

# The Vision

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Palm/Passion Sunday Sunday, April 13

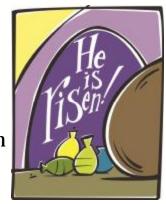
8:00 & 10:30 am parade of palms and the Trinity Choir with an instrumental ensemble will present a cantata (at the 10:30 service) of the passion story:

"No Greater Sacrifice"

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 20

8:00 & 10:30 am

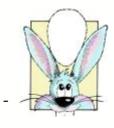
a celebration of the resurrection in Word and sacrament with choir, brass, bells & joyful singing!





9:00 am Easter Brunch

pancakes & sausage provided, please bring fruits or egg dishes



10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt
in Celebration Park



# **WORSHIP & MUSIC**



No Greater Sacrifice
The Trinity Choir will
be presenting a cantata
on Palm Sunday, April
13, at the 10:30 am
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.

#### PALM SUNDAY CANTATA

Composer, LARRY SHACKLEY (b. 1956) is a full-time composer and editor from Columbia, SC. From 1995-2007, he taught and directed the music program at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC. Prior to that, he worked for several years at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, creating original music and producing radio programs for the Moody Broadcasting Network.

As an undergraduate, he studied composition with Samuel Adler at the Eastman School of Music. Mr. Shackley returned to school in the 1990s, earning his Master in Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in composition from the University of South Carolina.

Composer of over thirty scores for films, videotapes, and radio dramas, Mr. Shackley is also an active studio musician, arranger, and orchestrator. Over the past several years, he has devoted most of his composing to music for the church, producing over twenty books of keyboard arrangements and more than one hundred choral anthems.



#### **SCHEDULE**

Palm/Passion Sunday Sunday, April 13 - 8:00 & 10:30 am "No Greater Sacrifice" (cantata at 10:30)

Wednesday, April 16 - 6:00 pm Special *WedNiteAlive!* supper and video "Godspell"

Thursday, April 17 - 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Potluck meal and a celebration of the Lord's Supper *(child care provided)* 

Friday, April 18 - 12:00 pm

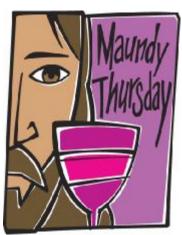
Good Friday
a light lunch in the courtyard, followed by a
half-hour service of preaching and prayers
in the Chapel

Sunday, April 20 8:00 & 10:30 am Easter Sunday a celebration of the resurrection

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

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# **WORSHIP & MUSIC**



Did you know that the term "Maundy" comes from the Latin term *mandatum*, meaning commandment? The name Maundy Thursday is taken from the first words used at the service of the washing of the feet in the Book of Common Worship, "I give you a new commandment" (John 13:34) and also from the

commandment of Christ that we should imitate his loving humility in the washing of the feet (John 13:14-17). This year's Maundy Thursday service will incorporate a dramatic presentation of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, symbolizing the way of servant hood to which we are called by Christ.

The choral cantata, which has taken place on Maundy Thursday in years past, will now occur on Palm Sunday. The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall. Communion will be served at the round tables in Fellowship Hall with an elder offering the elements at each table. The evening will conclude in the sanctuary with a Service of Shadows which will include readings that recount the events that occurred between the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. Between each reading there will be hymn-singing and the extinguishing of a candle as the sanctuary moves to total darkness by the end of the service. Please join us as we continue our Lenten journey.

#### **APRIL 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.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 6 - Ezekiel 37:1-14; *Psalm 130*; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Passion/Palm Sunday

April 13- Palms: Matthew 21:1-11; *118:1-2, 19-29*; Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Maundy Thursday

April 17- Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; *Psalm 116:1-2,* 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

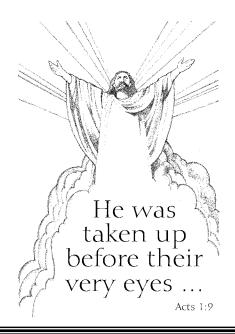
Good Friday

April 18- Isaiah 52:13-53:12; *Psalm 22*; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 20- Acts 10:34-43; *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 27 - Acts 2:14a, 22-32; *Psalm 16*; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



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# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life began a new study on *Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis* in March. This Kerygma study in 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 meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Upper Room East.

#### THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

Theology for Today, will not meet on April 6 but will resume on April 13 when we will discuss the Chapter 1 of Rob Bell's "What We Talk About When We Talk About God". This book is available on Amazon.com or Barnes and Nobel. We do not meet on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Conversation about Rob Bell's book will continue through April and the first weeks of May. The class does not meet in the summer time. We welcome all. Even if you have not read the book you are invited to participate with us. We meet at 11:45 am in the Lower Level Lounge.

#### **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 is being held in the Upper Room West on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Thanks to PBS/Frontline and its amazing DVD's, we will explore the different religions of our world: Mormonism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and, of course, Christianity. *Breakfast goodies will be served!* 



March WNA! 3/12 Speaker, Peggy Free on Poverty 3/19 Pastors Alison Harrington and John Fife on Justice. 3/26 Donna Fulton, MD on Peacemaking



March WNA! Helping Hands Service Project Kyla Ramon & Kathy Moser making Linus Blankets





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# WednesdayNi JeAlive! - April 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
April 2 Lent	the valley of dry bones wait for the Lord no condemnation the raising of Lazarus Bill Voigt	Redemption: lost and found		Beatitude Living: Blessed Are the Meek  Derry Dean, NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness	Easter cards for Trinity's Home- bound Kathy Moser
April 9 Lent	Jesus enters Jerusalem the tongue of a teacher have mercy on me Jesus humbled himself the passion of Christ Bill Voigt	Redemption: dead raised to life		Beatitude Living: Blessed Are the Persecuted  George Bitar, Pastor of Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship	Easter fun  Kathy Moser
April 16	No BIBLE STUDY	Supper (6 pm) and Passion Film "Godspell" (6:30 pm) in Fellowship Hall			
April 23	God raised Christ up preserve us, O God born again in baptism gift of the Holy Spirit	The New Creation: labor pains		The Cross in Christian Art  PBS video & discussion	Sandwich- making for Casa Maria <i>Kathy Mose</i> r
April 30	repent and be baptized what can we offer God? born anew to the truth on the road to Emmaus	The New Creation: creation's firstborn		Life After Death in the 3 Abrahamic Faiths <i>UA Religious Studies faculty</i>	Clay beads for Ben's Bells Kathy Moser

# LENTEN SERIES: PONDERING THE BEATITUDES



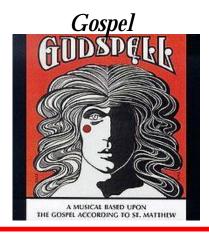
Our Lenten series this year is based on the Beatitudes. We will have terrific guest speakers who will help us identify those whom Jesus calls blessed: Derry Dean — the meek (mentally ill) on April 2 and George Bitar — the persecuted on April 9. As we are hearing about these disenfranchised members of 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 Uni-

versity 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!



Wednesday, April 16
6:00 pm
Special WedNiteAlive!
supper and a
Holy Week video
"Godspell" about the life of
Jesus based on Matthew's



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# **Congregational News**

#### EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS



History, mythology, literature, poetry and the world of art are rife with stories and images that speak of the beauty and majesty of the elegant

white flowers. Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting. Order yours today using the enclosed form. Last day to order is Palm Sunday.

#### 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 Kavenaugh, 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!

#### MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

This day-long conference offers insight and resources to reduce stigma and provide support to encourage individuals coping with mental illness. Don't miss this powerful forum led by noted national and local experts. A variety of topics for the day include:

- Understanding depression
- Mental Illness: what it looks like, feels like and sounds like
- Aging and mental health issues
- Faith Community Roundtable
- Youth Mental Health First Aid courses
- Mental Health Havens
- QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer (Suicide Prevention)
- The Role of Faith in Our Healing The conference will be held on Friday, April 25 at the Catalina United Methodist Church at 2700 E. Speedway. Register now at icstucson.org.

#### **DOUBLE BABY SHOWER**



Dave & Jen Koop Glenn & Johanna Moyer



SUNDAY, APRIL 6 at 11:45 in Fellowship Hall

#### TRINITY BOOK CLUB

On April 28 at 7 pm, the Trinity Book Club will gather to discuss 5 Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm Ravaged Hospital by Seri Fink. All are welcome to participate with us.

#### Sermons Now on YouTube!

You can 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.

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# **SESSION NOTES**

Session Notes for March 18, 2014



Proceed with caution! After viewing a four-minute video about a PCUSA faith based on-line program about evangelism, Session literally ENGAGED in strengthening our faith life. We are cautioned to pay attention to our

worship, our service and, most of all, our discipleship during this transition time at Trinity. Two by two, session members shared general thoughts about their faith journeys and experiences of God's deep, abiding, generous love for us.

Growth & Outreach Team will introduce "ENGAGE" to a few pioneers beginning March 30 right after the 10:30 worship service. Lunch will be served. Participants will be talking about their faith and learning how to talk with others about that faith. Sort of like what the elders did at their meeting.

Worship Committee asked Session to approve the Rev. Ellen Dawson from Presbyterian Campus Ministries to preach on April 6, 2014. Worship also indicated a good attendance at the *Glory to God* Hymn Festival. It was an awesome experience. The choir will sing their Cantata "No Greater Sacrifice" on Palm Sunday and a special Maundy Thursday event is planned in Fellowship Hall to be followed by a Service of Shadows in the Sanctuary. Look for details in this VISION.

Session approved Stewardship & Finance having an April 13, 2014 Budgeting and Legacy Giving informational meeting. Property continues good maintenance to repair water leaks and to make safety precautions with handrails. Administration & Personnel is reviewing current schedules and hours of work for staff members and discussing how to generate more volunteers to help out in the office.

Mission Committee will have a special offering on Easter Sunday plus they are planning a trip to Nogales to visit with HEPAC and a trip to Florence to learn about prisons. They have a dozen other plans under consideration as well. Christian Education continues to plan learning experiences for all ages. And they have ordered new titles for our library.

The Transition Team reports interviewing two transition pastors and plans a third interview. They are also listening to sermon tapes and making phone calls to follow up on references.

The clerk report included two thank you letters of significance. One was from Marney Wasserman giving heartfelt thanks for seven years of leading together at Trinity and for our generous gifts to her. The other letter was from Sue Westfall on behalf of the Presbytery de Cristo thanking Trinity for the hospitality shown for the presbytery. It's nice to hear from two friends.

The session meeting was pretty uneventful, but members spent many moments in prayer for our congregation, for those in need, for our transition team, for joys, for sorrows and for good leadership. Mostly we prayed to embrace the challenges of growing our faithfulness in this time of transition.

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session



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# **Mission News**



#### SANDWICH MAKING

Sandwich making for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on April 13 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us after worship in making 600 sandwiches for the homeless. Many thanks to all who help!



Our Lenten offering
supports the work of the
Presbyterian Hunger
Program, the SelfDevelopment of People
project, and Presbyterian

Disaster Assistance. When we live an open-handed life, sharing brings joy! The offering will be received on Easter Sunday.

#### MISSION TRIP ON FRIDAY, MAY 9

Immigration issues are affecting millions of lives! Join us for a day in Arizona, as we travel to different parts of southern Arizona to learn about immigration and border issues. Our trip leaders are from BorderLinks, a non-profit agency here in Tucson. We will be traveling in our own air conditioned bus (notice the irony) and having lunch along the way. BorderLinks facilitated a "Legal Immigration Simulation" program at one of our WednesdayNiteAlive! evenings. Lots of questions arose after the program. As a result of the program we decided that such an important issue in our society needed to be understood, in person. We will be staying on this side of the border, going to Florence to see and speak with immigrants being held in jail, talking to government agents, Border Patrol, immigration rights advocates, and watching court proceedings on those

who have been arrested and are awaiting deportation! This will be a highly informative program. DON'T MISS OUT on one of the most controversial topics of the last few decades! LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS, EDUCATE YOURSELF, AND THEN FORM YOUR OPINIONS! If you would like to go, please call the church office at 623-2579, and say SIGN ME UP

### Thank You

Dear Helping Hands,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Valentine



cards for our kids at Diamond Children's! It is because of groups like yours that we are able to make holidays in the hospital so special! We sure appreciate you! Thank you

Helping Hands

The Child Life Department U of A Diamond Children

"Which Way Home," an Oscarnominated documentary about unaccompanied children traveling to U.S., will be shown Wednesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at the Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15; purchase at tucsonsamaritans.org, at the Loft Cin-



ema, or at Antigone Books. The 83-minute film will be followed by a panel discussion led by experts from the University of Arizona and local humanitarian aid groups. This is a fundraiser for Tucson Samaritans. Can't attend? Would you consider donating a ticket so that a Dream Act Student or a laborer from the Southside Worker Center can attend? For more information, call Michael at (520) 971-2116.

# **More Mission News**

# 4th Ave Street Fair!

#### Trinity's Food Pantry Needs You!



Food Drive

Over the next few months I will be asking you for specific items that are needed for our pantry. In April we would like people to bring items high in protein. Single serving portions need to be self-contained packages or pop top cans. Items could

be chicken salad and crackers, tuna packs or cans, deviled ham, Vienna sausage or any item that is high in protein. A container will be available in the narthex to collect your donations. You can also bring any non-perishable items that will be used to supplement the food boxes we give to our clients.

Some of you may be aware of the mobile markets that are set up during the week at different locations around town. They have different names but they usually offer 60 pounds of produce for \$10. If any of you use this program or are willing to pick up the produce, please let me know. Trinity's food pantry could use one delivery every two weeks.

I am very excited about the success we had at the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Fair collection cart. Not many canned goods were collected in the grocery cart but this year we attached a container to the cart and accepted monetary donations. We collected over \$200 and that money will be used to purchase needed supplies for the food pantry. Thank you for your continued support.

Alice Smedley Community Ministries Coordinator (520) 623-2579

fall months.

#### COMMUNITY FOOD BANK AGENCY REPORT

Every year, during the holidays, we receive a tremendous amount of non-perishable food drive items. It takes us several months to sort through it all and distribute it to our agencies. Around this time each year, we run out of that food and go through a bit of a dry spell until the annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) food drive replenishes us with enough non-perishable food to carry us through the summer and



Photos from 4th Ave. Street Fair by Kathy Moser

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Community Food Bank

# **Trinity Women**

Meetings: No Gathering in March.

The Women of the Presbytery are holding the Spring Gathering at Christ Presbyterian Church on Saturday April 5, 8:30 to 2pm. There are two lunch reservations available for late comers.

Contact Julia Potter, Christ PW. Mary Clark Jorgenson, Moderator of Churchwide Presbyterian Women, will be our speaker.

No Trinity Presbyterian Women Gathering in April. Plans are underway to host the annual Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 3rd.

Bible Study groups, Morning and Evening Circles meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month through May.

Ryan's Bears will not meet in April, but will on Tuesday, May 3rd at 9:30 am.

TPW-Coordinating Team will be meeting on April 29 at 9:30 am.

The Reading List is available on line and in print in the library and at Bible Study meeting. The books are in and ready to be checked out!

You are invited to join **Presbyterian Campus Ministry** for an evening of laughter and fun at

# The Gaslight Theatre! Sunday, April 13th at 6:00pm

# **Beach Blanket Bee-Bop**

Tickets are \$30.00 each and your ticket purchase supports PCM! Tickets may be purchased in the narthex on Sunday mornings or you may also purchase your tickets ONLINE via PayPal by going to <a href="https://www.pcmarizona.org">www.pcmarizona.org</a>.

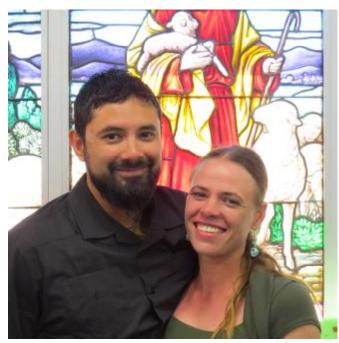




TRINITY HOSTS
THE ROSE SHOW
Once again Trinity
will host the Rose
Society of Tucson's
spring rose show on
Saturday, April
12th. The theme of
the show is a
"Classic Tales and
Roses". The show

features a large horticulture section (hybrid teas, floribudas, miniatures, Old Garden Roses, etc.), beautiful rose arrangements, plus rose photography. The show is judged by American Rose Society judges from Arizona, California, New Mexico and Nevada and is open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. The Rose Society extends its sincere thanks to Trinity for hosting the show as it has for nine years beginning in 2002.

\* \* \*EVERYONE IS WELCOME! \* \* \*



Best wishes for Jessa Roggow, and Ruben Zamarano on their upcoming wedding April 19th. A bridal shower was held for Jessa on March 16 in Fellowship Hall. Photo by Kathy Moser

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