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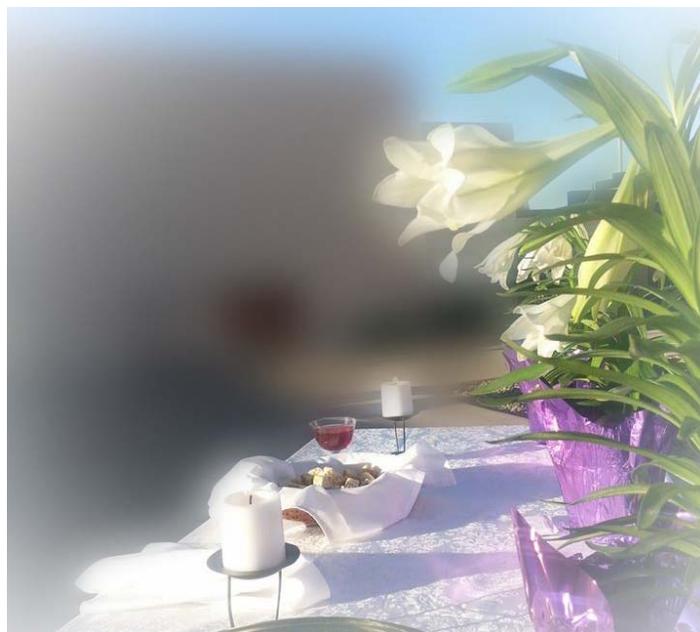
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I am with you always,  
to the end of the age

**Matthew 28**



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# Koinonia

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### From the **PASTOR**—

This year Lent and Easter came earlier than usual. It seemed like we hadn't even gotten our Christmas decorations put away that we were already trying to figure out what we would give up for Lent! But now, Easter Sunday is a thing of the past, and we're already starting to look ahead to summer, which for me means church camp, vacation, and a most exciting time for me: Ordination!! But before we get ahead of ourselves, let's spend a few weeks basking in the joy of Easter, because after all, the Easter Season IS more than just one day!



*Eastertide* is the season between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. It is a 50 day period during which we as Christians are supposed to celebrate as a single, joyful feast. In the early years of the Christian faith – as early as the third century – Christians spent seven weeks plus one day celebrating the resurrection of Christ! According to one article I found, those early Christians were forbidden to kneel when they went to the Lord in prayer during *Eastertide*...I'm not quite sure why, but they must have had a reason!

For us in today's world, too often *Eastertide* gets forgotten. We celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday with egg hunts and baskets, and maybe a meal with our families. But the next day, it's back to "business as usual," and all the hoopla is put away for another year.

So what can we do to keep the Easter Season alive for seven weeks and a day until the day of Pentecost? One way is to find a devotional resource that focuses on the meaning of resurrection. One article I read suggested two books by Eugene Peterson. The

first is called *Living the Resurrection: The Risen Christ in Everyday Life*, and the second is called *Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing Up In Christ*. Although I haven't read either of these books I have read other books written by Eugene Peterson and I find his material to be easy to read and very meaningful and helpful. Both of these books are available from Amazon, and can even be downloaded to a Kindle device or can be read on another e-reader.

Another possibility is to check out the devotional resources through Upper Room Ministries. Our church recently purchased several year-long subscriptions for the ladies in the Fourth Sunday Bible Study group, but they aren't using them all, which means we have some available in the office. If you'd like a copy, just call the church office and we'll see that you get one as soon as possible. You might have other daily devotionals that you can use as well...my point is that if we continue the daily devotional practice we started during Lent, then we will be at least doing something to continue the resurrection celebration until the end of May.

And lastly, perhaps the simplest thing we can do is acknowledge the resurrection by the way we greet one another. If, during *Eastertide* we greet one another with "He is Risen!"...and respond to that greeting with "He is Risen Indeed!"...we are, at the very least, acknowledging the most important act in Jesus' life. We are celebrating the day he defeated death and rose from the grave, every single time we see another brother or sister in Christ.

Thanks be to God for God's greatest gift of all...the resurrection of our Savior...and all of God's people said...AMEN!!

God Bless, *Pastor Jody*

## **Thinking theologically with Pastor Jody:**



“What then is the mark? Who is a Methodist, according to your own account?” I answer: A Methodist is one who has “the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;” one who “loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul;” which is constantly crying out “Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee! My God and my All! Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion forever!”

From *The Character of a Methodist* by John Wesley

Last summer I was blessed to be able to attend a 10 day pilgrimage in London, England during which about 40 of us United Methodists walked in the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley, the founders of the Methodist Movement. When I returned from the pilgrimage I was so inspired by what I had learned that I preached a sermon series called *Our Methodist Heritage* during which I incorporated some of my experiences. If you are interested in revisiting that sermon series, or watching it for the first time, the videos are available on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FaithUMCPhoenix>.

Among the many lessons we as United Methodists have taken away from John Wesley are what we now call his *Three Simple Rules: Do no harm, Do good, and Stay in love with God*. The rules were developed as part of the Methodist societies that Wesley and his brother founded in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. These societies, made up of men who desired a closer relationship with God than they were

experiencing in the Anglican Church at that time, met weekly to pray together, to provide spiritual support for one another, and to hold each other accountable as they walked along the path that led to salvation. The rules were purposely short and to the point because many of the early society members were unable to read and write.

These three simple rules are so important, not only to us as Christians, but also to us as United Methodists, and yet, so often we forget to put them into action. For that reason, we will focus on each one of them during an upcoming sermon series in April called *Three Simple Rules*. We will use the book by Reuben P. Job called *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Life* which he wrote to help bring Wesley's three simple rules to life in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century world. If you would like a copy of the book so you can follow along during the series, Pastor Jody will happily order one for you (either small or large print) for \$7 each or you can buy them electronically through Amazon for a little over \$5. The sermon series will begin on April 17, so please let Pastor Jody know ASAP if you would like her to order you the book.

Doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God are three very simple things we as followers of Christ can and should be doing every day of our lives, and yet, so often we let our human condition take over and keep us from doing and saying the right things. My hope and prayer is that by reading this very small book, and taking these very simple rules to heart, we will show the world what being a Christian is really like: that our purpose in life is not to hurt others, but to do good things and to remain strong in our love for our Lord.

God bless, *Pastor Jody*

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## Upcoming Sermons

During the month of April and into May, we will celebrate the differently-abled, we will consider how we can be a good neighbor, and we'll delve into John Wesley's *Three Simple Rules* as explained to us by Rueben P. Job. Then, in May we will prepare for the birthday of the church, celebrating Pentecost on May 15, followed by a series on prayer based on Philip Yancey's bestselling book *Prayer: Does It Make A Difference*. You won't want to miss any of these sermons!! See you on Sunday!

### Disability Awareness Sunday

April 3 ..... The Normal Christian Life - delivered by Howard G. Guetherman, Chairperson of the DisAbility Ministries Committee for the Desert Southwest Conference

### Stand-Alone Sermon

April 10 ..... Love Thy Neighbor - delivered by Joshua Warner

### Three Simple Rules

April 17.....Do No Harm

April 24.....Do Good

May 1 .....Stay in Love With God

### Finding Your Fire

May 8 .....Flashpoint: Ignite or Fizzle

May 15 .....When the Church is On Fire

### The Power of Prayer

May 22 .....Keeping Company With God

May 29 .....Unraveling the Mysteries

June 5 .....The Language of Prayer

June 12 .....The Practice of Prayer



## Joshua's Journey

Friends,

Part of our living as a faith community is to share our lives with each other, both the joys and the challenges of life. In Paul's letter to the Galatians, he emphasizes this by imploring God's people to "Bear one another's burdens" and by doing so fulfilling the law of Christ to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Recently, a group of our faith family gathered together to do just that - process grief in the company of our fellow brothers and sisters. It was a good time to seek ways that we can live at peace even in the midst of the pain of loss.

Starting in April, we will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the library to explore our grief. As Pastor Jody emphasized recently, grief does not have to be surrounding the death of a loved one. There are many types of grief.

I invite you to come share your story and seek to grow as a family living in God's love and grace.

- - Joshua

## WORSHIP SERVICE TIME - THE VOTES ARE IN...BUT...

During the season of Lent we have been beginning our worship service at 10:00am on a trial basis. We took a vote on Palm Sunday to find out what time people preferred – 9:30 or 10:00am – for worship. The votes have been tallied and the numbers are very close. For that reason, we are going to include this topic at our next Church Council meeting on Tuesday, April 12.

In the meantime, we will continue to meet for worship at 10:00am until the Council makes a decision.

If you did not get to cast a vote and would like to, please contact Pastor Jody either by email at [jody.topping@gmail.com](mailto:jody.topping@gmail.com) or by phone at 480-766-9272...and as she told the congregation on the day of the vote: if you don't cast a vote, you don't get to complain if the worship time isn't the time you prefer!!

## **GENERAL CONFERENCE IS COMING!**

On May 10, United Methodists all over the world will be riveted to their computer screens as General Conference 2016 begins. General Conference is the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church which meets once every four years and can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the upcoming Quadrennium.

This year there will be nearly 1,000 delegates meeting in Portland, Oregon for the 10 day conference. These delegates were elected by Annual Conferences and Central Conferences around the world, and half of them are clergy, while the other half are lay people. The number of delegates allocated to each Annual and/or General Conference is based upon the number of members in that Conference. Our Annual Conference, the Desert Southwest Conference, is one of the smaller conferences there is, so we have been allocated one clergy and one lay person as our representatives.

Although information about the live-streaming of General Conference is not yet available, we will try to keep you updated on Sunday mornings on how you can "tune in" and listen to the plenary proceedings and worship.

We know that, among other things, this General Conference will once again be considering the issue of full inclusion of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. We know there have been a number of pieces of legislation submitted to change the Book of Discipline so we can and will be a more inclusive church. Please pray for the delegates who are reading

through these many pieces of legislation and ask God to guide them to make right and just decisions; not only with regard to these issues, but on

everything they will be considering this year.

As more information becomes available, we will do our best to let you know about them. In the meantime, please keep our delegates in prayer as well as all those from around the world, the volunteers who will be serving them in Portland, and all of us who will watching and waiting as decisions are made that impact all of us as United Methodists.



## **WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP TO RESUME APRIL 13**

Our Wednesday morning study group will resume on April 13 at 10:00am. We will pick up where we left off before Lent using *The Story* by Randy Frazee. When we left off we were just beginning our study of the New Testament. If you have not been a part of this study group in the past and would like to join us now, we would love to have you! WELCOME! We usually go until about 11:30am, so plan accordingly.

After we finish our study of *The Story* we will take a break for summer, then we'll resume with a study of Judaism so we can better understand the roots of our Christian faith. The book for this study is yet to be selected, but when it is, we'll let you know all about it!



## **FAITH LUNCH BUNCH**

The Faith Lunch Bunch is an open group that meets monthly for lunch. We always get together on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30 to have lunch where we have decided to go.



On March 17<sup>th</sup> a group of 15 ladies all dressed in green met at Fellowship Square for a very tasty lunch with our hostess, Eunice Archer.

April's lunch will be at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1418 N. Central Ave in Phoenix, on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30. We will help Shirley Hemphill, Gladys Burton, & Pastor Jody Topping celebrate their April birthdays. All are welcome to join in the fun. Carpooling is recommended due to small parking area (maybe ride the light rail--it stops right by the restaurant).



## **NOMADS FINISH WORK IN STYLE!**

As many of you know, we had two groups of NOMADS living on our church property during the months of February and March. The first group was dedicated to doing work just at Faith UMC, and they did an awesome job replacing walls, rehabilitating the Koinonia Room floor, trimming up the landscape, and many, many more tasks. If you're interested in knowing more about what they did, take a look at last month's *Koinonia*.



The second group of NOMADS was living here while they did work at our sister church, CrossRoads UMC. Thankfully for us, CrossRoads didn't have enough work for them to do, so they were able to spend about a week and a half doing more work for us! This group cleaned and painted the nursery and rooms 6 and 7, finished up much of the interior wall work that was left behind by the first group, hung several new sets of blinds in the library and our classroom in the multi-purpose building, and finished all of the exterior painting that the first group was not able to complete. So, because of these wonderful NOMADS we have freshly painted buildings, four newly painted rooms in the West Education Wing, and much, much more!

We are so grateful to the NOMADS organization and the volunteers who have blessed us. Our hope and prayer is that we will be able to sign up for future projects with them so we can continue upgrading our facility for new and exciting ministries!

## **Exterior Restrooms Completed and Inspected!**

As many of you know, the exterior restrooms in the North Education Wing have been inoperable for quite some time, however with the help of Warren Hildebrand (the Getting's handyman) and the two groups of NOMADS who came to us earlier this year, the restrooms have been completed and inspected and are now virtually ready to be used!! We still have a couple of minor items to complete, but the plumbing is operational, and for all intents and purposes they are ready for our use. For security purposes, we will continue to keep these restrooms locked when they are not in use. But we are thrilled that this is yet another project we can "check off" as being DONE!! .



### **THANK YOU** **JEFF!**

Our friend and church member, Jeff Goudie, recently went above and beyond the call of duty by doing some repairs to the Patio Garden cross and flame as well as helping out with some of the vital finishing touches in our exterior restrooms. So we would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you so much...good and faithful servant!!"



### **A RETREAT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

Duet invites all people who have responsibilities for aging loved ones to an uplifting retreat set for Saturday, April 23, from 9 am to 2:30 pm at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 918 S. Litchfield Road, Goodyear, 85338. You can take better care of your loved one if you first take care of yourself! No charge; lunch is included. RSVP to Duet at 602-274-5022.

### **WE'RE INVITED TO DUET CABARET**

Duet presents Duet Cabaret on Sunday, May 1st at 1:30 pm at Montelucia Resort & Spa - Omni. Enjoy a sumptuous meal, dancing, cocktails, and silent and live auctions plus the music of Diana Lee and Dennis Rowland. Proceeds will support Duet's free-of-charge health and aging services. Make your reservations at [www.duetaz.org](http://www.duetaz.org) or call 602-274-5022 to request an invitation. Let's support our shared interfaith cause!

## THE PROPHET IN THE CHOIR No Better – No Worse

The Scribes and Pharisees holding that their education and experience made them better than those whom they were called to serve is something that Jesus and my mother taught me not to emulate. That being said, my education and experience don't make me worse, either. Everything that I was blessed to learn while working for those degrees, and all the experiences I have enjoyed and endured in life have made it possible for me to serve God and make a living. I will not hang my head because it is fashionable, in some circles, to dismiss someone else's knowledge not fitting with popular talking points.

I was with my parents as they struggled alongside their brothers and sisters for the decent treatment of their fellow teachers. I was with them as they struggled alongside their brothers and sisters in organized labor so that all workers would be respected. I was with them as they struggled alongside César Chávez and Coretta Scott King for the dignity and safety of workers who grow and harvest what we eat.

I have seen many of my brothers and my sisters looked down upon by people, professing to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, because of skin color, national origin, economic status, gender or sexual orientation. I have seen professed Christians claim the glories of a relationship with Jesus Christ, and then denigrate and disregard their neighbors, in the streets and in the voting booths. I have watched how professed Christians, in different settings, have treated my documented, then naturalized wife, before learning I was her husband. (Eunice defends herself quite well, however, without my help.)

I also struggle every day not to feel superior or inferior to anyone.

**Howard J. Moses, M.Div.**

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING VERY SOON!

We know you have been waiting a very long time for the much-anticipated Pictorial Directory, and we appreciate your patience. We are currently working on making sure all addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and even birthdays and anniversaries are correct so we can include those in the directory as well. Our hope is to get it off to print very soon and in your hands by the end of April.



### Award Winning Oregon Pianist in Concert

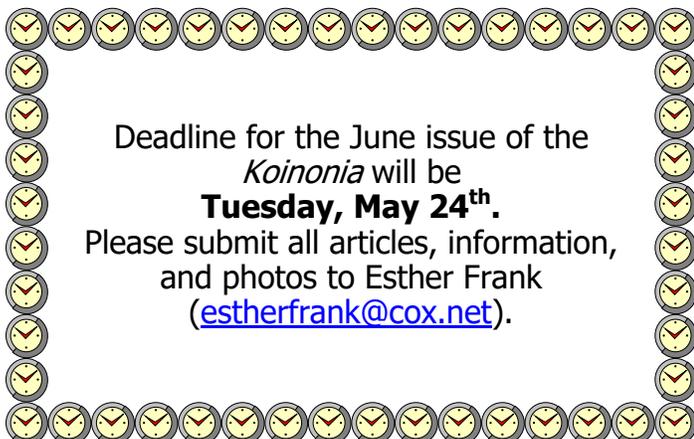


## JOHN NILSEN

Faith United Methodist Church  
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**Friday, April 22, 6 pm**

John's hour long solo piano concert features his folk, jazz and classical woven compositions, traditional hymn arrangements, a few classics everybody knows with some stories of his life, family, growing up Methodist, travels, faith and music throughout. The concert is free, however there will be a love offering taken during the concert and CDs will be available for sale afterward.



Deadline for the June issue of the  
*Koinonia* will be

**Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Please submit all articles, information,  
and photos to Esther Frank  
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# An Easter Message from Bishop Bob



## Jesus Christ, Risen!

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Hope and Salvation!

On Easter Sunday joyful music and liturgy proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ, risen. That Good News of Jesus' resurrection is central to our understanding of who we are as United Methodist Christians, and global citizens. So even after Easter Sunday is over we are called to live our lives freed from the fear of evil and death as Easter people renewed by our faith, living boldly in the shadow of an empty cross. Our world urgently needs to hear and experience the message of resurrection hope now more than ever. Terrorism, racism, violence, war, and discrimination continue to diminish our sisters and brothers in the human family. In faith, we seek reassurance that out of despair can come the hope made known in Jesus Christ, risen.

An unbridled proliferation of violence stains our communities. There is no simple solution to this madness. Many things contribute to this epidemic of terrorism, mass shootings, suicides, accidental deaths, drug-related addictions, domestic conflict, unattended mental illness, and unbridled anger. I pray for a rebirth of hope in transformative actions to turn the tide and reduce this growing scourge.

In the human family overt acts of blatant racism as well as hatred against members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning communities continue to plague us. I pray for acceptance for all God's children regardless of how they look, what they wear, how they worship, and whom they love. I pray for an end to laws that discriminate against

those who come in peace seeking safety and refuge.

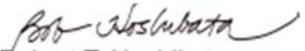
Our world, precious gift of God, fragile and endangered because of human greed and neglect needs our care. Creation groans at the abuse it has endured. I am praying that out of the spirit of deep appreciation for God's created world there can be repentance for our neglect and abuse of creation, and strong efforts that will bring renewal and resurrection.

Much of the hope that can be realized emerges out of our faithful response to the generous and abundant love of God in Jesus Christ, risen. To fully embrace that love is to understand that we have an indispensable role in bringing new life and new hope. We are the very persons whom God calls to do the work of ushering in hope for a better world. That is our job as Christ followers! The words of an old hymn come to mind to remind us of this:

"When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green." (J.M.C. Crum, 1928, The United Methodist Hymnal, #311)

I give thanks for the faithful witness of our laity and pastors who preach and practice what it means to stand boldly in places of injustice, violence, and oppression. I pray for strength and courage for you as you change lives and transform communities because of your good work and ministry. I am grateful that because of you, God's love is made known in the name of Jesus Christ, risen!

In Christ,

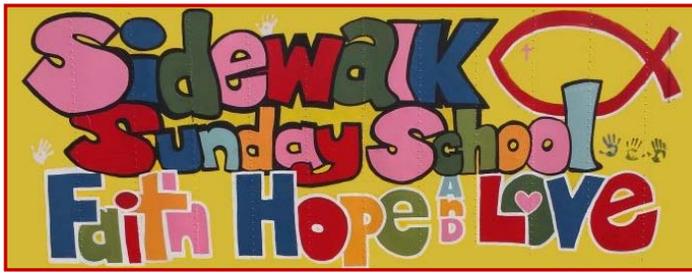
  
Robert T. Hoshibata



## MISSION STATEMENT Faith United Methodist Church

Faith United Methodist Church is an inclusive\* Christian congregation dedicated to the care of its constituents in order to serve the local community; and in co-operation with other faith-based organizations, to reach out to all persons\* who seek personal acceptance, require sustaining assistance, or yearn for a meaningful life purpose beyond self.

\*Regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, race, or sexual orientation.



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!

Our Sidewalk Sunday School ministry is back in full swing again, thanks to so many of you who have stepped up and volunteered your time and talent! We now have a crew of about 10-12 people who are willing to give up at least one

Saturday morning per month (some are giving up more than one each month) to spend time with these children who so desperately need to hear the word of God.

When we started back up in February, we had a handful of kids attend, and we thought we'd lost touch with one of our bigger families. But we found that family and continued reaching out to both our regular attendees and some new children from the neighborhood, and we're now up to about 15-16 kids attending on a regular basis. And...

What's even more exciting is that we had over 32 children attend our Easter Celebration on the Saturday before Easter Sunday!! If we can keep these children attending, our Sidewalk Ministry has the potential to reach many new disciples...and we all know that's our mission: To Make Disciples!!



Our Sidewalk Ministry will take a much-needed break on April 2, but will resume again on April 9 and will continue until about May 14. Then, we will likely take another short break and resume meeting with the kids indoors during the summer. Our

summer ministry will be a little bit different (obviously, since we won't be meeting outside) and will hopefully feature visits from various organizations in the Phoenix area.



We want to extend a very special thank you to Carol Getting for purchasing and organizing the Sidewalk lunches, and all of you who have volunteered to prepare and serve them. We also want to extend a big "THANKS!" to those who are outside keeping watch over the kids, to Shane Taber for the many wonderful photos, and to Terry Goekler for purchasing and organizing a crew of folks who put together the Easter Baskets we gave the kids on Easter Saturday.

We can't emphasize enough how important your prayers and your presence are to the success of this ministry. Without you, we wouldn't be able to offer this at all. So if you are able to help out and haven't yet volunteered, please talk to Pastor Jody, or simply come visit a Sidewalk Sunday School worship service on Saturdays at 10am. We guarantee you'll have a great time!! .

## FAMILY PROMISE COMING MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup>

Faith will be hosting Family Promise again May 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. We so appreciate all the support you have given to this program in the past, through your time, your prayers and your

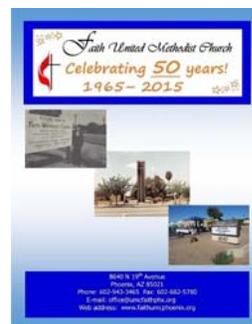


money; and we are looking forward to working with you again. So...put us on your calendar. And get ready for another fun, busy and rewarding week.

For more information contact Gary and Jane Kriege or Carol Getting.

## ANNIVERSARY BOOKLETS

Did you not receive your copy of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet? If you didn't, there are still some available for just \$10 each. We would



like to make sure everyone who wants a directory gets one...and if you know a former charter or longtime member who you think would love to have their own personal copy, why not buy one for them and give it to them as a gift? They were printed on high

quality glossy paper and are sure to last a very long time. So don't delay...get yours today!!

## **DSC SPONSORING PRAYER BEAD WORKSHOPS THIS APRIL**

The Upper Room Ministries and your Desert Southwest Spiritual Formation Committee are sponsoring five special workshops in April! Tom Albin (Dean of The Upper Room Chapel) and Joyce Estes (President of the International Silk Painters Association and artistic design director for the General Conference Prayer Ministry) will be joining us for the Las Vegas and three Phoenix workshops, while our Spiritual Formation team will lead the Tucson event! Our shared United Methodist contributions are helping to bring this event to us so that it will only cost \$15 if you would like to participate (for sign-ups by April 11). These are the only Upper Room workshops happening in the Southwestern United States this year, so we hope you're able to take advantage of one of these five workshops.

Henderson, NV: Friday, April 15: Green Valley UMC, 4:30-7:30pm  
 Glendale, AZ: Saturday, April 16: Dove of the Desert UMC, 9:00-12:00pm  
 Mesa, AZ: Saturday, April 16: First Mesa UMC, 2:00-5:00pm  
 Paradise Valley, AZ: Sunday, April 17: Paradise Valley UMC, 1:30-4:30pm  
 Tucson, AZ: Saturday, April 30: St. Mark's UMC, 9:00-12:00pm

Go to the following website for more info and to register:  
<http://desertsouthwestconference.org/prayer-beads-workshops> .

## **TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH ..**

March 26th was a day of celebration for the Price-Franco family. Amy and Maria were united in marriage in St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Spokane. The Rev.



Margaret Fisher officiated with

the Rev. Judith Boroto assisting.

The day was especially meaningful as it marked the two year adoption anniversary of Alex, Diamond, and Perla.



Congratulations!



## **NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

**APRIL 10, 2016**



The Native American Ministries Sunday offering develops and strengthens Native American ministries within the annual conference, expands the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative and educates Native American seminarians. Faith UMC pays into this special ministry through budgeted apportionments. To make an extra donation you may write a check to "Faith UMC" and put "Native American Ministries" on the memo line.

## **PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY**

**MAY 22, 2016**



Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. Faith UMC pays into this special ministry through budgeted apportionments. To make an extra donation you may write a check to "Faith UMC" and put "Peace with Justice" on the memo line.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 2016</b>	<b>Birthdays:</b> 4/06 Jeremy Cook 4/15 Bob Barker	4/03 Shirley Hemphill 4/11 Kathryn Thurston 4/15 Bob MacAlpine	4/03 Jody Topping 4/14 John Shields		1	2  12:30 pm Roadrunners - K 2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2
<b>No anniversaries of which we are aware</b>						
<b>3</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan Worship	<b>4 Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4  5:00 pm Grief Group - Lib	<b>6</b>  7:30 pm Choir Practice-CR	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  10:00 am Sidewalk SS  2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2
<b>10 Native American Ministries Sunday</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan Worship	<b>11 Office Closed</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4  6:30 pm Church Council - Rm 4	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Study Group - Rm 1-2  7:30 pm Choir Practice-CR	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  6:00 pm Movie Night- S	<b>16</b> 8:00 am UMM Breakfast-K 10:00 am Sidewalk SS 11:00 am C O D A - Rm 1-2  2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2
<b>17</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan Worship	<b>18 Office Closed</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4  5:00 pm Grief Group - Lib	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Study Group - Rm 1-2  7:30 pm Choir Practice-CR	<b>21</b> 11:30 am Lunch Bunch - The Old Spaghetti Factory	<b>22</b>  6:00 pm John Nilsen Concert - S	<b>23</b>  10:00 am Sidewalk SS  2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2
<b>24</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Women's Bible Study 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan	<b>25 Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Study Group - Rm 1-2  7:30 pm Choir Practice-CR	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  10:00 am Sidewalk SS  2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2

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<b>1</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan Worship	<b>2 Office Closed</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4  5:00 pm Grief Group - Lib	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Study Group - Rm 1-2  7:30 pm Choir Practice-CR	<b>5 Ascension Day</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Sidewalk SS 12:30 pm Roadrunners - K  2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2	
<b>8 Mothers' Day</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan Worship	<b>9 Office Closed</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4  6:30 pm Church Council - Rm 4	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Study Group - Rm 1-2  7:30 pm Choir Practice-CR	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Sidewalk SS  2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2 6:00 pm Bird Club - K	
<b>15 Pentecost</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan Worship	<b>16 Office Closed</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4  5:00 pm Grief Group - Lib	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Study Group - Rm 1-2  7:30 pm Choir Practice - Sanctuary	<b>19</b> 11:30 am Lunch Bunch -	<b>20</b> 6:00 pm Movie Night- S	<b>21</b> 8:00 am UMM Breakfast-K  2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2	
<b>May 15, 4:00 pm through May 22, 8:00 am - Family Promise</b>							
<b>22 Trinity Sunday</b> <b>Peace with Justice Sunday</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Women's Bible Study 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan	<b>23 Office Closed</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4  7:00 pm Neighborhood Outreach - Rm 4	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Study Group - Rm 1-2  7:30 pm Choir Practice-CR	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 2:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2	
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Choir-Sanctuary 10:00 am Worship-Sanctuary 11:15 am Coffee Chat - K 11:30 am Handbells - Rm 1-2 1:00 pm Samoan Worship	<b>30 Office Closed</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 am Zippers - Rm 1-2 10:00 am Quilters - Rm 4	<b>Birthdays:</b> 5/01 Eric Barimbul 5/01 Roberta Clawson 5/07 Jeff Goudie 5/11 Joan Hancock 5/12 Joe Cox 5/17 Ed Hays 5/18 Paula Masi 5/23 June Stafford 5/26 Cathleen Henderson 5/29 Adam Fuchs <b>Anniversaries:</b> 5/22 Paula & Greg Wolf 5/28 Judy & John Goad			<b>May 2016</b>	