



# the Vision

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*Interim Pastor, Rev. Jerry Foust arrived in Tucson, and greeted us on July 6th. He took the pulpit on July 13 and preached a sermon on sowing seeds in good soil. (see on YouTube from our website)*

*Welcome Jerry!*



*Rev. Bill Voigt baptized Emily Sophia Koop with the children of the church looking on.*



**Independence Day  
Pot Luck!**

*This year's Star Spangled Potluck and Patriotic Sing-Along in Trinity Hall was spectacular!*

**God Bless America**

# PASTORAL LETTER & WORSHIP

## A Rowboat or a Sailboat?



*Be filled with the Spirit.  
Ephesians 5:18*

When the early church pictured itself as a boat, it was always a sailboat and never a rowboat.

A row boat is us doing all the work. Everything depends on us, our strength, our sweat, our effort, our limitations. The rowboat can only go so far and fast as we can make it go. And we determine the direction—sort of. If we get lost out on the sea, we're lost at sea. When our store of food and water runs out, we die.

A sailboat is powered by the wind. In the case of the church, the wind is the Spirit that not only powers us and propels us through the waves, but also carries us where it chooses to God's good harbor.

Rowboat churches ask, "What are our resources?" and "What can we do with what we have?"

Sailboat churches ask, "What is God calling us to do together?" and asks "How is God going to provide what we need to do, what he wants us to do?"

Rowboat churches are at the mercy of the waves, and the limits of themselves. They flounder.

Sailboat churches are master of the waves, because they know the Master of the Ship is at the helm.

Rowboat churches focus on us and our limited resources.

## AUGUST WORSHIP

Aug 3 - Communion Sunday



Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7. 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

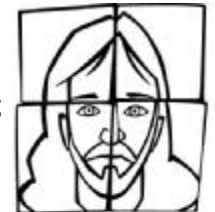


Aug 10 -

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Aug 17 -

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28



Aug 24 -

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Aug 31 -

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28



Sailboat churches focus on God and God's unlimited resources.

Sailboat churches have hope.

So, lift your sails! Catch the wind of the Spirit!

Trust God and proceed.

Blessings in Christ,

*Jerry*



# SESSION NOTES

## Session Notes for June and July 2014

Session mourns the loss of our sister ruling elder Terry Dalke. As chair of the Mission Committee Terry was vital to our church life. Terry's giving spirit and her dedication to encourage all of us to participate in the missional work of Trinity was admirable. Other elders – Bobby Whipple, Carroll Keegstra and Carolyn Maycher have stepped up to attempt to fill Terry's shoes as Mission Committee chair. The legacy continues.

Most committees are working in low gear during the summer months. Routine business such as approving the Corporate Resolution, a baptism and Lynn Moser's vacation time occupied Session during June. The deacons readjusted after the resignation of Michelle Valaskova. Growth & Outreach is working on new signage and banners. The Long Range Development Team continues to monitor the progress of the development group. Stewardship & Finance approved some camp scholarships and is reviewing the costs of the office expenses with the credit card machine, the copier and the postage meter.

As always, Session prayed for various members of the congregation. And Session engaged in a preliminary discussion about the Appreciative Inquiry material that the Rev. Jerry Foust, our Temporary Pastor, sent along before his arrival.

In July, Session met at the home of John Hill for a salad supper, sun gazing, sunset enjoyment and meeting Jerry Foust. Bobby Whipple had conjured some questions much like those asked during the interviews on Actors Studio. We put Jerry in the "not so hot seat" and he gave some thought-provoking and entertaining answers.

In a short Called meeting Session made a few decisions. Session approved Administration & Personal's request to increase the compensation package for Jerry Foust to add Supplemental Life Insurance from the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church, correcting an earlier oversight. Also, Session approved a three-year lease agreement with the Center of English as a Second Language Department (CESL) of the University of Arizona to use six classrooms and one office in our Mission Cen-

ter. The lease includes a 90-day out clause in case we need the CESL to vacate. Our Paulus, Dorman, Bourn Development Group blesses this arrangement as they continue to surmount the hurdles for development of our property.

Lastly, Session approved allowing the Trinity Presbyterian Women to collect shoes and socks for foster children. You will be hearing more about this project.

Janet D. Hooper, Clerk of Session

## *Prayer of Preparation*

*Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

*O loving God,  
to turn away from you is to fall,  
to turn toward you is to rise, and  
to stand before you is to abide forever.  
Grant us, dear God,  
in all our duties your help;  
in all our uncertainties your guidance;  
in all our dangers your protection;  
and in all our sorrows your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



The Trinity Ringers Handbell Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Thursday, September 4, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Bell Room (which is the upstairs fireplace room). New participants are welcome to join us in this worshipful and fun music ministry. If you are interested in ringing, please speak to Lynn Moser at the organ console after worship or call the church office at 623-2579.

The first rehearsal of the Trinity Choir will be on Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. ALL interested singers are welcome! This fall we will explore some of the great sacred gems that support the Lectionary readings, culminating in our annual Christmas Cantata.



# EDUCATION

## WORD OF LIFE



Word of Life will continue the class study on *Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis* in mid August. 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. The class meet will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Upper Room East.

## WORLD RELIGION SERIES

*How did Judaism, Christianity, and eventually Islam, co-exist as our world moved from the first century forward.* Join us on August 3 and 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Room West for breakfast and in-depth learning!

*See You There!*

Rev. Bill Voigt

## POLO

Parents of Little Ones meets at 9:00 am on the third Sunday of the month. First, we meet in the nursery for family breakfast munchies and then head downstairs to the Lounge for our parent study: *99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children*. Parents with young children are welcome to join us!

## TRINITY BOOK CLUB

On August 25 at 7 pm, the Trinity Book Club will gather to discuss *The Witness Wore Red: The 19th Wife Who Brought Polygamous Cult Leaders to Justice* by Rebecca Masser and M. Bridget Cook. Join us.

## THERAPEUTIC YOGA

for COMMON ACHES & PAINS

*Aches & Pains? This beginners Yoga Class is for you.*

Georgeanna Kavanaugh - instructor

Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am

Friday mornings at 8:30 am

Lower Level East Room



# TRINITY NEWS

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Congregational Nominating Committee had its first meeting on July 21. Rev. Jerry Foust presented an informative training program, which included important values, resources and procedures. Jerry emphasized the importance of prayerful discernment as the committee thinks about the congregation members they consider for Ruling Elder and Deacon candidates. Everyone also agreed that it is very important to learn about those people that the congregation believes would be outstanding church leaders. Within this month's VISION you will find a form providing an opportunity for church members to suggest candidates. Please prayerfully think about who you might want the committee to consider and place the form in the offering plate (or mail it to the church office) by August 8. By the way the committee members are Peggy Andrews, Bev Bechtel, John Hill, Jim Hooper, Janet Jones, Carroll Keegstra and Alice Smedley.



## FROM THE PRESBYTERIES of DE CRISTO AND GRAND CANYON

### YOU ARE INVITED TO A FAITH FORMATION EVENT

On Saturday, August 16, at Mountain View Presbyterian Church, 8050 E. Mountain View Road, Scottsdale, our two presbyteries will hold the Annual Leadership Formation and Education/ Stated Meeting. We are looking forward to a rich and enriching day!

This meeting is open to **everyone in both presbyteries** and we urge pastors and clerks of sessions to make this information available not only to your session and deacons but in the wider congregation as well.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Contact Carolyn McBurney

[office@presbyterydecristo.org](mailto:office@presbyterydecristo.org)

We ask that you **REGISTER** by August 1<sup>st</sup> so that we will have time to make the appropriate arrangements for rooms/audio-visual equipment, hand-outs, etc.

**PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

# mission news

## TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all who have been bringing items on Sunday. The spices were a big hit. Please continue to bring the previously requested items. In August I would like you to bring dog and cat food. Bring cans or bags that we can repackage. We also need supplies like dish soap or liquid hand soap.

The food boxes that are provided by the Food Bank of Southern Arizona contain one of each of the following items: box of cereal, bag of rice, bag of pin-to beans, jar of peanut butter, can of green beans, can of vegetarian soup, can of unsweetened apple sauce and a can of diced tomatoes. Our patrons appreciate any other food items that we can give to help supplement these emergency food boxes.

I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to come and spend an hour at our food bank to see if this is a volunteer opportunity that you can provide to help your local community. Please contact me at (520) 623-2579. Thanks,

Alice Smedley  
Community Ministries Coordinator

## SANDWICH MAKING SUNDAY

Trinity will continue its sandwich making mission for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen on the second Sunday, August 10, after worship.

## FREE CONCERT!

Mark your calendars for a special musical treat at the opening night BBQ of *WednesdayNiteAlive!* on September 4<sup>th</sup>! Baba Marimba, a hot world beat dance band, will play in the chapel courtyard from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This band consists of several local musicians who have played with various folk, reggae and jazz bands. Three years ago they came together to create Baba Marimba. Among the group's members is Mark Holdaway, a master kalimba player.

*Please plan to come enjoy the music and bring your friends!*

## SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

As the fall semester begins for many students, we think of books, libraries, recess and of course, school supplies. Once again, Helping Hands (service project of WednesdayNiteAlive!) will be collecting school supplies for Roskruge School, which is just a block south of Trinity. Please bring items to Fellowship Hall and place in box marked SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ROSKRUGE. If possible, please bring your donated items no later than Wednesday, September 10th. Needed items include college-ruled subject notebooks, wooden pencils (#2), mechanical pencils, colored pencils, pens, crayons, highlighters, glue sticks, pocket folders, Xerox (copy) paper for the teachers. Thank you!

## Trinity Women

Trinity Presbyterian Women will be collecting new socks AND gently used or new shoes for foster care children in Tucson. All sizes are needed. This will be an ongoing project for TPW and Trinity. Please direct questions to Kathy Moser or Lori Boston. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



## Thank You

Dear Helping Hands,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of fleece blankets to Project Linus. The blankets were delivered to the children today (July 18) and will very soon be comforting them. I really appreciate your support for our organization!!

Thank you,

Rene Lassise, Project Linus Coordinator



Tom Henderson and his son, Jeff, left in May for a most unusual destination: ... the base camp of Mt. Everest!

*The mountain is Ama Dablam, which means "Mother's Lap" in Nepalese. It is 22,487 feet high and can be seen from many places along the trek route to Mt. Everest. It's one of the most beautiful mountains in the area and is a prominent landmark to trekkers. The picture was taken on the sixth day of the trek, May 16th.*

Tom



**In memory of beloved elder Terry Dalke.**



**Anthem song "Ten Thousand Reasons" led by Montlure camp participants on July 27.**



**SunLink Streetcars — the dawn of a new way to travel—right outside our doors! The dedication ceremony downtown was on Friday, July 25th.**

## Baptism



Emily Sophia Koop was baptized on June 6 in the Trinity sanctuary. Dave & Jen Koop are her parents.



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## FREE TRADE COFFEE

*Arabica \$10*

*Decaf Arabica \$10*

*Robusta \$10*

*50/50 Blends \$10*

*Marago (seasonal) \$15*



*Coffee sales any Sunday after worship*

*(contact Alice Smedley)*

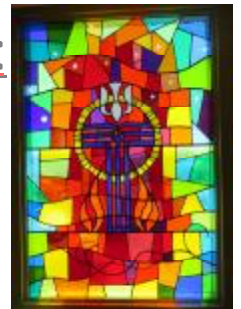
**September VISION deadline is August 21!**

**Please get your news to the church office.**

**[office@trinitytucson.org](mailto:office@trinitytucson.org)**



## WEDNESDAYNITEALIVE! PRESENTS:



Rally Day Breakfast -  
September 7th

## Our fall kick off BBQ & Concert! September 3rd

Barbecue begins at 6:30 on the patio, with live music by the local percussion band, *Baba Marimba*. (See page 5)

