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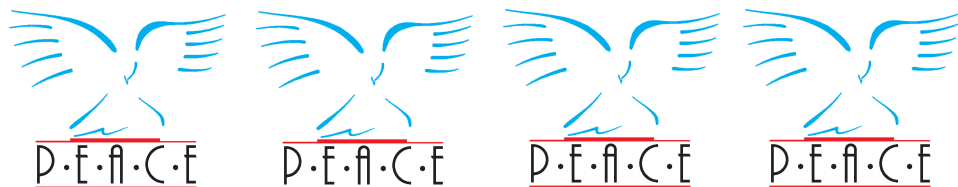
All Saints Wednesday, November 1

A Candlelight Concert for All Saints Day: Music of Remembrance and Hope will be offered in Trinity's chapel **Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m.** with music for organ, piano, voice, flute, and Handbells. This free program of meditative and peaceful music will be presented by Lynn Moser (keyboard), Christine Harper (flute), several soloists from the Trinity Choir, and handbell players from the Trinity Ringers. Join us in person or online at trinitytucson.org/watch-live & facebook.com/tpctucson. You can also watch with the BoxCast app, on Roku TV, Apple TV & Fire TV.



All Saints Sunday November 5

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 30**. We will read aloud the names of our members who have passed away this past year, as well as all of the names submitted.



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 or mailed in. This annual mission offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict & injustice across the world.

PASTORAL LETTER

From the time I became a minister, October has been something of a transitional month for me and for the congregations that I have served over the years. Summer is over, the weather is changing (finally) and as a faith community we begin to think about the rush toward the holiday season. But if we neglect the profound meaning of October in the Christian church, we miss something important in our faith and in our journeys as disciples of Christ. October is the month of the harvest in North America for corn, cotton, peanuts, oats, soybeans, sorghum, rice, and numerous other crops. Farmers and farm communities pay close attention to the harvest season, and for good reason: the economic health of many agricultural communities depends upon a good harvest.

Just before I came to Trinity in 2017, I was working as a “first-responder” interim for a small church in southeast Texas. The church was in a farming community which had rice, soybeans, and cotton as its primary crops (first-responder interims are for churches that are in extreme conflict and need a “cooling-off” period under the guidance of a trained pastor.) I thought I had completely adapted to the farming environment until October, when I started having a difficult time breathing, accompanied by burning and watering eyes. As my symptoms worsened, one of my parishioners who owned a massive rice farm explained that it was the dust and detritus from the harvest that was making me so miserable. When I asked the church member why the crop dust didn’t seem to bother him, he explained with a smile and a Texas drawl, “Oh, it does – but the stronger the symptoms, the better the crop. Even as I cough, it makes me thankful that we are having a good harvest.” In agriculture, the harvest season is not an end, but a transition to the next phase of the crop cycle. Yet, there is also a sense of achievement and accountability for the work that has led up to that point, and then a looking forward with hope to the next harvest.

There is something for us to learn in the agricultural cycle of the seasons that we can apply to our Christian discipleship. Jesus constantly spoke of the harvest as a spiritual task – a harvest which is always in need of hearts and hands willing to gather it. In John 4 we hear Jesus saying to his disciples, “But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’” Sometimes it is discouraging to be a disciple of Christ in the fellowship of a Christian community. We come to our community with expectations of a harvest that, at a minimum, will give us hope for the year to come, and at most will grow our ministry and our church in every way. But Jesus reminds us that we are not just working for this year’s harvest, but sowing the seeds for a harvest to come. Trinity, like all faith communities, was planted in the past by God to do the work that God intended for the future. Whether or not we see this work and the harvest that follows does not matter. What matters is that, as followers of Christ, we remain faithful to the tasks of being a fellowship of believers, sowing and harvesting the love of Jesus Christ as led by the Holy Spirit. For much of the world, farming is still a matter of work, dependence, and trust, and so is our discipleship. No matter if what we plant and what we harvest feeds one heart or countless hearts, it is not according to our design, but God’s. Let us keep this in mind as we continue to harvest for our Lord, trusting that God’s will is happening through us – even when we do not see it.

Dr. Mack



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH CLASSES

GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS (preschool - 2nd grade)

Teacher: Kathy Moser

Topic: Old Testament Heroes

We are having in-person Sunday School, meeting downstairs in **Room 8** following the children's sermon. We will celebrate and learn about Moses and David through Bible stories, sticker books, matching games, puzzles and other activities.

CRUSADERS & FAITH ENCOUNTERS (3rd grade & older)

Teacher: Debbie Hobbs & Bonnie Stull

Crusaders (3rd, 4th and 5th graders) Each week we will link our class lessons, activities and songs to the scriptures read in worship. By connecting lessons with the Children's message and scriptures from worship, this will enable families to share insights and reflect upon a common Biblical theme each week.

Faith Encounters (grades 6 and older) This group will be encouraged to bring their faith questions as we "dissect and discuss" the scripture passages and sermon topics presented in worship for that day.

Oct. 1 Isaiah 53: 1-5, 1 John 1: 1-3 & "The Word of Life"

Oct. 8 Psalm 16: 5-11, Acts 1: 6-8 & "The Tools of the Trade"

Oct. 15 Hebrews 4:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & "Rhythms"

Oct. 22 Psalm 30: 4-12, Matthew 4: 1-11 & "No Shortcuts"

Oct. 29 Psalm 18: 1-6, 16-19, Romans 10: 5-13 & "A Simple Call"

Both classes are led by Debbie Hobbs and Bonnie Stull and meet downstairs in **Room 1**.

COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS

Join in the fellowship with Presbyterian Campus Ministry for a meeting, Bible study & dinner

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church (Campbell north of Speedway).

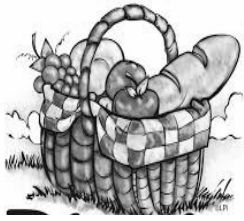
For more information, check the website pcmarizona.org or contact them at pastor.lcmuofa@gmail.com

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



ALL CHURCH PICNIC **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

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

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 **Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm** in basement of the Sanctuary building. Thanks for your food & 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 and notarizing documents.



SAVE THE DATE 2023 CROP HUNGER WALK **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Registration at 2:00 pm in the Courtyard

Trinity Presbyterian Church 400 E. University Blvd



Over the past 26 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/2023/team/trinity-presbyterian-church-tucson>

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

WHO'S IN YOUR VIRTUAL PEW

Meet Karen James



What did you do for a living?

I was a Customer Service Representative in Michigan. I worked at Meijer in the produce department for twenty two years.

Where is your hometown?

Flint, Michigan

What do you like to do with your leisure time?

Listen to music, Watch favorite DVD's, Swim, Love on my Hemingway cat, LilyBell, & my new rescue dog, a Papillon/Dachshund named Harry Truman.

What is your favorite food?

Mexican food

What is your favorite hymn or Bible verse?

Psalm 139 & Amazing Grace

What does this church mean to you?

Trinity has always felt like a family church. I'm trying to get more involved this year and in doing so I am feeling very blessed. Thank you all.

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

In the early 2000's, my Mom and I walked across the Mackinaw Bridge on Labor Day.

SCIENCE IN THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 15 after worship

Genetics - What does it mean to "play God"?

In this presentation, guest scientist Joshua Hack provides an overview of the current state of research and development of gene editing techniques and also hopes to identify and discuss the various ethical and moral dilemmas facing the scientific community, and challenges Christians to engage with these technologies and discussions, rather than unilaterally condemning their use. Joshua Hack is a geneticist with an M.S. and B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology and B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, all from the University of Arizona. Specializing in rare diseases and mutational genetics, Joshua is deeply entrenched in the world of gene therapy and editing. As a life-long Christian, he is actively engaged in apologetics communities & discussions surrounding the responsible, moral, and ethical use of new technologies and how we as Christians need to engage with them. This presentation is hosted by the Christian Education Committee and light snacks will be served.

TRINITY WOMEN

The Horizon's Bible Study Dr. Mack leads a new study "*Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts*" by Olive Mahabir. The group will meet in person in **the Library Tuesday, October 10 at 10:00 am and everyone is welcome.**

Ryan's Bears will meet **Tuesday October 17 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall** 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.



The Letson family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, emails, and made donations to Trinity's Memorial Fund after the passing of our father, Bob. And a special thanks for your many prayers while he was on the prayer list when he could no longer attend church in person. He truly felt loved by his Trinity family."

SESSION NOTES

Back to school and fall routines! Attendance has picked up especially on the Sunday that celebrated Bruce Chamberlain's twenty years at Trinity as our Choir Director. A big thank you for the lovely lunch and entertaining antics. It's always wonderful when some of our children attend – they are special. Here are a few highlights of Session's September stated meeting:

- Session approved having the Rev. Mark Adams preach on September 17, 2023 and the Rev. Brad Munroe preach on October 15, 2023.
- After careful investigation by the Deaconate and the Growth & Outreach Team, Session approved removing the following people from the rolls as they live out of state, have unknown whereabouts or have asked to be removed: Jennifer Carter, Tom McCartney, Bev Bechtel, Tom Coyle, Kelsey Coyle, Dane Gross, Betty Jean Hand, Clay Morgan and Judith Rachael.
- While updating our corporate information with the Arizona Corporation Commission, we have learned the corporate official name for Trinity is Trinity Presbyterian Church of Tucson. This is something to know for official documents.
- The deacons are planning the all-church picnic at Reid Park on November 4th.
- Our commissioners – John Hill, Billie Holbrook and Carolyn Maycher – attended the August 26th Presbytery meeting and learned a lot about justice, poverty and the role of the church in these issues.
- The Congregational Nominating Committee has begun to fill nominations for the Classes of 2026. Yes, 2026!
- Administration & Personnel is continuing work to update some language in the Child Protection & Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy for Trinity.
- Christian Education is scheduling a presentation about Gene Splicing by Josh Hack for October 15th after worship.
- October 29th is Cyclovia Sunday. Growth & Outreach will have a booth on our University Blvd. & 4th Avenue corner.
- Mission Committee will be requesting extra Thanksgiving goodies for the families that use

our food bank site.

- Property Committee is sponsoring a clean-up day for our church on October 14th.
- Stewardship & Finance is planning the fall stewardship campaign and may present some minutes for mission.
- Worship Committee is planning for the Advent season and supporting Lynn Moser while he researches ways to repair, upgrade or replace our ailing organ.
- Session had a spirited discussion about statistics and other info as presented in a Ministry Insite Priorities Report. Highlights included concentrating on community and best ways to share the good news of the kingdom of God. Many great ideas were presented.

Janet Hooper
Clerk of Session



SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 1 Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32 & Psalm 25:1-9; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

October 8 Isa. 5:1-7 & Psalm 80:7-15; Phil. 3:4-14; Matt. 21:33-46

October 15 Isa. 25:1-9 & Psalm 23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

October 22 Isa. 45:1-7 & Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

October 29 Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18 & psalm 1; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46

TRINITY MILESTONES



HONORING & MEMORIALS

In Honor of Melinda Arnold by her brother

In Memory of Bob Letson & Leone Mohney by Steve & Ruth Russell

In Honor of the Zion Community Church in Togo for their 70th Anniversary

In Memory of Leone Mohney by Bates & Ann Butler

In Memory of Jane Parker by Carolyn Maycher

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

12 Chris & Sarah Svenson

15 Bart & Heather Lind

17 Ed & Daphne Madson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Emelia Maycher

7 Debbie Hobbs

11 Derry Dean

17 Glenn Moyer

18 Koffi Seddo

19 Jennifer Lohse

24 Kuman Tenge

25 Latre Lawson Adokpo

26 Doug Holland

27 Margaret McConnell

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1-10)

2 LaRue Woslum

3 Greg Keidel

5 Lily Chacon

10 Christine Toering

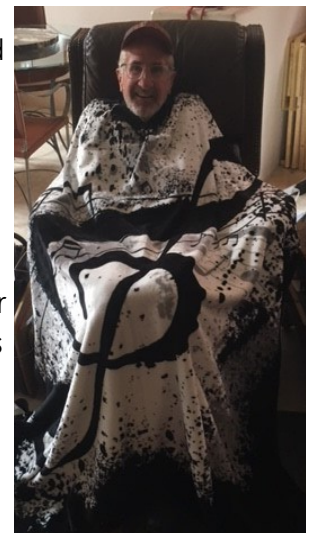
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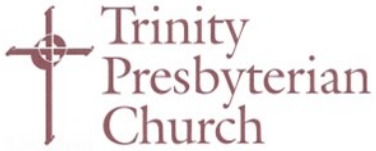
Dear Trinity Family,

Words are inadequate to express my appreciation for your myriad kindnesses & the loving celebration of my 20-year anniversary of serving at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Peggy and I have been so blessed during these years to have you as our spiritual family. You will never know just how blessed we have been & how appreciative we are of all the expressions of your appreciation for the music program at Trinity and how meaningful it was to my family and me to have all of you gather in Fellowship Hall on the 17th of September.

Some special thanks are in order: to Lynn, for EVERYTHING that he does at the organ/piano/handbells and the unflagging support that he gives all of us; to the members of the choir, who dedicate hours of selfless service to provide meaningful expressions of music and lay worship leadership for each service; to Will, for his expert "impersonation" of my interview process to become your choir director; to Catherine, the poet/hymnist extraordinaire; to DeDe for the fabulous Choir Cake; to Roberta and her "crew" who planned, organized and executed an absolutely fabulous celebration in Fellowship Hall; to Sheila for expert rolling slide show and to Peter for all the extra work that the set-up and take-down required. If I have overlooked anyone, please forgive me and know that it is only due to my advanced age that you may have been omitted.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU and may God continue to bless you, and our collective mission of Serving God in the Heart of the City. *Bruce*



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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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