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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 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 watch with the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.

## Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness special offering will be taken during the month of October. It can be dropped in the offering plate, made online at [trinitytucson.org](http://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 6

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, October 31. 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

Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Have you decorated for Christmas? Probably all of us if we were asked that question would answer “no” – although I must express some envy for those whose Christmas decorations are already in place, since I always wait until the last few days. As silly a question as this might sound, you can bet that the week after Halloween, all the major retail outlets will be stocking their shelves with Christmas items and decorating their stores. In the retail world, there is a narrow window between Halloween and the New Year to boost their Christmas sales, and for some retailers 75% or more of their annual sales are made from November to December. Their urgency to sell may not match our urgency to buy, but they know that the viability of their businesses depends on their being ready when the urge to buy begins.

Are there narrow windows of time in the framework of life itself? Jesus thought so, and he urged his followers to act urgently. Much of that urgency has been related to the second coming of Christ in most of Christianity, but I think Jesus was talking about an urgency of faith more related to the needs of others rather than just our preparation for the apocalypse. Can you think of any urgent needs in our world at this moment. If we live our lives with a Christian conscience, we will see those urgent needs all around us.

Perhaps there is someone who needs our forgiveness today, or someone we urgently need to ask for pardon. Certainly, there are those who need our help right now, while we have the breath of life in us. Someone needs our prayers right now. Someone needs food because they or their loved ones are hungry. There is a loneliness in someone that needs to be touched by the love that Christ taught us to share, someone who needs just a phone call, or a card, or a visit. A smile and a “God bless you,” – even to strangers – can work wonders. A teacher could use a “thank you” right now – is that so hard to do? Creation needs help right now, including

God’s creatures, and there are so many ways, great and small, that we can care for this planet and its abundant life that God has given us.

Of course, we are not perfect, and we do not do these things perfectly and sometimes not timely – but if we just do them, even sporadically, they glorify the kingdom of God. I think Christ wanted to give us a sense of urgency because our opportunities to do discipleship change as our lives change. And I also believe that Christ did not want anyone to suffer one minute more than was necessary in a fallen world. That is why Jesus taught us to perform our discipleship with urgency – not from a sense of fear, but from love.

Have you ever noticed that when you urgently need something, time slows down to a crawl? Have you ever sat in an emergency room waiting to be helped? Have you ever found yourself at the side of the road waiting for a wrecker to come? Have you ever waited for a check to arrive to help resolve a debt? We need to remember those times, and then think about who we can help those for whom time is crawling because of their desperation..

I doubt many of us have started our Christmas shopping, but as the season approaches, it will start taking priority over other things. The need of our sisters and brothers in this world – those for whom the Son of God died – is already and here and waiting for someone who will respond with love. May it be us, every day. Have a wonderful October.

*Dr. Mack*



# 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 message. 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.

### CRUSADERS (3rd grade & older)

*Teacher: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull*

**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 older 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 held in **Room 1** 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 message.

## Recommended Reading from the CE Committee

"Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark" by Tracy S. Daub (pastor in Buffalo, and a child of Trinity)

"Everywhere You Look: Discovering the Church Right Where You Are" by Tim Soerens (recommended at Big Event, and highly recommended by John H)

## WORSHIP

**The Trinity Ringers** handbell choir meets **Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30** in the upstairs bell room. New members are always welcome! Interested? Please speak with Lynn Moser.

**The Trinity Choir** meets **Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. ALL are welcome and encouraged to COME SING A NEW SONG, joining the choir for weekly anthems & 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

## **WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW** **Meet Jim Hand**

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

I have been a teacher for 30+ years starting in 1975 working in the fields of Industrial Arts Education, Career Education, Employment Counselor, Teacher of the Developmentally Challenged, & GED Instructor teaching reading, writing, and math to both inmates and Native Americans. I had the privilege of working with a wonderful and diverse population over my career. For 20 years, I served as a Part Time Police Officer in 3 different police departments in Southern Arizona: Marana PD, Mammoth (AZ) PD, and Pima County Park Police. This was a rewarding job for me which involved working with all types of people. Currently, I work part time for Raytheon Missile Plant doing gate security. I also am the caregiver for my darling wife of 41 years.



***Where is your hometown?*** Bridgeton, NJ located about 10 miles north of the Delaware Bay

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

I enjoy making music, be it vocal or instrumental (percussion). I am a baritone in Trinity's Choir & play timpani with the Sonora Winds Concert Band. Piloting a small aircraft has been an accomplishment I enjoy.

***What is your favorite food?*** I enjoy a tender prime rib at El Corral Restaurant.

### ***What is your favorite hymn or Bible verse?***

Matthew 7:12 "... do unto others what you would have them do unto you..." The Golden Rule.

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

Trinity gives me the place to give back to the church and God by being a part of the church choir where beautiful music is made under the excellent directorship of Maestro Bruce Chamberlain. Trinity is a place to be with good people and friends.

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

To help celebrate Mack's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, an oversize congratulatory card has been created and will be available on a table in Fellowship Hall for all to sign **October 16, 23 & 30**. Please take time on a Sunday morning before or after church to join in the signing, each and every one!

The Celebration Committee is asking for a collection of congratulatory cards or notes for Mack. Please share in the celebration by bringing or mailing a note or card for Mack. You can put them in the basket in Fellowship Hall or mail them to the office. **They will be presented to Mack at the gathering on October 30.** In addition, we will be collecting photos taken that day and if you will have a camera and could share any photos you take, we would appreciate your help in filling a scrapbook of memories of the event for Mack and Amy. Please bring or send photos to the office the first week of November.

*Thank you!*

## **Financial Planning Seminar**

A special program on financial planning and long term giving will be presented by Maggie Harmon, Sunday afternoon, **October 16**. Maggie serves as the Ministry Relations Officer for the Southwest Region with the Presbyterian Foundation. She provides consultative services designed to create and nurture generous living. "I believe that philanthropy is much more than just giving, it is our opportunity to respond to God's commandment to care for each other, for this planet, and to ensure that our values live on for generations." Maggie's experience includes over 20 years of legal practice, management consulting, and leadership coaching. She is a ruling elder at Montclair Presbyterian Church in Oakland, California.

In addition to the program, Maggie will be preaching the sermon that Sunday. **The financial program will begin after the service with a light lunch, served in Fellowship Hall. To help us plan for numbers please register your attendance by October 9<sup>th</sup> at the desk in the narthex or call the office (520-623-2579).**

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



## ALL CHURCH PICNIC

**Saturday, November 5**

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 2022 CROP HUNGER WALK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Registration at 2:00 pm in the Courtyard

Trinity Presbyterian Church 400 E. University Blvd



Over the past 25 years, CROP Hunger Walks across the U.S. have raised more than 30 million dollars to help people struggling to feed their families---both around the world and around the corner. This year the need is staggering---with the ongoing war in Ukraine, the aftermath of the Covid Pandemic, and increasing natural disasters, millions of people are on the verge of famine. Trinity will be hosting the Tucson CROP Walk again this year in our north courtyard. Join Trinity's own CROP Team as a walker or as a sponsor and be a part of the fight against hunger!

Any questions please call Sherry Letson 954-4057

We hope you will join Trinity's walking team or make a donation

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/trinity-presbyterian-church-tucson>

# SESSION NOTES

September's Stated Session meeting was uneventful. All discussion and business took around 47 minutes – a new record! Who said Presbyterians only know how to have lengthy meetings? New committee reporting comes from the Nominating Committee who began their work on September 11, 2022. They are looking for elders & deacons for the Classes of 2025. Please consider a leadership position to help lead our church in the post-pandemic world of hybrid meetings and protocols to keep our community vibrant and safe. Here are the highlights of September Session business:

- The Deacons are rescheduling their planned class to learn about AEDs and CPR from October to January. They are working with the Worship Committee about how to handle the collection and dedication of offerings and gifts during worship.
- Our Presbytery Commissioners reported excitement about the August 27, 2022 Big Event with the Grand Canyon and de Cristo Presbyteries. Over 200 people were able to participate online and in person using Zoom and hub sites to include remote churches in both Presbyteries. Our Commissioners highly recommend that everyone read "Everywhere You Look: Discovering the Church Right Where You Are" by Tim Soerens.
- Administration & Personnel Committee ask that we pray for the continuing health of our bookkeeper Gerry Pearson who has had serious illness but is recovering and will continue with her work for Trinity PC.
- Growth & Outreach Team has overseen labelling the historic photos in the narthex and is updating the photos of our past and present pastors in the hallway opposite the Nursery.
- The Long Range Development Team confirms the November 1, 2022 closing on the Phase II property (old Education Wing).
- Mission Committee reports high numbers using our Food Bank site, 900 sandwiches made for Casa Maria and a busy Resource Center. The August Special Mission offering resulted in \$1,740 given to Compañeros en Misión.
- Property Committee received approval to use \$2,968 from the Memorial Fund to replace the

blower in the Chapel organ. They are working to find space in the Sanctuary building for our mission activities and for some of our current tenants in the old education building. The AC in Trinity Hall will be fixed because of a generous \$33,000 anonymous gift.

- Stewardship & Finance Committee is finalizing the events scheduled for the weekend that Presbyterian Foundation representative Maggie Harmon comes to preach and conduct a workshop. Look for details and sign up to attend.
- Worship Committee has many irons in the fire as Advent approaches. There will be a Greening Service on November 27<sup>th</sup>. All Saints Sunday is November 6<sup>th</sup>. Some new intern faces will show up in the bass section of the choir. New banners, flowers, garlands and bows may be coming soon.
- During Session "Leading Together" time Dr. Mack encouraged all of us to think about a new way to communicate our beliefs as reformed Christians in a world where the church will never be the same after the pandemic and others are defining what being a Christian means.
- Session members prayed for those in our congregation with special need for extra care and concern.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**October 2** Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4 & Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

**October 9** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 & Psalm 111; 2 Tim. 8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**October 16** Gen. 32:22-31 & Psalm 121; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**October 23** Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22 & Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

**October 30** Isa. 1:10-18 & Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10



# TRINITY MILESTONES



## HONORING & MEMORIALS

*In Honor of* Lynn & Kathy Moser by Imogene Moser

*In Memory of* Ed Hunt by Leone Mohney

*In Memory of* Frances Roberts by Leone Mohney

*In Memory of* Frances Roberts by Delores Toering

## TRINITY WOMEN

**The Horizon's Bible Study** Dr. Mack leads 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, October 11 at 10:00 am and everyone is welcome.** The lessons will be available to view anytime after the in person class at [https://trinitytucson.org/learn/trinity\\_women/](https://trinitytucson.org/learn/trinity_women/) Study guides are available from Leone Mohney.

**Ryan's Bears** will meet **Tuesday October 18 at 9:30 am in the Lower Lounge** to stuff more bears. In November bears that are not finished will be completed and a pink ribbon put around their neck. A tag will be added saying the bears are made with love by Trinity Presbyterian Women. In December the bears will be blessed & distributed to Arizona Children's Association, Primavera, Our Family Social Services and Gospel Rescue Mission. All are agencies that serve families with children. Any help with the bears is appreciated.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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 - 98
19	Jennifer Lohse		

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1–10)

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

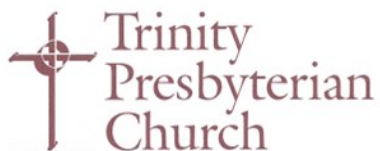
## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

Coming November 29

## Mack's Advent Class

“The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God’s Voice in Advent” a four-week Advent study by Susan Robb, explores the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. In this study, participants will explore the visits and dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel—and other angels—in the Old Testament. The Angels of Christmas uses these four angelic appearances to discuss God’s presence in history and our lives today. The messages of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now. Check November’s VISION for more info.



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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.
- ⇒ 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 November 2022  
VISION is

Monday, October 24, 2022

Please submit articles to the church  
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