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Pastors Column

Dear Children of God,

The last book we read in our book study was “Hanging by a Thread”. Even though the book was very small in size, it was packed with some good thoughts for us to think about. I begin with a question; When was the last time you felt that you were hanging by a thread?

It is interesting how the author begins with the story of Israel and of course ends with Christ going to the cross. The author then weaves in trust, life, purpose, power, and love. Are all of these hanging by a thread in your life? There are times in our lives when we have all hung by a thread. How did you come back from being out there?

What about our society? Is it hanging by a thread? What about our nation? Is it hanging by a thread? And what about our community here in Yuma? Is it hanging by a thread? What about our local church and our Annual Conference? What about the larger church? Are we all hanging by a thread? How do we move away from this thread so we may not only survive but rather come back even stronger and use the stamina that God provides for our survival?

Throughout the book, one of the things the author kept reminding us was how much God loves us and has been there beside us all along. How God has never abandoned us nor forsaken us. The author says “Being **with** is what it was all about. God being with us is what creation, exodus, covenant and cross are all about. Being **with** is what eternity is all about. And you don’t have to wait forever for it: you can have it today. The suffering of the cross can’t take it away from you. The depth of your failure and folly and recklessness can’t deprive you of it. The barrier of death is not stronger than its power. Being **with** is paradise. And you can have it today.”

We need to be willing to be part of the story. Are we willing to be part of the story? Are we willing to be part of the story, even if in many ways it’s a sad story? Are we willing to be with the God who’s given everything to be with us? Our faith, our hope, our love, our hanging by a thread. But maybe, when it matters most, we come back, and resolve to be with Jesus. Because in the end, there’s no other story we have any desire to live by.

Fundamentally, when we’re surrounded by chaos, in the midst of hell, at the mercy of cruel powers, terrified, naked, humiliated and helpless, Jesus is right beside us, saying, “you’re my best friend. My best friend for life. I wouldn’t be anywhere else in the world but right here beside you.”

God’s real glory, God’s true nature, appears in the real, substantial material, physical reality of Jesus among us, Jesus just like us, Jesus beside us. And beside us not just in joy and celebration, but beside us in horror, in agony, in isolation, in abandonment. **Jesus is reshaping his whole life to be beside us.** Jesus is loving and forgiving, especially as he suffered for our sin. He loved us so much to even give up his life so we may have salvation. How great and wonderful is that! We are no longer hanging by a thread!

It might be a little early . . . Happy Easter! Happy Resurrection Day! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

In Jesus Name. Amen.

Rev. Tweedy Sombbrero Navarrete

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Sunday, April 1st. The Education Team needs your help with donations of wrapped candy and small toys or stickers to stuff our Easter Eggs. Please bring all donations the office. Thank you!

[Our apologies . . . we omitted the February birthday's from last months newsletter.]

Our February Birthdays



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| 1..... Penny Harvick | 15..... Becky Cooper |
| 1..... Christopher Wilder | 17..... Jan Bailey |
| 3..... Katie Fuchs | 18 Audrey Young |
| 5..... Delopris Robb | 19 Bob Meiser |
| 5..... Zoë Wolff | 20..... Helen Schilling |
| 6..... Allen Morlock | 20..... Ben Wellons |
| 7..... Aelacia Grimes | 24..... Don Puckett |
| 8..... Barbara Lee | 25 Debra Fritz |
| 11 Isabella Olin | 25 Alan Fuchs |
| 13..... Heather Akins | 26..... Jeannie Morago |
| 15..... Ethan Akins | |

Our March Birthdays



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| 1..... Betty Haslett | 15..... Jim Donahue |
| 2 Betty Graham | 17..... Jackie Spear |
| 3 Shari Suttle | 18 Tim Younker |
| 9..... Shirley Teeters | 22 Emilia Monroy |
| 9..... Ed Wagter | 23 Mary Jackson |
| 11 John Fuchs | 24 Bob VonDell |
| 12..... Sharon McKinley | 27 Grayson Wellons |
| 13..... Cynthia Ross | 30..... Leonard Fuchs |

Join us on Sunday, March 26th for Birthday Cake following the service!

Constance Stone Circle

The Constance Stone Circle will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Muriel Freeman Library at 10:00am on Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Our study material will be Chapters 24 & 25 in our study book by Nell W. Mohney titled "Get a Faith Lift". We invite all ladies to join us for devotion, study and fellowship. Refreshments will be served.

Carmen Hawk, Circle Coordinator

Trinity Men's Ministry

Trinity Men's Ministry will host the Pancake Breakfast following to Easter Sunrise Service on April 1st. We will accept a freewill donation. Come and enjoy delicious pancakes!

Dick Lueck, President



CELEBRATE!!!

As of this writing, Trinity
(aka YOU)

- have met all our financial obligations for January and February. (Including paying 10% of our income toward our apportionment goal.)
- have paid for cleaning and up-keep of the Cindy Klein Memorial Hand Bells.
- have donated 4 full boxes to the Yuma Community Food Bank.
- have reached out around the world as 2 members of Trinity serve on a mission trip to build homes in Costa Rica!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Thanks to members of the Trustees Team who hosted our Fellowship Time in February.

The Staff/Parish Team will be our hosts for the month of March. The

Nominations and Leadership Development Team will take over in April, and the Transformation Team will host in May.

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!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Once again, we have been asked to help out at the Book Fair at Palmcroft. The Book Fair will be the week of March 12-16.

Karen will have a schedule if you would like to help out.

They really depend on us at Book Fair time, so please sign up to help!!



FROGs Friends Relying on God and Youth Gather

FROGs and Youth gather on the fourth Sunday in February 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, March 18th at 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM

Sarah Akins



MUSIC NOTES

May!!

What's new with the music folks!

Just a reminder that anyone can join any choir. The Chancel Choir is always looking for new singers, and I know there are some singers out there, hiding under a bush!! We have been so blessed to have several winter folks with us!! I know they will be gone in April, so thanks to Eileen, Deb, Patty, Lorraine, and Susan!! See you in the Fall!!

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

The bells are already planning for Christmas, can you believe it!! Also, the bells will be the entertainment at the annual Cancer Survivor/Caregiver Dinner in March.

And 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." We are adding songs to the channel all the time, so check in and see if one of your favorites is there. Make the choir a trending topic on YouTube!!

Here is something extra for your reading entertainment-

Why you should sing or ring!

Singing isn't an option in Scripture. It's a command:

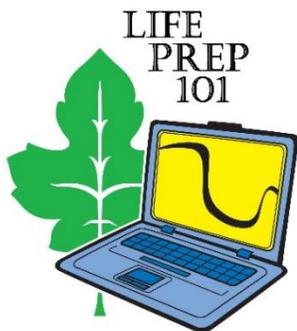
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart... (Ephesians 5:18-19)

God's people are more than just invited to sing; we are commanded to sing. When we sing, we're doing what God asks of us!

Karen Conde, Music Director

**Blood Pressure Checks
Fourth Sunday of each month
Morris Hall**



I thought you knew!

**LIFE PREP 101 –
I THOUGHT YOU
KNEW!**

Life happens while we think about making plans and getting organized. Join us for the remaining three sessions: final wishes, social security, Medicare and a review. All sessions have a

stress-free question and answer period. The three earlier sessions were very informative and gave us numerous suggestions on how to get our affairs in order and organized. Sessions are held on Thursdays at 4 to 5 PM in the Freeman library.

**March 8
Final Wishes**

Speaker: Dennis Han, Desert Valley Mortuary
Session subjects: Documenting your final wishes. What happens if a death is attended or unattended. Types of services offered by funeral home or church. This will be a stress-free time to ask questions.

**March 15
Social Security and Medicare**

Speaker: Randall Adams, WACOG
Session subjects: Social security and Medicare benefits. Federal, state and local social services available.

**March 22
Open Session**

This session is open group discussion of topics covered or if another topic speaker is requested.

Joy Bradshaw, facilitator



March 11, 2018

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti’s 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation?

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As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act. So don’t be fooled by the word committee. Since 1940, when UMCOR’s forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we’ve continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world. The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do. Your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ’s church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. In 2017 Trinity contributed \$1,596 to UMCOR through the special Sunday offering and an additional \$3,260 for disaster aide.



**Worship Team
and Hymn
Committee –
March 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!

Worship:

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

Hymn Committee:

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

Karen Conde, Worship Team Co-Leader



We still need help with Team Trinity!!

Here are some things that you can do:

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. Helped out with donations for the Big Band Concert!
5. Sign up as a member of Team Trinity at acsevents.org/Yuma. You can also donate at the site.
6. Don’t forget that the big “Relay Event” is on Saturday, April 28 – 6pm at Ray Kroc Stadium.

As you completed your Spiritual Gifts Survey (and I am sure each of you have finished it; scored it; and have been looking for ways to use those gifts God Himself gave to YOU!!!) some of you may have gotten some surprises 😊. Over the next several Transformers 3 or 4 of those gifts will be reviewed.

Exhortation (Romans 12:8) - The gift of exhortation is often called the “gift of encouragement.” The Greek word for this gift is *Parakaleo*. It means to beseech, exhort, call upon, to encourage and to strengthen. The primary means of exhortation is to remind the hearer of the powerful and amazing work of God in Christ, particularly in regard to the saving work of Jesus in the atonement. The Spirit of God gives this gift to people in the church to strengthen and encourage those who are wavering in their faith. Those with the gift of exhortation can uplift and motivate others as well as challenge and rebuke them in order to foster spiritual growth and action. The goal of the encourager is to see everyone in the church continually building up the body of Christ and glorifying God.

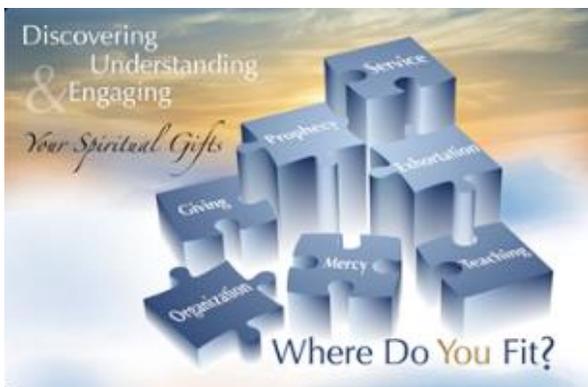
Administration (1 Corinthians 12:28) - The Greek word for the spiritual gift of administration is *Kubernesis*. This is a unique term that refers to a shipmaster or captain. The literal meaning is “to steer,” or “to rule or govern.” It carries the idea of someone who guides and directs a group of people toward a goal or destination. With this gift the Holy Spirit enables certain Christians to organize, direct, and implement plans to lead others in the various ministries of the Church. This gift is closely related to the gift of Leadership but is more goal or task oriented and is also more concerned with details and organization.

Apostle (Ephesians 4:11) The spiritual gift of apostleship is sometimes confused with the *office* of Apostle. The office of Apostle was held by a limited number of followers chosen by Jesus. The mission for those with the gift of apostleship today is to plant new ministries and churches, go into places where the Gospel is not preached, reach across cultures to establish churches in challenging environments, raise up and develop leaders, call out and lead pastors and shepherds, and much more. They often have many different gifts that allow them to fulfill their ministry. These are leaders of leaders and ministers of ministers. They are influencers. They are typically entrepreneurial and are able to take risks and perform difficult tasks. Missionaries, church planters, certain Christian scholars and institutional leaders, and those leading multiple ministries or churches often have the gift of apostleship.

<https://spiritualgiftstest.com/>



Karen Conde, Team Trinity Captain



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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The church



has left
the building.

*"I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear.
I was sick and you took care of me.
I was in prison and you visited me.
Matthew 25:36*

Serving Ministries (formerly Outreach)

Jean Rivers, Team Leader

Trinity Men's Ministry – Dick Lueck	Angel Tree – Joy Bradshaw	Food Bank – Marilyn Young
Fall Festival – Sarah Akins	Palmcroft School – Pam Young-Walker	Habitat for Humanity – Roy Cooper
Heifer International – Jean Rivers	Casitas de Cristo – Jean Rivers	Relay for Life – Karen Conde
Prison Ministry – Marty Clifton	Open Chapel – AnnaMarie Sollars	Fire Station #2 – Helen Schilling
Constance Stone – Carmen Hawk	Team 21 – Pastor Tweedy	Crossroads Mission – Peggy Eskew

Trinity has numerous opportunities to serve.

As per Trinity's Mission Statement – we will spread the gospel to all people by reaching out across the street and around the world. Please note those listed are team leaders and they are always looking for folks to help out. So... if you get a call – please say YES!!! Or better yet give them a call and ask what you can do to be a part of one of these serving ministries.

Please contact Pastor Tweedy, Jean Rivers, Team Leaders, and/or the Church Office – 928-344-3013 for additional information regarding Serving Ministries or any other Ministries here at Trinity.

*"My children, we should love people not only with words and talk
but by our actions and true caring."*

1 John 3:18

**Team Trinity - Relay for Life
Proud to Present**

The Yuma Big Band

Saturday March 10, 2018 at 7pm

**Trinity United Methodist Church
3030 8th Ave.**

All donations going to Relay for Life
Reception after

*Holy Week
Worship
Schedule*



*Come journey with us as we follow
Christ through Holy Week –
from His triumphant entry
through the east gates;
His service to and last supper
with His friends;
His trial and crucifixion;
and the Hallelujah of the empty tomb.*



March 25th – 10:00 AM

Jerusalem March Madness

Mark 11: 1 – 11



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29th – Open Chapel

(located on the Trinity campus – facing Oak Street)

6:30 AM – 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Communion will be available in this space of quiet prayer and meditation.

6:00 PM – Worship in the Sanctuary



March 30th – 6:00 PM

Reversible Errors

John 18: 1 – 19: 42



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 – 7:30 AM

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

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

Worship – Sunday at 10:00 AM

Take Note

Leadership Council will meet on Monday, March 5th at 6:00 PM in Room 107.

Team Trinity will meet on Tuesday, March 6th at 5:00 PM in the Music Room.

Worship Team will meet on Wednesday, March 7th at 5:00 PM in Room 106.

Staff Parish Relations Team will meet on Tuesday, March 13th at 3:30 PM in Room 106.

Learning Ministry Team will meet on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM in Room 106.

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

Deadline for the April 2018 Trinity Transformer Newsletter is Wednesday, March 21st!

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

