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## Rally Sunday September 11

The Christian Education Committee will showcase the fall plans for classes that day with information about classes and events featured during worship. Join us after worship in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the kickoff of the CE program year "You are a piece of God's plan". There will be cake and refreshments. Families will also get opportunity to hear about CE classes and meet teachers of the children & youth classes.

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## World Communion Sunday October 2

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. We will share Communion at four areas in the sanctuary, representing God's love reaching to all the corners of the earth. We'll sing and hear some global music, and we invite those attending to wear clothing that is representative of their culture or travels. Join us at 10:20 am in person or online at [trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live) & [facebook.com/tpctucson](https://facebook.com/tpctucson). You can also watch with the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.

# PASTORAL LETTER

Watching the desert transform from the brown and red colors of an arid land to the lush green of monsoon never ceases to amaze me. Even six years later I am still astounded at how little I understood about the American Southwest, and how much I am still learning every day. Is it not true that we really cannot understand a place, a culture, or a people until we live in it – until we allow it to permeate our lives? How much of this world dwells under our misconceptions, simply because we are closed off to the possibility that it might be more than we can imagine.

When I served in Zaire, Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, I did not know what to expect. I knew that the images of Africa and the peoples of Africa as depicted in films and stories were probably not accurate, but once again I was amazed at how the culture was beyond anything I had imagined. While it was true that I was living in a third-world nation that was extremely poor, I experienced a people who were more joyful about living life than any I had ever known. I discovered a community that lived in the full meaning of that word.

When I began to experience life on the Diné reservation through the eyes of the friends that I made through our Presbyterian connections, I discovered a deep love for this land that moved far beyond history and encompassed the spirit of a people. When I was growing up, my father took us on a vacation to Washington, DC, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. It was a journey dedicated to the history of the United States, encompassing the significant places and people that I had read about in school. When my Diné friend took his son on vacation, they went to landmarks and sights that had deep meaning to Diné history – Bears Ears monument, the Grand Canyon Skywalk, Monument Valley and the Four Corners. I have visited some of these places and enjoyed their beauty, but I realized that I could never have the kind of feeling for the land that my Dine friend expressed to me.

When we talk about the Kingdom of Heaven, we are talking about a spiritual landscape that we walk through in this world. It takes an understanding of the story of Christ to appreciate the Kingdom of which he spoke, but it also takes a deep emotional connection that we share through our Christian faith. If my Christian African friends, my Christian Diné friends, and myself have any kind of life that we share completely, it is the spiritual life of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom speaks a language that transcends words with the language of Christ's love – that which he called "agape." That is the language that all believers speak. It is a language that is without the boundaries of both space and time; it is language that connects us to the heart of God and in so doing, connects us to each other.

When was the last time we allowed the Kingdom of God to amaze us? It will do so everyday, and for eternity, if we live in it and immerse ourselves into that life. September of 2022 is another month, filled with days and hours to do just that. The Kingdom of God is our land – a land we explore through the eyes of faith and the love of Jesus Christ. May we do just that as we continue our journey in the eternal love of God.

*Dr. Mack*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**September 4** Deut. 30:15-20 & Psalm 1; Phlm. 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

**September 11** Ex. 32:7-14 & Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

**September 18** Amos 8:4-7 & Psalm 113: 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

**September 25** Amos 6:1a, 4-7 & Psalm 146; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## YOUTH CLASSES

### GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (preschool - 2nd grade)

*Teacher: Kathy Moser*

Topic: Fruit of the Spirit and other Christian Virtues

We are having in-person Sunday School, meeting downstairs in Room 8 following the children's sermon. We will be using "All-in-One-Bible Fun" as well as other resources as we learn about 13 Christian virtues found throughout the Old and New Testaments. Each lesson includes a Bible story and Bible verse along with enriching activities, games and Fruit of the Spirit prayers.

**Children and youth classes will begin on Sunday September 18th**

### CRUSADERS (3rd grade & older)

*Teacher: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull*

Join us for an informational gathering time on Rally Day September 11, 2022 following worship  
**Crusaders!** 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will use lessons from "Growing In God's Love", and videos from the crew at Konnect HQ as they focus on real-life kid challenges, searching for biblical truth. and modeling spiritual growth. Check out at Konnect HQ - YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/c/KonnectHQ/> featured).

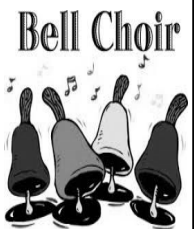
**NEW: Faith Encounters!** Grades 6 and up will explore "Big God, Big Questions" a resource from the Presbyterian Church (USA) that helps youth dig deeper into "What do we believe?" This is a series of lessons & videos based on 4 questions from *The Book of Common Worship* and Apostles' Creed. This will be the beginning of a 2-year journey towards deeper faith development."

Both these groups will be led by Debbie Hobbs and Bonnie Stull, with the assistance of other adults. They will meet children/youth at the back of the sanctuary after the children's time during worship.

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## WORSHIP

**The Trinity Ringers** handbell choir resumes weekly rehearsals on Thursday, September 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the upstairs bell room. The group celebrates its 30th anniversary this year and is looking forward to participating monthly in worship, as well as preparing a Christmas program for the Fourth Avenue Street Fair. New members are always welcome! Interested? Please speak with Lynn Moser at the organ following worship.



**The Trinity Choir** resumes its role as lay worship leaders with rehearsals Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and singing in worship beginning on Sunday, 9/11. ALL are welcome and encouraged to COME SING A NEW SONG, joining the choir for weekly anthems and a brand new cantata with orchestra in December! On the advice of the Worship Restoration Committee, all members are expected to be vaccinated and boosted.



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## LET'S CELEBRATE MACK'S 40<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF ORDINATION

The Reverend Lawrence McBride Sigmon was ordained by the Concord Presbytery at Royal Oaks Presbyterian Church, in Kannapolis, North Carolina, October 31, 1982. This October will be 40 years since that ordination & we have a great opportunity to celebrate and share this exciting achievement.

We are planning a celebration on Sunday, October 30. The worship service that morning will be special.

Presbytery de Cristo Pastor Brad Munroe will be our guest preacher and the Monsoon Brass will provide music. The celebration will continue after worship outside on the patio after church, assuming late October weather is nice, of course. Lunch will be provided with one of those special cakes by DeDe.

Everyone is invited to bring a card for Mack with your personal message, plus we'll have one big card for everyone to sign. John Hill will be master of ceremonies & we are planning some fun activities.

To top it off we're planning on giving Mack a special gift to mark this very special anniversary. For this we need your help. Funds donated will not only cover a surprise gift for Mack, but they will also cover the cost of food, etc. Be sure to make note on the memo of your check, "Mack's 40th". Please mail your contributions to the Trinity office, place them in the offering plate, give them to our Treasurer,

Leone Mohny, or any of the eight members of the celebration planning team:

John Hill	Daphne Madson	Janet Hooper	Ruth Russell
Jim Hooper	Liz Strong	Janet Jones	Karen Wilkison

We thank you and look forward to a well-deserved celebration and party.

## Save the Date!

On **Sunday, October 16** Trinity welcomes Maggie Harmon, who will preach in our service and present a workshop on Financial Legacy. Maggie is the Ministry Relations Officer for our Presbyterian southwest region. Please mark your calendars and watch for details in the October Vision. Reservations will be taken for the workshop which will begin after the church service and include lunch.

## 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, ordering birth certificates and notarizing documents.

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## Maintenance and Future Projects for Trinity

Greetings all, I was asked by the Stewardship and Finance Committee to clue you in on how much we have spent year to date on maintaining our wonderful facility that we all love! Year to date maintenance and repairs expenses total \$30,759.97. Thanks to some bequests we have gotten between the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022 we've been able to make some major repairs and updates to the Sanctuary Building. Here are some of the repairs and refreshing that we did. (Expenses came out of Capital Maintenance Reserve for these projects.)

- New Mini Split A/C Unit for the Bell Room.
- New LED Lighting around the outside of the Sanctuary Building.
- Repaired and Coated the Sanctuary Roof and Bell Tower areas.
- Made necessary repairs to the Mechanical Room located below the south east corner of the Fellowship Hall.
- Coated roof and repaired wall above mechanical room where A/C Units are.
- Sealed cracks in south ramp that leads to the lower level from Celebration Park.

Approximately \$10,000.00 of that total has been spent on preventative maintenance and minor repairs around the entire facility. These expenses came out of the Property Budget under Church Repairs Line Item. Approximate cost per year in maintenance - \$25,000-\$30,000.

## Future Projects Listed in Order of Prioritization

- New Air Handler installed in Trinity Hall. \$30,000-\$40,000- there is currently no air conditioning there.
- Repair Chancel Floor in Sanctuary. To Be Determined by Property and Worship Committees as part of a larger project.
- New Air Handler for West side of Sanctuary. Located above sound room. \$20,000
- Digital Sound System Upgrade for Sanctuary. To Be Determined
- New LED Lighting for Sanctuary, Narthex and Fellowship Hall areas. \$10,000, but also part of a larger project between Property and Worship Committees
- Possible Trinity Hall Kitchen Updating to make Health Dept. Certified. \$50,000 at the most.

Maintaining and updating the Sanctuary Building needs constant strategic planning.

Peter Holbrook  
Facilities Supervisor

## Ending Well Workshop

The Ending Well Workshop series is a no-cost on-line program (Zoom) that gives direction in how to provide the roadmap your children and trustees/executor will need to fulfill their responsibilities someday when you pass away. It is a gift for your family that you provide by gathering all the necessary paperwork in one place and making all appropriate decisions. Classes are 1-hour weekly for 5 weeks. To register contact Janet Logan at [endingwellclass@gmail.com](mailto:endingwellclass@gmail.com).

# SESSION NOTES

Back to Zoom meetings after a quick break in July! Except for the last day of July when Session met in a Called Session meeting. The reason for the called meeting was to approve a position description for Mission Facilitator as presented by the Administration & Personnel Committee. And to approve hiring DeDe Markin as Mission Facilitator! Please welcome DeDe in this new position. Rest assured that she will continue working in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. DeDe's competence & positive demeanor are well known & we are glad she is stepping into this position. With our trusty and devoted volunteers Trinity's mission work in the heart of Tucson is in good hands.

Below are the highlights of the August Stated Session meeting:

- Session approved that Shirley Wilka be added to the money counting team.
- Session approved that Maggie Harmon will preach on October 16, 2022 and Brad Munroe will preach on October 30, 2022.
- While Dr. Mack briefly left the meeting Session was informed about the plans for celebrating his 40th anniversary year of his ordination as pastor. Please keep your eyes and ears open for further information about this October 30th celebration. There will be surprises for Mack & opportunities for your participation.
- The Deacons are planning some classes for anyone interested in learning about the AEDs/CPR and Living Wills. Stay tuned.
- Christian Education Committee is planning a Lovejoy Library reception on October 2, 2022 complete with penguin cake.
- Growth & Outreach Team is working on the history photos in the narthex to include some signage to explain them. They are also working on ways to connect with our visitors and our online worshipers.
- Mission Committee reports a staggering number of Food Bank walk-ins for a snack bag during the summer months. Can you believe 885 people came for help with food during the Food Bank's open hours?
- Property Committee reports continued various maintenance repairs. They are making priority lists for work that needs to be done for Trinity

Hall, the downstairs kitchen and for the Chancel area and Sanctuary.

- Stewardship & Finance Committee is completing revised Finance Policies and Procedures for our operating practices. They are also working on a draft narrative budget. We will all be smarter when we understand what a narrative budget means.
- Worship Committee is preparing for Advent, World Communion and special music. Clean choir robes are ready for action. And the choir welcomes Nolan Beyersdorf as a tenor section intern.
- Session members prayed for those needing special care and concern. They also gave thanks for our church staff, church officers, deacons and the committee work being accomplished. Special thanks go to Steve and Liz Barlow who pick up Quik Trip sandwiches on their way to church. These are handed out to those 885 people with food insecurity.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW

### Meet Shirley Wilka



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

I was a secretary at the Tucson Metro Chamber for 50 years. I've been retired since the beginning of 2022.

#### ***Where is your hometown?***

I was born in Toledo, Ohio. I lived on a dairy farm for the first seven years of my life before moving to AZ for my mother's health.

#### ***What do you like to do in your leisure time?***

I love to do scrapbooking, needlework, reading, bowling and, of course, playing bells and singing in the choir.

#### ***What is your favorite food?***

Pizza

#### ***What is your favorite hymn?***

"In The Garden"

#### ***What does this church mean to you?***

This church has been like family for the over 50 years I've been a member.



# TRINITY MILESTONES



## HONORING & MEMORIALS

*In Memory of* Joan Davies by Melinda Arnold  
*In Memory of* Ann Walker by Dabney Dixon  
*In Memory of* Joan Davies by Ruth Myers  
*In Memory of* Joan Davies by Vade Henderson  
*In Memory of* Alice Smedley by Imogene Moser  
*In Honor of* the Ruth Myers by Imogene Moser  
*In Honor of* the Ruth Myers by Jill O'Rourke  
*In Memory of* Ed Hunt by Bonnie Stull



## TRINITY WOMEN

*The Horizon's Bible Study* Dr. Mack will lead the 2022–2023 Presbyterian Women Bible study, "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." The group will meet in person in the Library Tuesday, September 13 at 10:00 am and everyone is welcome. The lessons will be available to view anytime at [https://trinitytucson.org/learn/trinity\\_women/](https://trinitytucson.org/learn/trinity_women/) Study guides are available from Leone Mohny.

*Ryan's Bears* meets Tuesday, September 20 at 9:30 am in downstairs Lounge. 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.

## 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	Bucky Lovejoy	20	Anthony Corona
9	Madeline Lind	21	Bill Voigt
12	Jackson Barlow	30	Jennifer Carter

## 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





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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](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live)
- ⇒ Join us in the Sanctuary for In Person Worship at 10:20 am.
- ⇒ Wednesday Evening Vespers online at 6:30 pm with information at <http://trinitytucson.org/wednesday-evening-vespers/>.
- ⇒ Visit our website at [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org) for all the latest information and events you are looking for.

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Deadline for the October 2022  
VISION is

Monday, September 19, 2022

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