

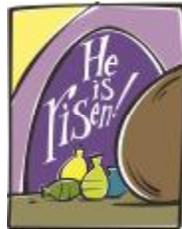


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SCHEDULE

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

Sunday, March 29 - 8:00 & 10:30 am  
Palm Processional for all ages and a dramatic reading of the Passion from Mark's Gospel.

Wednesday, April 1 - 6:00 pm

**Special *WedNiteAlive!***  
supper and video:  
**In Search of Easter**  
The Mystery and Miracle  
of Jesus' Resurrection

Thursday, April 2 - 6:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday**  
Potluck meal, a celebration of  
the Lord's Supper, (*child care provided*)  
and a Service of Darkness



Friday, April 3 - 12:00 pm

**Good Friday**  
a light lunch in the courtyard,  
followed by a half-hour service of  
preaching and prayers in the Chapel

Sunday, April 5  
8:00 & 10:30 am

**Easter Sunday**  
a celebration of the Resurrection  
with choir, handbells  
and brass quartet

9:00 am Easter Brunch  
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt



# PASTORAL LETTER

***Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing themselves.***

***- Leo Tolstoy***

## **Transformation**

God's purpose for each of us involves nothing less than our complete and radical transformation—mind, emotion, will and behavior—into the joyous image of Christ. This is something we cannot accomplish merely by self-determination! Such efforts, in themselves, most often have the opposite effect. Self-righteousness gets us nowhere. On the other hand, it does not help to passively wait for God to change us.

The way that works is somewhere in the middle, between self-determination and apathy. Spiritual growth is like farming. The farmer cannot make the crops grow. God does that. But the farmer does need to prepare a place for God to work. The farmer makes the field available to the Almighty, by cultivating, planting seeds, irrigating, weeding and harvesting. Personal spiritual transformation is like that. We can't fundamentally change ourselves. Only the Holy Spirit can do that. But we can and must put ourselves in a position where we can be changed. That's what Spiritual Disciplines are about.

Richard Foster writes, "Superficiality is the curse of our age...The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people. The classical Disciplines or the spiritual life call us to move beyond surface living into the depths."

For generations, from biblical times, God's people have practiced liberating spiritual disciplines—inward, outward, and corporate habits of life that have placed them where God can transform and empower them for life in Christ. Today, most of those traditions, like many ways of our ancestors, are neglected and forgotten.

On Wednesday evenings through Lent, different Spiritual Disciplines will be presented from Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline*—Study, Meditation, Solitude, Worship and Service. We encourage you to come and enjoy these lessons in cultivation of spiritual life.

Those who purpose to be changed by the Spirit of God are in the best position to engender change in the world around them.

***I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern and demonstrate the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*** —Romans 12:1-2

Blessings in Christ,

*Jerry*



## COMMUNION SET UP



Helpers are needed to assist in preparing and setting up the Communion elements on Communion Sundays. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please speak to Lynn Moser.

## WORSHIP

MARCH

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar 1 - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; *Psalm 22:23-31*;  
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Mar 8 - Exodus 20:1-17; *Psalm 19*;  
I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Mar 15 - Numbers 21:4-9; *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*;  
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Mar 22 - Jeremiah 31:31-34 ; *Psalm 119:9-16*;  
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33



Passion/Palm Sunday  
(Holy Week begins)

Mar 29 - *Palms*: Mark  
11:1-11 or John 12:12-16;  
*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*;

*Passion*: Isaiah 50:4-9;

*Psalm 31:9-16*; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-  
15:47 or Mark 15:1-39

## 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 now meet in the Lower Level Lounge (new location!) at 9:00 am.

### THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

For the next several months we will be discussing Robin Meyers book *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus*. You can purchase the book on Amazon or Barnes and Nobel. We continue to meet at 11:45 am in the Lower Lounge.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### ENGAGE

MARCH 1, 8 & 15

Sundays at 11:45 in the Upper Room East

Led by Dr. Harriet Marsh

Could you benefit from a 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 help. Join Harriet for 3 weeks in March.

### 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.

### KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

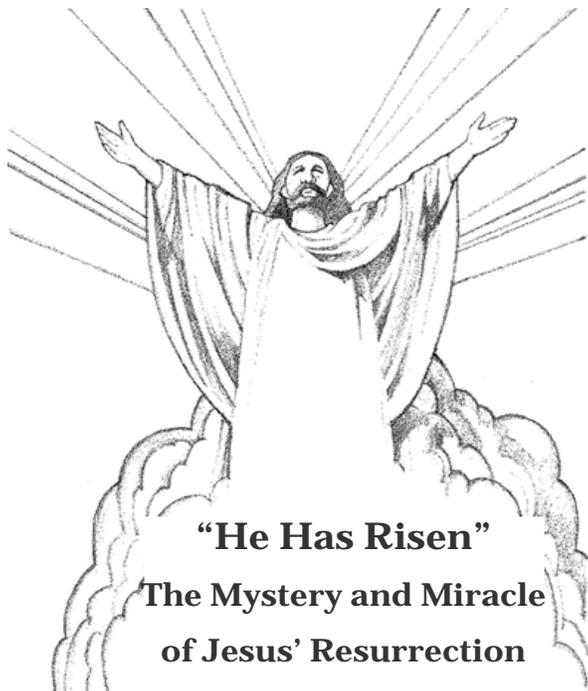
Calling all youth in grades 4th-8th. we have a Sunday School class called "Kreamer's Crusaders". This will cover a variety of Bible stories in an open discussion format. We will meet in the Sanctuary for the service and leave before the sermon to go downstairs to the lounge for our class. The class will end around 11:30am.



### "...ON THIS ROCK"

Join Rev. Bill Voigt in the Upper Room W at **9:00 am** in the Upper Room West for a series on **THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE VATICAN**.

Past, present and future come alive through DVD's, discussion and lecture. Explore the faith, mystery, scandals, and secrets of this 2000 year old church. **A Southwest breakfast will be served!**



**“He Has Risen”**

**The Mystery and Miracle  
of Jesus’ Resurrection**

### **IN SEARCH OF EASTER**

Travel back to Jerusalem with modern-day scholars to discover the timeless mysteries surrounding the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 2,000 years ago, three words were uttered and the ancient world ignited a religious movement that changed the course of history. Is the biblical account fact, fiction or both? Did Jesus truly rise from the grave after his crucifixion and make appearances for 40 days? Was it a miracle or a mass hallucination? Why, 21 centuries later, do Christians still debate the meaning of Christ’s resurrection? *In Search of Easter* aims to answer the timeless mysteries surrounding perhaps the most divisive topic in world history. Through Christian and Jewish scholars we relive the drama of the Easter story and learn how the four gospels offer contradictory versions of the events. The ancient narrative comes to life from the discovery of the empty tomb, to Jesus’ appearance before his mystified disciples in a locked room in Jerusalem, to a riveting encounter with "Doubting Thomas", to the climactic moment atop a mountain near the Sea of Galilee. Whatever the truth may be about what happened 2,000 years ago, the resurrection continues to entice the imagination.

**Please join us on Wednesday, April 1 for a travel back in time IN SEARCH OF EASTER!**

**LITERACY CONNECTS**  
*Dear Kathy and Friends,  
Thank you for your donation of children’s books to Reading Seed, a program of Literacy Connects.*



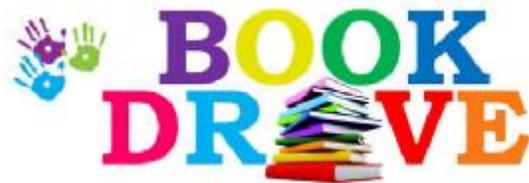
**Helping  
Hands**

*Through the generous support of the Wednesday Night Program, you are investing in the future of our community.*

*Education opens all sorts of doors. Your thoughtful contribution allows individuals in our community to walk through some of those doors. As they do, our entire community is strengthened. Thank you so much for extending your love of literacy and creativity to others through your support. I enjoyed meeting with you and your group.*

**Betty Stauffer**

**Executive Director, Literacy Connects**



I would like to thank all of you who came to hear Betty Stauffer speak about this amazing program and to all those who donated books. We will continue to collect children’s books (gently used or new) that are for pre-school through 6th grade. You may place your book donations in the box marked “Book Drive” on the bottom section of the Food Bank cart.

**THANK YOU! Kathy Moser**



# Wednesday Nite Alive! - March 2015

Date	5:00pm Bible Study {Library}	6:00pm Meditation Service {Chapel}	6:30pm Discussion Group {Upper Room-West}	6:30pm Helping Hands (serving) {Upper Room-East}
Mar 4	John 2:13-22	Lent	LENTEN Series The Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth MEDITATION <i>Billie Holbrook</i>	Preparing Easter cards for Trinity's Homebound  <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Mar 11	John 3:14-21	Lent	LENTEN Series The Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth SOLITUDE <i>Bill Voigt</i>	Preparing Easter cards for Trinity's Homebound  <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Mar 18	John 12:20-33	Lent	LENTEN Series The Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth WORSHIP <i>Harriet Marsh</i>	Preparing Easter cards for Trinity's Homebound  <i>Kathy Moser</i>
Mar 25	John 12:12-16	Passion/Palm	LENTEN Series The Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth SERVICE <i>Sandra Murray</i>	Preparing Easter cards for Trinity's Homebound  <i>Kathy Moser</i>



## Lent begins

Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>

In preparation for Easter feel free to pick up 'The Parables of Lent', daily devotionals that will be in the Narthex starting on Ash Wednesday. And if you'd like to go paperless, there are online sites to inspire you: Hear the Word (a daily podcast of the scripture reading from the lectionary), These Days (daily devotions that are the same as the paper booklet available in the Narthex) or try <https://maxlucado.com/category/read/daily>.

Remember when you were a kid and promised to 'give up' something for Lent? I suppose that was a form of self-control (one of the Fruits of the Spirit). This year's Wednesday night Lenten series will center around Richard Foster's book, *The Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*. February 25<sup>th</sup> (at WednesdayNiteAlive!) began the series focusing on styles of discipline featured in Foster's book. Speakers will talk about inward, outward and corporate oriented styles of discipline. Inward styles are like meditation, prayer, and fasting. Outward styles are simplicity and submission. Corporate paths of discipline are worship and service.

Each of the five Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday, we will have a speaker who will address one of the paths to spiritual growth featured in Foster's book. The last Wednesday of Lent, April 1<sup>st</sup>, will be movie night *In Search of Easter*.

# Congregational News

## MEMORIES, HOPES AND CONVERSATIONS

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this special event on February 15. Trinity's Session and staff were very pleased with the enthusiastic participation, and will be compiling the results of the conversations and will look forward to sharing the findings with the congregation. The Session encourages those of you who were not available to participate on February 15 to come to one of the following meetings to let your voice be heard as we prepare to search for a new Senior Pastor. Each meeting will take place in the Lovejoy Library.

Sunday, March 1 at 11:45

Wednesday, March 4 at 3:30

Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 and 11:45



# Congregational News



## HOT SPINNING MIRRORS

John Hill and colleagues are casting the fourth GMT 8.4-meter diameter primary mirror on Sunday March 29th at the Steward Observatory Mirror Lab. In case you've never seen the hot spinning furnace at the Mirror Lab, John is providing a touristic opportunity for Trinity members and friends at 4:00 pm on March 29. Meet in front of the Mirror Lab (East side of Arizona football stadium). This is on National Championship Drive (parallels Cherry Ave) between Enke and 6th Street. You will be able to park there in the parking lot between the baseball field and the football stadium. For more details about the Mirror Lab, see [mirrorlab@as.arizona.edu](mailto:mirrorlab@as.arizona.edu).

*Note 1: Children are welcome, but small children must be tightly coupled to adults as the area is not child-safe. Please wear close-toed shoes.*

*Note 2: This tour requires walking up/down ~ 2 flights of stairs. Email [jhill@as.arizona.edu](mailto:jhill@as.arizona.edu) to arrange a time for a wheelchair accessible tour.*

## TRINITY POLO SHIRTS



Proudly wear the Trinity logo on a quality polo shirt. Order yours by sending an email to [ctoering@cox.net](mailto:ctoering@cox.net). (handsome guy not included)

## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Book Club now meets on the fourth Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Lovejoy Library. On March 24 we will discuss *The World Until Yesterday: What Can We Learn from Traditional Societies?* by Jared Diamond. Please join us. All are welcome!

## STREET FAIR VOLUNTEERS HAVE MORE FUN!

We're soliciting volunteers for the spring Street Fair weekend, March 20, 21 and 22. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office 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. Thank You!



## PASTOR'S PICK

I have two selections for you this month, one new and one old.

First *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson.

*In the sheer beauty of its prose and the fierceness of its passion, Gilead is a work of startling power.*

—*The Weekly Standard*

*A novel as big as a nation, as quiet as thought, and as moving as prayer. Matchless and towering.*

—*Kirkus Reviews*

The second is *Miracles* by C. S. Lewis. *Miracles* makes the top of the list of most influential works read by pastors. In my view it is an essential read before entering into reflection on Christian faith and science—and, as always, refreshing in its clarity of thought.

Blessings, Jerry



# SESSION NOTES

## Session Notes for February 2015

Session had the distinct pleasure of welcoming a guest to its February meeting. Dr. Harriet Marsh spoke during our "Leading Together" time about the four-week class she is currently leading. The class is called *Engage*. Harriet began by asking groups of two these questions – "What kind of church is Trinity? and What makes a Christian?" It was lots easier to answer the first question than the second one. *Engage* is an approach to evangelism that can help make participants more comfortable about being faithful followers of Jesus Christ in faith and service to others. There is room for YOU in Harriet's class. All are welcome.

With 120 of Trinity's faithful participating in the Appreciative Inquiry event on February 15, 2015 to talk about Trinity memories and hopes for the future, Jerry Foust informed Session that now is the time to interview those absent on the 15<sup>th</sup> so that the Task Force for Congregational Mission Study may collate and assess the results. Then we will be ready for Session's approval of the Mission Study. After that the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry will approve the study. Then the Congregation's Nominating Committee will recommend members of a Pastor Nominating Committee to be approved by the congregation. We are on our way to an installed pastor. Thanks congregation for sharing!

Other than routine business Session approved two actions. The first, for the Worship Committee, was to approve for a trial period of one year from Labor Day through Pentecost that Trinity hire a choral ministry intern for the amount of \$2,500 to be funded from the Music Enrichment Fund. The second was to ratify Administration & Personnel Committee's hiring of Emelia Maycher as an Assistant Nursery Attendant.

The Deacons elected Daphne Madson as Moderator, Sally Barlow as Vice-Moderator and Emalie Wilka as Secretary. Christian Education is featuring Trinity speakers for the Lenten study from Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline*. An Easter egg hunt is in the works as well as Easter brunch.

Besides sponsoring Harriet Marsh's *Engage* classes,

Growth & Outreach Team is inviting Presbyterian Campus Ministry students to participate in our church activities. Look for ways you can help those students raise money for their mission trip to Mexico. Mission Committee is also planning some mission trips – one to Sells and another to Chinle, AZ.

Property Committee is pleased with the new narthex doors. They work! The committee needs your help on March 28<sup>th</sup> to clean up Trinity in time for Palm Sunday and Easter. The Long Range Development Team is getting ever closer to a development "deal."

Stewardship & Finance are sending notes of gratitude to those who pledged. Worship Committee has many plans for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter and are in need of people who might help set up Communion elements when needed.

Session prayed for those in the congregation with illness, those recovering, those with upcoming celebrations and those in need of tender mercies. Thanks were given for God's guidance and presence in our undertakings.

Janet D. Hooper,  
Clerk of Session

*The Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship (MEPF) is a ministry of Presbyterian Church (USA) through Presbytery de Cristo located here in Tucson. Syrian born Georges Bitar was pastor in the Evangelical Synod of Syria & Lebanon, and was called to be the pastor of this new ministry in Tucson. Area Presbyterian congregations have been committed to welcoming them, praying for them, and assisting them. On January 31, a fundraising event was held here at Trinity. Many thanks to Dennis Nelson, Mt. Shadows Presbyterian Church for planning and organizing this fundraiser.*

Photo from Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship Fundraiser Dinner





# Mission News



**SANDWICH MAKING** for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, March 8. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches for the homeless.



## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY



Several of our food bank volunteers attended a training on Civil Rights issues given by Jean Fox who oversees all the Tucson area pantries connected to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. She can make learning informative and enjoyable. Thank you Jean for coming and keeping us informed as to current practices. At the present time we are able to supplement the food bags provided by the Food Bank with extra items that have been picked up at the Agency Market. If you would like to go to the Market to see how it operates, please let me know – it is a learning experience. Thanks to all who bring items to the church on Sundays. Alice Smedley



Trinity's Wednesday morning breakfast ministry for the Primavera homeless shelter. Every week, Tom Henderson and Jim Croxen, joined this week by Billie Holbrook, are up at 4:00 am and in the Trinity kitchen.

## TUCSON HOMELESS CONNECT

The spring Tucson Homeless Connect Event will be on March 27, 2015. Trinity has hosted this event twice a year for several years. This event grows bigger every time it is offered to the homeless. In September of 2014 we had over fifty service providers represented on our campus. Information on obtaining ID's, housing, health care services and animal immunizations is available. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please call the church office and leave a message for Alice. We need over 100 volunteers to help serve the 400 clients who come through the doors.

*Tucson Homeless Connect Volunteer training will be held in Trinity Hall, on March 26 at 5:30 pm.*

**SUNDAYS**  
**Just Coffee in Fellowship Hall**

**ENJOY!!**  
**TAKE a BAG**  
**HOME with**  
**YOU!**



# Trinity Women



**Wanted!! Knitters/Crocheters**  
 We have been given a large gift of yarn to be used for charity. We need those of you who knit or crotchet to make up this yarn into hats, scarves, mittens, or sweaters for kids that are served by Primavera, Our Family Services, Arizona Children's Assn or foster children. You can use any patterns you have or patterns are available. If you can help please contact Ruth Myers 326-6888. Thank you!



**On February 22, Trinity Women sponsored a wonderful craft and dessert event in Trinity Hall. Many beautiful crafts were displayed and enjoyed.**  
 Photos by Kathy Moser



## NO STRESS

The Therapeutic Yoga class on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am 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. No experience or special talents are necessary. You will find the group friendly and comfortable —join them soon in the Lower East Room!

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, April 18, 2015**  
**Presbyterian Women of Presbytery de Cristo**  
 Spring Gathering at Northminster Presbyterian Church  
 Registration forms in the Narthex.

# MARCH

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[www.trinitytucson.org](http://www.trinitytucson.org)

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## 4th Avenue

## Spring fair

MARCH 20 - 21 - 22

## Palm Sunday

March 29



### Homeless Connect

MARCH 27



Join Us!

### Wednesday Nite Alive!



SCHEDULE