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CROP WALK!

Join 2014 CROP Hunger Walk

or Sponsor a Walker!

Sunday, November 2

2:00 Register — 2:30 Walk

ATTENTION KIDS OF ALL AGES!

The Annual

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

The picnic, hosted by the Deacons, is 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.

Our traditional cornucopia will adorn the chancel area in front of the pulpit on November 16 and 23. If you would like to contribute any Fall produce (e.g. pumpkins, corn stalks, apples) to the display, please bring it to the church by November 14.



(Food items will be given to the Community Food Bank.)



GIVING THANKS SUNDAY

Join us for a day of blessing as we praise God in word and song at the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services on November 23rd. Our Stewardship theme this year is *Courageous Giving*. We will take this Sunday to dedicate pledges for 2014. Following worship, the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in Trinity Hall. Trinity chefs and bakers will be in the kitchen roasting turkeys, making gravy, and creating fabulous desserts. We simply need you to bring a favorite side dish.

PASTORAL LETTER & WORSHIP



Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Philippians 4:8

Mindset Matters

What do you think? Does mental and emotional focus make a difference? Why do you think that Paul stresses positive focus in his closing words to the Philippian church?

I think that the issue for the Philippian church was the sort of people that they would be in the world. They may not be able to change the world around them, but they could do something about their part of the world—about themselves. They could be an exemplary community of faith. They could demonstrate the character of Christ in their life together.

Early next year, the Session will lead the whole congregation through a positive discernment process called “Appreciative Inquiry.” This will happen at a congregational event. You will hear more about this in coming weeks. One of the assumptions of this process is that *what we focus on becomes our reality*.

“The reality of a congregation is defined by whatever the people think about, talk about, work on, dream about, or plan. While we do not need to dismiss the serious challenges we face or the lesson of previous wrong turns, we do need to center our attention on our strengths. Simply by refocusing attention, giving energy and priority to positive narratives, we become a different sort of spiritual family.”

Paul tells the people in the Philippian congregation to *have the mindset of Christ*,

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.



NOVEMBER WORSHIP

Nov 2 - All Saints Sunday

Joshua 3:7-17; *Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37*;

I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Nov 9 -

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; *Psalm 78:1-7*; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Nov 16

Judges 4:1-7; *Psalm 123*; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 23 -

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; *Psalm 100*; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Nov 30 - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor. Philippians 2:6-9

As he closes his letter, Paul explains that the mindset of Christ means fixing our minds on what is good, what God is doing in the world. I think that Paul is concerned about their mindset, so that the Philippian church will become *true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; beautiful, not ugly; and praiseworthy*. In other words, they will be *transformed by the renewing of their mind (Romans 12:2)* so that they will demonstrate the character of Christ to the world.

So, what do you think? I personally don't believe in “the power of positive thinking” per se. But, I do believe that focusing on Christ, on what God is doing in the world, transforms the character of our life together.

Set your minds on things that are above . . .

Colossians 3:2

Blessings, *Jerry*

WORSHIP

ADVENT MINI-CONCERTS 2014

Trinity's Advent Mini-Concerts will begin on November 30 and will continue on each of the Sundays in Advent. The programs take place in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 worship service and last around 20 minutes.

November 30 – Praise on the Pipes
– a program based on the theme of “joy” presented on Trinity’s pipe organ by Lynn Moser.



December 7 – Yuletide on the Yamaha
– favorite songs of the season played on Trinity’s grand piano by Lynn Moser.



December 14 – Handbell Hallelujahs
- the sparkling sounds of bells and chimes presented by the Trinity Ringers, with opportunities for some congregational carol singing.



December 21 – Celebration on the Strings
– featuring the inspiring sounds of the Kingfisher String Quartet.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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. They include:

Virginia Roof	January 18, 2014
Howard Barnes	February 8, 2014
Sharon Krienke	February 19, 2014
Aggie Landel	March 12, 2014
Inez Tucker	June 9, 2014
Terry Dalke	June 26, 2014
Carl Landel	August 28, 2014
David Hardy	September 20, 2014

Daily Devotionals & Advent Devotional

Besides Sunday Worship, how do you maintain your Christian faith?

There are some Bibles that have a daily devotional format and in the narthex, we provide two pamphlets for daily devotionals, “Upper Room” and “These Days.” Each has its own style, but both start with a snippet from a scripture reading, then a short commentary and a very brief prayer. The “Upper Room” is available online, and “These Days” may be as well. Or you can pick up a copy, read it daily, and be on your way to enhancing your faith journey. This is the bare minimum.

A very small step forward would be to pull out and dust off your Bible, and read the entire scripture (usually only 4 or 5 verses – you can do it!) This has two advantages: you get the full effect of the intended reading, and you increase your Bible dexterity as you search for specific books.

And, finally, you can keep a very small journal recording your responses to the scripture, the comments and prayer. Or write your own comments and prayer. This is a bit more interactive, and the journaling can be a great tool to measure and evaluate your own faith when you look back on it.

During Advent, we will have a special devotional available in the narthex, “A World Awaits, Daily Reflections for Advent” from the works of C. S. Lewis. If you have never done a daily scripture study, this is a wonderful time to start. In this booklet, the entire scripture reading is included (no need to look it up.) And C. S. Lewis is a wonderful author, one of the foremost Christian apologist of the last century. He explains faith with logic and clarity. Pick up a copy and start getting ready for Christmas focusing on the birth of Christ and your faith. This can keep you grounded and focused during the hustle and bustle of this hectic holiday season. Advent starts November 30!

EDUCATION



WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life began a new study, "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. The class will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Upper Room East.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today continues to enjoy Rob Bell's book "What We Talk About When We Talk About God". We will begin discussion of Chapter 7 on October 26. The discussion is rich with many relevant topics. We are nearing the end of this stimulating book. The class has yet to decide what we will study next. At the end of November we move into Thanks Sunday and then the Mini Concerts for Christmas. We meet at 11:45 am in the Lounge downstairs. Anyone is most welcome to join us.



GODLY PLAY

Godly Play is a worship-based learning program for children that are school age. Godly Play 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!



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".

REFORMATION CLASS continues with...

"OH MARTIN, LOOK WHAT YOU DID"... after nailing his document of ninety-five theses to the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517.

We will study people like Martin Luther, John Calvin and John Knox. Others include, Elder William Brewster and Governor William Bradford of Plymouth Plantation, and John Robinson, pastor to the Pilgrims. What was that first Thanksgiving really like, and would the Separatists have survived without the help of the native Indians.

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





TRINIY BOOK CLUB

On November 24 at 7 pm, the Trinity Book Club will gather to discuss *Shadow World* by Chris Impey. Join us.



Wednesday *Nite* Alive! -November 2014



Date	5:00pm Bible Study {Library}	6:00pm Meditation Service {Chapel}	6:30pm Supper	7:15pm Discussion Group {Upper Room-West}	7:15pm Helping Hands (serving) {Fellowship Hall}
Nov 5	Matthew 25:1-13 Commitment <i>Jerry Foust</i>	The Larger Church: <i>How are we contributing to the ministry of the PC (USA)?</i> <i>Jerry Foust</i>	Supper in Fellowship Hall	A Glimpse into the Intensive English Program, CESL <i>Steven Randall, Ph.D. student, U of A, Intensive English Program Coordinator</i>	Preparing Christmas fun packs for the children at Salvation Army Hospitality House <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Nov 12	Matthew 25:14-30 Faithful Stewards <i>Bill Voigt</i>	The Larger Church: <i>How do we represent the PC (USA) to the community?</i> <i>Bill Voigt</i>		“What’s Happening in the Hood” <i>Chris Gans, President, West University Neighborhood Association</i>	Paul’s Socks for the Homeless <i>Kathy Moser/Greg Keidel</i>
Nov 19	Matthew 25:31-46 Compassion and Worship <i>Jerry Foust</i>	The Larger Church: <i>What does it mean to be Presbyterian in our tradition?</i> <i>Jerry Foust</i>		Immigration Past, Present & Future <i>Tarik Sultan, Immigration Attorney</i>	Paul’s Socks for the Homeless <i>Kathy Moser/Greg Keidel</i>
Nov 26	 <div>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK</div> 				

INTENTIONAL CHRISTIANITY

What is happening at the corner of 4th Avenue and University Boulevard? Lots and lots of Christian caring, love, support and outreach to the community. This is not an article about all of our many mission activities (so, so many) or our outstanding educational opportunities (varied and open to all learners) or even our glorious worship services on Sunday and Wednesday. This is a celebration of the many small acts that each one of you performs daily.

As a congregation, we are small but mighty. We look around and notice someone we don't know and introduce ourselves and make that person feel welcome. Some of us come early to a worship service for the fellowship, the chance to check in on our friends. We listen to each other – and hear needs and concerns as well as joys. We notice absences and call each other, not to be nosy, but to see how we can be of help. We keep our senses tuned in, sensitive to the needs of others, next to us in the pews and in our larger community. We are inclusive – inviting people to participate. We manifest God's love through our caring for each other.

These small acts of kindness and compassion add up to a lot of good works. We should celebrate these little things. We should recognize everyone's participation in making Trinity known for its friendliness and sincerity. And we should be intentional as Christians. The end results may look the same to an outsider, but we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, following Christ's example and supported by the rest of the congregation.

"They will know we are Christians by our love!"

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

FELIZ NAVIDAD!

OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CANTINA



will be held on Sunday, December 7 at 11:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, following worship and the wonderful mini-concert in the Sanctuary. A delicious *Mexican lunch* will be served, along with lots of other festive activities. We will be making *one hundred sandwiches* for Casa Maria at one end of the room, while at another, the children will be working on a *Christmas craft* followed by the breaking of *piñatas*. About *50 socks* filled with toiletries will be put together for homeless shelters here in Tucson. Opportunities will be available to buy specific *gift items* for a village in Cameroon, a farm in Agua Prieta, and a children's center in Nogales, Sonora. If you follow the traditions of our brothers and sisters of Spain and Mexico, a long time ago, a procession called Las Posadas began. For nine nights, the expectant Mother Mary



would ride on a burro from house to house with her husband Joseph, along with angels, shepherds and pilgrims. For each of nine nights, the procession would seek shelter and sing carols (villancicos) until finally, on the last night, the procession would arrive at their final destination, which could be either a home or a church. Eventually the children would break star shaped piñatas, filled with candy, fruit and other goodies (who knows what might be packed in a piñata). The music of the season, originating from Mexico, will complete this truly fun and joyous

NEW EVENT!!!



PAULS' SOCKS

Pauls' Socks, started by the Mission Committee many years ago, was named in honor of Paul Parker and Paul Smith, long time Trinity members. In the beginning, they went to the Swap Meet and bought pairs of socks in bulk. Then they stuffed them with toiletries, hard candy, and other "stocking stuffers" before handing them out to the homeless during the holiday season. Both of these loving, compassionate souls spent countless hours annually on this philanthropic project, which eventually bore their names. Trinity has continued this tradition, last year donating 500 Pauls' Socks to Casa Maria for distribution to the homeless, and we will do so again this year. Look for an upcoming service activity and come help stuff some socks.



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:
November 4, 18, 25
December 9
God Bless,



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CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



2015 Annual Pledge Campaign "Courageous Giving"

Stewardship is purposeful living. Stewardship is gratitude in Action. Stewardship is Courageous Giving. Stewardship is a bit scary.

Although stewardship should frame all that we do and say, it is not something that always comes naturally to each person. When the economy is shaky, our own perspective can be shaky. There's a tendency to pull back! Which is why it takes COURAGE to trust that God will be with us in each part of our faith journey, which is why it takes the courage of Jesus Christ to help the message move forward. Tough times call for Courageous Giving. An uneasy world calls for Courageous Christians. Thank you in advance!

THE CHURCH COVENANT OF SEXUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

The Sexual Misconduct Policy Training event was held in February. The members who attended then signed a form after the training: **The Church Covenant of Sexual Responsibility**. If you didn't attend the event and you volunteer with children, you must watch the videos on the following link and call the church to sign the form. Here's the link: <http://abell.as.arizona.edu/~hill/Training/>

user=trinity

password=gracesaves

Also, you are required to be fingerprinted. Several places in town do fingerprinting. The Hardesty Police Station, 1100 S Alvernon, does fingerprinting every Wednesday from 8-3. The cost is \$10 and AZDPS provides the card, which you may take to the church.

Because of the growing numbers of children in the nursery, we are going to be looking for a non-member to help DeDe Markin as a nursery attendant. It will be nice to free up the parents to attend worship, since they have been helping with the nursery during services. Contact: Billie Holbrook with the names of prospects. 668-6341



Trinity Women

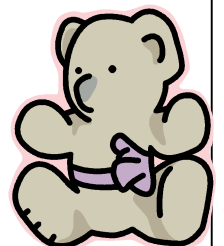
WOMEN CIRCLES

November 11

10 am and 7 pm in Fellowship Hall
Bible Study will be the Horizon's Bible study on II Corinthians. Study books are available. See Leone Mohny or Kathy Moser.

RYAN'S BEARS

Ryan's Bears meets November 18 at 9:30 am in the Lower Lounge. We need help to put on ribbons and tags on the bears. There are 40 of them. No sewing skills required. The bears will go to Primavera, Our Family and Arizona Children's Association for their Christmas giving. Your help will be appreciated.



mission news



CROP WALK!
Join the 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
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

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, November 9 after worship! Trinity continues its sandwich making mission for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.



A JUST DRINK

Agua Prieta based Café Justo partners with growers in Chiapas, Mexico to sell coffee that's just for all.

Café Justo, or Just Coffee, began 10 years ago as a response to what one of its founders Arthur (Tommy) Bassett III calls "an immigration crisis". The primary reason for immigration is because people can't make a living, Bassett said. He sees economic development as the key to preventing dangerous and illegal immigration. (see full story by Fernanda Echavarri in Edible Baja Arizona magazine). All of Café Justo's coffee is roasted in their commercial roasting facility in Agua Prieta, Sonora. There are over 30 coffee farmers working with the Café Justo coffee cooperative.



PEACEMAKING OFFERING

On October 5 (World Communion Sunday) the Peacemaking Offering received \$1,415. Thanks to all who supported this offering to promote peace efforts around the world.

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.

SESSION NOTES

Session Notes for October 2014

Here are the decisions and activities of Session at their stated meeting in October:

- * Ratify the majority "yes" responses via email a week earlier to host the joint meeting for the Presbyteries de Cristo and Grand Canyon at Trinity PC on January 23-24, 2015.
- * To call a session meeting for November 2nd for the purpose of receiving new members.
- * Approve a Called Congregational Meeting for November 16, 2014 to elect deacon and elder nominees as future leaders at Trinity. Elder nominees are Sheila Sievert (Class of 2015); Matthew Kreamer (Class of 2016); Billie Holbrook, Bobbie Whipple, Janet Jones, Doug Holland and Leone Mohny (Class of 2017); Daniel Seddo (Class of 2015 as Youth Elder). Deacon nominees are Karen Wilkison and Holly Clark (Class of 2016); Rosalie Goll, Ruth Myers, Kathy Moser, Sally Barlow-Miller and Emalie Wilka (Class of 2017).
- * Selected December 6, 2014 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for elder/deacon training.
- * Prayed for the ill, the grieving and the recovering among the family and friends of Trinity PC to include the homeless who find Trinity a welcoming place.
- * Chose a small group to plan an elder retreat for January 9-10, 2015.
- * Participated in an exercise called Appreciative Inquiry. Each session member took a turn interviewing and listening with another session member to discern positive involvement, values and a sense of what the future may hold for Trinity PC.
- * Chose a core group of elders who will plan, promote and implement a congregation-wide participation in a similar Appreciative Inquiry exercise to create a summary of strengths and possibilities for Trinity's future. This event is planned for February. The core planners are Roberta Westergaard, Lynn Moser and possibly Carolyn Maycher. Others in the congregation will be asked to join the planning team. The summary results will be submitted to the

Committee on Ministry to show that Trinity is ready to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

- * Learned that our 67-year-old Sanctuary air handlers need replacing.
- * Learned that a Library Committee is working on ways to turn Lovejoy Library into a first-class place that promotes spiritual growth.
- * Received all the committee reports that prove your church leaders are hard and thoughtful workers with innovative ideas.
- * Prayed for God's guidance in His plan for the future of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session

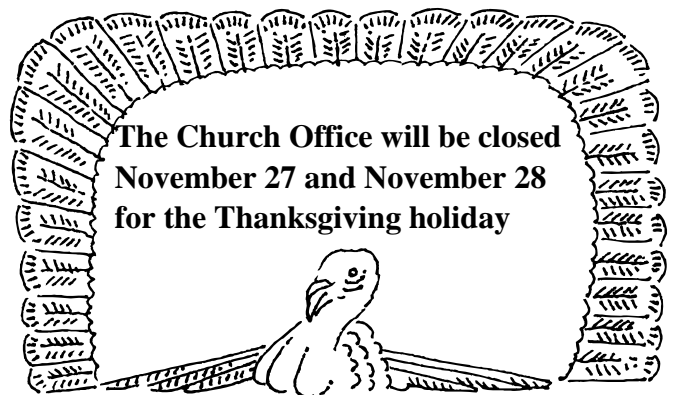


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Photos by Kathy Moser:

- World Communion Sunday, October 5th.
- rain in Tucson, Praise God!
- Minute for Mission: Young Adult Volunteer Program (YAV)
- Baby shower for Laurel McCray and baby Anthony Cruz Corona in Fellowship Hall



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)**



Trinity Presbyterian Church Ministry Staff

Rev. Jerry Foust, *Pastor*

Rev. William Voigt, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. Bruce Chamberlain, *Choral Director*

Mr. Lynn Moser, *Organist & Director of Handbells*

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