



the Vision

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Luke 2:10

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CHRISTMAS 2014



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PASTORAL LETTER



*Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth,
for you have died, and your life is hidden with
Christ in God.*

*When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory
-Colossians 3:2-4*

Look Up! Look Ahead! Move out!

Lift up you heads. Look forward in confident hope. Christians are defined by their *future* more than by their past, and by *heaven* more than by earth. Do we mean it when we pray . . .

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?

Do we believe it? So, if you are one of those who are saying to yourselves that the future of Trinity Presbyterian Church is limited by its past “failures” or some sort of fatalistic determinism, then you are not listening to the Spirit of God! Can you imagine Jesus listening to you say those things, dropping His head in resignation and agreeing with you?—“Yes, I guess you’re right—we may as well throw in the towel.” What a joke! If negativism were a gift of the Spirit, many of us would be canonized as saints! Stop it!

“Take heart; I have overcome the world!” Jesus -John 16:33

*Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things. -Philippians 4:8*

We have a destiny to fulfill. The best is yet to come. We have a job to do. God is not finished, and neither are we! The kingdom has not come in its fullness. Every morning is a new beginning. It is a time to listen for our marching orders. The Master has a purpose and a plan for each of us, and for us together. Trinity Presbyterian must play its essential part in the divine work of the Church worldwide. At this desperate time in history, we are called to arms. Muster and move out. Onward!

Join us in special worship and discernment on February 15, as we listen to God and to each other, feel the wind of the Spirit, renew our baptismal promises, and place ourselves squarely at the behest of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans for welfare and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope. -Jeremiah 29:11*

WORSHIP

JANUARY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jan 4 - Jeremiah 31:7-14; *Psalm 147:12-20*; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Jan 11 - Genesis 1:1-5; *Psalm 29*; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Jan 18 - I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*; I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Jan 25 - Jonah 3:1-5, 10; *Psalm 62:5-12*; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORD OF LIFE

Our Bible Study class study is "**That You May Believe: The Gospel of John**". It's by Carol J. Miller. John's Gospel offers insights into the nature of Jesus and the meaning of faith. Come share your faith and explore the contrasts that John puts before us. We meet in the Upper Room East at 9:00.

THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

We have been with Martin Luther in his childhood. We have watched as he poured himself into the Monastic order. But he has challenged the Catholic Church with his writings. Sunday, January 11 we will be looking at the great religious reforms he led. This will conclude our series on Martin Luther. We will not meet on January 18, but will resume with a new series on January 25. Class meets at 9:00 am in the Upper Room W. Join Rev. Bill Voigt. Breakfast included!

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

We meet in the Lower Level Lounge after worship on Sunday mornings. We will be using a DVD entitled *Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy* for the first 5 weeks this year. Join us! All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ENGAGE

JAN—FEB - 6 WEEK SERIES

Sundays at 11:45 in the Upper Room E.

As faithful members of the church, are you ever asked what you believe – and maybe why? Does this make you uncomfortable? Or do you have a response with which you're not entirely satisfied? Could you benefit from the discussion of how you might more effectively articulate the faith you profess? The Presbyterian Church (PC/USA) has developed a resource called "ENGAGE" that promises to address these issues. Please contact Cindy Toering (Growth and Outreach committee) or Harriet Marsh if you are interested in attending.

POLO

Parents of Little Ones is now at 9:00 am. on the third Sunday of the month (before worship instead of after). Parents with young children are welcome to join us!



GODLY PLAY

Godly Play is a worship-based learning program for children that invites exploration of core Biblical stories in an atmosphere of reverence, wonder and prayer.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

Kreamer's Crusaders

January-May 2015

Calling all youth in grades 4th-8th. we will be starting a Sunday School class on January 11th called "Kreamer's Crusaders".



This will cover a variety of Bible stories in an open discussion format. We will meet in the Sanctuary for the service and leave before the sermon to go downstairs to the lounge for our class. The class will end around 11:30am.



Wednesday Nite
Alive!

WNA Speaker/Service Project “Combo Nite”

Date: Wednesday, January 28th

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Upper Room East

Speaker: Betty Stauffer, Executive Director, Literacy Connects



Connects programs have served the Southern Arizona community for more than 50 years. They offer a continuum of services from birth through adulthood. Programs include Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona, Reading Seed, Stories That Soar!, Adult Basic Literacy and English Language Acquisition for Adults.

Please join us for an opportunity to hear about these amazing programs that are serving your community. You will also have an opportunity to help by donating books during our book drive. The books will be given to Betty that evening for Literacy Connects. We will be collecting books (gently used or new) that are for pre-school through 6th grade. Please bring your book donations to Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



BOOK DRIVE



Wednesday Nite Alive! - January 2015

Date	5:00 pm Bible Study {Library}	6:00 pm Meditation Service {Chapel}	6:45 pm Discussion Group {Upper Room-West}	6:45 pm Helping Hands (serving) {Upper Room-East}
Jan 7	Mark 1:4-11 <i>Jery Foust</i>	Epiphany	The Racial Divide in America <i>An ABC News montage & discussion</i>	Fleece blankets for Project Linus <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Jan 14	John 1:43-51 <i>Jery Foust</i>	Epiphany	Understanding Poverty in Arizona & Making a Difference <i>Sandra Murray, AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer with Our Town Family Services</i>	Bead sculpting for Ben's Bells <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Jan 21	Mark 1:14-20 <i>Bill Voigt</i>	Epiphany	The Life Cycle of the Congregation <i>Jery Foust, Interim Pastor</i>	Bead sculpting for Ben's Bells <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Jan 28	Mark 1:21-28	Epiphany	Literacy Volunteer Program and Book Drive <i>Betty Stauffer, Executive Director, Literacy Connects & Kathy Moser</i>	

WEDNESDAYNITEALIVE! CHANGES

The more things change, the more they stay the change. The format for WNA is staying the same, with a little change.

We will have Bible Study at 5:00 pm and Chapel at 6:00 pm – nothing new here. But, for now, we'll shift from the hot meal in Fellowship Hall to a simpler, more snack type meal in Upper Room West at 6:30 pm.

The speaker/discussion group and Helping Hands will start at 6:45 pm. This way we'll all be in our seats, maybe still munching, but ready for the speaker and service project to start.

We will continue to explore ways in which we can work closely with neighbors and provide a shared meal, maybe once a month, but we need to be more focused and follow established guidelines. But **WEDNESDAYNITEALIVE!** will not stop – look for a great, interactive Lenten series starting February 18!

Congregational News

Memories, Hopes and Conversations
Your Opportunity to Help Shape the Future of
Trinity Church!

Sunday, February 15

10:30 till 12:30, (including worship)

Fellowship at 10:00 – Lunch at 12:30

February 15 is a highlight day at Trinity! It is the Sunday when we will come together for an event called “Memories, Hopes and Conversations” which is a time of sharing, discerning and envisioning. The thoughts and ideas that come out of this event will form Trinity’s Mission Study which, in turn, will be used in the search for our new Senior Pastor. We will be using a proven approach known as Appreciative Inquiry which gives everyone an opportunity to share their positive memories and voice their creative hopes in an atmosphere of gratefulness to God and thankfulness for each other. Your Session has had a taste of the Appreciative Inquiry process and found that it created a sense of energy, shared vision and hopefulness for the future.

On Feb. 15, the morning schedule will center around the Memories, Hopes and Conversations event, and everything, including worship, will take place downstairs in and around Trinity Hall.

In this pivotal time in the life of this part of God’s Church called Trinity, your participation in this event is among the most important things that you can do for this congregation in this decade! The Session’s goal is to have 100% participation of members, and anyone who is interested in the life of this congregation is encouraged to participate. Plans are being made to help those with transportation and childcare needs. Please mark February 15 on your calendar and return the RSVP CARD included in this newsletter. Come be a part of helping to shape the future of Trinity Church!

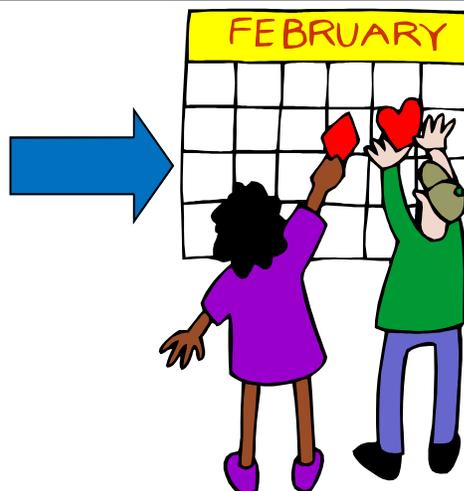
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PASTOR’S PICK

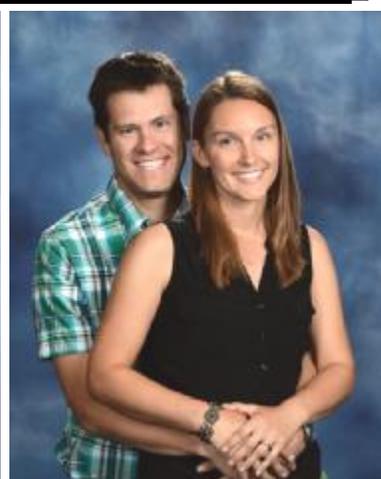
Absence of Mind by Marilynne Robinson

In this ambitious book, acclaimed writer Marilynne Robinson applies her astute intellect to some of the most vexing topics in the history of human thought—science, religion and consciousness. Crafted with the same care and insight as her award-winning novels, *Absence of Mind* challenges postmodern atheists who crusade against religion under the banner of science. By defending the importance of individual reflection, Robinson celebrates the power and variety of human consciousness in the tradition of William James. She explores the nature of subjectivity and considers the culture in which Sigmund Freud was situated and its influence on his model of self and civilization. Through keen interpretations of language, emotion, science and poetry, *Absence of Mind* restores human consciousness to its central place in the religion-science debate. (Quote from book cover)

**MARK FEBRUARY 15
ON YOUR CALENDAR!**
(Return RSVP card now)



Congregational News



GOODBYE CLASS OF 2014 ELDERS: Carroll Keegstra, Liz Strong and Cameron Toering (Matt Kreamer will continue to serve in Class of 2016, Billie Holbrook and Bobbie Whipple will serve in Class of 2017 along with Doug Holland, Janet Jones, and Leone Mohny.) We also say goodbye to Dave Koop, Class of 2016, who, with his wife, Jen, moved to Massachusetts.



DEACONS who are “retiring”: Heather Lind (left) and Mary Zellar (right).
Class of 2017 Deacons will be: Sally Barlow, Rosalie Goll, Kathy Moser, Ruth Myers and Emalie Wilka



TRINITY BOOK CLUB

The Trinity Book Club will meet on (new night) Tuesday, January 27 in the Lovejoy Library at 7:00 pm to discuss “Freedom” by Jonathan Franzen. The Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of the month and would love to have you join us in 2015. The lineup for this year’s selected readings will be configured soon. If you have a favorite that you would like to recommend, please contact Billie Holbrook at 668-6341 or billie.holbrook@cox.net.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, Presbyterian congregations have long expressed their compassion for others, especially for those who serve the Church and racial ethnic schools and colleges of the PC (USA). This Offering, taken on Christmas Eve, received \$2,154 for 2014.

WINTER 2014 FOUTH AVENUE STREET FAIR: The Deacons would like to thank the following people for all their hard work at the Deacon’s Hamburger/Hot Dog Booth: Steve Barlow, Liz Barlow, Geoff & Kirsten Barlow, Sally Barlow, Jeff Hobbs, Doug & Betty Lu Holland, Greg Keidel, Sherry Letson, Carolyn Maycher and Jerry Rowe. Great work in supporting the Deacon ministry!

SESSION NOTES

Session Notes for December 2014

Session members and deacons enjoyed their traditional joint Christmas dinner to socialize and learn about each other's activities during 2014. Lynn Moser led everyone in singing a few carols and we recognized the service of a few leaders who are "retiring" – Heather Lind, Mary Zellar, Liz Strong, Carroll Keegstra and Cameron Toering. After a delightful dinner cooked by the elders, the deacons cleaned up while session continued to meet upstairs in the Upper Room. The deacons held their meeting in the Lovejoy Library.

Most of the business accomplished by session was end of the year housekeeping. Details about the salaries for Jerry Foust and Bill Voigt were approved to satisfy Internal Revenue Service requirements. Details concerning the Session Retreat on January 9-10, 2015 were ironed out.

Session approved Mission Committee's request for up to \$3,000 from the Special Mission Fund to purchase mattresses from Tucson Furniture for the Borderlinks dormitory. Bucky Lovejoy was instrumental in finding a good source and good price for these mattresses. Bucky also reported for the Long Range Dev. Team that there are two tenants interested in development on our Mission Center site.

Property Committee reported that they are waiting on bids to repair the HVAC the Sanctuary and the new doors for the east entrance are under construction. Worship Committee reminded everyone about the upcoming wonderful Christmas music.

Stewardship & Finance presented a projected conservative 2015 budget that Session approved. Administration & Personnel expressed their excitement about the proposed Youth Director position description that Matt Kreamer has been writing.

Christian Education asked Session to approve – with gratitude – Matt Kreamer as Sunday School teacher for the older children (ages 11 to 14) and the curriculum that he proposes. Session wholeheartedly approved this action. Matt will begin his teaching in January.

Billie Holbrook reminded session members that

church leaders and those working with children at Trinity need to sign a Covenant of Sexual Responsibility in the office after viewing the video presentation of Trinity's Sexual Misconduct Policy found on our website. People who work with children also need to be fingerprinted.

Growth & Outreach is excited to offer the congregation www.trinitytucson.org decals for their cars! This team is planning to meet with Presbyterian Campus Ministry to expand outreach to U of A students and invites anyone in the congregation to accompany them on January 13, 2015. Harriet Marsh will lead four classes for the Engage series beginning January 18, 2015 after worship. Watch for upcoming Tours of Trinity to find out which closets are hiding the skeletons.

Session members prayed for many in the congregation, our hard-working leaders and for Trinity PC's future service in our community.

Bit of trivia: Over the years, Steve Barlow has probably made \$8,000 selling burgers and hot dogs during the 4th Avenue Street Fair while Jane Parker initiated serving 500,000 cups of water or so!

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session

TOURS OF TRINITY



THE GROWTH & OUTREACH TEAM will be offering "Tours of Trinity" lead by our very own Rev. Bill Voigt on Jan 4th, Jan 25th, Feb 1st and Feb 22nd. They will begin after worship at 11:45 am. Meet in the Narthex and come explore our facility and learn some of the history of Trinity.



Mission News



SANDWICH MAKING for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, January 11. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches for the homeless.

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY



Thanks to all my volunteers and those who donated food and other items for our pantry this year. You made a difference in the lives of our clients. Many times the clients have thanked the volun-

teers for providing extra items to add to their bags. Volunteers have been going to the Food Bank's Agency Market and now we can put together bags of food to give to those clients who do not qualify for a food box. The Agency Market gets the extra food items from stores and then offers it to the different distribution sites. Many of the food items that we pick up are perishable items like yogurt and frozen food products. You are invited to go with us to the Agency Market to learn more about the programs being offered by the Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact the office and let me know when you would be available to work.

CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECTS

December was a busy month for Mission projects. One of the highlights of our very successful Christmas Cantina was watching the children trying to break the piñata. It took an adult to break the piñata. Each young child picked the things they wanted with the help of a parent. The older children knew what to do and scrambled all over the courtyard filling their bags. People were treated to a delicious Mexican lunch and participated in several festive activities.

The "Christmas Market" raised \$1,805 to be split between the village of Malam-Petel in the Cameroons, Frontera de Cristo in Douglas and the Home of Hope and Peace in Nogales. School supplies were also brought to the "Market". Clothing was brought in for the Pascua Yaqui Head Start Program. We collected over 20 jackets, 10 sweat suits, 15 pairs of shoes or flip-flops and many other clothing items. These items will be used by the children and their families enrolled in the program. Clothing is an ongoing need for this organization. We filled five 30 gallon bags with clothes plus the shoes. Thank you for your generosity and support of Trinity's Mission programs.



SPRING CRAFTS AND CREATIONS

The event "SPRING CRAFTS AND CREATIONS SPECTACULAR" will be held in Trinity Hall after church on Sunday, February 22, 2015 beginning at 11:45 am. This is an all-church event for men, women and children. It will include displaying crafts of all types (finished or in progress) and baking creations that will be served as desserts. We will be serving a light lunch at this event. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship in sharing the talents God has given us. You don't need to bring a craft or creation in order to come to this fun event. We hope to see you there! Contact the Trinity Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team member, Kathy Moser, for more information.



SUNDAYS
Just Coffee in Fellowship Hall
FOR SIPPING & FOR SALE!



New Members

LaRue Woslum



LaRue Woslum spent most of his early years in south Los Angeles. As a Native American, growing up in a black community, LaRue was bullied a lot. When he was 14 he left home and hitchhiked around the country. In the 1970s, he first came to Arizona to be with Tohono O'Odham friends. LaRue likes to sing, play his guitar and is interested in growing organic food. He is a vegetarian and hopes to return to farming the land and producing organic crops. LaRue values honesty and hard work and has a strong faith in God. His faith in God sustains him. His goal is to commune with Jesus anytime and all the time.

Tom Coyle and Kelsey Coyle



New Members Fly Into Trinity!

Trinity Presbyterian welcomes two of our newest members to the church- Tom Coyle and his 19 year old daughter, Kelsey.

Tom and Kelsey moved to Tucson from Kansas City, Missouri just before Kelsey started college at the University of Arizona. Kelsey is a sophomore majoring in biochemistry and is a Wildcat sports fan- cheering on the basketball team and her favorite player, Rondae Hollis-Jefferson.

Tom, formerly a City Planner, is now an airport planner at Tucson International Airport. Tom uses his background as a City Planner to help Tucson International look to the future- developing properties and making sure the design plans for expansions or remodels fit in with the current airport.

Both Tom and Kelsey feel comfortable at Trinity and believe that the people and the sense of belonging are what attracted them to and keep them coming to Trinity. With their busy lifestyles, they also appreciate that Trinity offers so many different volunteer opportunities within the community that they can always find a few that can fit into their schedules.

Tucson Chamber Artists presents *Carmina Burana* January 23, 24 and 25. Orff's authorized version for two pianos, percussion and chorus will be performed with world-class soloists as part of the Tucson Desert Song Festival. For information on locations and tickets: www.TucsonChamberArtists.org.





Memorials

In Honor of Lynn Moser by Elsie Herendeen

In Memory of Howard Moser by Imogene Moser

In Memory of David Hardy by Ruth & Don Myers and M. M. Nellis

In Honor of Jane Parker by Ruth & Don Myers

Trinity Women



On January 13, Trinity Presbyterian Women will meet for the morning Circle at 10:00 am and the evening Circle at 7:00 pm. Join them

for Bible study and conversation in Fellowship Hall. *Newcomers are welcome!*

On January 27, the women will have their Gathering in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am with a presentation by Bonnie Thompson, moderator of Presbyterian Women de Cristo and a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church. She will speak about her recent trip to the Caribbean as a member of the Global Exchange Group of Presbyterian Women. All are welcome to come to the Gathering — men and women!



EPIPHANY



Leaders Recognized

Congratulations

Trinity member, Jennifer Lohse of Tucson Foundations, won the 40 Under 40 Mentor of the Year award.

Another Trinity member, Shelby MacDonald, was recognized as one of this year's 40 Under 40 winners. The program recognizes young leaders impacting Tucson through their professional and charitable work.

Deadline for the February, 2015 *VISION*
Thursday, January 22

Please submit typewritten articles to the church office or to:
office@trinitytucson.org