



# the Vision

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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



## Come to the Table

We practice “open” communion. We say before each Lord’s Supper, “Our Savior invites *all* those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.”

Many years ago, at Sunday morning worship, at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, the pastor from a large congregation in Atlanta, Georgia, told this story before communion . . .

He said that he had officiated at a large wedding the previous week. Their enormous sanctuary was packed with all sorts of people from near and far. The wedding included The Lord’s Supper. He said the words of institution, and before he realized what was happening the aisles were packed with people coming forward to the Table. **The pastor remarked to us, “Now, I am a church historian. I know the rules.** But, at that point, as the people surged forward, it didn’t seem right to hold up my hand and shout, ‘Hold on! I forgot to mention that only baptized Christians are allowed at the Table!’ And, since the wedding guest seemed to think that all were *supposed* to come forward, and no one wanted to offend the bride and groom or their families, *everyone*, without exception, came forward to the Table.”

“After the wedding,” the pastor explained, “a couple came up to me with their young daughter.” “They explained, ‘We are Muslim. It was wrong for us to receive Christian Communion, and we did not intend to do so. But our daughter, not understanding, jumped up and got in line. So we rushed after her, to bring her back. But we found ourselves in line with her, and we didn’t want to create an embarrassing scene. So we all came forward and received the body and blood of Christ! And now we are deeply touched, confused and grateful! We don’t understand it, but something very important has happened. Somehow we experienced the blessing of Allah. We are surprised and very grateful. We want to thank you. We will never be the same!’”

“After that,” the pastor continued, “an elderly Jewish couple approached me. They bared their arms and revealed the numbers tattooed on their wrists. They said, ‘We are both survivors of Auschwitz. Un-

til today we have never set foot in a Christian church. That would have been unimaginable, and the last thing we would ever do. But the bride’s parents are close friends and we thought, ‘It’s just a wedding, after all,’ so we decided to attend. Having never participated in Christian worship, and thinking it must be part of the wedding, we got in line with everyone else. Before we knew what was happening, we found ourselves at the Table and receiving the body and blood of Christ! And now we want to thank you. We don’t understand it, but something has happened. The indelible wounds represented by these tattoos seem to be healing as we speak. We don’t know how, but we are changed—our relationships with God—our relationship with Gentiles. It is as if we have been reborn. We are so grateful to have experienced this now, before we meet God. Thank you!”

The preacher concluded, “Friends, I know and respect the theology and the rules about the Table. But today I stand before you amazed and confused about it. There is something about this Table and the Lord who invites us to meet him here, that defies our expectations and is far greater than we can ever comprehend. Let us come to His Table, and receive the Lord who freely and unconditionally offers himself to us and for us!”

Indeed! And Amen.

Blessings,

*Jerry*

*In all cultures, the Table is a universal place of welcome.*

## 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

## APRIL

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 3 (Good Friday) - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; *Psalm 22*; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16 & 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

April 5 (Easter Sunday) - Acts 10:34-43; *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*; I Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

April 12 - Acts 4:32-35; *Psalm 133*; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 19 - Acts 3:12-19; *Psalm 4*; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 26 - Acts 4:5-12; *Psalm 23*; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

### COMBINED CHOIRS SUNDAY!

The Trinity Choir will be joining with the choirs from our sister Presbyterian Churches of Christ and Holy Way on the three Sundays following Easter. On April 12, the choirs will be singing for



Combined  
Choir  
Sunday

the worship service at Christ. On April 19, they will be at Holy Way, and then on April 26 all three choirs will be participating at Trinity. Please plan to join us in worship on April 26 to hear a rousing rendition of "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" presented by the three choirs!



## Maundy Thursday

This year's Maundy Thursday service on April 2 will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a pot-luck meal and Communion in the Fellowship Hall. Worship will then continue in the sanctuary with a dramatic reading of John 13 -- the account of the Last Supper and Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. The service will close with the retelling of the events of Jesus' life from the Last Supper until he is handed over by Pilate to be crucified. As each scene concludes, a candle will be extinguished, a hymn will be sung and the lighting in the sanctuary will be diminished until it is left in total darkness. Please join us for this meaningful time of worship and fellowship.



**GOOD FRIDAY:** The story of Jesus' loving sacrifice continues on Good Friday with a worship service in the chapel that will be based around the Seven Last Words of Christ.

A Baggins lunch in the chapel courtyard begins at noon followed by worship from 12:30 to 1:00.



### EASTER

The choir is doing a piece called 'Alleluia! Alleluia!' by Lani Smith as well as their opening hymn 'Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today' both with brass quartet.



Easter

## EASTER IS APRIL 5!

9 am to 10 am Pancake Breakfast

We will provide pancakes, coffee and juice. The congregation can bring fruit or egg dishes to share.

10 am to 10:30 Easter Egg Hunt

This starts in the Lower Level Lounge with a story read by Trinity's Bunny Mallams. Then, grouped by ages, children will go into Celebration Park to search for plastic eggs and treasures.

All of this will be concluded by 10:30 am so everyone can participate in worship in the sanctuary. We will still provide nursery care for children 4 years and under, but both Godly Play and Kreamer's Crusaders will be canceled so that those students can be in worship.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life is beginning a new study after Easter - AN ODD COUPLE, JONAH & RUTH:

*Lessons for Our Fractured World* by Carol J. Miller. Jonah shows the original readers of the book, as well as us, what a picture of their bigotry and hatred of foreigners and enemies looks like to God. Ruth shows what life lived in performing deeds of *hesed* (acts of loving kindness) looks like to us and to God. Come explore these concepts in relation to Old Testament times and our time through lively discussion.

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



JONAH



Ruth

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

For the next several months we will be discussing Robin Meyers book *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping 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.

### 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. No class on Easter Sunday. Children will remain in the Sanctuary for the service.

### KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

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

No class on Easter Sunday.

### "...ON THIS ROCK"

Join Rev. Bill Voigt 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!





# Wednesday ~~Nite~~ Alive! - April 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}
April 1	NO BIBLE STUDY  Supper and movie "IN SEARCH OF EASTER"			
April 8	John 20:19-21	Easter	Suzy Borque from Pima Council on Aging will give an overview of PCOA and list their services and answer questions.	Water bottles and protein bars for Trinity's Food Bank
April 15	Luke 24:36b-48	Easter	PBS Frontline, "The Rise of Isis" (DVD)  <i>Bill Voigt</i>	Simple Snack packs for Youth on Their Own  <i>Kathy Moser</i>
April 22	John 10:11-18	Easter	Long Range Development Team: "News" Update  <i>Bucky Lovejoy</i>	Water bottle and cereal bar packs for Salvation Army Hospitality House
April 29	John 15:1-8	Easter	TOUR OF THE NEW SALVATION ARMY HOSPITALITY HOUSE (Speedway and Main) <i>Yoli Hasler, Program Manager</i>	

The last Wednesday of Lent, April 1<sup>st</sup> movie night:

## 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!

# 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 by calling the church office at 623-2579. Last day to order is Monday after Palm Sunday.



## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Trinity Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and May 26<sup>th</sup> in the Lovejoy Library at 7:00 pm. April’s book is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doer – this is a beautifully written book where boy meets girl with elegantly circuitous circumstances during WWII. May’s book is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown – this is a nonfiction book that deals with the University of Washington crewing team who go on to win the 1936 Olympics.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through abundant and generous gifts to One



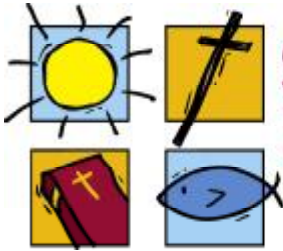
Great Hour of Sharing Presbyterians have for many years faithfully heeded God’s call to serve people seeking to reclaim and restore their lives. The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received at Trinity on Easter Sunday. By supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, you are sustaining programs that provide disaster relief, food, clean water, training and resources to people all over the world.

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Hearing devices are available for worship services in the Sanctuary! Thanks to our ingenious member and all around good sound guy, Dr. John Hill, we have two kinds of hearing devices for your listening pleasure. The latest innovation is a little radio with a tiny wire that goes from the tiny radio to tiny little ear “buds” that are then placed in each ear. We currently have six radio devices that connect to FM 107.9 where the service is broadcast. The other option is the headphone option that has an infrared source on the side of the headphone itself (state of the art some years back...Arizona Theatre Company looked at our system, then acquired it for their theater. Now we call our system, “almost state of the art!”) You can check out either of these devices at the INFORMATION DESK! Did we “hear” that correctly? Yes, indeed!



# Congregational News



*Our  
Sunday  
School  
Teachers*

**On April 26th we will honor those at Trinity who have taught and facilitated classes through-**

**out this past year up until now. After church on we will have Eegees in the Courtyard and thank the following people:**

<i>Liz Barlow</i>	<i>Heather Lind</i>
<i>Bev Bechtel</i>	<i>Anne McConnell</i>
<i>Jerry Foust</i>	<i>DeDe Markin</i>
<i>Nancy Hamadou</i>	<i>Harriet Marsh</i>
<i>Vade Henderson</i>	<i>Sandra Murray</i>
<i>Doug Holland</i>	<i>Grace Phillips</i>
<i>Matt Kreamer</i>	<i>Bill Voigt</i>



**4th Avenue Street Fair volunteers at Cup of Water, Ted and Rose Emery. Steve and Sally Barlow at the Deacon's hamburger stand.**

## THE DESERT

When wilderness wandering is behind you  
And you've crossed to your promised land  
I pray you'll remember the desert  
And One who led you by the hand

Who set a sumptuous table before you  
In joy out under the sky  
Made water rush from the rock  
When your heart was thirsty and dry

That you live in that Table's liberty  
Take it with you everywhere  
And stay by the One who stayed by you  
When you were broken and in despair

Then, in time, see that no time was wasted  
In the wastelands your finest fare  
Was by desert winds uncovered  
A gift for his beloved, with care

So hold to the One who holds you  
Remember and keep the grace  
That the joy of being discovered  
Keep you 'til you see his face

J. Foust, 1998



## 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.

# SESSION NOTES

## Session Notes from March 2015

With a few elders excused from the meeting and only a small amount of new business the March session meeting was adjourned before 7:30 pm – a first in a long, long time. Here are the highlights for that meeting:

- Approval of Dr. Harriet March to preach on April 12<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Authorized a baptism for Lorelai Buscemi-Rappeport, infant daughter of Rebecca Buscemi and Jacob Rappeport, and great granddaughter of Melinda Arnold.
- Prayed for those in mourning, those recovering their health, those celebrating life joys and all those others we keep close to our hearts.
- Learned that the deacons are sending picture cards to their assigned congregants and are planning a retreat.
- Applauded Emelia Maycher's appointment as Nursery Attendant Assistant and Kyle Lane's change of work hours; gave kudos to Peggy Chamberlain's excellent direction for the choir while Bruce Chamberlain is recovering from surgery.
- Informed that Christian Education will honor our Sunday School teachers on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Anticipating new signage to identify Trinity to the public along University Blvd. as being planned by Growth & Outreach and Property Committee.
- Learned that CESL is most serious about a new building where our Mission Center/Education Wing is now located.
- Found out that Mission Committee reviewed their purpose, distribution of money, how to promote mission opportunities and which mission programs to support with current emphasis on international mission, border ministries, Native-American mission and the homeless.
- Approved Mission Committee's recommendation to open the Dalke Social Services Resource Center in office space across from our Food Bank site and with \$7,000 designated funds for this project.
- Approved \$35,000 from the Capital Maintenance Fund to pay for the remainder of the upgrades needed for the classrooms that CESL is renting.

- Also, approved the remodeling of three bathrooms (two in the choir room and one in the kitchen) for a cost of up to \$4,000 using money from the Capital Maintenance Fund.
- Told that Stewardship & Finance are reviewing Memorial Fund Policies and that they awarded Matt Kreamer a scholarship to attend a Youth Specialties Conference in Ohio sometime in May.
- Informed that Music Appreciation Sunday is planned for May 3, 2015.

Gratified that Liz Strong will continue as a member-at-large for the Administration & Personnel Committee and that Carroll Keegstra will do the same for the Worship Committee.

Your session leaders are always grateful for your prayers and support.

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session

**Please join us for simple service projects to benefit our community on the last Sundays of April and May as "Helping Hands reaches out beyond Wednesday". The projects will begin around 11:45 am and will take approximately 30 minutes. Sunday, April 26th project (chapel courtyard) will be putting together water bottle & cereal bar packs for adults and children staying at Salvation Army Hospitality House. We will be delivering these packs on Wednesday, April 29 when we will be taking a tour of the new Salvation Army Hospitality House (Main & Speedway).**



**Working Together in Love!**

**Please join us on Sunday, April 26 & Sunday, May 31 and for the tour on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:55 pm (light supper will be served at 6:30 pm).**





# Mission News



## SOCIAL SERVICES CENTER TO OPEN AT TRINITY

According to our favorite on-line dictionary, social services are defined as “a range of public services provided by government or private organizations (that’s us!). These services look to creating more effective organizations, build stronger communities and promote equity and opportunity.” So says that highly authoritative source, Wikipedia.

At the last meeting of the session, March 17, the elders voted on a proposal to create the **Terry J. Dalke Social Services Resource Center**, which will be housed in the newly remodeled downstairs offices. While we realize that the day to day name will be something like “the resource center,” we wanted to acknowledge the unceasing and dedicated work that Terry did for the community. Most of you are aware that Terry passed into life eternal last year, but what an amazing life she led here among us as she advocated for thousands of children and families who had broken apart. She was a fighter for the rights of those who were marginalized in society, everyone from infants to seniors, who had issues that brought them into contact with the government or legal system. Last year she was named and recognized by the City of Tucson for her work in these social service areas.

As we spend the next couple of months preparing to open the center, we will be training volunteers to help in areas of education, food services, assistance with the filing of documents, (in particular with the Department of Economic Security, DES) and becoming a certified site to interface with other agencies on behalf of people who need services in the community. Health

information, job training, a community resource directory, referrals ... all of these things will, in time, be a part of this exciting program, which includes our Food Bank and Food Pantry.

We give thanks to God for two grants that we received, that will enable us to do some very special work in the community and church family. **To become a part of the Center, please call Rev. Bill Voigt or Alice Smedley at 623-2579, and let us know you would like to contribute your time in some way for “Terry’s Center.”**

*“Serving God in the Heart of the City”*

*SANDWICH MAKING for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, April 12. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches for the homeless.*



## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY



# 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 crochet 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!

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, April 18, 2015**

**Presbyterian Women of Presbytery de Cristo  
SPRING GATHERING**

Northminster Presbyterian Church  
Registration forms in the Narthex.

## PASTOR'S PICKS

### Books

***Girl Meets God: On the Path to a Spiritual Life*** by Lauren F. Winner. "Embracing this book was a Discover first -- rarely does a book from the religion section find its way into our selections. But Lauren Winner's spiritual odyssey is so compellingly unique, her story so winsomely honest yet deeply intellectual, we had to rave about it." **The Barnes & Noble Review from Discover Great New Writers**

***Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis***, Lauren F. Winner. "Winner's use of rhythm and image brings poetic nuances to her exquisitely crafted prose."

### Barnes & Noble Editor's Review

***Out of the Silent Planet, Perelandra, and That Hideous Strength***, by C. S. Lewis. "Wonderful spiritual meditation, dished out in the form of classic 1940s-style science fiction. Delightful reads, and solid theology." **O. J Foust review.**

### Internet Selections (copy, paste and be surprised)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ-ztamQa5Q>

<http://www.jackieevancho.com/video/pie-jesu/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBvzKp0AERE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJDc4tOU3zo>

## 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!

## TRINITY HOSTS THE ROSE SHOW

*Saturday, April 11*



*Once again Trinity will host the Rose Society of Tucson's annual rose show, "Galaxy of Roses". The show will be in Trinity Hall and all are welcome from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The show offers a display of hundreds of roses (hybrid teas, floribundas, miniature roses, old garden roses) as well as beautiful rose arrangements and a rose photography section. In addition, rose bushes will be for sale -\$10 for miniature and miniflora roses and \$12 for all other roses. The Rose Society extends its sincere thanks to Trinity for the church's continued support of the rose show.*

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



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Join Us!

Wednesday Nite  
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