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Enjoy an afternoon of
congregational song
from the new Presbyterian Hymnal

“Glory to God.”

Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 3:00
Trinity Presbyterian Church
400 E University Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85705
(520) 623-2579

* All are invited to come enjoy the singing, and bring your friends!
* The festival is being organized by pastors and musicians
from Holy Way, St. Mark's, Southside, and Trinity
and will include brass, handbells and more.

*March 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!
Trinity will be hosting a hymn festival celebrating
the new Presbyterian Hymnal Glory to God. The
event is being planned by musicians and pastors
from the four churches in Presbytery de Cristo that
have started using the new hymnal: Holy Way,
St. Mark's, Southside and Trinity.*

WORSHIP & MUSIC

WE ARE EXCITED TO HOST the Rev. Mark Adams and his family on Sunday, March 2. Mark will be preaching at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. After the 10:30 service, there will be a light luncheon in Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief program on *events at the border* and the changes in the Border Ministries. *Come have some lunch and enjoy a selection of Just Coffee coffees.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar 2 - Exodus 24:12-18; *Psalm 2 or Psalm 99*;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9



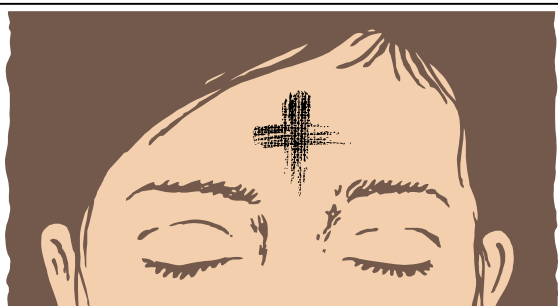
Mar 9 - Genesis 2:15-17;
Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Lent begins

Mar 16 - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; *Psalm 121*;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Mar 23 - Exodus 17:1-7; *Psalm 95*; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Mar 30 - I Samuel 16:1-13; *Psalm 23*; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5, 2014
7:00 pm

*a quiet service of the Word as we enter Lent,
with prayers acknowledging our human frailty,
and marking with ashes in the sign of the cross*

Come early for....

Bible Study at 5:00 pm

Supper at 6:00 pm

Service at 7:00 pm



a sacrificial supper of soup and bread
and a hands-on service project

-- *contributions of breads
or fruits are welcome* --

MARCH SCRIPTURES

Reading the Scripture passages during the week is a good way to prepare for the worship of God. Our weekly Wednesday night Bible Study provides an opportunity to do that with others. Every Sunday, as one passage is set beside another, new insights emerge from the dialogue between them.

No Greater Sacrifice

The Trinity Choir will be presenting a cantata on Palm Sunday, April

13, at the 10:30 worship service entitled "No Greater Sacrifice". This inspirational work, blends music, lyrics and narration to recall Christ's final days and His ultimate gift of love as He fulfilled the call of God and became the sacrificial Lamb. The work will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble. Please plan to bring your friends to this special musical presentation that will begin Holy Week services at Trinity.



WORSHIP & MUSIC



Bitter/Sweet

A Farewell Luncheon for Marney was held on February 9 following worship in Trinity Hall.

What an enjoyable party it was! An impressively large group of our congregation attended a memorable sit down luncheon. We gathered to celebrate the pastoral contributions of our Marney as she prepares to move on to the next call in her life. Lynn

Moser and Janet Jones sang songs, the Women's group presented a Ryan's Bear and a lovely quilt while Knitorious gave her a prayer shawl. The Deacons gave Marney a wonderful journal while the Session gave her a nifty hurricane lamp that will be perfect for Marney's new life on the waterfront. So many cards and well wishes letters arrived that a memory book was needed to contain them all. Many contributed to a "purse" that will go to fund her grandmotherly travels. Presentations included a hilar-

ious video and thoughtful words remembering Marney's many contributions to Trinity.

We will all miss her. Thanks to all who helped to make it a memorable event.

Blessings, The Party Planners



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life will begin a new study on *Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis* on March 16th. 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. Word of Life won't meet on March 9th. We'll start the new series the following week. The class meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Upper Room East.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today is benefiting from our discussion of the DVD by Kathleen Norris on *Discovering what Really Matters*. In a 5 lessons series she leads us in discussions of: 1) Belief Matters, 2) The Bible Matters, 3) Community Matters, 4) Place Matters, 5) We Matter. It is never too late for you to join us on Sunday morning at 11:45 am in the Lower Level West classroom. All are welcome!

POLO

Parents of Little Ones meets at 9:00 am on the third Sunday of the month (before worship instead of after). Meet in the nursery for family breakfast munchies. 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!

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. Worship Clipboards with devotions and stickers for Lent are also available at the back of the sanctuary for those children who remain in worship with their families.



WORLD RELIGIONS SERIES

A special series on world religions will begin on Sunday, March 2 at 9:00 am in the Upper Room West. Thanks to PBS/Frontline and its amazing DVD's, we will explore the different religions of our world, beginning with the *Mormons* on March 2. We will also be exploring the vast differences between Christianity and Mormonism. *Bits of breakfast goodies will be served!* The Wired Word class will resume after Easter!

GOD'S ABIDING LOVE

Daily Lenten meditations and prayers by Henri J.M. Nouwen are available in the narthex. Henri Nouwen is and remains one of the most widely read spirituality authors of all time.

LIBRARY NEWS: BOOKMAN'S CREDITS?

Over the past few months, Peggy Andrews has been reducing her library, and has contributed many books to the Lovejoy Library, from theological studies to devotions, from poetry by Maya Angelou to Aesop's Fables. We thank her for her generosity and interest!

Now she has come up with another way to contribute. She has been taking books unsuited to our library to Bookman's and selling them for store credit. Instead of using the credit vouchers to increase her collection, she donates them to us.

Bookman's is rich in books, audio books and DVDs from our wish list, so we can use the credits to acquire them.

You, too, might think about giving your Bookman's credit vouchers to the Library.

If you donate credit vouchers or books to the Library, we now have a form that you can fill out and the Librarian can sign, so that you may deduct your gifts on your income tax return. Please check with Anne McConnell before bringing books in.



WednesdayNightAlive! - March 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}
Mar 5	the fall from grace <i>confession, forgiveness</i> sin is death, Christ life Jesus' temptations <i>Bill Voigt</i>	Supper and Service Project (Preparing Food Packs for Trinity's Food Bank)		Ash Wednesday Service Redemption: sin forgiven (Sanctuary, 7:00 pm)	
Mar 12 Lent	the call of Abram <i>God will protect you</i> Abram justified by faith Nicodemus seeks Jesus <i>Carroll Keegstra</i>	Redemption: captives set free	Supper in Fellowship Hall	Beatitude Living: Blessed Are the Poor <i>Peggy Free, Moderator of Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Southwest</i>	No Sew Fleece Blankets for Project Linus <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Mar 19 Lent	water from the rock <i>let us sing to the Lord</i> character, hope the woman at the well	Redemption: sick restored to health		Beatitude Living: Blessed Are the Justice-Thirsty <i>John Fife (retired Presbyterian minister) & Alison Harrington (pastor, Southside Presbyterian Church) on Justice</i>	No Sew Fleece Blankets for Project Linus <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Mar 26 Lent	David is chosen as king <i>the Lord my Shepherd</i> live as children of light healing of a blind man	Redemption: broken made whole		Beatitude Living: Blessed Are the Peacemakers <i>Donna Fulton, MD on Quaker Bolivia Link</i>	Easter cards for Trinity's homebound <i>Kathy Moser</i>

LENTEN SERIES:

PONDERING THE BEATITUDES

Our Lenten series this year is based on the Beatitudes. We will have five terrific guest speakers who will help us identify those whom Jesus calls blessed: Peggy Free — the poor; John Fife and Alison Harrison — the justice thirsty; Donna Fulton, MD — the peacemakers; Derry Dean — the meek (mentally ill); and George Bitar — the persecuted. As we are hearing about these disenfranchised members of our community, we need to do more than just figure out who they are. We need to consider what it means to be blessed, to experience the inner joy and peace that comes from being right with God. And we need to consider how we, as Christians congregating at the corner of Fourth Avenue and University can use this information. Can we bring the kingdom of heaven to the poor, or sate the justice thirsty? What do the meek inherit?

Don't miss out!

Blessed
are the
meek,
for they
will
inherit
the
earth.
Matthew 5:5

Blessed
are the
merciful:
for they shall
obtain mercy.
Matthew 5:7

Blessed
are the
peacemakers,
for they
shall be called
the children
of God.
Matthew 23

Blessed are
those who
hunger and
thirst for
righteousness,
for they will
be filled.
Matthew 5:6

Congregational News



NO STRESS - JUST RELAX

The Therapeutic Yoga class on Tuesday morning has been going well for almost a year here at Trinity. Unlike a regular yoga class, this one concentrates on moves that

help folks calm annoying pains and soreness they are experiencing. Georgeanna Kavanaugh, our instructor, has a good sense for helping others. She brings excellent qualifications and experience to her therapeutic work.

If you feel you'd like to attend, you are welcome any Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Lower Level East Room (formerly the sewing room). No experience or special talents are necessary. You will find the group friendly and comfortable —join them soon!

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

On March 24 at 7 pm, the Trinity Book Club will gather to discuss *Kurt Vonegut Letters*. All are welcome to participate with us.

Trinity Women

At the TPW February Gathering, Lori Boston spoke on the Foster Care System and her current role in it.

The Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Presbytery de Cristo will be held Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Christ Presbyterian Church; 9:00am to 2:00pm. The speaker will be Mary Cook Jorgenson, Moderator of the Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women. Her message will be "Centered IN God's Love". The Luncheon registration is \$10.00. Registration forms are in Fellowship Hall or from Leone Mohny and must be returned by March 25.

Did you know that 1 in 4 households in Pima County struggles with food insecurity? Join the ICS Food Bank in efforts to alleviate hunger for thousands of neighbors in

Empty Bowls



need during the 3rd annual Empty Bowls event, Saturday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Local artisans are busy creating over 1,000 bowls for the fundraiser and friendraiser which will

again be held at the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center, 1288 W. River Road. Join us to sample signature soups, breads and desserts from over 20 area restaurants and food partners and select a unique handcrafted bowl to take home. There will also be a raffle and silent auction filled with great gift ideas. Best of all, your support will help fill empty bowls for thousands of families in our community facing hunger and hardship. Purchase tickets online or by phone at 297-2738 x209.

MENTAL HEALTH WALK

The 8th Annual Community Mental Health Walk, NAMIWALKS will be Saturday, March 29, 2014, at Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium. Derry and Bill Dean welcome anyone to join their team for this exciting event of fun, food and entertainment. There is no registration fee. Gates open at 7 am and WALK begins at 9 am. Please call (520-628-1007) or email guerrodean@gmail.com for further information.

DOUBLE BABY SHOWER



Dave & Jen Koop
Glenn & Johanna Moyer



SUNDAY, APRIL 6 at 11:45 in Fellowship Hall

SERMONS NOW ON YOUTUBE!



Print copies of the past week's sermons are available in the Library for those who would like them. Please help yourself.

You can also view and listen to the past week's sermons on YouTube! Go to the Trinity website at www.trintytucson.org. Click on the Worship tab and scroll down to Sermons. Click on the one you want to watch.

SESSION NOTES

Session Notes for February 18, 2014

This was our first session meeting since Marney's departure and though we missed her, Bill ably moderated our meeting. He led session in a Lectio Divina exercise with quiet reflection, small and large group discussions. Using ideas from our retreat in Tubac we reflected upon those positive aspects of Trinity's ministries of worship, discipleship and service during the last seven years. And, oh yes, Bill told one of his goofy, but funny jokes.

The clerk's report reflected that 165 persons attended worship for Marney's last sermon. Wouldn't it be lovely to have that many people every Sunday! And, just for the record, I think Christine Toering's chicken at the Christmas Market is a lot prettier than the nativity chicken invited to Marney's party!

Session was busy. Here are few of their decisions as well as information received:

- Approved to change stated meeting date in April from the 15th to the 22nd to accommodate Holy Week.
- Confirmed the Moderator's appointment of Jim Hooper as chair of the 2014 Nominating Committee.
- Approved up to \$5,000 from the Special Mission Fund to match challenge donations from sister churches to purchase a van for Frontera de Cristo.
- Approved the following to preach at Trinity: Elder Dr. Harriet Marsh on February 23rd, the Rev. Mark Adams on March 2nd, Elder Carroll Keegstra on March 16th, the Rev. Dr. Pete Seiferth on March 23rd and the Rev. Carla Williams from St. Andrews on March 30th.
- Approved Lynn Moser to assume responsibility for preparing Trinity's liturgy & Sunday worship bulletins beginning February 16th on a temporary basis and to be compensated for this responsibility.
- Approved Rosalie Goll as member at large for the Growth & Outreach Team and Janet Jones and Emalie Wilka as members at large for the Worship Committee.
- Learned that the Deacons elected Peggy Andrews to the 2014 Congregational Nominating Committee.
- Previewed the letter sent to the congregation by

the Transition Team and that the team will meet again on February 25th and on March 13th to continue their search for a transitional pastor.

- Approved a Special Offering for May 18, 2014, Music Appreciation Sunday, to benefit the Music Enrichment Fund.
- Found out that Worship Committee is working on a fresh format for Maundy Thursday. Watch for details.

Learned that Christian Education has super plans for the Lenten season including an early Sunday morning series about world religions.

Besides the business of the evening, Session spent time in prayer. We prayed for our sharing together as a church family in our grieving, our transitions, our physical and emotional pain, our moving, our blessings, our expectations and in our excitement about the future. Pray for your elders and for Bill Voigt in their continued good work.

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session



So many people enjoyed and requested the recipe to the broccoli salad served at Marney's Retirement Luncheon that Janet Hooper has graciously shared her recipe with us all:



Broccoli Salad

4 cups broccoli flowerets (raw and use thin slices of stem)
¼ cup green onion, chopped (I use half of this amount.)
¼ cup golden raisins (I use golden raisins.)
¼ cup toasted pecan bits (or walnut, or sunflower seeds)
¾ cup mayonnaise (I use vegan or canola mayo & less.)
¼ cup sugar (I use only 1/8 cup.)
2 Tbsp. white vinegar

Combine broccoli, onion, raisins & nuts in large salad bowl. Make salad dressing by mixing mayo, sugar and vinegar. Pour dressing over salad just before serving. Makes 8 servings the size of your palm.

Enjoy!



Mission News



SANDWICH MAKING

Sandwich making for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on March 9 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us after worship in making 600 sandwiches for the homeless. Many thanks to all who help!



PRAY FOR AGUA PRIETA

As you know, Trinity has participated in several mission projects in Agua Prieta through Frontera de Cristo. We also heard about CRREDA, a drug rehabilitation program in Agua Prieta, during our Wednesday night speakers series.

Agua Prieta is considered one of the most peaceful border towns in terms of "drug violence". On January 16 and 18, there were multiple shootings that had many concerned that the violent drug wars that have plagued other cities might be arriving here. We are grateful that there has not been an escalation of violence and no other violent incidents have occurred as of this printing.

We ask you to pray with us:

- for all those families who are involved in the drug trade and for whom violence is seen as a legitimate way of life and is a reality in their lives;
- for all people who through omission or commission participate in systems of violence-whether economic, drug, political, or spiritual-and pray for courage to repent so that we may participate with God in creating a more just, peaceful and loving world;
- for the community of Agua Prieta, many who are experiencing fear and uncertainty and hoping and praying that the situation does not devolve into an all-out drug war that impacts daily life in Agua Prieta;
- for the children and youth of AP who see being a

part of the "narco culture" as a viable and even glamorous life that they may be guided toward non-violent and legal employment and for the church that we may help live out and model alternatives, and our communities and governments that we may seek viable economic alternatives;

- giving thanks to the witness of the Lirio de los Valles PC and all our church and non-church partners in Agua Prieta and pray that God would continue giving them wisdom and strength to be salt, light and instruments of God's peace in Agua Prieta; giving thanks for the reality that "nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ."

MISSION LUNCHEON

On Sunday, March 2, Rev. Mark Adams of Frontera de Cristo will be preaching, and then leading a discussion after worship about Migration & Faith. Rev. Mark Adams is a mission co-worker serving with the Presbyterian Border Ministries in Agua Prieta, Mexico. As U.S. coordinator of the project Frontera de Cristo, Mark is responsible for the coordination of the six ministry areas of Frontera de Cristo: evangelism, health, family counseling, the New Hope Community Center, mission education and the micro-credit program. Through Frontera de Cristo, Mark brings together people from both sides of the border, building relationships and understanding between them. Join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



Mission News

LETTER FROM PCUSA MISSION WORKER Greetings,

It is with a sad heart that I attach my final newsletter as a mission co-worker for PCUSA. My service will come to an end in fifteen days. I am blessed and honored to have been given the privilege and the opportunity to have served and represent you in our shared mission to the people of South Sudan. I have been humbled by all of your love, support and prayers. My heart overflows with joy at the blessings I have been given throughout this journey and it breaks that I am not able to continue it at this time, but I look forward to the day that the malaria vaccine is released and I can go back again. I am overwhelmed by the financial support that has made it all possible.

I am so grateful for all of you who have shared in this journey. Please pass along my deep gratitude to all who have also shared in this journey through their prayers and in other ways that I may not know.

I invite you to join us all in prayer for peace in South Sudan. May God bless you and keep you my friends,
Sharon Curry

STREET FAIR VOLUNTEERS

We're soliciting volunteers for the spring Street Fair weekend. Sign up in the narthex if you can help with Cup of Water, the Deacon's hamburger stand or for a 2 or 3 hour shift in the parking lot.



Please bring your food donations down to the street fair to help us feed some hungry people. Canned veggies, canned meats, dry goods, pasta, soups, crackers—all are appreciated. All canned goods are welcome, especially those with pop-top lids.

4th Ave Street Fair

Have you wondered about the impact the testing of the new streetcars will have on the 4th Avenue Street Fair? Will it result in loss of vendor spaces? Other concerns?



“The City of Tucson and SunLink are very aware of the benefits to the local economy of community events to include the 4th Avenue Street Fair.” (from a Memo to Mayor and Council Members from the City Manager, Richard Miranda) City staff confirmed that the Winter 2013 Street Fair would not be impacted by SunLink operation but the Spring 2014 Street Fair would need to accommodate SunLink operations on Fourth Avenue between 8th and 9th Street. The Fourth Avenue Merchants Association (FAMA) crafted a proposal to shift vendor tent locations on 4th Avenue to 7th Street and 5th Avenue allowing for the same number of vendors as in past years and for SunLink streetcar operations to continue. “In conclusion, the City is committed to the success of the 4th Avenue Street Fair in the Spring 2014 and into the future.”

***Spring Fourth Avenue Street Fair 2014
takes place right outside our doors on
March 21-23!***



After a final week in the church office, Dave and I left Tucson on the following Saturday. We've spent the last week unpacking, sorting, organizing and getting settled – exhausting, but satisfying! We're excited to be living in this beautiful place on the water. We're remembering so many good gifts of ministry, and anticipating new adventures yet to come. We have trips planned to visit each of our children and grandchildren yet this spring (and yes, the very generous "travel fund" you gave me is also most appreciated!).

I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve as one of your pastors and to share with you in your vital ministry in the heart of the city of Tucson. Dave and I wish you every blessing as that ministry grows, and will celebrate with you each new step you take into God's amazing future.

Dear Trinity friends –

I'm not sure where to begin to thank you for the wonderful send-off you gave me just two Sundays ago. I will always have happy memories of that lovely luncheon served at beautifully decorated tables in a packed Trinity Hall filled with so many of you! Thank you! The home-made songs and hilarious video added just the right mix of "fun" to your many kind words and thoughtful gifts. From the candle in its elegant glass shade, to the beautiful prayer shawl and leather journal, from the handmade, hand-signed quilt and bear to your bookful of letters and cards. I was undone by your generosity and your thoughtfulness. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

*Grace and peace.
Marney*



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*Lynn Moser - 25 years as Trinity's
Organist, Pianist and Director of Handbells*



Lynn Moser,

Thank You for 25 years as Trinity's organist,
pianist and director of handbells!

"I have seen new ringers join our choir every fall. I have watched Lynn Moser teach them the ropes with patience, and nurturing, and positive encouragement, just as he did me. Each and every year he molds our ringing group prayerfully into a cohesive and collaborative musical ensemble that rejoices in bringing God's praise and glory to the congregation. Who knows how many lives are touched when Lynn's Trinity Ringers play on a Sunday morning! At least twelve for sure---all of us actually ringing those bells!"

Excerpt from letter by Lori Gaither



LENTEN SCHEDULE