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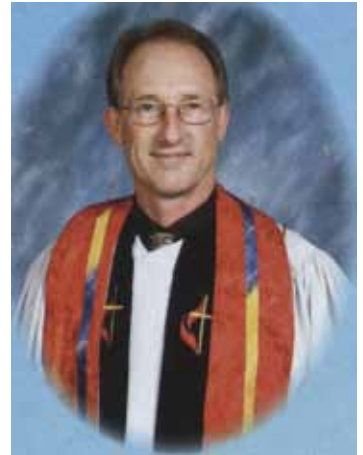
People Caring For People

The Channel

Pastor's Pen

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Deuteronomy 4:9 reads, "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them."



Last Sunday January 30th was family worship day in which we encouraged families to worship together. The Sunday School Classes were canceled for that day and families worshiped together in the Sanctuary. The corporate worship of God is the core activity of the Christian faith. Everything that we do together and for others as a local church has its origin in worship where we speak to God and God speaks to us. That is why it is so vitally important that children and youth gather with their families and the family of God to worship. Every 5th Sunday of the month will be a "Family Worship Day", but my hope and prayer and today, my challenge to you all, is to make every Sunday a family worship day. We have worship at 9am so you can attend there and then bring your children or grandchildren to Sunday School and attend Sunday School yourself. Currently, we have two Adult Sunday School classes at the 10:30am hour and I encourage you to attend the first hour of worship with your family and then go to Sunday School.

The challenge I have lifted up for our Administrative Council is that they join me in praying every day that we as a church "may grow in numbers, spirit and giving." I encourage you to join us in this prayer and live it out through your attendance and participation in worship and Sunday School. I believe that we as Christians should be in worship together unless sick or out of town. And even when out of town we can search out a church to worship at.

Each of you has a gift of the Holy Spirit and it is only when we are all gathered together that all those gifts can work together for the good of the church and the world. (1 Cor. 12) Every Sunday strangers, the lost and the hurting gather at our church looking to be ministered to by someone. You can be that someone. You can be that answer to their deep felt prayer. I pray that you make every effort to be in worship every Sunday for God will bless you by making you a blessing to someone else.

See you in worship!!!

In Christ's love

Pastor Fred

January 24, 2011

Dear Fred and members and friends of Christ Church UM,

A word of sincere gratitude....

Thank you for paying 100% of your 2010 apportionments. Your full payment of apportionments reflects a strong commitment to the ministry and mission of the entire church. It also demonstrates your leadership on helping a congregation be generous. Your gifts help the UMC train leaders around the world, address killer diseases such as malaria, and strengthen efforts to reach people with the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Your efforts are especially appreciated during challenging economic times and demonstrate gratitude for the abundance of God's gifts to us. Desert Southwest Conference churches paid over 88.00% which represents the hard work of all churches, including Christ Church.

May God continue to bless your efforts on behalf of Christ's Kingdom.

Blessings,

Mike Pearson

Please Mark Your Calendars

Love Your Youth "Free" Lunch
February 13th
11:30 AM
(Will also be serving following
the CCUM Sunday concert)

Christ Church
Concert
February 13th, 11:45AM

New Member Lunch
February 13th, 11:45AM

FRONTIER SUNDAY
Lunch
Activities for the family
February 20th
11:30 AM

Church Office Closed
February 21st

All Church Work Day
Feb. 26th - 8:00 AM

CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING
March 5th
Call Church Office for more
information

The next Channel deadline will be
THURSDAY, March 3, 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.

CCUM INTRODUCES EFT Electronic Giving

General Church meeting March 6

Christ Church United Methodist is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

It must be emphasized, this is only an added option available to you. If you do not wish to participate and want to continue donating by check or cash as you do presently, you may continue to do so.

If you choose to participate in our new EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) program you will no longer need to write checks or prepare envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your offerings to continue uninterrupted.

UM EFT works the same as the automatic payment methods used by many families to make mortgage or utility payments—and to receive payroll earnings or social security income. There is absolutely no charge to participating members.

We will have a church-wide presentation of this new program on March 6 in the Fellowship Hall after the second service. We encourage everyone to attend and have any questions answered.



IT'S COMING.....FRONTIER SUNDAY
SUNDAY...FEB. 20, 2011
Starting at 11:30 a.m.

Great food, fun, and entertainment is planned for Sunday, February 20th. Tickets on sale during coffee fellowship starting February 3, 2011.

Price for meal: \$7.00 Adults and Kids (under 8) \$4.00 Horse rides: \$1.00

Meal includes BBQ beef, coleslaw, ranch beans, vegetarian meal (hot dogs for youngsters), and drinks. (Take-outs will be available).

There will be horse rides, music and lots of socializin' planned for ya all.....so put on your Western duds and come join in the fun.....and if you wouldn't mind, bring a dessert to share!!!!!!

Horse rides available following the meal
(Proceeds benefit Family Camp and camperships)

Kids' Club

Saturday, February 12th 1:00-3:00 in Social Hall
(for all kids kindergarten through 5th grade)

February is Children's Dental Health Month

We will meet in the Social Hall Saturday, February 12th at 1:00 for fun and games as we learn about dental health. We are fortunate to have one of our parents, Laila Hishaw, DDS., who has fun activities planned for us. We will also have a Valentine's Day activity as well as snacks :) Julie Gates and Judy Obert are the helpers. Please let me know if you are coming so we will have plenty of supplies for everyone. Thanks, Judy jobertaz@aol.com



CCUM is accepting applications for child care workers. Please contact Marci Hill for more information (327-1116) or stop by the church office to pick up an application.



Junior High Convention - The conference sponsored retreat that will be held March 11-13 at Central UMC for youth in grades 6 - 9. We have two youth, Miranda Bol & Allie Mitchell, who are on the design team for this event.

"Dream On" Girls only retreat Feb 25 - 26. This event is sponsored by the same organization that puts on the Women of Faith. Contact Tonya Jones if you are interested in attending this event for your daughter, grand daughter or niece.

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Parents Sunday School

10 – 14 min Video Series & Discussion Questions by Rob Bell

Facilitated by Joan Jervis & Tonya Jones

Feb 13 "Flame" - "What's up with the word love?"

I love these shoes. Really? The same way I love my wife? What's up with the word "love"? It doesn't have much meaning when we use it so loosely. Maybe we don't really get it. Maybe we don't understand what real love is. What it involves to really love somebody. What it means to give yourself to someone else. We mistake things like friendship, commitment, or lust for love, but God wired us a certain way to experience all that love was really meant to be. Not to hold us back or to make us miss out on the best that life has to offer. God created love, and wants us to feel it all in the way it's meant to be felt.

Feb 20 "Rhythm" - "What does it mean to have a relationship with God?"

What does it mean to have a relationship with God? What does it look like? For a lot of us it's a hard thing to understand. If God is an infinite spirit with no shape or form, how can we possibly relate to that? And what about Jesus? He said he came to give everyone life in its fullest. He came to show us how to live. Maybe it's through trusting Jesus and living the kind of life he taught us to live--a life of truth, love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and sacrifice--that we have a relationship with God. Maybe the way we live every day, every single choice we make, determines how in tune with God we are.

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CHRISTIAN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

This support group is for all who have suffered losses of any kind, are on a grief journey, and need gentle help .

All are invited.

Starting March 2nd - April 27

Every Wednesday 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Room 17

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Member Julie Gates invites you to -

The Lupus Walk --- it will take place on Saturday, April 2nd, at Reid Park.

The registration fee is \$25 and online registration has begun. Please join me if you can! Thanks!

<http://www.lupus-az.org/default.asp>

My team is "Team Gates"

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Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño Receives 2011 Perkins Distinguished Alumna Award

(Perkins)- Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño has been named recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Alumna Award by the Alumni/ae Council of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. The singular award recognizes annually one graduate of Perkins who has demonstrated effectiveness and integrity in service to the church, continuing support and involvement in the goals of Perkins School of Theology and SMU, distinguished service in the wider community, and exemplary character.



Rev. Ernie Fritschle

Just a note to say thank you for your love and fellowship that we enjoyed so much in Tucson. We miss you all so much and are so grateful for the five years we were with you.

May God bless you all.

Sincerely in Jesus,

Ernie.



Notes from Your Lay Leader

I have to admit sometimes when it is time to write my article I wonder if a thought, antidote or wise saying will come to me---mind you---the Great Spirit always provides--I cannot argue that point!!!! As I finished telling a friend about a children's book I had just read titled, If Jesus Came to Visit Me, I said, "well, I better get home and do my Channel article---I sure hope some great thought comes to me." She immediately said, use the theme based on the book you just told me about. I just wrote the Great Spirit does provide---we need to listen!!!! Let's think this through---what would you do if you knew Jesus was going to come and visit you? As I reflect on my own question, I'm not coming up with an answer---well, is our house clean enough, is the bathroom clean, after all, if He has been on a journey He'd probably need to use it, (typical woman thing) is there enough food in the larder, which leads to, what would I feed Him, He taught us to take good care of our bodies, with that thought He probably wouldn't do fast foods---I'm prepare the meal---what would He drink, water, iced tea, wine??? Oh, my, I think I have a headache in the making!! Let's share our thoughts on this one---please think about my question--what would you do if Jesus came to visit you? I am asking you to email me, call or tell me when you see me your answer. I will print some of the answers in my next article. P.S. Ted has already given me his answer!!! Give me yours asap!!!

I'd like to invite you to a Lenten study group. Ruth Crary and I will be facilitating a study group using the book, Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus. The group will meet for six weeks beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. We will meet in the Social Hall from 12 noon until 1:30, feel free to bring your lunch, I'll have my lunchbox! Each chapter explores one of the pathways Jesus used as he prayed. The pathways are solitude, by the roadside, on the mountain side, in the Upper Room, at the garden and upon the cross. The book is an "easy read", good format and easy to understand. It offers great opportunities for discussion, thought and reflection. For more information please call Ruth or Sue. We hope you will join us, it will be enlightening and there will be some fun too!!!!
P.S. Books will need to be ordered by March 1st. The cost of the book is \$10.50. Books will be provided for everyone, please do not let cost be a factor---we want YOU!!!

A reminder, our Prayer Shawl Ministry is strong!!! Please let a Stephen Minister, Pastor Fred or me know if there is someone you know who could use a shawl or quilt. To all knitters and people who crochet keep those shawls coming---thanks for your support of this ministry. The prayer shawls and prayer quilts have touched many people.

As always, continue to pray for our church, staff and every member of this faith community, both young and old and everywhere in between. With Divine guidance we can do anything. Now back to the question--just what would you do if Jesus came to visit YOU? Answers please.

Peace to each one of you,
Sue:) Gemoets



February/March Birthdays

February 17
Deanna Smith

February 18
**Sandy Robbins
Doris Wright
Esther Tayior**

February 19
**Robert Kelch
Delores Flanders**

February 20
Mary Ellis

February 22
**Betty Klein
Austin Hallum**

February 23
**Barbara Barkenbush
Julia Gates
Karla Lehmann
Charlene Hallgren**

February 24
**Kevin Baum
Mark Corsby
Charles Tutty**

February 25
**Sally West
Gwyn Dickson
Joy Andersen**

February 27
**Wes Lofgren
John McCoy**

February 28
Hailey Waugaman

February 29
Janet Abel

March 1
**Maddeline Adams
Davis Benham
Michael Fisher
Aaron Herring
Beth Hunter
Carol Anne McDougal**

The registration deadlines for both presentations of "Tending the Soul: Discovering and Sharing Our God Stories," have been extended as follows:

- for February 12, 2011 in Henderson, Nevada at Green Valley UMC, submit registrations by 2/8/2011
- for February 26, 2011 in Casa Grande, Arizona at the UMC of Casa Grande, submit by 2/22/2011

Information about the events, including a brochure and online registration links, is found at <http://desertsouthwestconference.org/tendingthesoul>



No words can tell you how much I appreciate the Prayer Shawl you sent to me, plus in my favorite colors, too. The cards, calls and prayers has helped me over this last hump. Knowing our church cares for all people brings a comfort to all. Thank you for caring.
Vermont Follet



Thanks to all of you who loyally support the Preschool through contributions to both the Preschool Scholarship Fund and now more recently, to the brand new Preschool Library Fund.

We are currently welcoming so many children whose families are in particular need with this uncertain economy. They need scholarship help just to remain in our program.

At the same time we have opened our new Preschool Library to enrich our already fine Preschool curriculum. We hope you will consider supporting these two needs by writing Preschool Scholarship Fund or Preschool Library Fund in the memo space when you write checks to support Church programs. Another idea - Bookmans has a great children's section and we can "purchase" books there with any trade slips you might be able to contribute.

You can leave these slips in the Preschool box in the Office. Many thanks in advance.



To all of our Christ Church family (our angels), thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards, food, and other acts of kindness since my most recent knee surgery. You are so loved and appreciated, and you certainly live out your faith in good deeds. Blessings on each of you! Sharon Stites



I appreciate the bulletin each week and the Walking on the Word --- Thanks, Elma



IMAGINE BEING DEPLOYED

Many of our Preschool children are from military families and you can imagine the sadness when one of their parents is deployed. Preschool Council would like to extend some caring hands to these families and we hope you will join with us.

Our project at this point is not defined. Suggestions have included a care package sent overseas with "specials" including food, pictures of their child playing at Preschool, magazines or books, CD's. For those left behind maybe occasional cards saying "we're thinking of you", a cake for Valentine's Day, meeting them at the park for a playdate. We ask for your suggestions and hope you will join us in this project. This can be a simple outreach from our Church saying we care. Please call Janet Waugaman, 790-9698 and tell her you or your committee or your group of friends or neighbors would like to make this connection with a family serving our country. In a wonderful way it will say "thank-you" to these families who are part of our community



**Sunday
February 13th
11:45AM**

Then join the Youth in Fellowship Hall for the "Love Your Youth "Free" Luncheon"



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, February 26th

Pancake Breakfast
8:00AM

**Come share you talents!
Contact Bill Rutherford for
more info.**



We wish to warmly welcome Penny Myers, as our Director for our 4:00 PM Saturday Chapel Services.



WALK TO EMMAUS - 2011

Do you want to experience a transforming experience of Christian Community? A 3-day experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation? Then the Walk to Emmaus may be just what you need. It is not to late to apply for the 2011 Walks. If interested, see Shay Lane, Kaye Jay or Gretchen Lofgren for more information and an application.

Men's Walk: March 24-27
Women's Walk: March 31-April 3

Grief Support Group Begins March 2 at CCUM

Grief is the perfect word to describe a normal response to any major loss that we have or may be anticipating. The loss is often death but can also be divorce, loss of a job, a pet, a broken relationship, an illness, a financial loss, or a major move. Caregivers for the terminally ill are also experiencing grief. Everyone in such a situation who decides to work through the losses takes a positive step in the process of grieving. People often ask, "How long does it take to finish grieving after a major loss?" The answer is that it takes as long as it takes. We know that sharing our grief journey with others who have had losses is a very positive and helpful way to find healing. Experienced researchers say that although we never get over the loss we get through it and go on to live meaningful lives.

If you have suffered a loss either recently, or even a while ago, and you are still experiencing the hurt, you are invited to attend the support group that will be meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 in Room 17. Robert and Wanda Stauffacher are the facilitators and invite men and women who are CCUM members as well as the community to come and share their experiences. The group is sponsored by the Stephen Ministry.



Name: Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus
Dates: Starting Ash Wednesday, March 9th through Wednesday April 13
Time: 12:00 to 1:30 Brown bag lunch welcome
Location: Social Hall
Facilitators: Ruth Crary and Sue Gemoets, call to reserve a spot

Update on Sound system

Most of the hard to get equipment has been ordered for the new sound system. We are still getting bids for the building of the sound booth and Family Room area. We are trying to get the best deal that we can on the construction so that better equipment can be purchased. We really do want to get the biggest bang for the buck. We hope to begin installing around the 1st of March if some of the more difficult pieces get here.

We are and will be looking for volunteers to possibly help with some of the work building the sound booth and family room. We also will need help running cables and later running the system for various services. There will be audio, recording, video, computers, and someday, lighting.

Dave Templin

Video Sermons are now on line!
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March 3
Don Finch
Charlie Washburn

March 4
James Britt
Irene Moore

March 7
Carol Carithers
Doris Russell

March 8
Lucines Pyne
Acel Scott

March 9
Karen Sparks
Salvador Romero

March 11
Mark Brunenkant
Ki Moore
Linda Weems

March 12
James Force
Georg Hishaw

March 14
Owen Blacutt
Rod Sackett

March 15
Jacob Blacutt
Joan Inch

March 16
Christian Remington

If your birthday is not listed,
we did not mean to leave
you out! We just don't have
your birthday on file.
Please call the office so we can
update our records. Thank you.



HEARYE HEARYE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ARE PLANNING THEIR SILENT AUCTION (need items by Mar 1.) A great time to clear out excess items others may want & can use. SPRING CLEANING.

Elegante Junque Sale & Famous Ham Dinner for Mar 20 @ 11:30 a.m. tickets will be on sale every Sun in March. No clothing but almost everything else. If you need something picked up, please call Doris Russell 721 4411 & will make a time to fetch your items.

Our Feb 9 meeting at Social Hall will be 10 a.m. meeting, slides from Israel by Waugamans in the theater & lunch to follow with a donation of \$3. please.

Circle meetings for Feb 23 is 9:30 a.m. for both. Julia Circle is meeting at Opal Agetons. Naomi Circle is meeting at Dot Waugamans

March 4 @ 10 a.m. we will be setting up for the first Sun to have the Silent Auctions items put out for church coffee hour on March 6. Please put on your calendar to come help!! Sign up!!

March 9 our regular Monthly meeting will be @ 10 a.m. in Social Hall. Pima Prevention Partnership Speakers will be Teen Peer Mentors encouraging girls to not be pressured into things they do not wish to do. Very interesting concepts. Usual meeting, program & lunch provided by Julia Circle with \$3. donation please. If you need a ride to any event, please call Doris Russell for arrangement to be picked up & returned.

March 23 circle meetings, 9:30 a.m. Julia to meet at Betty Klein's & Naomi @ Pat Walkers.

March 12 & 19 we will be setting up for Silent auction @ 1 p.m. Each Sun, in March, this display has to be put away in the cave so please sign up @ the meeting to help @ 10:30. sign up sheets will be available. Let us know you are coming so we can be done quickly!

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Everyone eats breakfast! Make it a fun time by joining us for great food and conversation on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. We will gather at Mimi's (SW corner of Broadway & Wilmot). Make reservations with Acel (326-5064) by Feb. 20. Bring your appetite!

Coming up on March 8 is our monthly potluck in the Social Hall at 12 noon. Do not bring dessert as it will be furnished for this meeting. Program will be a travelogue of Italy by Dot & Paul Waugaman. Their presentation is always outstanding and their photography is marvelous. Also, remember to bring items for the Food Bank. Since we love to eat (!) we'll gather on Tuesday, March 29 at 11 a.m. for lunch at Jerry Bob's (7699 E. Speedway). Please call Acel for reservations by March 25.

Looking ahead to April, if you loved John Denver, you'll want to join us on the 12th. Dave Baird (church member) was his instructor and will give us information about him as a person (not personality).



Come join us on Sunday, Feb. 27th

Introducing **CARD GAMES!**
We will have card tables and decks of cards
setup for you and your friends.
Families can enjoy a Disney movie in our Holy
Word Theater.
Mark your calendar **NOW!**

HELPING HANDS

Meeting times for 2011

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21

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February 13th

Love Your Youth Annual FREE Luncheon

Come enjoy appetizers, gourmet lunch, and dessert while hearing about the mission opportunities the youth have for 2011.

RSVP in the office 327-1116 or to Tonya Jones ccumyf9@yahoo.com
Everyone is welcome with or without a reservation. :)

CHRIST CHURCH CONCERT

11:45am - 12:15pm - Sanctuary

Membership Lunch 11:45 am

Want to know more about becoming a member of Christ Church?

Plan on joining us! We'll have lunch together and will be available to answer any questions!