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Pastors Column

Dear People of Faith,

Spring is here, and we see the new life coming forth in trees, animals and humans. Actually in all of creation. I love creation. I love to hear the birds chirping in the morning. I love to see the sun peak over the mountains or even the clouds. I don't see this enough, but enough to know that I have been blessed. I love to hear the cry of a new born baby and the babies first laugh.

When you see creation happening around you, do you rejoice or do you scowl. As I was driving to Albuquerque from Oklahoma City, I knew rain had been in the forecast and the sky was overcast. As I crossed into New Mexico it started to rain. As I looked ahead, it was very cloudy, and what I thought was fog was actually snow. The clouds were not rain clouds but rather snow. Soon the rain was mixed with the snow and I was not looking forward to driving over the mountain into Albuquerque. As I thought about this my hand gripped the wheel and I tensed up.

I then realized this is the way God brings moisture to the earth so the earth will be replenished and life can go on. We are so loved and blessed by God. With this in mind, I didn't grip the wheel but rather started to pray for myself and for others on the road. Once the prayer was over, I knew I was protected and I knew all would be well. Moments later the snow turned into rain and it rained till almost Albuquerque. Once I crossed the mountains, the snow started coming again and I praised God for it.

When we release all our concerns and worries to God we are taken care of. And once we truly believe in that care and in the blessedness, we then have truly trusted in God's love and guidance. We have an excellent parent in God, who takes care of our worries, our frustrations and our fears. We just need to release all of these and trust in God.

We sing this every Sunday. We know this in our hearts. So let us act like we know.

Thanks be to God!

Tweedy Evlene Navarrete

Rev. Tweedy Sombrero Navarrete



CELEBRATE!!!

As of this writing, Trinity
(aka YOU)

- have met all our financial obligations for the first quarter of 2018.
- have celebrated the Risen Christ as we walked through Lent and Holy Week!!! We gathered! We prayed! We sang! We praised! Alleluia! Amen! He has risen!! He has risen indeed!
- have celebrated new members.
- have enjoyed 'mugging' all the new guests to Trinity.
- have laughed and boogied with the Yuma Community Theater group at the melodrama and The Yuma Big Band at the concert – all for raising funds for the fight against cancer.
- have celebrated the confirmation of two young women.
- held two small groups with great participation and leadership. Thanks Katie Fuchs for the opportunity to look at some films on Christ's life and Joy Bradshaw for facilitating the group in making sure our financial affairs are in order.



Our April Birthdays

2.....	Kristi Adams	17.....	Earl Koch
3.....	Lane Young-Walker	20.....	Jaidyn Munger
7.....	Frances Evans	23.....	Odie Badilla
7.....	Kathy Younker	23.....	Dick Lueck
8.....	Joy Bradshaw	23.....	Gabriel Wilder
12.....	Molly Grimes	24.....	Ray Evans
15.....	Lorraine Puckett	26.....	Mary Bradford

Join us on Sunday, April 22nd for Birthday Cake following the service!

Constance Stone Circle

The Constance Stone Circle will convene in the Muriel Freeman Library at 10:00am on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. We will be beginning our new book by Nell W. Mahoney entitled "From Eve to Ester". We will review the Introduction and then attempt Chapter 1. All ladies are invited to join in this study as we begin the new book, a most opportune time. There will be devotion, study and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Carmen Hawk, Circle Coordinator

Trinity Men's Ministry

Trinity Men's Ministry will host the Easter Pancake Breakfast immediately following the Sunrise Service. We hope you will come and enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit and coffee. We will receive a free-will donation for the breakfast. Don't forget that we continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship, study and prayer. Please join us in Freeman Library on Saturday, April 7th at 8:00 AM.

Dick Lueck, Coordinator



FROGs *Friends Relying on God* and Youth Gather

FROGs and Youth gather on the third Sunday in April at 11:15 AM for a time of food, fellowship and study. We look forward to seeing all those in 3rd grade through high

school in Morris Hall on Sunday, April 15th at 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM

Sarah Akins



Worship Team and Hymn Committee – April 2018

The Worship Team and Hymn Committee play a major role in all the Sunday Services at Trinity. If you have a concern, please let the members of those teams know. If you would like to serve, we would welcome you with open arms!! Also, anyone can come to any of the meetings at any time, we would love to have you. The team members are listed below!

We are still looking for assistance in the SAMM area. Please let us know if you are interested. Especially as we head into the summer months, we will need subs.

Worship:

Pastor Tweedy	Dick Lueck
Jackie Spear	Johnna Dupstadt
Marilyn Young	Jeff Irick
Peggy Eskew	RuthAnn Carroll
Karen Conde	Pam Young-Walker
AnnaMarie Sollars	Sarah Akins

Hymn Committee:

Pastor Tweedy	Dick Lueck
Bill Ellenberger	Karen Conde
Pam Young-Walker	Allen Morlock

Our next Worship Meeting is May 9, 5pm – Room 106 – We provide dinner!!

Karen Conde, Worship Team Co-Leader



What's new with the music folks!

It is that time of the year when I am looking for folks to do specials. The Chancel Choir will be done for a couple of months, and we need to fill those Sundays with music. Please see Karen and she will find a date for you.

Hopefully we can bless you all with anthems through the end of May!!

MUSIC NOTES

If you just can't get enough of the bell choir, we have launched a YouTube Channel. Just look for "Cindy Klein Memorial Handbell Choir" on YouTube. All of the bell music that has ever been recorded, is on YouTube. Thanks Jeff! The bells also have a Facebook page if you are looking.

And here is something extra for your reading entertainment-

Why you should sing or ring!

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs... (Colossians 3:16)

The Apostle Paul lays out this exhortation to let God's Word dwell in us richly, and then, he tells us how to live out that command.

The first, of course, is teaching. But the second, is singing! Singing is one of the two chief ways in which God's Word dwells in us richly.

And, as we observed in the last point, singing is a command. But this command comes with a promise: As we sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs together, we are promised that the Word of Christ will dwell in us richly, which is what we should crave as believers!

Our singing is more than a warm-up for the sermon or a filler in the service. Colossians 3:16 is clearly laying out for us that: Singing stands alongside of preaching as one of the two great ways that God has ordained for his Word to dwell richly in each one of us!

C.J. Mahaney calls church singing "Take Home Theology" because the best songs we sing together serve as a 3-minute, easily memorizable, deeply biblical summary of important truths from Scripture. Take for example, "In Christ Alone." There, in an easily memorizable form, you've got a thorough theology of the cross of Jesus Christ with clear and practical applications that you can use for your life this week!

Karen Conde, Music Director



\$1,000 Challenge!

A generous donor has challenged others to match their \$1,000 donation -- If you can't do \$1,000, get 2 friends, or 3 friends, or 4 friends! It all works.

Karen will go all purple for some big bucks!!

Here are some things that you can do so that Team

Trinity reaches their goal:

1. Save those dimes in your water bottle, you can turn those in at any time!
2. Did you donate to Team Trinity how many years have you been "planted" in Yuma?
3. Buy your luminaries! \$5 a bag – last day to buy is April 8.
 - a. Honor
 - b. Memory
 - c. Caregiver
 - d. Survivor
4. We will have "Walking for Relay Tacos" on April 15 after Church. That is potluck Sunday; we will be having assistance from the Caring, Finance, and Worship Teams.
5. Reminder that the luminaries will be blessed on April 22.
6. Sign up as a member of Team Trinity at acevents.org/Yuma. You can also donate at the site.
7. Don't forget that the big "Relay Event" is on Saturday, April 28 – 5pm at Ray Kroc Stadium.

The team is also very grateful to Yuma Community Theatre and Yuma Big Band! We are already making plans for next year.

BTW – Team Trinity is about half way to their goal for 2018!

Karen Conde, Team Trinity Captain



Members Serving on Mission Trip

Peggy Pitzer and I recently went on a mission to Costa Rica. I would like to tell some of my experiences. I got to go because of an opening and roomed with a retired pastor from Kansas. We roomed in a nice hotel in San Jose but the Genesis Church was in a little town called Alajuelita, a very poor suburb. There were nineteen in the group led by a local ex-pat named Sally Rosa Nava. She had come on a similar mission and was called to stay. She kept us safe and translated a lot of the time. Except Peggy kept getting into trouble by wandering off to take a picture.

This church was no ordinary church in that it had many missions: an elderly care center, a men's drug rehab center, a women's drug rehab center, a 400 student school, an infant day care facility, and they tended to families in the ghetto and at the homeless shelter. We were greeted by the pastor who reminded us that in America we are very goal oriented, but here relationships were important – lots of hugging and kissing. The women got to experience that a lot more than the men as they worked with the children and the “girls” in the rehab. They formed quite a bond with the women who gave testimonies of their lives that brought tears to your eyes.

The men worked to improve the school. We each brought a suitcase of tools and remodeled with a jack hammer the boy's bathroom so it had more toilets and put a ceiling in 2 classrooms. We thought we would get so much more done, but were barely able to finish in 5 days. We were there for 2 Sundays and attended the church service each Sunday. We stood and sang to a very loud band for 1 hour and sat and listened through an interpreter a sermon for 1 hour, had communion and a collection. The church held about 400 and was packed. The last day we were brought before the congregation and blessed for the work that we had done and given safe travel mercies. The people were so loving. We did learn some Spanish and a few of the workers spoke some English.

The church and school are all in the same compound, but the care facilities are located all over town. The school is very good and people pay tuition to have their children attend there, but there are scholarships for some locals. The scholarship includes tuition, food and care for the whole family and housing for some. We went to the hillside ghetto where many of these families live. We visited 6 families and took each a shopping basket full of food and supplies. They live in deplorable conditions with raw sewage flowing down a stream and garbage everywhere.

We spent time in each home and they told their story of how they came to know Christ. They realize that

education is the only way out for their children. I asked why they didn't teach vocational education instead of pushing them to go to university. It's because there are no jobs for them to train for.

The country is ravaged by drugs and fear. EVERY place was barred in and fenced with razor wire. That was very depressing. Even the church compound was gated with a full-time guard. Most of the employees of the church were former scholarship students. I did not see one person smoking a cigarette.

The last night we were there we went to the homeless shelter downtown and ministered to the men and women there. I sprayed deodorant on their arm pits after they showered and my roommate dispensed talcum powder on their feet. Their feet looked horrible and it was explained to me that when they are drugged up they continuously walk sometimes without any shoes. They were fed dinner and given a bed for the night. Many were turned away to sleep on the street.

My comment to all was: You won't see this on any Princess cruise or tour – but the experience was life changing.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff Irick

Jeff has written a good overview of our recent trip to Costa Rica. I worked with the women in our mission group for all but the day and a half that I helped the men install a classroom ceiling. The following is only some of what had an impact on me.

- On the property of the Genesis Church is a center for adults with disabilities. They come to the center for activities three days a week. Four of us spent the morning with them, decorating rocks with paint. Some were very creative and all loved having their picture taken with their art work. We sang songs for them and with them. Then they sang a song to us. Smiles all around.

In the afternoon all eight of the women in our missionary group went to the Women's Drug Rehab center which is at a separate location on top of a hill overlooking some beautiful Costa Rico countryside. One of our group brought lots of earring making tools and supplies from home. We taught the women how to make a simple pair of earrings and then turned them loose to create. Since they often will leave the facility and sell whatever they get their hands on (to return to drugs) Sally Rose and Roccio told them they would be allowed to keep only one pair - the remainder could be sold and the money used for them to take a future trip, possibly to the beach.

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As we talked to them and helped them create over the course of five afternoons we heard some of their stories, cried with them as they related current struggles with guilt and rehabilitation and listened as they lamented over loss of children due to their drug addition and poor choice of men in their lives.

The afternoon of our introduction to the Women's Drug Rehab I sat next to a 34 year old woman named Consuelo. As our whole group listened to the story of a recent graduate of the program, Consuelo told me (in her limited English and with tears in her eyes) that her story was similar. In the ensuing afternoons, she shared parts of her life, her guilt, her one month anniversary in drug rehab and her love for a nine year old daughter (cared for by her mother). I was able to share in her happiness as she was able to make a birthday card and a pair of earrings for her daughter who was to visit the next weekend.

There were many tears and hugs during the week and each of our group seemed to have a special bond with one or more of the women in rehab. We sang songs together, showed them our family pictures and told them a bit about our life in Arizona. The last day they sang a special song for us. Lots of pictures were taken but we were warned not to put them on social media as former boyfriends or husbands have previously come to interrupt rehabilitation.

It was a sad scene at the end of our last day with these women, (tears and hugs all around), as we all were so hopeful for their success in the program. We continue to pray for them but are discouraged, as after we left,

one was kicked out of the program for smoking and another voluntarily left (encouraged by a boyfriend).

Our last night in Costa Rica was spent at a homeless shelter. Some of our group handed out towels, pajamas, soap or shampoo. I have to say I was uncomfortable as it was suggested I welcome the men and women and visit with them as they waited (with their meager belongings) to check in. I had to get past my worry about my inability to speak Spanish correctly. So I smiled, shook hands and (to my surprise) actually enjoyed the conversations I had with both men and women. These people showed no resentment toward us. They didn't even seem to question our presence and most smiled and appreciated my very limited Spanish. A few even spoke English and I talked to one man for about 20 minutes. He told me about losing his wife and two children due to his drug addition. He had been off drugs for a month, was coming to the homeless shelter each night, had gotten a job at a call center and just finished a week of training. His pay would be \$4 per hour.

Our entire ten day experience in Costa Rica working with the Genesis Church was a humbling and life changing experience! Not one I will ever forget. Pastor Alberto, in his welcoming talk with us had said that relationships and hugging would be more important than any physical work we would do. He explained, "nice buildings and sermons are not what God has called us to do. Jesus didn't just preach - he went among the people - poor, handicapped, sinful - it didn't matter. That's what our mission should be."

Peggy Pitzer



Easter Sunday

April 1st

Sunrise Service – 6:30 AM

Trinity United Methodist Church Courtyard

Surprise in a Graveyard (John 20: 1 – 9) - Pastor Bob Klein

Pancake Breakfast – Following the Sunrise Service

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – 9:00 AM – In the Courtyard

Worship Celebration at 10:00 AM

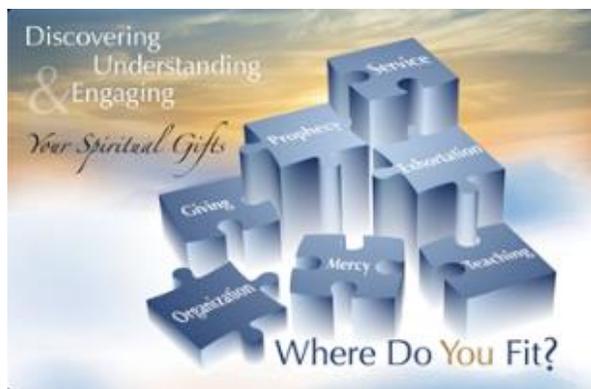
The April Fool (John 20: 1 – 18) - Rev. Tweedy Navarrete

Calling all bakers and shoppers



Please prayerfully consider signing up for Cookie Fellowship!!! Coffee and Cookie Fellowship is our on-going – EVERY Sunday -- caring for each other and reaching out to guests. This is a vital ministry of Trinity so join in and plan to stay after worship for a few minutes to enjoy cookies, coffee and/or juice, and fellowship. The sign-up sheet is next to the kitchen service window in Morris Hall. [As your team hosts Coffee Fellowship, please check the sign-up sheet to make sure that each Sunday is covered.]

All cookies are welcome – homemade or store-bought!



There are different kinds of gifts, but they are all from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve but the same Lord to serve. (1 Corinthians 12:4-5 (NCV))

Just as each one of you has received a special gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given by God], employ it in serving one another as [is appropriate for] good stewards of God's multifaceted grace [faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God's unmerited favor].

(1 Peter 4:10 (AMP))

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Giving (Romans 12:8) The Greek word for the spiritual gift of giving is *Metadidomi*. It simply means “to impart” or “to give.” However, this word is accompanied in Romans 12:8 by another descriptive word: *Haplotes*. This word tells us much more about the kind of giving that is associated with this gift. The word *Haplotes* means “sincerely, generously and without pretense or hypocrisy.” The Holy Spirit imparts this gift to some in the church to meet the various needs of the church and its ministries, missionaries, or of people who do not have the means to provide fully for themselves. The goal is to

encourage and provide, giving all credit to God's love and provision. Those with this gift love to share with others the overflow of blessings God has given them. They are typically very hospitable and will seek out ways and opportunities to help others. They are also excellent stewards and will often adjust their lifestyles in order to give more to the spread of the Gospel and the care of the needy. They are grateful when someone shares a need with them and are always joyful when they can meet that need.

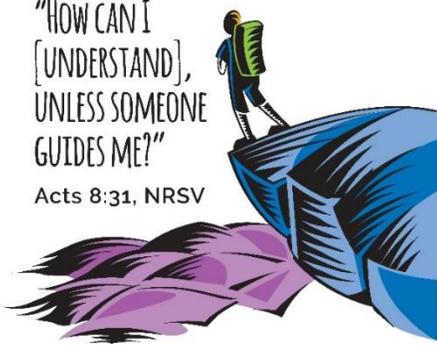
Discernment (1 Corinthians 12:10) The spiritual gift of discernment is also known as the gift of “discernment of spirits” or “distinguishing between spirits.” The Greek word for the gift of discernment is *Diakrisis*. The word describes being able to distinguish, discern, judge or appraise a person, statement, situation, or environment. In the New Testament it describes the ability to distinguish between spirits as in 1 Corinthians 12:10, and to discern good and evil as in Hebrews 5:14. The Holy Spirit gives the gift of discernment to enable certain Christians to clearly recognize and distinguish between the influence of God, Satan, the world, and the flesh in a given situation. The church needs those with this gift to warn believers in times of danger or keep them from being led astray by false teaching.

Evangelism (Ephesians 4:11-12) All Christians are called to evangelize and reach out to the lost with the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20), but some are given an extra measure of faith and effectiveness in this area. The spiritual gift of evangelism is found in Ephesians 4:11-12 where Paul says that Jesus “gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” The Greek word for evangelists is *Euaggelistes* which means “one who brings good news.” This word is only found two other places in the New Testament: Acts 21:8 and 2 Timothy 4:5. Evangelists are given the unique ability by the Holy Spirit to clearly and effectively communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others. They are burdened in their hearts for the lost and will go out of their way to share the truth with them. Evangelists are able to overcome the normal fear of rejection and engage non-believers in meaningful conversations about Jesus. Their gift allows them to communicate with all types of people and therefore they receive a greater response to the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. They continually seek out relationships with those who don't know Jesus and are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to approach different people...

<https://spiritualgiftstest.com/spiritual-gifts>

"HOW CAN I
[UNDERSTAND],
UNLESS SOMEONE
GUIDES ME?"

Acts 8:31, NRSV



Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming.

Hebrews 10: 24-25

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them."* – Jesus

Matthew 18: 20

Learning Ministries (formerly Education)

Sherrie Kelley and Nancy Blitz, Team Leaders / Sarah Akins, Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Sunday School – Various Facilitators	Children’s Church – Mary Lou Carpenter	Nursery– Sherrie Kelley
Small Groups – Various Facilitators	Women’s Bible Study – Various Facilitators	Youth Group – Sara Akins
Vacation Bible School – upon request	Men’s Bible Study – Various Facilitators	Team Member – Lisa Rammelt

Small groups are an amazing way to stay connected within the Trinity family. They can be an integral part of ‘being’ the church – not just ‘doing’ church. Each Sunday morning there are several Sunday School classes for all ages around the Trinity campus.

Sundays at 8:45 AM

Nursery / Infant to 5 years of age (Nursery)
Faith Lessons (Boone Pooler Bldg. Room 107)
Serendipity (Morris Hall Library)

Sundays at 9:00 AM

One Room Sunday School – Kinder-5th Grade (Boone Pooler Bldg. Room 101)
Jr HS and High School (Boone Pooler Bldg. Room 108)
Disciples (Freeman Library)

Numerous small group studies are offered - some of the on-going small groups include

Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study – 9:30 AM (Freeman Library)

Constance Stone Circle – 2nd Wednesday each month – 10:00 AM (Freeman Library)

Trinity Men’s Ministry – 1st Saturday each month – 8:00 AM (Freeman Library)

Prayer Breakfast at Brownies – Tuesdays 7:00 AM (Brownies Restaurant – 1145 S 4th Avenue)

Book Study at Barnes & Noble – Tuesdays 1:30 PM (Barnes & Noble Coffee Shop, 819 W 32nd Street)

Other small group studies are offered throughout the year - please watch for those in the Newsletter, weekly bulletins, and SAMM announcement loops. And as always – don’t see one you like – **START one!!!** Numerous materials are available in the Freeman Library – and there is always Google Search ☺

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Thanks to members of the **Staff Parish Team** who hosted our Fellowship Time in March.

Some people have asked who are on the various teams that host this fellowship time. We are beginning to post the names of the team as well as the team members so that you might know who they are.

April – Leadership Development Team – Pastor Tweedy, Team Leader; Dick Lueck, Marilyn Young, Sandy Greifenstein, Karen Conde, Helen Schilling, Frances Evans, and Shirley Teeter

May – Transformation Team – Pastor Tweedy, Karen Conde, Laurie Lineberry, Bob Klein, Katie Fuchs, Robert Hawk, AnnaMarie Sollars

June – Stewardship / Finance – Pastor Tweedy, Johnna Dupstadt, Karen Conde, Bob Klein, AnnaMarie Sollars, Laurie Lineberry (or Trustee Rep), Marilyn Young (or Staff-Parish Rep). (We continue to look for someone to step up and be the Team Leader!)

Please note: Please stop and thank Dick Lueck as he sets up Coffee Fellowship EACH week regardless of the Team assigned. Also, you see many of the same names on each of these Teams! So... as you enjoy your coffee and cookies please feel free to help!

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Church School for all ages – Sunday at 9:00 AM

Worship – Sunday at 10:00 AM

Take Note

Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, April 2nd at 6:00 PM in Room 107.

Team Trinity will meet on Tuesday, April 3rd at 5:00 PM in the Music Room.

Transformation Team will meet on Tuesday, April 10th at 5:00 PM in Room 106.

Learning Ministry Team will meet on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 PM in Room 106.

Finance Team will meet on Thursday, April 19th at 3:00 PM in the office workroom.

Deadline for the May/June 2018 Trinity Transformer Newsletter is Wednesday, April 18th!

Please note that we will only have one issue for May/June and then another for July/August.

We will resume our regular monthly schedule for September.

Please email your information to Bob@TrinityYuma.org.

**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

**Food Bank Sunday is the
first Sunday of each month!**
Please bring non-perishable food to support
The Yuma Community Food Bank

