at Primavera, Our Family Social Services and the Arizona Children's Assoc. Donations of fabric, stuffing & buttons are always welcome.



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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 November 2021
VISION is

[Monday, October 18, 2021](#)

Please submit articles to the church
office or to office@trinitytucson.org

