



Koinonia

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From the **PASTOR**

Summer Fruit

Those who know me know that I'm not a great fan of fruits and vegetables. Although I know they are good for me to eat, I much prefer eating a hearty piece of bread or a scrumptious chunk of chocolate! But when the temperatures outside go over 100 degrees, like they did during the month of June, to be honest, I actually enjoy a refreshing fruit salad from time to time. Summer fruit – especially strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, kiwi, and melons – makes for a refreshing summer snack, or when combined into a delightful fruit salad, a delicious side dish to any summer meal.



With so many wonderful fruits from which to choose, our summer menus should be delicious. And in keeping with that theme, our summer sermons in July and August will also focus on another kind of delightful fruit: Fruits of the Spirit.

The Rev. Robert Strand, a retired pastor in the Assemblies of God denomination,

describes the Fruits of the Spirit as “nine jewels of character” that “challenge us with what [our] Christian character or personality should look like.”¹ As followers of Christ, we are called to love God and love our neighbor... the most important commandments according to Christ himself. And as people who love God and neighbor, we do these things by projecting love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control: the fruits of the Spirit shared by the Apostle Paul in Galatians 5.

So, during our Fruits of the Spirit sermon series, we will consider these nine “jewels of character” and identify ways we can unlock their richness and let our Christ-centered personalities shine.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jody

¹Robert Strand, *Nine Fruits of the Spirit: A Bible Study on Developing Christian Character* (Green Forest: New Leaf Press, 1999), 6.



Pastoral Care Needs July 3-16
Starting July 3, Pastor Jody will be on vacation through July 16. On July 3 and 4, Chaplain Howard Moses will be available for pastoral care needs. From July 5-16, Deacon Joshua Warner will also be available. Please contact the church office. should you have a need.

Thinking Theologically with Pastor Jody

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. “
Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)

When we moved to Arizona, we bought a house in Tempe that had a rather barren backyard, and since our children were quite small, we decided we needed to redo the yard so the kids would have someplace to play. So we tilled the soil, installed a sprinkler system, planted grass and a couple of trees, including a small orange tree in the corner of the yard. The first year we had that tree I don't recall it ever bearing any fruit, and in the years that followed, I think our orange crop amounted to less than a half a dozen oranges! For years we waited for that tree to bear fruit, but we had to wait for it to mature enough to the point of being able to bear a lot of fruit.



As Christians, I think it takes us a while before we bear the fruit of the Christian Spirit. Like our little orange tree, we have to mature in our faith by reading our Bibles, engaging in Bible study, attending worship on a regular basis, and most importantly, being in conversation with God through prayer. When we do those things, then we will start to exhibit the true life of a believer: the fruits of the spirit, which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,

goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

This summer, we will explore each of these fruits, and we'll learn how we can develop them and incorporate them into our Christian life. And hopefully, by the end of our exploration, we will understand more fully what a Christian character or personality looks like. We will also come to realize that that these "fruits" come as a package deal. As followers of Christ, we can't

just choose the fruits we like; when it comes to the fruits of the Spirit, it's an "all or nothing" proposition...and I know in my heart we will all choose "all."

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jody



Upcoming Sermons

On Sunday, July 2, Pastor Jody will finish our short sermon series called *The Gospel According to Dogs* before taking a two week vacation.

While Pastor Jody is on vacation, the congregation at Faith UMC will be treated to two wonderful speakers:

On July 9, Susan Marshall and her granddaughter Sierra Noel will present an Art Ser-

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mon called *One Way Jonah*. Many of you will remember Sue and her husband, the Rev. Steve Marshall, who were members at Faith UMC before Steve went into fulltime ministry. The sermon Sue and Sierra will present is one that Steve has preached before while simultaneously creating a work of art that expresses the sermon theme. In this case, Sue will deliver the spoken word, while Sierra shares her artistic talent by creating the work of art.

On July 16, newly commissioned UMC Deacon, the Rev. Joshua Warner will deliver the message.

Fruits of the Spirit

In our summer sermon series called *Fruits of the Spirit*, we will explore the “nine jewels of character” shared by the Apostle Paul with the church in Galatia. We will consider how these character traits reflect the ways we ought to behave as followers of Christ, and how we can cultivate these fruits in everything we do as Christ-filled people. We know you won’t want to miss this series of sermons, so join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30am as we discover together the *Fruits of the Spirit*.

- July 23 *Fruits of the Spirit: Love & Joy*
- July 30 *Fruits of the Spirit: Peace*
- August 6 *Fruits of the Spirit: Patience*
- August 13 *Fruits of the Spirit: Kindness
& Gentleness*
- August 20 *Fruits of the Spirit: Faithfulness*
- August 27 *Fruits of the Spirit: Gentleness
& Self Control*

Coffee with the Pastor Bible Study

Are you looking for a small bible study group that meets midweek in a cool place? If so, we have just the spot for you!

On Wednesday mornings at 10 am, a group of folks from Faith UMC meet at the Caribou Coffee/Einstein Bagels shop on the north side of Northern Avenue between 19th Avenue and the I-17 Freeway (just west of the car wash and east of Circle K) for a short devotion and discussion on a biblical text chosen by Pastor Jody (or whoever happens to be leading that day). This is a great opportunity to share your insights or ask questions about a biblical passage...or whatever’s on your mind!



All are welcome to join us for a cup of hot coffee or tea, a glass of iced coffee or tea, a bagel, a sandwich, or whatever you like! We usually end by 11:30 or before, and would love to have you join us for a little ***Coffee*** (and theological conversation) ***with the Pastor!***

**Next scheduled FUMC
Council Meeting:
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
at 6:30 PM**



Esther & Dick Franks w/ Dennis Kirimi



Children’s Message—6/25/2017



Royal Palms Park 4th of July Celebration

The Deacon's Dialogue

To My Faith Family:

On Saturday of Annual Conference 2017, as I was preparing to process with the other candidates for ministry, I had a moment to consider how things would be different in the next two hours as I was commissioned to service in the world as a Deacon in our church. I decided that although there were some exciting changes to take place, the person who I was at that moment would remain the same. To a point...



My commissioning as a deacon in the United Methodist Church is one step in the process towards full ordination. Commissioning is not, though, a stopping point but rather a "sending forth" into the field of the various ministries which we hold. It was formed and shaped by my own life experiences, and fine-tuned through the ministerial roles that I held over the last four years. Without the dramatic shifts of my life, including those in my professional career, I am not certain that I would have been as prepared for this transition. For example, my role as a peer mentor and clinical coordinator of the CCHP program at Empact has given me significant opportunities to practice pastoral care, a ministry of presence and leadership in a challenging environment and context.



Joshua's Commissioning as Deacon
by Bishop Hoshibata—6/25/2017

As your minister of pastoral care, I now have an opportunity to work closely with Pastor Jody to meet the spiritual needs of both the members of this church and those in our local community who also need a touch of God's presence. I am excited that God has placed me in this space and time to work with others who are on life's path and need some guidance along the way.

As this new chapter evolves in my life and the life of Faith UMC, I look forward to exploring ways we can work together to experience God's shalom in our lives and in the experiences of our friends and neighbors.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Joshua Warner

Let's Get Out of the Castle Fall Event!

What: An afternoon of FUN at one of Phoenix's newest bowling and gaming centers. Includes bowling, laser tag, rock climbing, mini golf, 100s video games, ropes course and much more.

Who: Fun-filled FUMC folks, families and friends

When: Saturday, September 17, 2017

Where: Main Event Entertainment located in Avondale, just north of I-10 off McDowell Road

Church Hosts: Shane Taber and Jeff Goudie

Cost: Being researched. *More details to come.*

Interested or have questions, please contact Shane at sctaber56@gmail.com or 623-910-1619.

Coming Faith UMC, Sunday, July 9th: A Real Treat!

By Virginia FitzPatrick

Guest speakers: Susan Marshall and her granddaughter Sierra Noel will be presenting an art sermon "Wrong Way Jonah", written by Steve Marshall at FUMC on Sunday, July 9, 2017.

Here is a little Faith history for our newer members. Steve and Sue Marshall started at Faith when they moved to Phoenix in 1973. Steve owned an art gallery in Metro Center and Sue worked as an administrative assistant. They were counselors for first the junior high youth and later the senior high youth during the 70's and 80's. They had two children, Stacy and Summer who grew up in the church and youth groups.

In the late 80's-early 90's Steve sold his art gallery and decided to follow his father into the ministry. After seminary he served at Creighton UMC and Liberty UMC before starting New Song UMC in Surprise and Spirit Song in Vistancia. While at New Song, he decided to combine his artistic talents with his ministry. He began doing pastel drawings combining music and art with his sermons. Steve is currently serving as a retired pastor at Willowbrook UMC in Sun City where he presents the Mosaic Service each Sunday. He has been invited to present his art sermons and speak about his program both locally and nationally.

Recently his granddaughter Sierra Noel, a high school student, has been developing her artistic talents and will be drawing while Sue reads the sermon previously presented by Steve.



Sierra Noel creates a pastel painting during worship.

40th Year of Lura Turner Homes Summer Camp

Lura Turner Homes for Adults with Developmental Disabilities will be holding summer camp for the 40th year this August 21st-25th! Whispering Hope Ranch, east of Payson, offers special needs camps that feature adapted hiking trails, animal interaction, activities and medical facilities.



Fundraisers and donations are currently underway at Lura Turner Homes to make sure all residents and DD associates are able to go. **To donate or receive more information, call Max McQueen, Executive Director of Lura Turner Homes, at 602-943-4789.**



If you missed the recent mini-sermon series by Pastor Jody, *The Gospel According to Dogs*, or really enjoyed the cute animation, "GoD and DoG" she shared, here's a link to the YouTube video: https://youtu.be/H17edn_RZoY.

Volunteer Opportunity at Faith UMC

Looking for a way to provide service at FUMC? A limber, able-bodied person (or team of persons) is needed to change the AC filters several times a year at Faith. If interested, please see Pastor Jody or church trustee John Getting ASAP.



New Prayer Chain Leader Announced for FUMC

It probably comes as no surprise that our very own newly commissioned provisional deacon, Joshua Warner, will be stepping up to take over the prayer chain leader responsibilities starting mid-July. The tireless efforts of LaVonna Goudie, the previous prayer chain ministry leader for many years, have been greatly appreciated. THANK YOU, LaVonna!

The prayer chain at Faith UMC is voluntary and all are encouraged to participate as personal needs and requests dictate. Please contact the Rev. Joshua preferably by emailing your information to him at JoshuaLwarner@gmail or by his cell phone number at 602-790-1154. Folks wanting to be included in the prayer chain may also contact the church office or LaVonna Goudie.



Chancel Choir and Handbells Ensemble PRACTICE SCHEDULES

Choir Practice -> Wednesday night practice on hiatus until fall
-> Sundays @ 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary



David Topping, Chancel Choir Director

Handbells Practice -> Sundays after fellowship in Room 1-2
Francine Martin, Handbells Ensemble Director



Deadline for the September 2017 issue of the *Koinonia* will be Monday, August 28th. Please submit all articles, information, and photos to Shane Taber, co-editor. (sctaber56@gmail.com)

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 cooperation 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.



Connecting with Faith UMC

Website:

faithumcphoenix.org

Videos of Sunday sermons:

faithumcphoenix.org/sermon-videos/

On Facebook

facebook.com/FaithUMCPhoenix

facebook.com/groups/FaithUMCPhxGroup

[FaithUMCPhxGroup](https://facebook.com/groups/FaithUMCPhxGroup)

Faith Lunch Bunch News

by LaVonna Goudie

At Faith UMC, there is a group of people who like to eat out for lunch once a month. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM at various restaurants in the 19th North neighborhood. YOU too can be one of those lucky, hungry people!

June was a time for Mexican food with six members of the Lunch Bunch gang eating at the popular Los Compadres restaurant on Northern Avenue. It was decided that we would venture out to try the menu at "Kiss the Cook" located at 4915 West Glendale Avenue on July 20th at 11:30 AM. Then on August 17th, we'll meet at Boston Market on 19th Avenue at Northern.

Come join the fun and fellowship along with good food and no cooking or clean-up! And, if you'd like, please bring a friend!



Sunday Post-Service Discussions

Looking for opportunities to dig a little deeper after Pastor Jody's sermons? Please freely join one or both hour-long small groups.

HOPE= Honest Open Perspective Exchange

This lively discussion group meets after the service during Fellowship Time on the second and third Sundays. In July and August, HOPE will meet on 7/9, 7/16, 8/13 and 8/20 from 11:15 AM. So please bring your coffee and snacks to Room 4 and join the thought-filled and lively conversation!



4SWBS =

4th Sunday Women's Bible Study

On Sundays, July 23 and August 27, the 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study will meet from 11:15 AM to discuss a selected daily devotional with questions from *The Upper Room*. We also hear the scriptural focus read in 3 different languages, English, Spanish and Tamil.

Led by Shane Taber and Eunice Moreno Moses, all FUMC women are invited to join our faith-filled discussions.

New members are always welcome!

Please Save the Date!

Come help celebrate Betty and Bob's 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Who: Betty and Bob Barker

What: 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House

When: Saturday, August 19, 2017 Drop in anytime between 2 – 5 PM

Where: 4631 West Saguardo Drive, Glendale, AZ 85304-4424

RSVP: Phone: 623-934-7816

Email: erbarker2@yahoo.com

Look for details in the Sunday FUMC bulletin.

No gifts, please — Just your wonderful company!



Annual Conference Report - Desert Southwest Conference

(The following report (which is an edited version of the original) was provided by the DSC Communications Department and can be downloaded at <https://dscumc.org/annual-conference/>.)

The 33rd Desert Southwest Annual Conference session was held on June 14-17, 2017, at the Phoenix Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa in Glendale, Arizona.

The officiating bishop was Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata, Episcopal Leader of the Phoenix Area (Desert Southwest Conference). Moved and touched by the prevalence of gun violence in our nation, Bishop Bob wore an orange stole during the opening of the 2017 Annual Conference session as a symbol of the desire to end gun violence and to bring about sensible ways of making changes not to take away guns but to end gun violence. The stole had a green slash to represent hope.

"It is today my hope church and as citizens not bear arms, but to make ways of treating one another we can eliminate the Let's find a way to be more



Laity enjoyed two guest

session welcomed Demi Prentiss, author of "Radical Sending – Go to Love and Serve." She talked about what makes hospitality radical and how it calls for courage. She said, "it opens the door to be all that God would have us be – That We May Be." She led the laity in discussion and worksheets about the process of recognizing we're always being called to take another step. Towards: Assimilation – Incorporation – Incarnation [the goal].

Bishop Robert Schnase was the guest speaker for both laity and clergy on Saturday, June 17th, for a day of learning about his recent book, "Just Say Yes." He shared that keeping within the expectations of a congregation on a new pastor and not stretching the church beyond the authorized expectations is the guaranteed death of a church. Those expectations maintain the status quo and don't encourage a church to adapt. Pastors must maintain a balance between the expectations of the congregation and the unmet needs and issues of the community.

The official body of the Annual Conference voted on the following constitutional amendments.

Amendment I: This amendment declares, "men and women are of equal value in the eyes of God."

Amendment II: Amendment to Paragraph 4 to add gender, ability, age and marital status to the list of characteristics that do not bar people from membership

Amendment III: Amendment to Paragraph 34 specifies that elections of delegates to General Conference as well as jurisdictional and central conference meetings will include open nominations from the floor at annual conference sessions.

Amendment IV: This amendment to Paragraph 46 states that central conferences are to elect bishops at a regular, not an extra, session unless an unexpected vacancy occurs.

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Amendment V: This amendment to Paragraph 50 allows General Conference to adopt provisions for the Council of Bishops to hold individual bishops accountable. Currently complaints against bishops are handled solely within the jurisdictions or central conferences where they are elected.

The results of these votes were not communicated to the body. Final results will be communicated after all Annual Conferences across the connection have voted.

Main actions enacted were:

- Rule Change adding opening and closing motions to the Conference Rules and update outdated referenced publication methods.
- 1.5% increase in minimum pastor salaries for 2018
- Conference Arrearage Policy
- Two churches, Metodista Iglesia de Somerton and San Simon UMC, were closed.
- Passed the recommendations from CF&A:
- 2018 budget proposal that included a 0.4% decrease totaling \$6,134,778,
- Special Days and Causes
- Conference Advance and Benevolence Specials
- Other Recommendations
- Rule Change of the New Faith Community Endowment with an Amendment
- Passed the recommendations from Pension & Health Benefits:
- Annuity rate and past service obligation,
- Relating to rental/housing allowance,
- Relating to local church funding,
- Relating to HealthFlex Exchange participation.
- Passed Personnel Committee recommendations:
- 1.5% increase in 2018 salary ranges for exempt employees,
- 1.5% increase in 2018 salary ranges for non-exempt employees.
- Rule changes allowing clergy and Conference lay employees to take vacation in their first year of ministry.



Resolutions adopted addressed:

- Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice Through Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions.
- Holy Land Travel
- Fix Dates of General and Jurisdictional Conference Elections (Please note, that the same delegates from the 2016 General Conference will be the delegates for the Special Session of General Conference in 2019.)
- Clarify Head Delegate Process

Reinforcing the Four Areas of Focus

Bishop Bob introduced the new vision statement for the Desert Southwest Conference:

“A Courageous Church: Loving like Jesus, Acting for justice, United in hope.”

Attendees participated in Holy Huddles to engage in conversations about the compelling vision that God calls us to be in the Desert Southwest Conference and how that vision can im-

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pact our unique ministries. Six values were identified as foundational to being a Courageous Church: Trust, Compassion, Relationship, Authenticity, Boldness, and Collaboration. We spent forty-five minutes in Holy Huddles dreaming, discussing, and perhaps sowing seeds for new collaborations on the following topics:

- Values
- The District Superintendent as a Missional Strategist
- A Courageous Church: Loving like Jesus
- A Courageous Church: Acting for Justice
- A Courageous Church: United in Hope

Resources used in each Holy Huddle and new items for local church use as they continue the work of prayerfully discerning how this vision may impact their community and church members is available at www.dscumc.org/initiative.

Changes in Leadership

The 2017-2018 Conference Committee members were elected. That report is available for download at <http://bit.ly/2017-2018Nominations>. Appointments in the four districts were set which include Rev. Mark Conrad as the new South District Superintendent. The following people were ordained, commissioned or received into membership.

Commissioned as Provisional Elders:

Alma Aguirre-Olivares, Kimberly Scott, Erfain Zalava

Commissioned as Provisional Deacon:

Joshua Warner

Ordained as Elders in Full Connection:

Maria Antonieta Fernandes, Court Fischer,
Susan Holden

Ordained as Deacons in Full Connection:

Patricia Blackwood, Brenda Smith

Transferring from other denominations as Elders in Full Connection:

Joel Bullock, Kristin Hansen

Clergy retiring in 2017: Mary Lou Adame, George Cushman, David Devine, Alicia Tomkus Huertas Elizondo, Bob Gilfert, Dennis Hutson, Janet Keffer, Mark Lansberry, Louie Lyon, Lenore Renfro, and Nina Yardley

Other reporting statistics are as follows:

- Membership stands at 30,948, down 3.7% from the previous year.
- Worship attendance stands at 21,141, down 4.9% from 2015.
- Church school attendance stands at 3,521, down 11.2% from 2015.
- Professions or reaffirmations of faith for 2016 946, down 2.1% from 2015.
- Adults and young adults in small groups for 2016 10,317, down 10.7% from 2015.
- Worshippers engaged in mission for 2016 12,745 up 11.2% from 2015.



Newly commissioned and ordained members



Bishop Hoshibata prays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Birthdays 7/02 Barbara Sullivan 7/02 Joe Bittinger 7/02 Ian Wolf 7/05 Mike FitzPatrick 7/05 Joey Devlin 7/06 Francine Martyn 7/08 Zachary Henderson 7/09 Paula Wolf 7/11 Janette Martyn 7/13 Tommy Esquibel 7/15 Kay Holmstad 7/15 Lori Fuchs 7/16 Greg Wolf 7/26 Kathy Ropte 7/27 Helen Martin 7/29 Rose Guenthoer						1 10:00 am Sidewalk SS 1:00 pm Recovery-Rm 1-2
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Anniversaries:

7/28 Howard & Eunice Moses



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Anniversaries: 05 Vern & Terry Goekler
 15 John & Carol Getting
 16 Marvin & Roberta Clawson
 13 Mike & Betty Altomare
 15 Jon & Joan Hancock
 19 Bob & Betty Barker 



Open hearts

Open minds

Open doors



The People of the United Methodist Church

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- Galatians 5:22-23

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