

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Church office will be closed on Friday, Oct 30th.



Come Jingle with Us. Please plan on being part of the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis on Saturday, December 5th, at Reid Park. Registration begins at 9am. We have a church team: Christ Church UM -- Making Tracks. Contact Sue Gemoets or Janet Waugaman for more information. <http://southernarizonajbrw.kintera.org/christchurchum>

Please Mark Your Calendars

Women's Advent Brunch
Saturday, November 21, 2009
Fellowship Hall
A new and creative way to
present the Christmas story

The next *Channel* deadline will be **THURSDAY, November 5th at 12:00 p.m.**

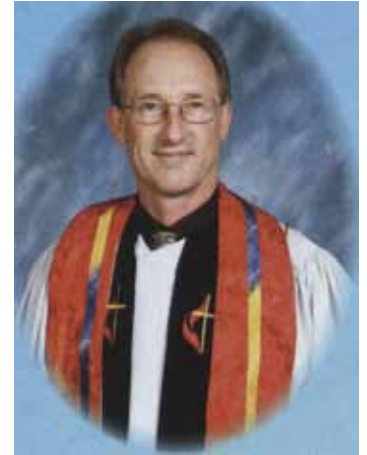
Please e-mail your articles to:
Valerie@christchurchumtucson.org

The *Channel* is available online!

Should you wish to save the church some money and also save paper, please e-mail Valerie to receive the *Channel* via e-mail.

Pastor's Pen

Yesterday, I, along with the office staff, were privileged to serve at the Volunteer's Appreciation Luncheon. It was good to see many of those who serve so faithfully in so many areas of our church and community there to be recognized for their faithful efforts. This group was but a sampling of all who serve because so many were out serving!!



I shared with them one of my favorite scriptures from the New Testament. It is from Ephesians 2:10. It goes like this, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." When we serve we are fulfilling our purpose as Christians. To put it another way our simple or hard acts of service are the fulfillment of our destiny here on earth as Christians.

In conjunction with this scripture is another truth. We are not only created to do good works we are gifted by the Holy Spirit to do those works. 1 Corinthians 12:7 says, "To each has been given a gift of the Spirit for the good of all." Those whom God calls to serve in the areas, times and places of his choosing, God also provides with all the tools and power to perform the good works we were created to do.

It has been said many times by many people, "God doesn't call the qualified; God qualifies the called." The more you answer God's call to serve the more you will experience the truth of this saying and be able to witness it to others.

Many in our church volunteer and serve in many ways. We are truly a "People Caring for People."

I am privileged to serve with you!!!

In Christ's love and service

Pastor Fred

Family News

Sunday School SCHEDULE

November 1st - New Rotation starts (all Sunday school in Social Hall) "God Provides Water"

November 8th - Kid's Club

November 25th - NO REHEARSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

November 29th - Children's Choir rehearsal during Sunday school



Thank you
Christ
Church

Your generosity with your donations was overwhelming. We have collected over \$500 to purchase Bibles for our Children's Sunday School. A special Thank you to Tonya Jones for her support!

Kids' Club News

(For kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade)



We will be meeting on Sunday, November 8th @ 11:45 in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. We will have a guest speaker who will show us a video and tell us about Juvenile Arthritis. (Registration forms will be available for the "Reindeer Dash" and the "Jingle Bell Walk/Run" which will be December 5th for children and adults.

Questions? contact Judy) jobertaz@aol.com



We are receiving beautiful items of clothing, baby clothing and equipment. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to bring items to the church Resource Room.

We will collect items through November 5th. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our Free Boutique. Anyone may take whatever their family can use and it is all FREE. We will have a sample of items set up in Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 25th and Sunday, November 1st during Coffee Fellowship --- Stop by!



MEET YOUR MUSIC MINISTERS

Director of Handbells Ministries, John Neve

Praise Team Director, Scott Jones



John's career of over 40 years has been in full-time Music Ministry, working with all ages in both Presbyterian and United Methodist churches in Illinois and Arizona. He retired in 2003 as Diaconal Minister of Music at Catalina United Methodist here in Tucson, having served there for 19 years. He is an avid advocate of handbell ringing, and has conducted and rung handbells ever since his first full-time church position in 1965. This is his 2nd year as Director of Handbell Ministries at Christ Church. Our handbell/chime choir plays on a 4 1/2 octave set of Malmark handbells and a 5 octave set of Malmark handchimes.

Scott Jones, a native of Gloucester, Massachusetts, holds a B.A. in music from Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences and recently earned a Master of Music Education degree from Boston University, College of Fine Arts. Scott also teaches music and math at the Abbie Loveland Tuller School. He and his wife, Tonya, and their two boys, Matthew and Mark, have lived here in Tucson for the past three years, during which time both Scott and Tonya have served on staff. Scott has also served as a substitute organist at Christ Church over the past three years, in addition to singing with the Chancel Choir.



A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM PLANNING MEETING EVERYONE WELCOME

**Saturday, November 7th
10:00am ---- Social Hall**

Sam Scalzo and George Lewis have already made our Nativity sets for this special event.

Costumes are being sewn.

Props are being made.

Our choir (childrens too!) has signed up.

We have a Blacksmith Booth and a Wreath Making Booth. We need your ideas and help.

Please come and join us in the planning of this fun event for Christ Church.



Oct 29, 30 & Nov 1 - Haunted Courtyard at Tuller School 5870 E. 14th street (behind Park Place Mall). 7 - 10pm. - \$5 - Check out www.ravenhearse.com for more information (they are helping to sponsor this event). Youth Group will attend Nov 1 at 7pm if you would like to join us.

Nov 8 - Youth Worship Service - 8am - in chapel "You Are in God's Army" followed by our annual paintball outing to Desert Fox.

Nov 20 - 22 "Acquire the Fire" in Phoenix - www.acquirethefire.com. Check out the U-Tube videos. Also, we are in need of sponsors for some of our youth. If you would like to have a direct impact on a youth's spiritual growth, sponsor a youth to attend this event. Cost \$60 per student



Older Adult Ministries by Rev. Ernie Fritschle

Rev. Ernie is on vacation and his articles will resume in the next Channel

Notes From Your Lay Leader

Twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one...ever have trouble falling asleep? There are many ways suggested to help one forget the day's activities, issues, concerns; for some the list is quite long. I like this one, pretend there is a wastebasket beside your bed, think of the concern, toss it over the edge of the bed into the basket, do this quickly. At this point, neither one was working, so I got up and started reading an old devotional book of my father's. In honor of him and his memory, I opened to his birth date page. The story was about not sleeping and counting sheep—perfect! After so many sheep had gone through the gate the author stopped counting sheep and started praying the alphabet. I liked this one, so I jumped back in bed and started praying the alphabet. Let's start with A; all God's animals, B; God created birds, C; for all the caring God gives us, on down through the letters. This simple pathway brings all kinds of people, things, joys and sorrows to mind. I remember getting to the letter G and then the alarm went off. Praying the alphabet did in fact relax my mind, heart and body. Hopefully, tonight sleep will come quickly but if not I'll start with the letter H!!!! Oh, just thinking ahead, what starts with X, Y and Z?

Laity Sunday was wonderful. Thanks to our friends who read the prayer. I had many, many people tell me how much they enjoyed the prayer and how it was read. Rev. Ernie's sermon reminded us that God is with us and will always be there for us---his own life's experiences that were shared proved his point. Thanks for sharing Rev. Ernie on this special Sunday.

Women's Advent Brunch---Nov. 21st---9:30 in the Fellowship Hall---ticket price \$7.00---on sale during Coffee Fellowship beginning November 1st---how did the women feel about what was about to happen, the Innkeeper's wife, Mother of Joseph, the wife of a shepherd, Mary's mother and Mary----a group of creative gals are writing this script---based on Scripture and many hours of research plus a few of their own feelings----Please plan to attend!!!!

I am here for you---the great LAITY of this church. I will be attending a meeting with the Bishop and the other Lay Leaders of the South District on November 14th. She has called this meeting so we can have a Bible study and conversation with each other. I find it one of those awesome, inspirational times to be in a meeting with her. I'll let you know all about it.

Peace to each one of you,
Sue Gemoets

Southern Arizona Emmaus Walks for 2010

Men's Walk - March 4 - 8, 2010
Women's Walk - March 11 - 14, 2010



What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal that begins with a 3-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

Are you interested? Now is the time to apply for one of the weekend's. Please see Shay Lane, Kaye Jay, or Gretchen Lofgren for more information and an application.

Happy Birthday To All Of Our Members
Celebrating Their Birthday From
November 4th - November 21st

Nancy Wheelock
November 4

Ellen Brown
November 6

Virginia Hubbard
November 7

Berta Riley
November 7

Nicholas Hishaw
November 7

Ashley Lancaster
November 8

Kate Cannons
November 8

Joyce Whipp
November 10

Hazel Grizzo
November 10

Alice Washburn
November 11

Harriet Rountree
November 11

Charlotte Crocker
November 12

Margaret Smith
November 12

Kevin Cannon
November 12

Mary Alice Calloway
November 14

Jon Paul Weiser
November 14

Sonja Yago
November 14

Peggy Bartlett
November 14



To all my wonderful, dear friends at Christ Church United Methodist:

I came to this church three years ago wanting to help people and continue my faith journey. Everything I hoped to gain from my position here has come true a hundred fold. This church has some of the kindest, most generous and loving people I have ever had the pleasure to know. I wish to thank Gretchen and the members of Staff Parish who gave me a chance by allowing me to work for this wonderful church. I thank Pastor Fred Baum for his guidance and believing in what I could accomplish. I thank all of those who I have come to know and love over the last few years. I will miss you all and I thank you from my heart for your kindness and fellowship.

Finally, I wish to thank the entire congregation of Christ Church for their generous parting gift. I am truly humbled. I would love to thank you all by name but I know what a job it is as editor of our newsletter to find room for everything. So, I will part with this: Christ Church is an amazing place for worship. There is a level of caring and love that is incomparable. God bless you all and to all those I have grown close to over the years, I will miss you. Ben

A HUGE THANK YOU TO PASTOR FRED AND CHRIST CHURCH

This summer, Pastor Fred helped a dream of daughter Laura's and mine become a reality when he gave his full support to a pilot program involving a recreation group for middle school aged kids with autism. Ad Council approved, and the Earl Miller Special Needs Committee agreed to allow the group to become an outreach ministry under their umbrella. Seven kids and their parents in this pilot group began meeting approximately every two weeks on a Sunday afternoon in Fellowship Hall. At first the kids had trouble believing this was not a "therapy group" of some sort, since that was the only kind of group of which they had ever been a part. And at first, as is often the case when autism is present, the kids really did not interact much with each other except during the creative and entertaining games led by Pastor Fred. Forming and maintaining friendship is a skill generally not present in these kids. By the final meeting of the pilot group, the kids ran into Fellowship Hall and headed for a table to talk among themselves, rather than sticking with their parents—an amazing and welcome change. At the end of the pilot study, the parents voted unanimously to continue these meetings throughout the coming year, and they have stepped forward to provide leadership, resources and snacks for each meeting. Pastor Fred has done a remarkable job in supporting the group and showing the parents, by example, how to go about the process of forming a bunch of kids from all different walks of life into a cohesive group. We want to extend special thanks not only to Pastor Fred, but also to all of those who have lent their support in so many different ways, especially Tom and Karen Messmore, the Earl Miller Special Needs Committee, John and Jane Neve, Judy Obert, Paula Goldberg, Valerie Hammons and the incredible parents of the kids in the group. I've probably forgotten someone, but every bit of encouragement and help has been so appreciated. Once again, Christ Church has lived out our motto of 'People Caring for People' by reaching out to a group in the community who was not being served in this manner by anyone else in Tucson! Thank you is such a small word for something that is bringing such joy into so many lives!

Sharon Stites, Laura Monier and the Sunday Afternoon Rec Group



Christ Church Family,

We give thanks for all your prayers and to God for the healing blessing of Lucas Swinehart.

In Christ Love,
Rose Price and family

To the dear people of Christ Church - many thanks for the good thoughts, cards and prayers. My recent knee surgery is healing quickly.

Thank you,
Opal Shelper

Katy Gage passed away on September 20, 2009. Her family wishes to thank all of you who have so faithfully prayed for her and sent her cards during her recent challenges. We appreciate your kindness and loving thoughts during this period of grief.

Suzanne Cornell

My Dear Church Family,

Thank you ever so much for your prayers, love and support. I truly appreciated all of your calls, cards and good wishes for my hospital visits. Prayers were heard and answered.

I love you, Ardith

Joyful Opportunities

Support for South District Children's Ministry

Hope UMC is finishing the conversion of a truck to be used by any South District UMC for Sidewalk Sunday School Ministry. The CCUM Missions Committee will match all donations up to \$300 until December 15. Make checks to CCUM w/ SSS Truck in the memo area. Or if you can donate any of the items below please call Pastor Jimmy Nelson @ 294-1824 or 225-7016. Billie Fidlin is our conference contact for starting a Sidewalk Ministry Site to make a difference in the lives of Tucson's children. Contact Louise Entwistle or Mark Ellis for more information.

- 2x Sears Floor Cabinet Model 10134 (\$279 ea)
- 1 Viper Alarm for Truck (\$250)
- 1 Sears Workbench Model 10132 (\$220)
- 1 Erasable White Board (\$80)
- 1 Sears Drawer Module Model 10133 (\$200)
- 1 Music Stand (\$30)
- 1 Sears Hooktite Track System (\$125)
- 1 American/1 Christian Flag w/stands (\$250)
- Miscellaneous Supplies (\$500)

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVICE?

The Missions Committee is looking for a few good cooks and servers and even a shopper or two to provide a warm meal to the Primavera Men's Shelter the first and fifth Thursdays of each month. Please consider joining our current team of volunteers. Each volunteer spends 1-2 hours every two or three months performing one of the above activities. Call Mark Ellis @ 609-8960, or leave a message in the Missions mailbox in the church office. Thank you for providing your vote to support this worthwhile mission!



Please include in your personal prayer time, prayers for the laity and Pastors of the following churches:

- St James UMC, Tucson
- St John's UMC, Tucson
- Menlo Park UMC, Tucson
- Neighboring Faith Community: Faith Lutheran Church

We kindly ask for your prayers for the following military personnel and their families:

- Arnold Cuellar and Patrick Stevens in Afghanistan
- Ben Finch - Iraq
- Rev. Brian Osborn - Ft. Huachuca
- All military personnel worldwide

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Matthew Jones
November 15

Ann Kellison
November 15

Joan Graff
November 16

Lavern Arthur
November 17

Michael Mellgren
November 17

Kaye Jay
November 17

Shirley Munyon
November 17



Dear Members of Christ Church,
Debbie Haddock has brought us numerous bags of school supplies (glue sticks, scissors, construction paper, etc.) from you, and we want you to know we are very thankful for your generosity toward us. Thanks for helping us in this way. Becky Glad - Comm. Rep, Duffy (And they can still use our help - Please bring any donated items for Duffy school to our Church office)

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Charlotte Crockers' New Address

4529 Jennings Ave

Wichita Falls, TX 76310

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Please be respectful of our neighbors on the north side of 4th Street by not parking there on Sunday mornings.

Thank You!



This coming Sunday, November 1st is "All Saints Sunday." This is the Sunday we remember our holy dead who have gone home during the past year to be with God. The names of the dead will be read and a candle lit for them at both of our services. Loved ones and friends will be asked to stand as a sign of honor as the names are read.

Holy Communion will also be celebrated as we remember, "We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses." Hebrews 12:1



Duffy Elementary Book Fair is Coming!

5145 E. 5th Street

November 9th - November 13th

7:30 am - 2:30pm

Friday, November 13 5:30 - 8:30pm Family Movie and Book Night

For more info? Contact Becky Glad (Comm Rep for Duffy) 520-232-7000

UMW News

GREAT NEWS! ANOTHER SILENT AUCTION!

The United Methodist Women of Christ Church are having their Annual Ham Dinner, Silent Auction and Elegant Junque Sale on Saturday, March 21 - Fellowship Hall. Are you downsizing? Save those excellent items for our Silent Auction, please. Less valuable, but useable items will be sold in our wonderful Elegant Junque Sale at bargain prices. So please save these items for us until January 2010, when we will gladly accept & store them. The Ham Dinner will be plentiful & delicious as in years past. The Silent Auction valuables will be displayed in Fellowship Hall on the two previous Sunday mornings for the early bidders.

Mission Team Meeting - Wednesday, November 4th at 9:30am in Social Hall.

Unit Team Meeting - Wednesday, November 11th at 10:10am in Social Hall. Program: World Thank Offering, Lunch arranged by Julia Circle.

Helping Hands - Wednesday, November 18th at 9:00am in Social Hall. Naomi & Julia Circles will meet with Helping Hands, continuing a UMW tradition.

Friendship Group

Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 10, in the Social Hall at 12 noon. This is a potluck and hosts for this meeting are those with the last names starting with A thru L. Program will be presented in the Social Hall by our church organist, Janet Tolman. Also bring items for the Food Bank. This will be our Christmas giving for this year, so bring double/triple what you usually bring. All table service & serving utensils are provided. Guests warmly welcomed!

The annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th, in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets (\$6.50) will be on sale soon. Program will be presented by Wendell Fenn - a wonderful pianist.

A great time to bring guests and neighbors for a Holiday treat.



"A friend loves
AT ALL TIMES."
PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

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Our Three Gifts 2009

Our Stewardship Program for 2009 is the THREE GIFTS. Our gifts being: Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold. Myrrh, represents the theme of service. As faithful Stewards we are called to give to God what is His but also to share with others.

The Stewardship Committee has chosen to do at least 40 Thanksgiving bags with the following contents for a Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

MENU/CONTENTS FOR BAG

One or two stuffing packets depending how many in the family

2 Gravy mix packets

5 pound bag of potatoes

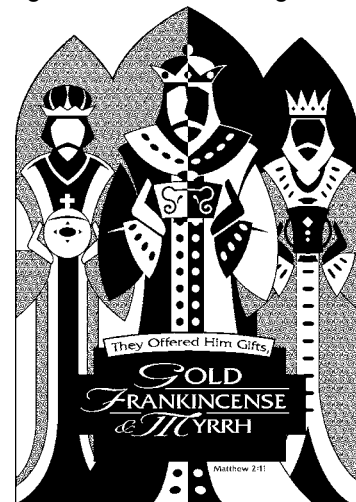
Large can of sweet potatoes

2 - 15/16 oz cans of green beans

2 - 15/16 oz cans of chicken broth

2 - 15/16 oz cans of corn either cream style or whole

2 - 15/16 oz cans of cranberry sauce



There will also be bags for children. We will be asking families with children and youth or anyone else that would like to fill them with the following items: Gum, Crayons, Kool Aid, Jello and a toy. This is your opportunity to support your child in the gift of giving.

The Committee is requesting monetary donations to go toward purchasing \$15.00 Grocery Certificates which will be given to the recipients to purchase their choice of Meat and Dessert.