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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 5 — a day that we remember that the Lord's table unites Christians from every nation and culture. International breads, fabrics and global songs enliven our worship on this Lord's Day. You are encouraged to wear clothing from around the world!



ATTENTION KIDS OF ALL AGES!

The Annual

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC IS ON!

The picnic is on Saturday, November 8 at Reid Park's Ramada #7 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Deacons will be providing chicken and drinks. Everyone is invited to bring side dishes or desserts.

SAVE THE DATE!



PASTORAL LETTER & WORSHIP



Give me a sign!

This is a true story—funny—but no joke.

It was at the end of my Junior Year at the University of California at Riverside. It was early morning in the deep darkness just before dawn, with dense fog cover-

ing the hills behind campus, and a bit chilly. I was walking alone, hands in pockets, and muttering—praying actually, sort of—one of my usual one-sided conversations, whining and complaining to, or *at*, God—and way too busy talking to listen.

“OK, I’ve had it! I am tired of whatever it is that I am doing—all this drama of devotion and backsliding. Following Jesus is going nowhere. Where are YOU? I am weary to the bone of being alone my attempt to be Christian. I am going through motions. So, if you really give a rip, let me know! Show yourself! I know that you refused to give a sign to the Pharisees when they asked for one. But I am asking! Give me a sign! Show me you are present and involved. Give me a sign!!”

During this “conversation,” in fog both real and mental, I shuffled slowly in the direction of a light up ahead. Placing each foot cautiously in front of the other, I began to hum under my breath and mentally recite the words, “When we walk with the Lord, in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way. We will do his good will. He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.” Now the chorus, “Trust and Obey, for there’s no other way . . .” Bump. At the “no other way” moment, and just as I audibly demanded that God “Give me a sign!”, my foot hit something. I raised my head to find my nose inches from a metal pole. I stepped back and looked up to see the full length of a lamp post, and under the light was—get this—a SIGN. It read “ONE WAY.” “Trust and obey . . . Oh, I get it!” I laughed. The day dawned as I strolled across the campus to the Student Union, arriving just as the doors opened.

I went in and sat down, alone, at a table. A few moments later a student that I did not know entered the

OCTOBER WORSHIP



Oct 5 - World Communion Sunday

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; *Psalm 19*; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Oct 12 -

Exodus 32:1-14; *Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23*; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 19 -

Exodus 33:12-23; *Psalm 99*; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22



Oct 26 -

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46



building from the opposite side and walked directly toward me. She asked if she could sit down. She sat opposite, looked at me intently and said, “I was wondering, do you believe in Christ?” (No one had ever asked me that before!) I said that I did. She rose, said “Thanks,” and returned the same way. I never saw her again. Now THAT was a SIGN! I have been more keenly aware of God’s presence since that day, more that 40 years ago. So, here’s what I think. Be watchful. Keep your eyes peeled and your ears open. Trust and obey, and you just may get a sign now and then. In any case, remember what Jesus promised . . .

I am with you always, to the end of the world. Matthew 28:20

Blessings, *Jerry*

SESSION NOTES

Session Notes for September 2014

First, the elders were thrilled to have Billie Holbrook at her first stated Session meeting in a long, long time. Second, Lynn Moser opened the meeting with a prayer/hymn called "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" that the congregation will soon learn. Third, we finally found the spot in the agenda so that Deacon Moderator, Daphne Madison, can give the Deacon report in person and still have time to drive to a rehearsal across town without being too late. Good things to begin the meeting!

During our Leading Together time, Pastor Jerry Foust showed a power-point presentation titled "The Life Cycle of a Congregation" from The Alban Institute. The information presented gives the elders things to think about as we work toward the future of Trinity PC in order to call a permanent pastor. One main take away idea is that a living church is consciously evolving.

Session did not have many actions for decision-making. The elders approved changing the date for Communion in November from the first Sunday in Advent to the previous Sunday that is Christ the King Sunday. Elders approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation to select a youth elder candidate for a one-year term. Elders approved the appointment of Sherry Letson as "limited power of attorney" to act on behalf of Trinity PC for the estate of Carl Landel. Carl had appointed Sherry as co-executor of his estate with the beneficiaries of his assets to be Trinity PC and Eaton College.

All the committees are on track with their programs. Check your pew for a flyer from the Growth & Outreach Team that affirms children's attendance in worship. Mark your calendar for the deacon-sponsored All Church Picnic planned for November 8th. After the meeting, the Long Range Development Team shared a DVD showing the new marketing material from the Development Group. Administration & Personnel approved some leave time for Bill Voigt and for Lynn Moser. Worship Committee is planning the Christmas Cantata called "Candles and Carols" for December 21st. Christian Education is looking for new teachers, new classes for middle-school students and perhaps a place for interaction with CESL students so they can practice their English. (This would need approval from the U of A).

Mission Committee announced that benevolences given in memory of Terry Dalke are to be placed in the Special Mission Fund for a children's project at HEPAC (Hogar de Esperanza y Paz or Home of Hope and Peace) in Nogales. HEPAC is one of Terry's special mission trip destinations. The Tucson Homeless Connect held at Trinity was successful with 56 providers and over 375 people served.

Besides the opening prayer/song, session members prayed for many in the congregation. Jerry prayed the closing prayer giving thanks for God's grace and the joy of following His leading.

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session



What Is the Peacemaking Offering

The Peacemaking Offering is one of four special offerings designat-

ed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The 192nd General Assembly (1980) called for an offering to be received to support peacemaking initiatives and peace education throughout the church.

October 5 is World Communion Sunday, the day the Peacemaking Offering is usually received by Presbyterian churches.

ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, November 2, we will remember with thanksgiving at the Lord's table those members and friends of Trinity who have joined the church triumphant in the year past.



EDUCATION



WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life will continue the class study on *Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis* in mid August. This Kerygma study is based on Walter Brueggemann's commentary *Genesis*. Discussions on creation and the narratives of Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph will bring new perspectives on issues we face today. Come share your thoughts. The class meet will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Upper Room East.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today will continue to discuss and benefit from Rob Bell's book "What we Talk about When we Talk About God". The class meets at 11:45 am in the Lounge in the Lower Level West. All are welcome to join in our fellowship.

ENGAGE

FALL, 2104 - 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.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

On October 27 at 7 pm, the Trinity Book Club will gather to discuss *Light Between the Oceans* by M. L. Steadman. Join us.

WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS

Join Rev. Bill Voigt in the Upper Room West at 9:00 am for an amazing hour of adventure and discovery (always a delicious breakfast) as we see the Protestant Reformation come alive on PBS's recent DVD production of "Martin Luther". Thanks to King Henry VIII did the Church of England begin over the "other woman"? If you were Catherine of Aragon you might say so! You'll get all the gory details and more as we begin a graduate level study of how the Church changed forever.

THERAPEUTIC YOGA

for COMMON ACHES & PAINS

Aches & Pains? This beginner's Yoga Class is for you.

Georgeanna Kavanaugh - instructor



Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am
Friday mornings at 8:30 am
Lower Level East Room



GODLY PLAY

Godly Play is a worship-based learning program that invites exploration of core Biblical stories in an atmosphere of reverence, wonder and prayer. We meet during 10:30 worship.



POLO

Parents of Little Ones (POLO) meets at 9:00 am on the third Sunday of the month. We meet in the nursery for family breakfast munchies and then head downstairs to the Lounge for our parent study: "*99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children*". Parents with young children are welcome to join us!

TRINITY NEWS

TRINITY EDUCATION CENTER

Center for English as a Second Language administrators, teachers and students from this area of study began classes in our Education Center (formerly the Mission Center). The students hail from many countries such as the middle-east and China. They are students of many different disciplines at the UA all of which are taught in English. The classes will be centered completely in the classrooms of the Education Center. We wish them well and great success in their studies during the fall semester.

WEDNESDAY WATERCOLOR CLASS

We are offering a new watercolor class this fall. The class began their 6 week sessions on September 10, and will continue to October 15. The class welcomes Intermediate plus watercolor painters. Anyone is welcome to sit in on a class to try it out and to understand better what it's all about. There is a fee for the class as there is a paid professional teacher leading the class. The teacher is Tony Peralta an excellent art instructor with 50+ years of experience. He is known for his well-organized, creative style of presentation, wonderful sense of humor and attention to the individual needs of his students. For more details see Carolyn Maycher or contact her at carofremon@aol.com.

The Growth & Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to provide snacks Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall from 9:45 am to 10:15 am. We would like to have breakfast pastries, cookies, breads or cut fruit to enjoy with the coffee or tea provided. A signup sheet will be near the coffee. You can sign up to bring all the items for a Sunday morning or choose from the three items listed. Snacks are always appreciated!



Trinity Women

WOMEN CIRCLES on October 14

10 am and 7 pm in Fellowship Hall

Bible Study will be chapter 2 in the Horizon's Bible study on II Corinthians. Study books are available. See Leone Mohny or Kathy Moser.



A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated socks and gently used or new shoes for foster care children in Tucson. As you can see, we have a large amount of shoes and socks to present to Lori Boston for the children at Arizona's Children Association. Donations of socks and shoes will be accepted anytime as this is an ongoing project for the Trinity Women. Thank you again for your generous donation and loving spirit.

We will attend the Women of the Presbytery Fall Gathering in Benson on October 25. Registration blanks are available in Fellowship Hall or on line. Joan Fenton of Grand Canyon Presbytery will speak on Preventing Violence against women. Contact Leone or Ruth Myers to coordinate rides or contributions to the salad we will take for the lunch.

Trinity Women invite ALL who are interested in musical comedies to join us on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm to go to a performance "Church Basement Ladies" by Waypoint Theatre at the Berger Center. Tickets purchased before Oct. 12 are only \$16.00 each (group price). Call Pat Whiting, 229-0522 to order tickets or for more information. (see page 10)



Wednesday *Nite* Alive! - October 2014

Date	5:00pm Bible Study <i>{Library}</i>	6:00pm Meditation Service <i>{Chapel}</i>	6:30pm Supper	7:15pm Discussion Group <i>{Upper Room-West}</i>	7:15pm Helping Hands (serving) <i>{Fellowship Hall}</i>
Oct 1	Matthew 21:33-46 The Holy Catholic Church <i>Jerry Foust</i>	Forming a New Identity: <i>Discerning my Spiritual Gifts</i> <i>Jerry Foust</i>	Supper in Fellowship Hall	A Peek Inside Youth On Their Own (YOTO) (Educating homeless teens... Investing in Arizona's future!) Project: Notes of Encouragement <i>Wendy Smith, Volunteer & Operations Manager, YOTO</i>	
Oct 8	Matthew 22:1-14 The sacredness of Grace <i>Jerry Foust</i>	Forming a New Identity: <i>Discerning & celebrating the Spiritual Gifts and strengths of our congregation</i> <i>Jerry Foust</i>		Borders and Fences <i>Fernanda Morillon</i> <i>Executive Director,</i> <i>Borderlinks</i>	Hygiene Packs for YOTO <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Oct 15	Matthew 22:15-22 Where our loyalties lie <i>Jerry Foust</i>	Changing Roles: Where is my heart? What do I want to do in the church more than any- thing else. Am I cut out for it? <i>Jerry Foust</i>		TBA	Water bottles and cereal bars for Salvation Army Hospitality House <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Oct 22	Matthew 22:34-46 Loving God, loving neighbors <i>Bill Voigt</i>	Changing Roles: What am I doing that someone else could do better? What should I quit? <i>Bill Voigt</i>		The Privilege of Voting <i>Shirley Muney</i> <i>League of Women Voters</i>	Sandwich-making for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Oct 29	Matthew 23:1-12 True humility	Changing Roles: How do I get placed in the right role for me?		"A Courtroom Case: You are the Jury" <i>The Hon. Ted Borek</i> <i>Ret. Superior Court Judge</i>	Polymer Beads for Beads of Courage <i>Barb Sosna</i>

- ⇒ Homeless children in Tucson? You bet! Los Angeles has a homeless youth population of almost fifty thousand children - push-outs and runaways. Are we really that different from L. A.? Learn about Youth On Their Own on Wednesday, October 1.
- ⇒ "What happens at the border stays at the border" — not hardly! For a real understanding of the human drama not far from Tucson, come hear Fernanda Morillon, Executive Director of Borderlands on October 8.
- ⇒ Perhaps you have seen the recent headlines in the Arizona Daily Star announcing the cancellation of candidate debates by the League of Women Voters. The cause - "Invisible" candidates and candidates refusing to participate. What in the world is going on here in Arizona? Come to the WNA! program on October 22 to find out!
- ⇒ Have you ever wanted to decide a court case? You will get a chance to do that just that with a real case presented to you by Superior Court Judge, Ted Borek on Wednesday, October 29.

Each Wednesday, there is also a service project. "Helping Hands" is an alternative to the evening program. The service project, like the evening program, begin at 7:15 pm.



mission news



CROP WALK!

Join 2014 CROP Hunger Walk
or Sponsor a Walker!

Sunday, November 2

2:00 Register — 2:30 Walk

Start and end at First Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th St. Free parking at the UA Tyndall Garage on 4th St. Join walkers in a walk that includes downtown and northwest churches! Last year our downtown CROP Walk raised over \$13,000! This year our goal is \$20,000—the worldwide needs of refugees, victims of war, flood and drought are so great: not only the emergency needs, but the long-term work of rebuilding sustainable livelihoods. Church World Service (CWS) works with local communities to determine what *their* priorities are: water, a school, better nutrition, etc., what resources are available; what CWS can provide and what part the people can do. Then they start! Trinity has always been a leader in sending walkers and raising money. Help us reach our goal! Please contact Sherry Letson at 954-4057 or Betty Lu Holland at 579-2895 to sign up.

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Are YOU ready for a CHALLENGE!! A church member will match your donations of food products pound for pound during the month of October. We are approaching the holidays and the demand for food increases. Therefore, I am asking you to bring additional seasonal food items plus the basics. The following produce is also in demand: potatoes, yams, carrots, onions, apples, oranges and produce that don't spoil rapidly. Our clients have expressed their thanks and gratitude to our Food Bank volunteers for the additional items we are able to provide through your donations. This mission touches many lives. I thank you and my volunteers for continued support of this program. To volunteer, contact me by calling the church office at 623-2579. Alice Smedley, Community Ministries Coordinator

SANDWICH MAKING for lots of hungry people will take place on Sunday, October 12 after worship!

Trinity continues its sandwich making mission for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

MORE MISSION NEWS

Great news, Frontera de Cristo has purchased a new van. Thank you for supporting Trinity's donation and challenge to other churches in making this project happen. The Tucson Homeless Connect had over 50 service providers on our campus. They provided information, services and food to 375 participants. Benevolences, placed in the Special Mission Fund, given in memory of Terry Dalke, will be used to fund a children's project at HEPAC (Home of Hope and Peace) in Nogales. HEPAC is a grassroots community center of women and children in the impoverished neighborhood of Bella Vista in Nogales, Sonora. Their vision is to create a healthy community and job skills where people don't feel forced to cross the border in order to provide for

FREE TRADE COFFEE

Arabica \$10

Decaf Arabica \$10

Robusta \$10

50/50 Blends \$10

Marago (seasonal) \$15



RECYCLING: Don't forget to save your aluminum cans and pop-tops for the McDonald House! Bring them to the Fellowship Hall closet.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK DAYS

On the second and fourth Sundays, get your

blood pressure checked at

8:45 am in the Chapel or 9:45

to 10:15 am in Fellowship

Hall.



Waypoint Theatre presents
Church Basement Ladies
Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3pm
 Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind,
 Berger Performing Arts Center
 1200 West Speedway (2 lights west of I-10)

Hold onto your oven mitts and stay out of the kitchen! *Church Basement Ladies* is a musical celebration of the church basement kitchens everywhere and the wonderful, unsung women who work there. Set in 1964-65, the show is a hilarious musical comedy and heartfelt reflection on the four women who tirelessly prepare the food and solve problems for the congregation at a rural Minnesota church.



BAKERS NEEDED!

send the word out!

would YOU be interested in serving dinner one Tuesday this semester for the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the U of A?

Currently, we need dinners for:
 October 21
 November 4, 18, 25
 December 9



God Bless,

Valerie Schlegel, PCM Student Intern
 Presbyterian Campus Ministry
 715 N. Park, Tucson AZ 85719
 520-623-7575 (o) 520-975-8020 (c)

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

become a vendor at
St John on the Desert's
Craft Show

November 14-15

Please contact for more information:

Susan Patton, 520-609-0116 or
 St John on the Desert Presbyterian
 Church,

Southwest Shepherd Showdown

October 25th 3:00-5:00pm -

a fundraiser benefitting the Tucson Borderlands
 Young Adult Volunteer program (YAV)

Come see pastors of Presbytery de Cristo competing in a pageant style event - best vestments and theological joke, hidden talent, and the final "Preach-OFF"! The best part is- YOU will get to vote to decide who is crowned winner! This event will take place at Christ Presbyterian Church and tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. YAV volunteers will be at Trinity on Sunday Oct. 12th selling tickets and accepting donations. Thanks for your support!

Presbyterian Campus Ministry invites you to join us for an evening of laughter and fun at The Gaslight Theatre!

This theatre buy out is a fundraiser for our ministry! Join Cronan the Barbarian and Zeena Warrior Princess as they take on crazy villains! There will be singing, dancing, monsters, sword fights, wacky jokes, and fellowship with other Presbyterians! You don't want to miss it!

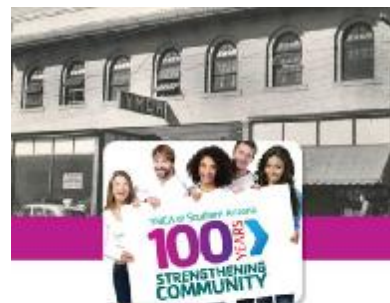
Cronan the Barbarian

Friday, November 7
8:30pm

Tickets are \$30.00
(\$15.00 is tax deductible)



YMCA of Southern Arizona's 100 Year Anniversary
 We hope you will be able to join us in celebrating the YMCA of Southern Arizona's 100 Year Anniversary event at Westin La Paloma on October 29th from



Save the Date
You're Invited

Wednesday October 29th 15 - 7:30 p.m.
 Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa
 Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres
 Hall of Fame Induction

Tickets available now! \$50 at TucsonYMCA.org

5-7:30 pm. Come and share a cocktail with our soon to be announced Hall of Fame Honorees. So please save the date and buy your totally affordable tickets at TucsonYMCA.org. Please feel free to share your story with us about how you have been impacted by the YMCA.

Jennifer Lohse
 and Linda Lohse
 YMCA 100 Year Event

A Fond Farewell

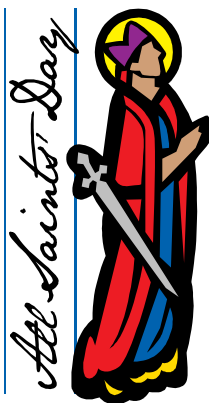
Trinity said farewell to Dave & Jen Koop and baby Emily as they moved to Massachusetts. Jean Dalke moved to Texas. God bless your travels and new homes!



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Wednesday Night Alive!
Conversation Prayers Supper Service 5, 6, & 7 pm



WORLD
Communion Sunday

