



# TRINITY TRANSFORMER

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Our Mission: *To Be Lovingly Obedient To Christ*

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## Pastors Column

Dearest family,

Wow! This will be my last newsletter article to you. I am feeling sad on one hand and yet on the other hand I am feeling excited. I have no idea what lies in store and in some sense neither do you as to who the new Pastor will be and what that Pastor will bring to the table. However, by the time you receive this newsletter you might have a name of the new Pastor.

I remember when Felipe and I first arrived, I did not want to be here and found reasons to be gone. After several months, I needed to make a decision for I was so miserable. Then I received a word from God that I needed to honor my commitment to God and to the Church. I remember the Bishop calling me and our discussion was around that commitment. I was so glad I prayed before the Bishop even called.

Now it has been ten years and they have gone by so quickly. I now move forward without my Felipe. In all the moves I have made, Felipe had been by my side and in this move I go forward without him. There is a tug at my heart, for being here reminds me of Felipe and I will always remember our time together.

I realize that I am rambling on, for my thoughts are many. I have come to love you and you have become important to my life. There were times some of you were complete thorns in my side, while others were barely tolerable. I continued to pray and held you all up to God. It's true that I move forward into the unknown but I go with confidence and I go with God leading the way. I pray that all of you move forward with your new pastor with confidence and let God lead the way as well.

I pray that your new adventures will be ones of strength, love, peace and trust in your new pastor. I go confident because you all taught me confidence, you all taught me how to be strong and you all taught me how

to trust. Felipe taught me patience, quiet strength and trust in God Almighty even more than before.

Above all, trust God in everything you do. Continue to reach out and continue to welcome all who come through the doors. Continue to be present with the presence of Christ. Continue to make a difference in lives around you. Continue to be there for each other. Continue to grow in God by studying God's word. Continue to open yourselves so God may work through you. Continue to be the instrument of peace, love and hope.

Continue to reach out across the street and around the world. Trinity family you have truly become my family and I will miss you all dearly. Trinity family continue to build the house of God together. Most of all continue to be the friendliest church in town and welcoming all who enter. God continues to show up and continues to bless you all. God continues to give the strength and the stamina to do all things through Christ our Lord.

Go ... do .... and be .... In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Tweedy Evlene Navarrete*

Rev. Tweedy Navarrete

## Celebrate!!!

As of this writing, Trinity  
(aka YOU)

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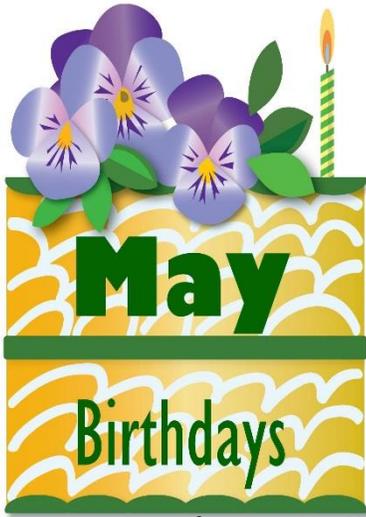


- has kept the lights on and met payroll

- is within \$600 of meeting our first quarter apportionments

- has continued to support Team Trinity in the fight against cancer

- has walked miles for cancer research through the Yuma area Relay for Life.



## Our May Birthdays

2 .....	Bill Ellenberger	19 .....	Kendra Hurt
2 .....	Deltrina Grimes	19 .....	Bob Klein
6 .....	Neal Hoy	21 .....	Judy Munger
7 .....	Jim Wellons	23 .....	Paula Snook
7 .....	Morgan Wilder	24 .....	Fred Johanson
9 .....	Gladys Junop	25 .....	Ede Black
11 .....	Johnna Dupstadt	27 .....	Carolyn Surguine
14 .....	Ruth Wilmot	29 .....	Laura Page Dupstadt
17 .....	Marion Perry	31 .....	Josalyn Wilder

*Join us on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Birthday Cake following the service!*



## Our June Birthdays

.....	Carolyn Sharp	14 .....	Irv Johnson
3 .....	Peggy Eskew	14 .....	Don Schoening
3 .....	Gene Robb	21 .....	Laurie Lineberry
5 .....	Harriet Griffing	23 .....	Sharon Felty
5 .....	Gerry Junop	23 .....	Donna Freridge
9 .....	Maureen Mazurek	28 .....	Sally Soper

*Join us on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for Birthday Cake following the service!*

### Constance Stone Circle

On May 9, 2018 at 10:00am the Constance Stone Circle will gather in the Muriel Freeman Library. All ladies are invited to join us for fellowship, devotion and study. In our study book we will review Chapter 1, Lesson 2, "Don't Play the Blame Game". We will also be writing cards.

*Carmen Hawk, Circle Coordinator*

### Trinity Men's Ministry

Thank you to all who helped with the sunrise breakfast. It was a great time of fellowship and giving praise to God for Jesus' resurrection and a time renew and dedicated our lives to Him. We will meet the first Saturday at 8:00 AM in May and June. We will not meet in July and August.

*Dick Lueck, Coordinator*



**"Happy Birthday"**

**Carolyn Surguine**

Members of the Constance Stone Circle request your participation in a "Card Shower" to celebrate the **99<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Carolyn Surguine, on May 27, 2018.** Throughout the years, Carolyn took a very active part here at Trinity as a member of the choir (18 years to be exact). She was also a very active member of the United Methodist Women, having served at least one term in every office of the Unit.

Please send your birthday best wishes to her home at Emerald Springs.

Carolyn's address is as follows:

**Carolyn Surguine  
1475 S 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #252  
Yuma, AZ 85364-4044**



We are hoping that the Chancel Choir will be able to continue to share an anthem on Sundays until the end of May. But our numbers are dwindling, and it is hard to have a solid program with only 6 folks. I so appreciate my faithful folks that come to every practice and every Sunday!! Keep us in your prayers! And if any of you would like to join us, Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the music room.

## MUSIC NOTES

Because the choir does not sing during the summer, we need folks for specials. If you would like to share something during

this time, please contact Karen.

The Handbells are going strong! They will be in church for May and June, but not in July. Our May piece is “Song of Triumph,” and this piece is incredibly big and long, but it is so worth it. So, don’t miss the bells on Mother’s Day!!

And yes, we are already practicing for Christmas!!

### Why you should sing or ring!

First, you build up fellow believers when you sing:

Note specifically here in [Ephesians 5:19](#) that it says: “Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...”

We see the same thing in [Colossians 3:13-16](#): the exhortation to sing comes on the heels of bearing with one another (v. 13a), forgiving one another (v. 13b), putting on love (v. 14), being at peace as one united body of Christ (v. 15), and teaching God’s Word to one another (v. 16).

When we do what the Bible says and sing together as a church family, we are hearing confessions of faith all around! We are hearing hundreds join with us and sing, “In Christ alone, my hope is found!” We are hearing hundreds of testimonies of faith all around us!

Also know that as you sing, you’re helping unbelievers. In [Psalm 105:1-2](#), the Lord is calling the Israelites to be a light unto the nations, and to do this he tells them: “Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!”

Think of the impact on someone who doesn’t know Christ to hear those hundreds of testimonies, those hundreds of confessions of faith as we sing together! This is why Pastor Tim Keller says in his book *Worship by the Book*: “Good corporate worship will naturally be evangelistic” (219).

*Karen Conde, Music Director*



Since this newsletter is going out before the Relay, I can’t give you final figures. As always Team Trinity is in the top 3 Money-Makers! And that is because of the giving folks of Trinity! So just a few reminders:

- You can still turn in your dimes!
- You can go on line to Relay for Life, look for Team Trinity and donate there.
- You can still give money on the Kiosk, there is a Relay for Life Button!

A big thank you to all the folks that have helped out this year:

Roy Cooper	Katie and Alan Fuchs
John Fuchs	Michael Fuchs
Johnna Dupstadt	Dick Lueck
AnnaMarie Sollars	Peggy Eskew
Marilyn Young	Sandy Greifenstein
Don McCravy	RuthAnn Carroll
Joy Bradshaw	Jackie Spear
Frances Evans	Ken and Sharon Felty
Bob Klein	

Thanks for everything!

*Karen Conde, Team Trinity Captain*



## Palmcroft Elementary School



I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with volunteering at Palmcroft this year! I know they appreciate it greatly.

We are coming up on **Staff Appreciation Week**, the first week in May. We usually provide lunch for the Staff on that week, May 4. So if you would please donate some money to the Palmcroft Fund or to Karen, Chile Pepper will be delivered to the Staff.

Join us as we bid farewell to

**Neil Leftwich**

as he journeys to

West Virginia for new beginnings

**Open House**

**Sunday, May 6th - 4:00 to 6:00 PM**

Willowbrook United Methodist Church  
19390 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Sun City, AZ 85373-1102

Please RSVP with Bob in the Church Office.

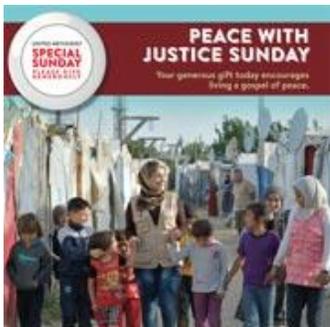
## *Quarterly Financial Update*

So that you are more aware of the finances of the Church throughout the year, the following is a summary of our first quarter income and expenses. You can see that through March 31<sup>st</sup> we have spent more money than we have taken in, and that there were some expenses that were not paid.

Income Received through 3/31/2018 -	\$61,289.01
Expenses Paid through 3/31/2018 -	\$66,717.77
Additional Payables through 3/31/2018	\$ 587.64
Total Shortage	\$ 6,016.40

While we expect that we will enter a deficit period at some point during the year, this normally does not happen this early in the year.

If you have any questions you may speak with a member of our Finance Team: Johnna Duppsstadt or Robert Hawk. Detailed financial reports are available to our members from the Church Office.



## **May 20, 2018**

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and

girls are being bought and sold against their will. Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to affect change in a broken world,

your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace. When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.

<http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/peace-with-justice-sunday>



## **June 10, 2018**

Most Americans today recognize that the history following the arrival of the large canoes bore little resemblance to the one all Christians identify as Creator. That's why the people of The United

Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native American congregations—like New York's Onondaga Nation UMC and Nebraska's Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can. This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give. When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

<http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday>

# Giving God Our Best

## Desert Southwest Annual Conference

June 14-17, 2018

This year, the mission projects for Annual Conference will match the mission offerings given during Conference worship services. Our Bishop has selected the three projects: Arizona Justice for Our Neighbors (AZ JFON / Tucson), The Inn Project (Tucson) and our international offering – Tongan relief aide. The success of these mission ministries depends on the generosity of people like you and me. This year, rather than limiting the opportunity to give to those who attend Annual Conference worship, we are extending the blessing opportunity to all of our members and friends in the pews of our churches beginning this weekend up until Sunday, June 3.

So that we can celebrate how God is at work across the Desert Southwest Conference, please send your church's total donation amount with church name and district to Billie Fidlin, Director of Outreach, at [bfidlin@dscumc.org](mailto:bfidlin@dscumc.org) by Wednesday, June 6. For those of you that can't wait to be a blessing to the people affected by these mission ministries, click on the graphics below to donate now. Thank you so much!



As a reminder, AZ JFON is a legal clinic welcoming immigrants by providing affordable, high-quality immigration legal services, as well as engaging in advocacy for immigrant rights, offering education to communities of faith and the public about these issues. Our first clinic is located in Tucson.



The Inn Project, also located in Tucson, provides temporary housing to people seeking asylum in the United States. In collaboration with ICE, The Inn Project helps to get children and their accompanying adult(s) out of detention centers to a friendly & safe environment as they await arrangements from their family in the United States.



Lastly, in February of 2018, Tonga was devastated by the worst storm in 60 years, experiencing winds of more than 230km/h flattening buildings and bringing down power lines. Cyclone Gita ravaged Tonga and our Tongan churches are seeking all of our support to help their friends and families back home.

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



**Thanks** to members of the **Leadership Development Team** who hosted our Fellowship Time in April.

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.

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

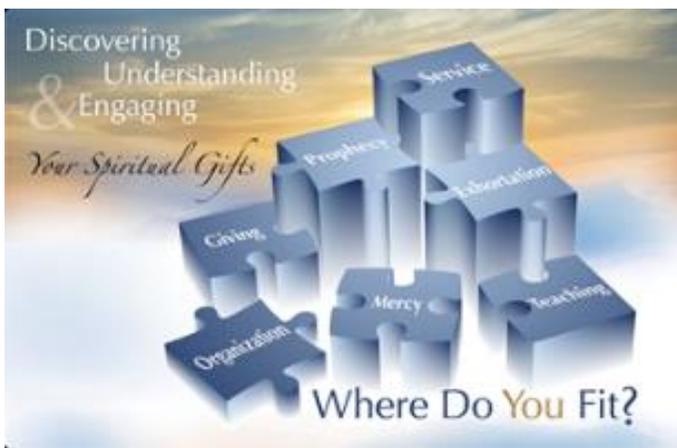
**June Coffee Fellowship Hosts** – Stewardship / Finance – Pastor Tweedy, Johnna Dupstadt, Karen Conde, Bob Klein, AnnaMarie Sollars, Laurie Lineberry (or Trustee Rep), Marilyn Young (or Staff-Parish Rep). (We continue to look for someone to step up and be the Team Leader!!!!)

**July Coffee Fellowship Hosts** – Serving Ministry Team – Jean Rivers, Team Leader – Pastor Tweedy, Dick Lueck, Joy Bradshaw, Marilyn Young, Sarah Akins, Pam Young-Walker, Roy Cooper, Karen Conde, Marty Clifton, AnnaMarie Sollars, Helen Schilling, Carmen Hawk, Peggy Eskew

**Please note:** Thank you Dick Lueck for setting up Coffee Fellowship EACH week regardless of the Team assigned!!!! And again, 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!

*Thank you everyone that donated eggs, wrapped candy and little prizes for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We would also like to thank everyone that helped stuff all the eggs for your Egg Hunt. As always it is great time of stuffing and eating some candy.*





*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))

**Leadership** - The spiritual gift of leadership is closely related to the gift of administration and, interestingly, the spiritual gift of pastor/shepherd. The Greek word for the spiritual gift of leadership is *proistemi*. This word means to lead, to assist, to protect and to care for others. The spiritual gift of leadership is found in Romans 12:8 sandwiched between the gifts of giving and of mercy. It is placed there intentionally to show that it is a gift associated with caring for others. This is what connects it to the gift of pastor/shepherd, and what differentiates it from the gift of administration. It is more people oriented than task oriented in its application. This is not to say those with the gift of administration do not care for people, of course they do, but those with the spiritual gift of leadership focus on people and relationships more directly... The Holy Spirit gives the spiritual gift of leadership to some in the church to care for God's people and lead them into deeper relationship with Christ and each other. They base their success on how well they help others succeed and grow in their spiritual walk with Jesus. They are able to accomplish many different tasks and objectives as they lead, but they will always lead relationally and with a deep concern for the well-being of others. They are "visionary" and less concerned with mundane details than those with the spiritual gift of administration. Many are entrepreneurial and willing to take risks to see the kingdom of God advanced through the church. They will go to great lengths to protect those under their care and are well-equipped to lead through crisis situations.

**Pastor** - The spiritual gift of pastor or pastor/shepherd is one that carries many different responsibilities. This gift is closely related to the spiritual gifts of leadership and teaching. The Greek word for pastor is *Poimen* and simply means shepherd or overseer. In the Biblical context, shepherds had several different responsibilities to their sheep and ultimately, to the owner of the sheep. They kept a lookout for predators and protected the sheep from attackers. They cared for wounded and sick sheep, nursing them back to health. They rescued them if they became lost or trapped. They spent enormous amounts of time with them guiding them to the places of nourishment and rest. The result was a trust and relationship that kept the sheep following the shepherd. The sheep were attuned to the shepherd's voice to the point that even if they were temporarily mixed with another herd, at the call of the shepherd they would separate and follow him. Pastors are called shepherds because their calling and gifting are much like those who care for sheep. They are called and gifted to care for the spiritual well-being of a local body of God's people. Pastors are first and foremost servants. They are servants of God and servants of His bride, the church. They are given a mixture of abilities by grace that allows them to serve the needs of an entire community. The goal of the pastor is to reveal the glory of God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to a people who need God's grace for life. The primary way the pastor will do this is by teaching the Word of God to the church. The gift of pastor is directly linked to the gift of teaching ... By teaching the Scriptures to the church, the pastor feeds the "sheep" of God. The Holy Spirit gives the spiritual gift of pastor to some in the church to humbly teach them, guide them, protect them, and to lead them in the mission that God has for His church, namely the Great Commission. The pastor loves the Gospel of Jesus Christ and puts it at the center of his/her life and ministry. Pastors do not seek fame or recognition for themselves, but they are placed in a position of authority by the Holy Spirit. The role of a pastor is one of humility and service as he/she is reminded daily of his/her overwhelming need of God's grace for the task at hand.

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



## 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!**



Please put **Wednesday, May 23**, on your calendar for another **Packing Party at the Food Bank**. Many of us remember what a fun, meaningful activity it was to prepare bags of food to be distributed to those who count on that food for their families. Come join in from 8 AM to 12 Noon to participate in this worthwhile (and fun) project again.

*Jean Rivers, Outreach Team Leader*



## Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

**Rev. Tweedy Navarrete has served as the Senior Pastor at Trinity since July 1, 2008 and we will bid her farewell on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> as she leaves to assume her new appointment in Phoenix.**

**Following the worship service, we will have an All Church Potluck to provide an opportunity to share in fellowship and wish Pastor Tweedy well.**

**Our Staff-Parish Relations Team will provide dessert, and all are asked to bring a dish to share.**

*The following letter from our Superintendent, Rev. Neil Leftwich was previously shared with the congregation.*



Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Your pastor, Rev. Tweedy Sombrero Navarrete, has served diligently and faithfully since being appointed to Trinity United Methodist Church, and she continues to be a witness to the grace and power of God in her continued work there with the sisters and brothers in Christ.

I share the following news with you and the congregation that Rev. Sombrero Navarrete will share her many gifts and talents in a new ministry setting beginning July 1, 2018, when Bishop Robert Hoshibata intends to appoint her to serve as the pastor of the Shepherd of the Valley UMC of Phoenix, Arizona.

This discernment was made by the Bishop and Cabinet after a thorough process of consultation, much discussion, and a great amount of prayer.

During the transition ahead, may you be encouraged by the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth... “Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

God’s grace and peace to you all.

Rev. Neil Leftwich

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*Bob Klein, Church Administrator*

e-mail: [Bob@TrinityYuma.org](mailto:Bob@TrinityYuma.org)

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[www.trinityyuma.org](http://www.trinityyuma.org)

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

Worship – Sunday at 10:00 AM

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## Take Note . . . .

**Team Trinity** will meet on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Music Room.

**Board of Trustees** will meet on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Room 107.

**Transformation Team** will meet on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in Room 106.

**Worship Team** will meet on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in Room 106.

**Learning Ministry Team** will meet on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Room 106.

**Deadline for the July/August Trinity Transformer Newsletter is Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>!**

Please email your information to [Bob@TrinityYuma.org](mailto:Bob@TrinityYuma.org).

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**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

