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August is Mission Sunday month

Trinity is still serving God in the Heart of the City.

The Mission Committee's August Special Offering will go to *Companeros en Mision* in Nogales. Each week, because of their mission and our generosity along with other mission partners, more than 100 people are being fed, children are cared for and given toys as well as food, and a delicate bridge which is crossed between the public and the government sectors.

Please consider making a donation anytime in August online , in the mail or in person .



Presbytery de Cristo Happenings

Online BIG EVENT! August 27

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

The time is now to invite your entire congregation to join together for a day of spiritual renewal, conversation & dialogue, and discerning the ways "all y'all" are being nudged by the Spirit.

Big Event Zoomvitation - 8/27

Saturday, August 27: 9:00am – 3:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86883698941?pwd=YUJiVmZzNE5yTUZPdnhRIFhL01qZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 8369 8941

Passcode: 617286

Presbyteries' Big Event Retreat led by Dr. Sean Chow
Is your church missing a piece of the Revitalization Puzzle?
Plan to join us for this innovative, inspirational, and personalized workshop to rejuvenate your leadership & your whole congregation. Not just for pastors and elders this year...

ALL are welcome!

PASTORAL LETTER



Most of the time it is easier to dwell upon the negative than it is the positive, don't you think? There are many reasons for this, most of them related to things that are beyond our control or have little relevance to our lives. We know that in our culture, the negative sells. It is much easier to market a product based upon fear than upon reason. When I was in security sales (as a tent making minister,) we were trained to watch for communities where there had been incidents of crime, no matter how isolated or occasional. Those were considered vulnerable markets where fear would drive people into thinking about buying security.

I am not denigrating the practicality of having a security system, but when we make those kinds of decisions, we should have a reason in mind rather than an emotional reaction to an event that would be unlikely to occur. I think this applies to our Christianity as well. The question we want to ask is, "Why do I believe?" In some views of Christianity, the answer is very easy – "in order to not go to hell." That sounds very reasonable, but do we understand what hell is? And is fear of that which is basically unknowable enough of a motivation to embrace the demands of the Christian life?

I have known many members who were raised in the "fire and brimstone" tradition, and while it worked on them as children, as adults they discovered that fear did not give them the ability to deepen their understanding of Christ or answer their many questions about life. When we get to the point where we make decisions and determine the direction of our lives, we seek reasons for our actions beyond that which scares us, looking more for that which brings us hope, purpose, and direction.

My approach in the way I communicate Christian discipleship is based upon the enrichment and understanding of our faith. That is why you will rarely hear me preach about political issues (except in how faith generally guides our ethical decisions.) And while the concept of hell is an important theological topic, it deserves a contextual approach that is consistent with what Christ said about it. For Christ, the kingdom of Heaven was not only about avoiding hell, but about living lives of purpose that mirror what Jesus taught and what he lived. Jesus taught; Jesus healed; Jesus fed; Jesus prayed; Jesus forgave; Jesus sacrificed; Jesus welcomed; Jesus challenged; Jesus blessed; and Jesus called to him anyone who was open to becoming a citizen in the kingdom of Heaven.

Rather than thinking about the negatives in life that challenge our faith, we should think about how we can teach, heal, feed, pray, forgive, sacrifice, welcome, challenge, bless, and call to us all who wish to join our spiritual fellowship. These are knowable things. These things are why we believe. Focusing on our Christian discipleship should keep us busy enough to not dwell on the negative. There are so much that is wonderful about following Christ, that it is perfectly reasonable to do so. As Christ said, "I do not give to you as the world gives." The world offers a life built upon avoiding fear. Christ offers us a life built upon embracing the love of God. Which is the reasonable choice?

Dr. Mack



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS & THE CRUSADERS (children ages 4-12)

Teachers: Kathy Moser & Alix Roa

During the summer months, children ages 4-12 can gather for Bible activities and puzzles during the worship service. Leaders Kathy Moser and Alix Roa will meet children after the Children's Message and accompany them to their class.

For more learning opportunities this summer or anytime, we recommend you check out this **CHURCH AT HOME** video series: Konnect HQ provides fun, faith-growing, content / instructional videos that the entire family can enjoy. Church at Home: Konnect HQ - YouTube

ANCHOR TRINITY (Junior & Senior High School)

Teacher: Rona Kreamer

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

Anchor Trinity will begin our Summer Movie Series! We will be watching Soul Surfer, I Can Only Imagine, War Room & I Still Believe. Come enjoy some snacks and fellowship this summer!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Gospel Music Workshop

Southside Presbyterian Church

317 W. 23rd St. Saturday, August 13

9:00 am - 3:00 pm with a concert at

6:30 pm. Information & registration at

[http://www.southsidepresbyterian.org/g](http://www.southsidepresbyterian.org/gospel-music-workshop.html)

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Montlure Work Camp Opportunities

Escape the Arizona heat this summer and enjoy the fresh air in the

White Mountains. Montlure is holding work camps & looking for volunteers.

Other ways to contribute:

Support Montlure by making a recurring donation and join the Montlure facilities team. For questions about the facilities team or work camps contact Cameron

Mitchell (520) 977-5189 or

cameron.mitchell.email@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW

Meet Ann McConnell

What do you do for a living?

I was a professor of French, for 6 years at the U of A and for 36 years at Saint Michael's College in Vermont.

Where is your hometown?

Born in Tucson 81 years ago, when the population was about 35,000 and Grant Road, near our home, wasn't paved.

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

Read, sing, enjoy music, knit and crochet (getting difficult now, with a Parkinson's tremor), do all sorts of activities on my tablet.

What is your favorite food?

There are too many to list. So glad to be back in Tucson, where delicious Mexican food abounds

What is your favorite hymn or Bible verse?

Too many great hymns to choose from. Psalm 23 is the Biblical passage that I go to the most.

What does this church mean to you?

Love, support, my source of spirituality, and music. My family history is inextricably tied to it. My grandfather was Minister of Music, my parents were married there, my sisters and I were baptized there. Taking the family all together, we have probably been on every committee. Choir has been part of our life always. Even my father, no great singer, joined the choir while he was courting my mother. He left as soon as she said she'd marry him.



WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW

Meet Maggie McConnell

What do you do for a living?

I am a retired Attorney

Where is your hometown?

Tucson

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I love to hike.

What is your favorite food?

Mexican!

What is your favorite hymn?

"Be Thou My Vision"

What does this church mean to you?

My parents were married in Trinity. I became an elder at Trinity at 19 years old. My grandfather, who taught vocal music at the University, directed the choir at Trinity. Trinity is my connection to my family and Christ, and my greater family.



We would like to thank the congregation, Bruce and Lynn for the recognition given to us on Sunday June 5 for our 62 years of choir participation at

Trinity. We were also caught completely by surprise!!

Singing in church choirs, here and elsewhere, is something we have always done together and have enjoyed immensely. We look forward to singing with the congregation on Sunday mornings and supporting the choir as well as Bruce and Lynn in their music leadership.

Donald and Ruth Myers

We continue in person worship in the Sanctuary Sundays at 10:20 am with safety protocols in place & hope to see you there.

The Fellowship Hall is open at 10:00 am and coffee is served. It is also open after the service for a short time. If you prefer you may continue to watch the service online at www.trinitytucson.org/watch-live & www.facebook.com/tpctucson. You can also watch through the BoxCast app on Roku TV, Apple TV and Fire TV.

MISSION NEWS

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open **Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00 pm** and **Tuesday & Thursday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 14.

RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open **Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 to 2:00 pm** in the Education Building Room 13 to help clients with DES applications, payment vouchers for duplicate Arizona ID cards and notarizing documents.

Sandwich Making for Casa Maria

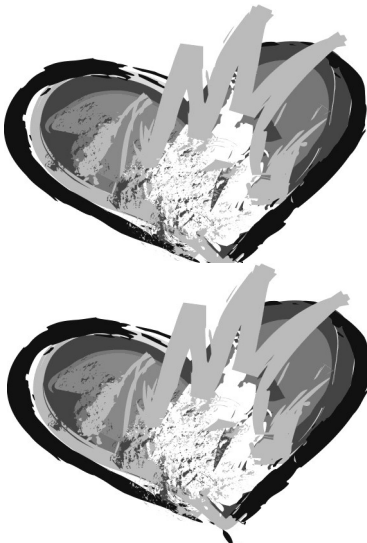
Sunday, August 14 in Fellowship Hall after church we will make sandwiches for Casa Maria, enjoy refreshments and have a brief memorial service for Alice Smedley who passed away one year ago that day.



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Thank you from the Mission Committee for your generosity. The Pentecost Special Offering was received and the committee chose to distribute it in the following way:
40% stays at Trinity in the Youth Scholarship Fund which can be used for Montlure camp
25% stays at Trinity in the Triennium Scholarship Fund
25% supports young adult volunteers at Borderlands YAV here in Tucson
10% supports children at risk with a donation to Companeros en Mision in Nogales. Each week, more than 100 people are being fed, children are cared for & given toys as well as food, & a delicate bridge which is crossed between the public and the government sectors.



Here at Trinity we are working hard to be here for you & our community. In this trying time we appreciate you & thank you for helping us continue our mission of
"Serving God in the Heart of the City".

You may mail in your pledges and donations or use Trinity's online Donate button available on the home page of the website. If you donate online you will receive a receipt from the Presbytery Foundation/Vanco as they are our processor.

SESSION NOTES

Session usually takes a break in July so much of this article may seem like old news. In June, Session met with Jim Hand to receive him into Trinity family membership. Jim is transferring his membership from Catalina Methodist Church and many of you will recognize him as a new choir member. Please welcome Jim Hand into our congregation.

As Dr. Mack has mentioned the lazy hot days of summer mean that the action slows down a bit for all of us. Rest assured that each committee will continue to take care of pressing business and Session can meet in a Called Session meeting to address any emergency. Following are the communications and actions accomplished at the June Stated Session Meeting.

- The Deacons are organizing the medical equipment room and will donate excess equipment appropriately. They are discussing having a class for the congregation about Living Wills in September.
- At the suggestion from Administration & Personnel Committee, Session approved an update for the church Personnel Policies (last updated in January 2020) that there shall be no paid time off for part-time non-exempt employees.
- Also, Administration & Personnel is working on a position description for a Mission Coordinator (Alice Smedley's former position).
- Christian Education announced that Rally Sunday is planned for September 11, 2022 and that a Lovejoy Library reception will be October 2, 2022.
- Reporting for the Long Range Development Team, Bucky Lovejoy said that the third floor of the Phase I building is underway and the Developers are still planning to close on Phase II in November.
- No down time for Mission Committee. The Food Bank, Resource Center, Sandwich Making and Just Coffee sales continue unabated. They voted to grant Tortolita PC \$1,000 for their new sandwich making mission. They are looking forward for the establishment of a Mission Coordinator.
- Property Committee continues to perform timely repairs to our Trinity campus. They are working

with other committees to decide where our current tenants can have space once the old Education wing is sold. They have also approved different entities such as the Tucson Music Teachers Association, Crop Walk and others to use areas of Trinity for their events.

- Session approved Stewardship & Finance Committee's request to authorize our Treasurer to obtain a third credit card with a \$3,000 limit for use in obtaining supplies and services for the upkeep of the buildings and the property at Trinity. Also, Ruth Russell is shadowing our treasured Treasurer Leone Mohny to learn her volunteer job to ease her work and to act as a backup.
- Worship Committee did not meet in June and will resume their work in August. Also, Growth & Outreach Team is looking forward to resuming more congregational fellowship events. Stay posted.
- Session prayed for rain & for members in our congregation in need of special care & concern.

Janet Hooper,
Clerk of Session



SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 7 Gen. 15:1-6 & Psalm 33:12-22; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 14 Jer. 23:23-29 & Psalm 82; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21 Isa. 58:9b-14 & Psalm 103:1-8; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

August 28 Prov. 25:6-7 & Psalm 112; Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



TRINITY MILESTONES

HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Honor of the 2022 Graduates by Leone Mohney

In Honor of Lynn Moser by Leone Mohney

In Honor of The Monsoon Brass by Leone Mohney

In Honor of Don & Ruth Myers by Leone Mohney

In Honor of Vade Henderson by Leone Mohney

In Honor of Carolyn Maycher by Leone Mohney

In Honor of Liz Strong by Leone Mohney

In Honor of Karen Wilkison by Leone Mohney

In Memory of Joan Davies by Bonnie Stull

In Memory of Joan Davies by Leone Mohney

In Memory of Joni Price by Leone Mohney

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Chris Svenson | 19 Tom Roof, Jr. |
| 2 Freja Svenson | 20 Cecilia Kreamer |
| 4 Daniel Seddo | 24 Bruce Chamberlain |
| 9 Peter Holbrook | 24 Randi Windsor |
| 10 Joan Kingan | 26 Bev Bechtel |
| 12 Ruth Myers | 27 Charles Cook |
| 12 Corbin Lind | 27 Betty Jean Hand |
| 14 Travis Spillers | 28 Marilyn Nichols |
| 17 A. Bates Butler, III | 29 Jane Marie Boyiddle |

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

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| 3 Wayne Steele | 8 Jim Croxen |
| 4 Rona Kreamer | 8 Bucky Lovejoy, III |
| 5 Dave Croteau | 9 Madeline Lind |
| 6 Janet Goodhue | |

TRINITY WOMEN



The Horizon's Bible Study

will meet again in the Fall when Dr. Mack will lead a new study. Watch for more information coming soon.



Ryan's Bears continue to meet the 3rd Tuesday morning of each month from 9:30 to 11:30. Bears are being readied for Christmas to give to agencies that serve families

with children. We need your help cutting out pieces to make bears or stuffing them. We can always use fabrics. It takes about 5/8 of a yard for each bear. Flannel or fleece are the preferred fabrics because of the texture. Any strong cotton is good also. Nickel sized buttons with two holes are needed too. Any help and support are greatly appreciated.

For questions call Ruth Myers 520-326-6888



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 Rick & Ida Wickizer |
| 12 Doug & Betty Lu Holland |
| 20 Geoffrey & Kirsten Barlow |





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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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VISION is

Monday, August 22, 2022

Please submit typewritten articles
to the church office or to:
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