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GRAND OPENING!

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On Sunday, July 5, Rev. Bill Voigt led the dedication of the Terry J. Dalke Social Services Resource Center. Many Trinity members were there to tour the Center and get a glimpse of what we hope will be a great service to our neighborhood and community.



Yesenia Lopez and Joseph Aparicio from We Care, a community Resource Center, and Susie Elliot from Lutheran Social Services, met with Trinity member Carolyn Maycher, Chair of the Property Committee, Alice Smedley, Community Ministries Coordinator and Peter Holbrook. We are discussing a partnership with We Care to help us train and educate our volunteers. Rev. Voigt has indicated that we will be connecting with state agencies, including the Department of Economic Security (DES) to get the Resource Center up and running. We ask for your prayers for this exciting ministry.

PASTORAL LETTER

TO KNOW GOD

God is constantly and actively present, not distant or absent. In fact, we're surrounded, inside and out. We in Jesus, Jesus in us. We in Jesus in the presence of the Father. Jesus believed, and we believe that the living God who created all things, continues to sustain and, by his Spirit, continues the process of creation.

'In him we live and move and have our being'
Acts 17:28

'In Him all things consists'
Colossians 1:17

God can be known. God's presence can be experienced. God pleads with us to know him.

Whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
Hebrews 11:6

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.
James 4:8

In "Practicing the Presence of God," Brother Lawrence describes three ways that he experienced God's presence. First, he kept a constant conversation with God.

Pray constantly.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Secondly, he believed we should nourish our souls with "high notions of God." We cannot think too highly of God!

*O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*
Psalm 8:1

Thirdly, he believed that we need to "give ourselves up to God." Yielded obedience is essential to the love and knowledge of God.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
John 14:15

*I am crucified with Christ,
it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me.*
Galatians 2:19

*My only comfort, in life and in death is that I belong,
body and soul, not to myself,
but to my faithful savior Jesus Christ.*
Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1.

*Obedience results directly from the fact that as we
love God we place ourselves at his disposal.*
Karl Barth CD IV/2, page 800

We were born to know God. Nothing is more important.

*Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of man?
Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God,
and fully to enjoy him forever.*
Westminster Shorter Catechism Q 1.

Friends, Jesus did not come to bring us mere moral guidance or abstract knowledge *about* God. He came to embrace us in the fellowship of the Trinity—to know God directly and intimately as the normal and essential aspect of our lives.

*And this is eternal life, that they may know you,
the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*
John 17:3

Blessings,
Jerry



Pastor's Picks

Practice and Presence of God, by Brother Lawrence

Knowing God, by J. I. Packer

Your God is too Small, by J. B. Phillips

WORSHIP & MUSIC

AUGUST SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug 2 - II Samuel 11:26-12:13a;
Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16;
John 6:24-35 (Rev. Bill Voigt
preaching)



Learn how to eat and drink, all life is in us.

Aug 9 - II Samuel
18:5-9, 15, 31-33;
Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John
6:35, 41-51 (Harriet Marsh preach-
ing)



Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness.

Aug 16 - I Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14;
Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20;
John 6:51-58 (Rev.
Jerry Foust preaching)



My witness are Spirit and life.

Aug 23 - I Kings 8:22-30, 41-43;
Psalm 84;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
(Rev. Jerry Foust
preaching)



I am the bread of life.

Aug 30 - Song of Solomon 2:8-
13; *Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9*; *James 1:17-
27*; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Evil intentions come from within.

Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) is seeking a pastor/director for a vibrant ministry on University of Arizona campus. PCM is looking for an evangelical Christian with a heart for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with college students. S/he will model an active prayer life, and provide spiritual oversight and leadership to the ministry's outreach to the U of A community. Will help students discover faith, wrestle with their questions, and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Resumes may be sent to pcmsearch@gmail.com. For more information please visit presbyterydearista.org and look for a link in the job opportunities section.

Handbell Choir

The Trinity Ringers Handbell Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Thursday, September 10, 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.



Choir Season Begins

The first rehearsal of the Trinity Choir will be on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. 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.

The Trinity Jazz Trio will provide toe-tapping service music on August 9.



Mustard Seed returns to Trinity on August 23rd to inspire worship with their gospel Bluegrass sound.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORD OF LIFE

Word of Life will not be meeting until August 16. Then, we will begin a new study on *Shalom: A Study of the Biblical Concept of Peace*. *Shalom* shines biblical light on the issues and unsettled mood of our times. Today, more than ever, we cry out for *shalom*. See what the Bible says. Old Testament scholar Donald E. Gowan unravels the multiple biblical threads of this eternal quest in this masterful exploration of the Hebrew concept "*shalom*" and the Greek "*eirene*." Peacemaking is a central concern of the church and the world today. Join us for a live discussion about Biblical peace in today's world.

will meet in the Lower Level Lounge at 9:00.

THEOLOGY FOR TODAY

We do not meet in the summer. Join us in September!

KREAMER'S CRUSADERS

Kreamer's Crusaders for youth in grades 4th-8th has started again! We are meeting in the room called "The Den". (This is the room just past the downstairs lounge.) We meet from 10:30-11:45 on Sunday mornings.

Also, my youth will be putting on a youth service on Sunday September 27th from 10:30-11:30!

WORLD RELIGIONS

Rev. Bill Voigt has ended his World Religions class for the summer. We have spent the last several years covering the ancient Israelite culture, the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, the Rise of Christianity, the Catholic Church, the Reformation and the world's major religions. Be watching the September VISION for a new exciting class with guest speakers from the University of Arizona beginning September 13, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Upper Room West. Breakfast will be included!



Growth & Outreach needs you!

If you are interested in helping our church grow and reach out to the community, we've got the committee for you! Growth & outreach is looking for new members to help us spread the word of God's love. If you have ideas and would like to join us, we have a place for you.

We are also looking for anyone interested in serving as Ambassador at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex from 10:00 am to 10:30 am on the 4th or 5th Sundays of each month.

Please contact Cindy Toering, Chair of the Growth & Outreach Committee and sign up today! at ctoering@cox.net or call 520-271-6585.

TRINITY BOOK CLUB

On Tuesday, August 25 the Trinity Book Club will be discussing *The Other Side of the Ice* by Sprague Theobald. This is a true story (now a film) about a family picking its way among the floes of the Northwest Passage. On September the 27th we will be discussing *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. This is the story of a homeless drifter who takes shelter in a church where she crosses paths with John Ames, a Protestant minister and widower. In simple prose Robinson weaves together Lila's past and present.

See you at 7 pm on those dates in the Lovejoy Library.



Congregational News

WEDNESDAYNITEALIVE! PRESENTS:

Mark your calendars for a special musical treat at the opening night *WednesdayNiteAlive!* **BBQ on September 9th!** Baba Marimba, a hot world beat dance band, will play in Trinity's 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. Four 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!

Baba Marimba has two (or three) drummers, no bass player, between one and three marimba players, a trumpet and a sax, and Mark playing guitar, kalimbas, and sometimes trombone. This is a very unconventional assortment of instruments, especially when you add the stray melodica (a wind-blown keyboard), didjeridoo, and conch shells.

A reviewer on their website (babamarimba.com) has this to say:

"Thank you, Baba Marimba, thank you for playing such amazing music last night. I was transported to a place where every cell in my body smiled and danced delightedly. My heart resonated with the band's beat and burst into bloom!"



The Grand Canyon and de Cristo presbyteries are teaming up for a third year to sponsor a **Leadership Training Event!** The Presbyteries of de Cristo and Grand Canyon join forces to offer a wide array of classes for church leaders, clerks, teachers, officers and interested friends at the annual Leadership Training Event. This year's event is on August 15 from 9 am to 3 pm and is hosted by Mission del Sol Presbyterian in Tempe.

Registration is \$10 and includes lunch.

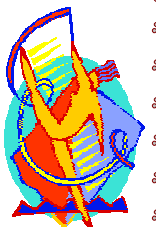
Register at www.presbyterydecristo.org
or call (602) 468-3820

Register NOW — Space is Limited!

Are you looking for a knitting or crocheting project while you watch TV or sit in front of the air conditioning or while traveling this summer? We still have yarn and a pattern can be supplied for caps or scarves. Contact Ruth Myers at 326-6888.



Many Thanks to all who helped with the **SummerFest** movies & dinners including Liz Barlow, Billie Holbrook, Peter Holbrook and Matt Kremer.



Congregational News

Andy Maier, an American who lives in Kander, Germany is organizing a trip to Nepal in August which I am planning to go on with David Weinman, his son and daughter and two young men from Tucson who signed on. The purpose of this trip is to assist the local people with rebuilding their homes and a church in the village of Baguwa which is in the hills about 50 miles NW of Kathmandu. Andy has contacts with two local Christian ministers in Baguwa at the church there. No, I will not be doing any high altitude trekking! Baguwa is at about 3,700 feet and we will travel there by jeep. There might be some minor hiking involved. We will be living in tents at the village site, which was near the epicenter of the first earthquake and was virtually flattened.

Below are both Internet and regular mail addresses for any donations people might like to make for buying (in Nepal) building supplies and other things needed for this project.

If people want to contribute towards Nepal that would be great. Here's the info to make a tax deductible donation.

Two ways:

1) Online: go to

<https://www.crossworld.org/give/give-now/> and mark donation as "for Andy Maier - Nepal Project" or

2) by mail: make check out to "Crossworld" and designate it "for Andy Maier - Nepal Project" and send it to:

Crossworld
10,000 N Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, MO 64155

*Thank you,
Tom Henderson*

PNC ELECTED!

At a called meeting of the congregation on July 19th, Trinity elected its Pastor Nominating Committee. Members selected to serve are, from the congregation, Ed Buck, Jim Hooper, Rona Kreamer and Liz Strong (Secretary). Representing the Deacons is Holly Clark and from the Session are Billie Holbrook (Vice-Chair) and Roberta Westergaard (Chair). Please be in prayer for their work as they begin the search for our new pastor.



TO WATCH A SERMON AT HOME: You can view and listen to the past weeks' sermons on YouTube.

Go to the Trinity website at www.trinitytucson.org.

Click on the Sermons tab. Click the one you want to watch.

- ♦ Video recordings of selected full services are available on DVD in the Lovejoy Library.
- ♦ Audio recordings of full services (MP3 files) are available at: <http://abell.as.arizona.edu/~hill/Trinity/>
- ♦ Audio recordings on CD are available on request to John Hill: jhill@as.arizona.edu



Photo of Tom Henderson and his son, Jeff, in May, 2014 at the base camp of Mt. Everest!



Mission News



TERRY J. DALKE SOCIAL SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER



Serving God through Mission Work

Terry J. Dalke, June 22, 1954 to June 26, 2014

Past Trustee and Elder 1990, 2004, 2007, 2012 - Chair of Mission Committee 2010, 2013

Opening Summer 2015, this center will provide information on services available in Tucson. Volunteers will assist clients completing applications on line for DES services. They will be able to order birth certificates to help clients obtain identification through MVD. There will also be referral information for other agencies. When opened, the hours will be

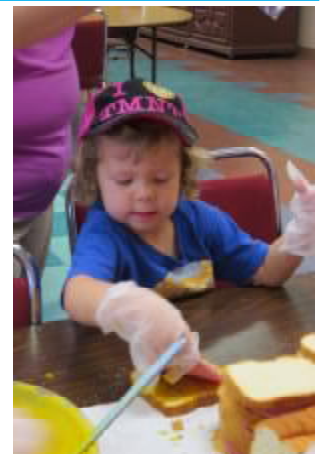
Sunday 12pm to 2 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 12 pm to 4 pm



Contact Alice Smedley at the church office 520-623-2579
or by email at smedley_a@msn.com if you would like to volunteer.



SANDWICH MAKING for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen will be on the second Sunday, August 9. Please join us after worship to make 600 sandwiches for the homeless.





**PLEASE
JOIN US
FOR BIBLE
STUDY
EVERY 2ND
TUESDAY
OF THE
MONTH**

(SEPTEMBER-MAY)

10:00 am in Fellowship Hall

(There will be no evening Circle Bible Study)

The rich imagery of water throughout the Bible helps us understand and articulate our faith. Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls. In this study, we consider the waters of chaos in Genesis, and the River of Life in the last chapter of Revelation, where chaos is no more. Water plays a central role in the stories of creation, the delivery of God's people (through the parting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the Jordan River), judgment of a people weak in faith, and the adoption of the people of God through baptism. Sometimes there is too much water (think Noah) and sometimes there is too little water (think drought in the desert). Together, we will explore some of the Bible's 800 references to water. Each of the study's nine lessons includes one or more Bible passages and a primary theological theme or issue.

The titles and themes are:

1. Birthing Waters—Creation
2. Life-giving Water—Baptism
3. Absence of Water—Thirst and Longing
4. Dangerous Waters—God's Deliverance
5. Stormy Water—Faith
6. Waters of Justice and Righteousness—Justice
7. Streams of Mercy—Forgiveness
8. The Hospitality of Living Water—Compassion
9. River of Life—Hope

Presbyterian Campus Ministry: The PCM Connection



Presbyterian Campus Ministry at The University of Arizona wants to keep **YOU** connected. We hope to inform you

of the wonderful things happening with our ministry in Tucson - from our visits with congregations, to service events, to how God is transforming the lives of our students. To see more of what PCM is doing, visit their website: pcmarizona.org/

Hidey-Hole!

Jeremy Roggow examines the hole that was found under the kitchen floor of the duplex that Trinity owns. The hole was discovered when floor boards were pulled up to upgrade plumbing in the house. The staff have been speculating about what the hole was used for and wonder if you would like to weigh in on it's original purpose:

- a. Where they kept the moonshine still to hide it from the Revenuers
- b. Drug stash
- c. Where the staff hid from church members
- d. Space for an old septic tank
- e. Other?

Email the church office at office@trinitytucson.org if you think you have the correct answer.





Trinity Website
www.trinitytucson.org

Email Addresses
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New!

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SOCIAL SERVICES
RESOURCE CENTER**



**Trinity Jazz Trio
August 9**

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY



The Trinity Community Food Bank
Sunday, 12-2 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 12-4 pm



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