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## Words from Our Pastor

**P**aul David Hewson is not a household name. Bono, Hewson's stage name, is perhaps more recognizable. Bono is the lead singer of the rock band known as U2.

One of the traits of U2's music has been its fresh and poignant expression of God's grace. Bono once noted that the concept of grace is what makes Christianity unlike any other religion. Grace has always been at the forefront of Bono's relationship with Christ evidenced by one very popular U2 song entitled "Grace." Here are some of the lyrics:

*Grace, she takes the blame, she covers the shame, removes the stain, it could be her name. Grace, it's the name for a girl, it's also a thought that changed the world.*

*Grace, she carries a world on her hips, no champagne flute for her lips, no twirls or skips between her fingertips, she carries a pearl in perfect condition. What once was hurt, what once was friction, what left a mark, no longer stings, because Grace, because Grace makes beauty out of ugly things, Grace finds beauty in everything, Grace finds goodness in everything*

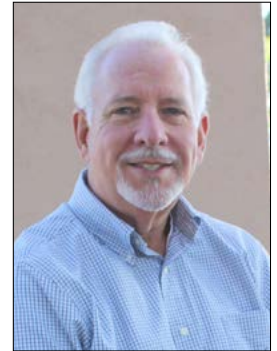
Grace. God's loving kindness that we do not deserve or earn. Ephesians 2.6-10 tells us:

*God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

God expressed grace through Jesus Christ and that grace is expressed through our acts of kindness, mercy, and love.

Grace is being expressed through the grace-filled response to the of nearly half the world's population that lacks easy access to safe, clean water. As we partner with Lifewater International and with the generous matching grant of up to \$12,000, we can herald God's love and grace and significantly change the lives

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**Jim Wilson**  
Interim Pastor

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## Words from Our Pastor

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of several hundred people. \$24,000 will provide clean water wells, sanitary latrines, hygiene training, and the presentation of the gospel message to over 600 people living in villages in Ethiopia or Uganda.

Another expression of grace is the “Building Bridges with our Muslim Neighbors” mission trip to El Cajon planned for September 24th through October 6th. We will be equipped to build relationships with the hundreds of immigrants and refugees settling in El Cajon, to understand their cultures, and to convey the love of Jesus with our words and through acts of kindness.

Grace. It has removed the hurt, the friction (between humans and God), what left a mark (sin), no longer stings. Grace has removed the sting of death which is sin. By grace we are reconciled to God.

Thank you for the multitude of ways you – and we together as a congregation – convey the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With gratitude,

Pastor Jim

## Meet Patty Mason

### Our New Secretary/Receptionist



#### Where were you born? Where did you grow up?

*I was born in Ventura, California. My early years were spent in New Mexico and Phoenix, Arizona. Our family moved to Phoenix when I was four years old, so I consider that my home while growing up.*

#### If you went on to college/university, where did you go?

*I attended Glendale Community College in Glendale, Arizona and majored in general studies.*

#### What did you do before coming to work at Trinity Church?

*Most recently, I was a paralegal assistant at a small law office. Prior to that, I was the office manager for many years at my husband's chiropractic office in La Mesa.*

#### What are your hobbies/interests/do in your free time?

*I enjoy gardening, walking with my two dogs, beach time, and spending time with family.*

#### What is your husband's name and occupation?

*My husband is Robert. He is a chiropractor and has been in practice in La Mesa for 30 years.*

#### Do you have any children?

*Our son, Wes, has attended Grossmont College and is a chiropractic assistant in my husband's chiropractic office.*

#### How did you come to faith in Jesus and where has that journey taken you?

*I came to know the Lord at 16 years old through Young Life (YL) while in high school. I served on a YL summer camp work crew in Colorado, was a co-leader in a church high school youth group, and was choir member at Faith Chapel for 15 years. I love being a servant for the Lord.*

#### Where do you attend church?

*I attend Summit Church which meets at Steele Canyon High School in Jamul.*

#### Is there other additional information/stories you'd like to share with the church?

*I found Trinity Church 20 years ago when I enrolled my son at TCS for first grade. I love this church and school. They are so full of the Lord's sweetness! I am happy to be here at your service in any way.*

## It's Almost VBS Time!



June flew by in a flash, and before we know it Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be here! VBS is coming July 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup> and we can't wait to share God's message here on the hill. Please feel free to invite friends and family or the children in your neighborhood. Fliers are available in the church office. We are expecting a record turnout and we could really use YOU! We need many hands to make this a success. There

are many opportunities available to fit your unique talents, everything from picking up snacks in advance to teaching the Bible Study the week of VBS. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Krista Young in the church office.

This summer we are inviting the children to worship with us once a month. On the fourth Sunday, in lieu of Sunday school, we will have a family Sunday and ask that children sit with

their parents during service. This is an important step in introducing them to the regular worship service as well as a fantastic time for families to spend sharing God's love. Remember **July 22nd and August 26th** are family worship Sundays.

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## Youth Group

## Summer Has Begun!

What a fantastically wild month it has been! We kicked off summer with our Lock-In and the kids had a great time (despite only sleeping for three hours). Then, we had a s'more-filled bonfire with the youth from Cloud 9, John Lopez's group. Some of the kids also attended Future Quest where they got to hear some really

good stuff regarding the Gospel, and why growing in faith is so important, especially at their age. Summer is an important time for our youth to stay connected with a group of fellow believing peers, please be in prayer that the kids will continue to choose Light amidst all the summer shenanigans.

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## Summer is Here and All is Quiet

Summer is here, and the students are not, therefore it is a bit quieter these days. The school office remains open throughout the year. We are now busy getting ready for fall. Just a reminder that there are some student spots still available and, as always, Trinity Church members are afforded a 20 percent discount. Please tell friends and neighbors about Trinity's Preschool, Elementary, and Middle School up on the hill.

The school year went out in a flurry of activities. Our graduates are off to start a new chapter in their lives, and our continuing students start a new adventure as they move on up to a new classroom and teacher. We will have several new families joining us in September, as well.

After our Patriotic Concert, we received the following letter which we would like to share with the congregation as it is a reflection of one of the ministries on the hill to the community around us.

**Sharon Axe**  
*Principal*

**Jimmie  
Drummond**  
*Principal*

To the students and staff at Trinity Christian School:

On June 8, I brought my Vietnam Veteran husband to attend your Patriotic Celebration. Your invitation flyer was posted in his Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) social quarters. It was our first time. We were so impressed and delighted with your program and performance by each class group. We enjoyed seeing all the Red, White, and Blue surround the auditorium. He participated in your military songs tribute and proudly stood when you honored the United States Navy.

I want to let each and every student know how delightful and heartwarming it was to see your enthusiastic spirit, warm smiles, and that the celebration presentation was awesome!

Your hard work and all the patriotic dinner plate routine everyone did takes a lot of training and memorizing and you all did so well and it was such a delight seeing your quick action moves. OK, so the teachers were your coaches, let's give them credit too. It takes their constant efforts to make wonderful things like this event really come together so outstandingly.

There was a room full of adult supporters cheering for their relative, that's YOU. And there there is someone like me who just enjoys attending patriotic events and see so many children displaying patriotism. All of you were so wonderful ...!

Please keep all your hard work ... Learn everything you can ... practice all your routines ... and I look forward to seeing you all in another performance.

Just another Grandmother and Patriotic American,  
Mrs. 'Bea' Bruner

## A New Arrow in God's Quiver

These days, I am often in awe of how God works. What started out as a “simple” missions trip to a refugee camp in Greece has turned into a groundbreaking immersion/ training outreach to one of the largest communities of Muslims in the United States. Some of the most innovative and highly respected missionaries/ trainers will come together for a two-week period from September 24th through October 6th.

Only now, as I have connected with the speakers and trainers, do I understand how amazing our “Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors” truly is. Those who will speak and train are truly enthusiastic about this new venture. Some have even been praying for such an opportunity as this to come out of an area church.

### Another Arrow in God's Quiver

God has determined that His work on earth, to further His kingdom of love, grace, and mercy, is to be done by people who have declared that they will follow His Son, Jesus. It seems like it would be much more efficient and effective if He did it all Himself, but He wants us involved in what He does. As I have been working on “Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors,” this truth brought to mind an analogy of archery.

I grew up in a household that was fascinated with medieval war and hunting implements. My personal favorite was the bow and arrow - I loved archery. I never was very

accurate, but I loved the delicacy of how a bow works unlike the heavy spear or sword. A good archer could, with just a whisper of air, plant an arrow with absolute accuracy.

The image of God as the Master Archer came to mind. His outreach to the world are His arrows. We participate by being parts of those arrows through which He can pierce the darkness, bringing light and love to a lost world.

In the case of “Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors,” Trinity Church is the shaft - the piece that gives the arrow structural integrity. The shaft provides balance and must be in perfect proportion to the bow. A good shaft needs to be strong, but also light enough to fly quickly and easily. Trinity Church has given that integrity, strength, and flexibility to support this new adventure.

The teachers and trainers for this mission trip are the fletching, the feathers at the end of the arrow. Fletching stabilizes the arrow, giving it the ability to fly straight and true. It works by causing the shaft to spin as it leaves the bow, similar to the spiral spin on a football as a quarterback passes it. Fletching preserves the speed and accuracy of the arrow. Without it, the arrow wobbles out of control. The teachers and trainers coming to bring their knowledge and understanding are of the highest caliber in the Christian world. Most of them have lived many years in predominately Muslim countries, serving God in difficult circumstances.

Lastly, the participants in “Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors,” create the arrowhead. An arrowhead is completely useless without the shaft and fletching, but together the arrowhead can pierce through with accuracy and power. Please pray that God will bring participants that are teachable, caring, open, and love God with their whole hearts.

It is with these three elements that God can use us to take down powers of darkness, not of flesh and blood, but of principalities. We can bring love, grace, mercy, and care to a group of people who, in many cases, are desperate for friendship and love. We will be a new arrow in God's quiver.

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## CLIPPERS

**Clippers are on break until September. Have a wonderful summer!**

## Presbyterian Women

PLEASE NOTE: Trinity Women will be on summer break. Crafts will continue to meet in Ward Center every Tuesday during July and August. **The next Gathering will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.**



### About Lifewater

Lifewater is the oldest Christian water development non-profit in North America. For 41 years Lifewater has worked in 45 countries, and has served over 2.5 million people. Lifewater serves vulnerable communities by providing access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. This group also partners with local churches and ministries to share the Gospel in each village that is served.

### The Opportunity Before Us

Partnering with Lifewater ([www.lifewater.org](http://www.lifewater.org)) gives Trinity Church the opportunity to impact the world by getting clean water to a rural village or villages in Uganda or Ethiopia (the actual site is still to be determined). This is the most cost-effective way to eliminate poverty and to improve health. By sponsoring a village water project, we will provide sanitation and hygiene training as well as a water asset for an entire village.

\$6,000 serves a small village of about 150 people

\$12,000 serves medium sized village of about 250 people

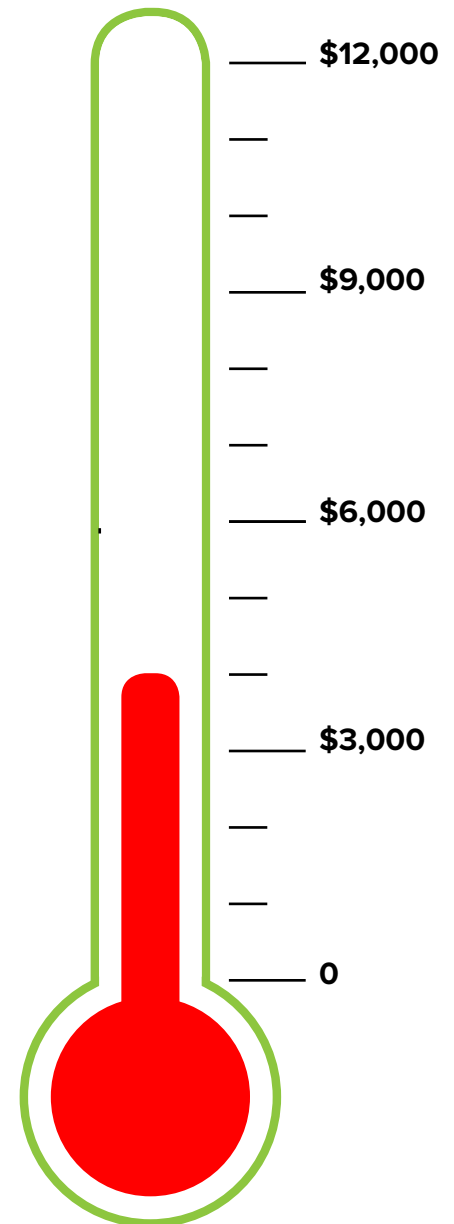
\$18,000 serves a large village of about 400 people

### A Generous Offer

A family in our church has graciously committed to match the funds we raise up to \$12,000! This means if we raise \$12,000 the total raised for fresh water – enough to serve a village of over 600 people – will be \$24,000.

We can change the world. We can help to ensure that every man, woman, and child has fresh water to drink. We can help convey the good news of the gospel in a tangible way.

Please consider how you can help. A Dedicated Account is set-up to receive funds. Make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church (write "Lifewater" on the memo line). Once we raise the funds we will learn of the village or villages we and Lifewater will serve. We will get to know the people and follow the progress of the projects. We will help convey the whole gospel.



**As of June 30, 2018**

### Dear Trinity Family!

I apologize, but due to circumstances beyond my control, I am not able to submit a financial report at this time.

I continue to get the important day-to-day financial tasks done. Our obligations to our creditors, missionaries, and staff are being met. I remain a faithful and committed member of the support team here at

Trinity serving our Lord and Savior as well as my Trinity family.

Thank you for your understanding, love, patience, and faithfulness to continue God's great work here on His hill in Spring Valley.

May His blessings abound to you and your family.

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Have a wonderful summer in the  
love & grace of Jesus!

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