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## HOLY WEEK



Sunday, April 2 10:20 am

### Palm Sunday

A celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a palm procession and trumpet soloist.

Join us in person or online at [trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live)

Thursday, April 6 5:30 pm

### Maundy Thursday

We'll share a meal and the Lord's Supper together in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the main course; bring a side dish to share. A Service of Tenebrae follows in the sanctuary - Scripture readings & music will relate the story of Jesus' life from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion as candles are extinguished and the sanctuary darkens.

Join us in person or online at [trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live)

Sunday, April 9 6:30 am & 10:20 am

### Easter Sunday

The Sunrise service begins at 6:30 am in the Memorial Garden

Easter breakfast is served in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am.

There will be an Easter story in the Library & egg hunt in the courtyard at 9:45 am for the children. The Sanctuary service beginning at 10:20 a.m. features "Behold the Lamb!" an Easter

Cantata with the Trinity Choir & an orchestra.

Communion will be served during the cantata.

Join us in person or online at [trinitytucson.org/watch-live](http://trinitytucson.org/watch-live) to celebrate that Christ is risen!

# PASTORAL LETTER

When it comes to the weather, April is always one of the most interesting months of the year. We expect the signs of spring to be present – from increasingly warming temperatures to the blooming of flowers and the greening of trees (my allergies certainly recognize the change of seasons.) At the same time, elements of winter persist. In certain regions large and dangerous storms are a pattern for the month. These storms can range from blizzards to tornadoes, depending on the region, but the spring climate is indisputably volatile as the jet stream meanders over the globe.

Both flora and fauna mirror the coming arrival of spring. Amy and I were looking out the window of our great room at our bird feeders, and we both noticed that some of the birds that we had not seen for months have returned, even as all the birds seem to be “pairing up.” We know that soon we will see hatchlings either in our trees or marching in lockstep behind their parents. With the joy of that view will also come the predators, and with sadness we will see the number of young birds diminishing. Once again that is April – joy and sorrow, life and death, hope and sadness.

While the dates of the events surrounding Jesus’s birth are debatable, there are no questions when it comes to the season of his passion. From his entry into Jerusalem to his arrest, trial, execution and resurrection, the time of these events are celebrated at the time that we recall them 2000 years later. Passover in Jerusalem reflected the conflicting elements and emotion of spring. Excited pilgrims made long journeys to gather in Jerusalem – sort of a giant family reunion. People who had not seen each other in a year or years came together to share the Passover rituals and the sacrifices at the temple. At the same time, Rome was present in the capital city – armed and watching every move, prepared to violently quell any riots or rebellious movements.

Jesus and his family were traditional pilgrims to the Passover. Their memories of Passover were joyous, but also perplexing in regard to the oldest son and brother. But by the time of the events we call Holy Week, the joy of Passover for Jesus and his family had been replaced by risk and fear, even as the relationship of Jesus to his family had been displaced by Jesus’ relationship to his disciples, whom he called his “sisters, mother, and brothers.” The gospel of John, unlike the other gospels, reflects the tensions between Jesus and his family as the Passover nears.

Like spring, the story of Jesus’s final Passover in Jerusalem begins with elements of life and death but ends with a new season unlike any other – a season initiated by God that would change the universe forever. If we are to define spring as life, then the resurrection of Jesus gave us an eternal spring of promise and hope – a new way to live our lives in a world filled with conflict, sorrow, and death. I sometimes wonder what our lives today would be like without that story and our faith in the one who gave it to us, and I thank God that I do not have to know.

The story of the resurrection of Christ does not live in the pages of a book written long ago, but in our hearts as we experience life under its power and promise. The Holy Spirit gives us that story every day of our lives, and then invites us to become a part of it through our journey of discipleship. That is why the joy of Easter is expressed in this month with the same words of that first spring morning 2000 years ago as the eternal season of God’s love began – “He is risen! Alleluia! Amen!”

With blessings for Easter,  
*Dr. Mack*



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## YOUTH CLASSES

### GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (Preschool - 2nd Grade)

*Teacher: Kathy Moser*

#### Easter & the Fruit of the Spirit

We will be having in-person Sunday School downstairs in **Room 7** following the children's message. On Palm Sunday, we will explore the booklet "We Can Learn About Easter", color your own Holy Week wheel and listen to Yancy & Little Praise Party - "He's Alive, He's Alive" song. On Easter Sunday, the children will remain in worship for the Easter Cantata. After Easter we will continue using a Christian video series called "Douglas Talks, The Fruit of the Spirit for Kids" as well as other resources and activities.

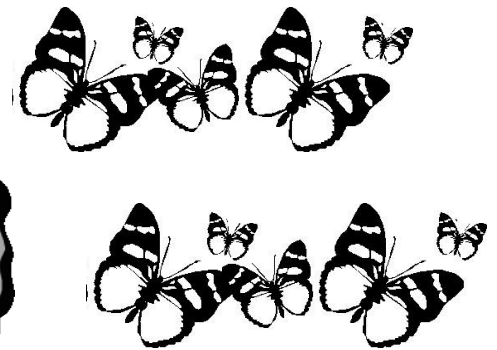
### THE CRUSADERS (3rd - 5th Grade) & FAITH ENCOUNTERS (6th Grade & Older)

*Teacher: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull*

**Crusaders:** 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will learn more about the Apostles' Creed during Lent including scripture passages, songs and interactive activities.

**Faith Encounters:** Graders 6 and older will explore The Apostles' Creed during Lent as we journey towards deeper faith development. Lessons will include scripture passages, songs and interactive activities.

Both of these groups meet in **Room 1**. The children/youth will meet at the back of the sanctuary after the children's message.



## Montlure Presbyterian Camp

Check [www.montlure.org](http://www.montlure.org) for details. Registration is open now. **Scholarships are available to all children and youth interested in going to camp this summer.** Speak to Bonnie Stull, Debbie Hobbs, Kathy Moser, or John Hill for more information.

**DAY CAMP:** at Christ Presbyterian Church, Tucson, June 19 - June 23, 9am-3pm Monday -Friday  
Grades 1-6 (Fall 2023) Registration cost: \$125

**OVERNIGHT CAMPS** at Camp Raymond, west of Flagstaff, Registration Costs range from \$500 to \$1100  
Senior High 9th - 12th Grade June 20 - 25 (Tuesday - Sunday)  
Junior High 6th - 8th Grade June 27 - July 2 (Tuesday - Sunday)  
Juniors 4th - 6th Grade July 5 - 9 (Wednesday - Sunday)

# SESSION NOTES

The stated meeting for Session in March was a breeze as there was only one motion to consider. And all committee reports were short and concise. Dr. Mack informed Session about his recent visit to Austin Seminary to discuss seminary interns and learn about the process involved in applying for one. He also indicated that the Growth & Outreach Team will lead the way while Trinity engages in some strategic planning for our future. Much like the congregational clearness conversations of years ago when we decided to sell some of our property and those Trinity Hall meetings when everyone made decisions about calling a new pastor, our church will now engage in planning what we will do next. This will involve the entire congregation, and everyone will be thinking about the future of Trinity's mission on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and University Blvd. So, stay tuned! Watch this space! Here are the highlights of Session's March meeting:

- The Deacons have scheduled the annual All-Church Picnic for November 4, 2023.
- Christian Education will celebrate library month with a reception in Lovejoy Library after worship on October 1, 2023.
- The Growth & Outreach Team will soon have folders in the pew pockets with inserts that speak about activities at Trinity and how members and visitors can be active in the mission and fellowship offered at our church.
- Twenty-five people attended the Food Bank open house; another open house event may be planned for the end of the year.
- Mission Committee voted to give money to One Great Hour of Sharing from the Special Mission Fund in the month of April.
- The Property Committee is keeping up with routine church maintenance highlighting HVAC issues and broken windows. The Trinity Hall air handler repairs are moving ever closer to closure.
- New signage for the lower level will soon be in evidence after using funds from the Property Wish List.
- Two palm trees that dropped branches in high winds are now removed from the east side of the sanctuary. This makes room for banners

that announce special events at our church and that can be seen from the street.

- Stewardship & Finance hosted a visit from Maggie Harmon and Jim Hitson, both of whom advise this committee about investment strategies and our future plans to generate a sustainable income for our church and its mission.
- Session approved moving the bulk of a recent bequest to the PCUSA Foundation New Covenant Trust account with an investment strategy that meets short term expenses and future long-term investments.
- Worship Committee thanks DeDe Markin and Catherine Dimenstein for their help with the Ash Wednesday service. They also voted to give Eric and Amy Reichel a monetary gift for their musical leadership before their move to California.
- Session members prayed for congregants in need of special care and concern.

Janet Hooper  
Clerk of Session

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**April 2** Isa. 50:4-9 and Psalm 31:9-16, Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66 or Matt. 27:11-54

**April 9** Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 28:1-10

**April 16** Acts 2:14, 22-32 and Psalm 16 or Ex. 15:1-11 and Psalm 111, 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**April 23** Acts 2:14, 36-41 and Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 or Isa. 51:1-6 and Psalm 34:1-10; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

**April 30** Acts 2:42-47 and Psalm 23 or Ezek. 34:7-15 and Psalm 100; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## WHO'S IN YOUR PEW

### Meet Emalie Wilka

**What do you do for a career?**

I am a missile engineer at Raytheon.

**Where is your hometown?** I am from Tucson

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

I love to play with my dogs, relax on the couch with my fiancé, and go to new restaurants.

**What is your favorite food?** My favorite food is Pad Thai with tofu

**What is your favorite hymn or bible verse?**

Here I Am, Lord & Romans 12:12

**What does this church mean to you?** This church to me means family. I grew up in Trinity, through Sunday school, confirmation, and I was baptized here as well. I am the fourth generation in my family to be a member of Trinity, and have strong roots here.

**What is something that many people would not know about you?**

I played second chair euphonium with my high school wind symphony at Carnegie Hall in April 2008.



Tucson Borderlands  
Young Adult Volunteers  
20th Anniversary!  
[www.tucsonborderlandsvav.org/20years](http://www.tucsonborderlandsvav.org/20years)



GROWING  
AS WE GO

Join the YAVs for a celebration dinner! **Saturday April 15, 2023 5 - 10 pm at Southside Presbyterian Church 317 W. 23rd St.** Enjoy a locally catered dinner, silent auction, youth mariachi band, and dancing with a DJ! Doors open at 5 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

**Buy your tickets by April 2nd:**

- \$35 per adult (15 years old and up)
  - includes a commemorative 20th Anniversary Memory Book
- See Debbie Hobbs for tickets.**

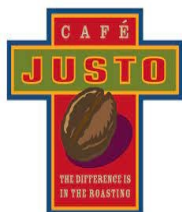
## MISSION NEWS

### TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Trinity's Food Pantry is open Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm in basement of the Sanctuary building. Thanks for your food and monetary donations.

### RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center is open Wednesday 12:00 to 3:00 pm in basement of the Sanctuary building to help clients with Department of Economic Security (DES) applications, vouchers for duplicate Arizona ID cards, birth certificates for adults and notarizing documents.



## Just Coffee For Sale

The Just Coffee display is near the stained glass window in Fellowship Hall with volunteers handling the sales before and after church on Sunday. If a volunteer is not available you may still purchase the coffee and place your cash or check in the lockbox on the wall. Coffee will be \$10 or \$11 and the proceeds benefit Café Justo, a Grower-owned Coffee Cooperative based in southern Chiapas Mexico, formed to address the poverty & migration from Mexico to the U.S.A. More information is available at [justcoffee.org](http://justcoffee.org).



## CASA MARIA SANDWICH MAKING

April's sandwich making in Fellowship Hall is after the Sanctuary service on **April 16**.

# TRINITY MILESTONES

## HONORING & MEMORIALS

*In Memory of* Melissa Bird by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Betty Lu Holland by Leone Mohney  
*In Honor of* Harriet Marsh by Leone Mohney  
*In Memory of* Melissa Bird by Joan Kingan  
*In Memory of* Imogene Moser by Bonnie Stull  
*In Memory of* Betty Lu Holland by Bonnie Stull  
*In Memory of* Melissa Bird by Amy Bird & Douglas Bland

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8 Helen Greer                      24 Lonzo Ray  
13 Rick Wickizer                  24 Ward Spillers  
16 Barbara Sosna                  28 Liz Barlow  
18 Lori Boston                      28 Grace Corona  
22 Jim Thomas

## MAY BIRTHDAYS (1–10)

3 Jessa Roggow                  9 Susan Chambers-Casteloes  
6 Celeste Dzakpa                  9 Turner Miller

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

6 Jeff & Debbie Hobbs  
14 David & Sheila Croteau  
19 Jessa Roggow & Ruben Zamarano  
21 Barbara & Chuck Sosna  
25 Hap & Nancy Howard

## YEAR ROUND DEVOTIONS

The Christian Education committee recommends the D365 devotional for use during Lent (and year round). Visit <https://d365.org> or download the free D365 app from your app store. It has 5 steps of "pause, listen, think, pray, go" which includes scripture and music each day.

## LENT DEVOTIONS

If you prefer a book, Rev. Rachel M. Srubas of Mountain Shadows has written a new book called "The Desert of Compassion: Devotions for the Lenten Journey". The book is available for purchase from Westminster John Knox & Amazon (including Kindle).

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone special please pay online at [www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org) using the



Donate button on the home page. Please enter your information in the memo portion before the deadline of Sunday, April 2, 2023 so that it will be published Easter Sunday,

## 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 meets in person in the Library Tuesday, April 11 at 10:00 am** and everyone is welcome. Study guides are available from Leone Mohney.

Ryan's Bears meets **Tuesday, April 18 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.** We are off to a good start with 10 bears in the process of being stuffed and stitched. More bears were cut out and will be ready to be stuffed. Every one is welcome to help. Any questions, please call Ruth Myers at 520 326 6888