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# The Channel

## Pastor's Pen

This week the Christian Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. There are 40 days in the season of Lent plus 6 Sundays. We speak of the 40 days of Lent and do not count the Sundays because each Sunday is a celebration, a "Little Easter".

The season of Lent is a season of self-reflection, repentance and cleansing of our hearts and lives in preparation for the celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. So the tradition of Lent has been to give up something to remind us of Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness, or add something to deepen our relationship with Christ.

Well during the season of Lent this year I am going to make some suggestions to help your spiritual life and the spiritual life of the church.

First, I am asking that you pray every single day that Christ Church United Methodist might grow in spirit, numbers and giving.

Second, I invite you to become the answer to your own prayer by being present in worship, contributing something extra to the ministry of the church and inviting someone to worship with you or study or serve with you in one of the ministries of the church. Through this you will grow in your spiritual life and the church will thrive! You will be blessed as you seek to be a blessing to others.

Now on the theme of self reflection I include parts of an article from the council of Bishops for a time and place to reflect on United Methodism as a whole here in America.

The following letter was sent to Desert Southwest Conference Leadership by Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño on February 28.

"Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus!

Have you heard of our United Methodist Call to Action? We need for every clergy person and every lay leader to know about this. Led by the Council of Bishops and our denomination's Connectional Table, a deep, thoughtful and intentional conversation has been conducted over the last few years. The focus of our conversation has been the numerical and what some of us have experienced as the spiritual decline of United Methodism in the U.S. We are ready to share what we have learned through this conversation and effort.

On behalf of our Council of Bishops and Connectional Table I want to invite you to participate in a United Methodist Leadership Summit on April 6, 2011. The conversation of this critical summit will address the adaptive challenges our church is facing in the U.S. and the changes we will need to make in order to faithfully serve Christ in this new day and age.

In order to reach as many United Methodist leaders as possible, this Leadership Summit will be held as a three-hour webcast conversation on April 6, 2011, from 9:00 am – Noon. On this webcast our Council of Bishops will share how we are striving to help the church clarify and affirm God's own leading of our life together and our work. We do believe that the vision, values and culture of The United Methodist Church continue to align with God's own holy purpose for us, but we need to regroup and regroup ourselves for faithfulness and fruitfulness. Our Council of Bishops will share how we are blending the findings and constructive work of multiple groups involved in strategic review and planning in behalf of the mission of The UMC. We will also invite all United Methodists to take part in shaping and leading a comprehensive plan of action for The United Methodist Church. We need to turn the tide of decline in our U.S. churches if we are to be the church of Jesus Christ.

In Tucson the site for the broadcast will be St. Francis UMC. If you desire to be involved in the Summit, but are unable to go to a site, then go to the web address <http://umcleadershipsummit.org> on April 6. Through this website you will be able to view the webcast from your home, office or mobile phone."

I pray that all of us take the opportunity that the season of Lent provides to grow in our faith.

See you in worship!

Pastor Fred



## Please Mark Your Calendars

Christ Church Concert  
March 13th - 11:45AM  
Paul Grigsby and  
Tom Messmore presenting  
"GOOD OLE GOSPEL GREATS"

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UMW SILENT AUCTION  
ELEGANT JUNQUE SALE –  
MARCH 20th

Check us out in Fellowship Hall on  
Sunday Mornings.  
Tickets also on Sale for Ham Dinner

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**Church Work Day**  
**Saturday, March 26th**  
**8:00 AM**  
**Everyone is welcome!**

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**Sunday Funday**  
**March 27th, 11:45 AM**  
**All Church Potluck**  
**"Kites"**

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CCUM presents  
STARRY, STARRY NIGHT  
w/ Larry Beher,  
Christian Astronomer.  
April 8th  
6:00 PM  
Free Spaghetti Dinner  
Open to the Community

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**FREE CLOTHING BOUTIQUE**  
**APRIL 9th**  
**9AM**  
**(Donations accepted)**  
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The next *Channel* deadline will be  
**THURSDAY, April 7, at 12:00 p.m.**

Please e-mail your articles to:

[Valerie@christchurchumtucson.org](mailto: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.



Christ Church United Methodist  
presents



# Starry, Starry Night

With Larry Behers, Christian Astronomer



Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00

Presentation at Dark!



## FRIDAY, APRIL 8th

Larry will set up several telescopes and present on the Bible,  
stars, the moon and the wonders of God's sky



This is a FREE event.

Please reserve your space by April 3rd:  
327-1116 or [info@christchurchumtucson.org](mailto:info@christchurchumtucson.org)



Youth 2011 & Youth Mission Trip Fund raising. We are excited to report that thanks to your generous support we were able to raise over \$4000 so far ....

Junior High Convention (JHC) is a yearly junior high retreat sponsored by the conference for all UMC students from around our conference. Not only are we attending but I am excited to announce that both Miranda Elliot and Allie Mitchell served on the design team for this event. Way to go GIRLS!!!!

March 20 - South District Youth Sports Tournament. We will compete in Basketball (gender and age categories), Volleyball (age cat.), and Pool. Plus there will be food, hanging out, video games, meeting new friends and connecting with old. ALL youth are welcome to attend and friends are really encouraged.

### **Parents Sunday School Fellowship**

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

Facilitated by Joan Jervis & Tonya Jones

Come join us. Sunday mornings 10:30 AM in room 17

**Magazines, Used Books, Leftovers, Material, Laptops....  
What do these things have in common?????  
These are just a few things CCUM can use.**

- Bring your used magazines and books to Fellowship Hall and we will recycle them down at Primavera.
- We have containers for soups and casseroles. Stop by the office and ask Bettylee for one to take home and fill up with your favorite food. We will freeze and use for family who have members that are in the hospital or need a little extra help. This ministry has been a wonderful help to many families already!
- Night in Bethlehem needs materials for decorating our booths. Material, vases....
- We are also looking for laptops in good condition to be used in various ministries. Please call the Church Office if you would like to donate. Thank you!

#### 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

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"

Older Adult Ministries will begin offering blood pressure checks the third Sunday of the month in Fellowship Hall between services. So put March 20 on your calendar and come see what reading you have for your BP.



Come join us on Sunday, March 27th  
Bring a side or a dessert!

"KITES"  
(for all ages!!!!)

Older Adult Ministries will sponsor the movie  
"Singin' in the Rain" in our Holy Word Theater.  
Hope you can join us!

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Last month I challenged you with the question, "what would you do if Jesus came to your door?" My thanks to those who responded to the challenge. This month I am going to write JoAnn Berry's story. Her story begins. "Knock at the door. Open door, (OMG) there stood Jesus. 'Please come in', I said in a soft voice. I switched off the TV and I lead HIM into the kitchen (that's where all my friends go). 'Would you like something to drink?' ( Why didn't I have some wine?) 'I have so many things to tell you', (wait HE already knows those things). 'You know that I love you', (yes, I know that HE knows that also, but still likes to hear it, like we all do). I suddenly became speechless for what seemed like an eternity (no pun intended). Saying again in a soft voice, 'I'd like to thank you for all the blessings that you keep giving me, and been there for me when I needed you, but most of all, thank you for being YOU'. As he was leaving, he smiled at the picture on my wall. A large picture of HIM knocking at a door without a door knob. HE knew that I knew the meaning of the picture.

This is what the scripture says, Revelation 3:20-22 (KJV), 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in him, and will sup with him, and he with me'.

JoAnn finishes her story on this note: This is what my Grandmom said as she gave me this picture. 'The door is your heart. He can't come in because there is no door knob. You have to let him into your heart.' We all know that we believe in what our Grandmom says!!! My thanks to JoAnn for sharing this story.

By the time most of you receive this Channel, the season of Lent will have begun. Ash Wednesday will be over and we will be moving through the season. I am facilitating a Lenten Book Study with Ruth Crary. The author of the book we are discussing encourages us to "take up something" during the season. Tradition has it that a person is suppose to give up something. Everyday we are given a new twist on something, aren't we? Join me in "taking up something" this season.

The United Methodist Women are holding their annual Elegant Junk Sale and Ham Dinner on Sunday, March 20th. Please find time to look over the treasures and enjoy the meal. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

It's time to start cleaning out your closets for the Clothing Boutique. Please look in this Channel for drop off times that the storage unit will be open. The Boutique is Saturday, April 9th from 9 a.m. to noon. All items are given free of charge to shoppers. This is a gift from all of us to people in our community. The thought just occurred to me--maybe this is something you could take up--collect clothing from your neighbors---it will be of benefit to someone---oh, and you too!!!!

Whatever you have chosen to do, take something up or give something up, please continue to hold this church in your prayers, all our members and staff. We are doing great work, let's keep it up, our community depends on us!!!

Peace to each one of you,  
Sue:) Gemoets



March/April Birthdays

- Mike Beauchene 3/17
- Elizabeth Burns 3/17
- Alan Syers 3/17
- Mark Jones 3/18
- Ted Gemoets 3/19
- Shannon Syers 3/19
- Randy Hallum 3/20
- April Heap 3/20
- Christy McCoy 3/22
- Joan Swenson-Hitz 3/22
- Matthew Yago 3/22
- Mabel Lloyd 3/23
- Erika Eader 3/25
- Janice Livermon 3/25
- Bill Mitchell 3/25
- Robert Stauffacher 3/25
- George Ridge 3/26
- Leslie Hunter 3/27
- Gabriel Rojo 3/27
- Alex Washburn 3/27
- Marianne Whitley 3/27
- Bill Coons 3/28
- CJ Wheelock 3/28
- George Ravonu 3/29
- Deanna Van Horn 3/31
- Bonnie Warren 3/31
- Bernice Edwards 4/1
- Jovan Miller 4/1
- Jay Waln 4/2
- Betty Clapp 4/3
- Joann Jenkins 4/3
- Claudia Tate 4/3
- Jessica Livermon 4/4
- Brianna Herring 4/5
- Mahulda "Penny" Pendleton 4/5
- Gary Scholten 4/5
- Jessica Woodall 4/5
- Naomi Ellsworth 4/6
- Kathy Ferguson 4/6
- Sam Scalzo 4/6
- Lowell Fowble 4/7
- Evelyn Stevenson 4/7
- Ardith Powell 4/9
- Jennifer Wortman 4/9
- Tiffany Eader 4/10
- Laurel Fisher 4/10
- Alan Wilson 4/10
- Bernice Lenz 4/11
- Makayla Perez 4/11
- Lynda Turrentine 4/12
- Jim Lancaster 4/14
- Charles Brown 4/15



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 tithes electronically!!!

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I would like to thank you for the calls, cards and most of all your prayers, (They are what keep me going) during my latest hospital stay. Thank you Pastor Fred for your visits. Sam and I appreciated all of your congratulations, cards and prayers for our 55th Anniversary on February 10. It's amazing how fast time passes when you are happy and having fun.  
 Betty Clapp

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to my many wonderful friends who showered me with cards and a show of love and caring on my recent birthday (one of the big ones - 4 score no less). You are the greatest!  
 Blessings to you all. Love, Delores Flanders

The CCUM Office Staff would like to thank Hal Lofgren for keeping our computers working!!!!!!!

Lucie Olwine has been in charge of the Prayer Wheel since 1997. She has given up this wonderful ministry as she and Jack will be moving to Prescott to be closer to family. There are four spokes plus the knee mail spoke in the Prayer Wheel. Lucie you have done a great job and we thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to God's work. You will be sorely missed.

Thanks so much to Pastor Fred, Georgia Carmichael, Kay Jaye, and other Church friends who visited me during my hospitalization. My thanks also for the many cards, good wishes and prayers from my wonderful Church family. Maxine Hale

The Project Hospitality Committee would like to THANK all the people who helped during the 2 weeks in January and February of sheltering and feeding our homeless guests in Fellowship Hall. CCUM joined with the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless in 1991 and has continued without interruption in this community outreach program for 21 years. This year there were over 76 volunteers who participate in P.H. as van drivers, overnight hosts, cooks and persons who donated food items, toiletries and money plus many others who donated clothing. In 2012, if we are given both men and women like we had this year, we will need to collect women's clothing, too. There were 10 of the "known volunteers" who were first timers in our P.H.! Our guests expressed their appreciation for our hospitality and as one guest said, "CCUM is one of the top places known for serving the best food." Thank you, on and all for another successful year of P.H.



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

Paul Grigsby  
 and Tom Messmore



**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY**

Saturday, March 26th - 8:00 AM  
 Pancake Breakfast

**Come help us take care of  
 our Church!  
 Contact Bill Rutherford for  
 more info.**

**BASKETBALL COURTS**

A reminder to please not park on our basketball courts during evening meetings and classes. This allows our neighbors to use our courts every evening.

Thank you!

**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 too 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

## **HAPPY 13TH ANNIVERSARY CCUM FOOD BANK March, 1998 to March, 2011**

*Thirteen years ago, from a little room with a phone, a table, two chairs & one beautiful handcrafted food cabinet, we called in our orders to the Community Food Bank, which served as the central office, thru which all orders were placed & monitored to prevent a client from being able to go to another agency. One driver picked up the boxes, along with bread, produce (& eggs) and handed it all out from the back of his vehicle in the parking lot. In 1998, we served 3,851 people. Soon thereafter, due to a tightening of the budget, all orders had to be faxed & each agency was responsible for monitoring their own clients thru card files. Due to a yearly contract with the Southern Arizona Diaper Bank, we began giving out a 3 day supply of diapers to help fulfill an emergency need. We started giving out bus passes to help clients who were walking or riding a bike get their food boxes home. We acquired another food cabinet to store the groceries donated by our congregation on Food Bank Sunday in order to help feed the people who had already received their one box but had no food or money.*

*Due to repercussions from 9/11, the CFB had to cut back on personnel and revamped their whole system. In 2003, we had to start warehousing our own boxes, bread & produce. A mobile shelving unit on wheels was built by one of our congregation to hold the boxes (or bags) for 1-2 people. A wood palette was built to hold the larger boxes & keep them off the floor. Another driver was needed to go down for the bread & produce. The PreSchool donated cubbies to hold our daily supply & another member of our congregation donated our freezer to keep our bread fresh & store our holiday hams. In November, 2005 we began using commodities. We were then under USDA guidelines.*

*In June, 2006, networking to the Food Bank was completed & we were able to access CFB's website on our own computer. No one can obtain a food box from one agency without all agencies knowing about it. 3 registrars were then needed each day instead of 2. In 2008, our ramada was completed to protect our clients from the elements & two park benches were installed.*

*In 2010, we gave out 6,206 boxes & served 19, 648 people. And we have served 192,290 people since opening our doors in 1998. Most of our clients are (& were then) the working poor with minimum pay jobs.*

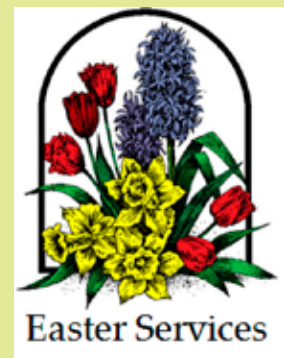
*Many are elderly & on Social Security. 13 years ago, we had very few elderly. We served families living in zip codes 85711 & 85712 in the beginning. We now serve them all. Clients are now being issued a member ID card, which is then scanned & automatically brings up their record. We give out one box per month per household.*

*Because of all of you who believe in putting the Lord's Word into action by feeding the hungry, and with His blessing, this ministry should continue for many years to come. If anyone is interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Peggy Pfordte at 885-3955.*

*Peggy Pfordte, Director*



Doris Brown  
Robert Leath  
JoAnn Berry  
Tama White  
Bill Littlejohn  
Christopher Post  
Kallie Post  
Laura Monier  
Debbie Scarborough  
Terry Paul-Smith



**Maundy Thursday (April 21st)**  
Communion Service  
7:00 PM

**Good Friday (April 22nd)**  
7:00 PM

**Easter Sunday (April 24th)**  
Sunrise Service with the Youth  
6:30 AM  
Breakfast  
7:15 AM  
Contemporary Service  
9:00 AM  
Traditional Service  
Sunday School  
Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 AM



**UMW Ham Dinner MARCH 20th, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

Adults \$7, Children \$5 (donations accepted)

SILENT AUCTION closes @ 12:45.

Elegante Junque Sale 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Get your tickets during Coffee Fellowship or call Doris Russell @360-4821. Take out will be available.

UMW meeting - March 9th - 10:00 AM BRING BATH & BEAUTY ITEMS FOR TMM. Lunch @ 11:30 by Julia Circle.

Julia circle - March 23rd - 9:30 AM. Rosalee Murray's. Naomi @ Pat Walker's (meet @ Church at 9:00 AM to car pool to her house).

April 13th - Unit Meeting 10:00 AM, Lunch 11:30 AM

April 27th - Joint Circle Meeting. Be at Church @ 10:00 AM to carpool to Catalina, AZ for a tour of Wycliff. Lunch will follow.

May 11th - Unit Meeting 10:00 AM, Lunch @ 11:30 AM

May 25th - Joint Meeting @ Church at 9:30 AM. Tour Food Bank, lunch following.

If you need a ride to any meetings, please call Doris Russell @ 360-4821 for arrangements.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

There will be an eat-out at Jerry Bob's on Tuesday, March 29. Join us at 11 a.m. for delicious, inexpensive food and great company! The address is 7699 E. Speedway on the north side of the street. Call Acel (326-5064) for reservations by 25 March.

On Tuesday, April 12 we will have our monthly potluck meeting in the Social Hall. Please bring items for the Food Bank. Dave Baird, retired U.S. Air Force, will bring us a program about John Denver and his flying.

Coming up on April 30 we will eat out at the Buffalo Bistro inside the Copper Country Antique Mall at the corner of Speedway & Rosemont.

All are welcome to join in the Friendship Group activities! We always have a great time.

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**! SAVE THE DATE !**

Just imagine - 50 years ago some very energetic CCUM'ers decided we needed a Preschool and today it continues its good work according to their vision. Join us April 10th at both services as we celebrate our founders and all that the Preschool contributes to our community today. We hope to see all of you for the big celebration on April 10th

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**An Invitation to YOU**

The Preschool Council invites you attend a Chapel Time. The children meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 or 12:00 in Room 13. During this time, the children hear a story, sing songs, learn poems, do fingerplays, all based on age appropriate themes. Many of the lessons are based on fruits of the spirit, so easily adapted for the preschooler's stage of development and understanding. We have spent some time on prayer. One of our favorite times together was based on the breath prayer, they are good at breath prayers!!!! This is a perfect time to bring your child, your grandchild or yourself (you do not have to have a child with you) our session lasts about 20 minutes. The faith journey of a child is a wonderful process to watch. Please come and see this faith journey in action.

**HELPING HANDS**

Meeting times for 2011

- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 21

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**FREE**

**Clothing Boutique**



Spring is around the corner. As you look through clothing that no longer fits, you never wear, you never liked :) please think of donating them to CCUM'S Free Clothing Boutique. We are accepting clean, gently used items from infants through adults. (Also shoes, belts, scarves, hats, jewelry.) Baby items (strollers, cribs, car seats, etc.) are

especially needed as well as children's books, games, toys in good shape. Sheets, comforters, and towels go quickly also. Our shoppers are so very appreciative of this help in these difficult financial times. Please invite your friends and neighbors to participate. Items are free to all.

**Storage Unit drop off times beginning March 20th**

**Sundays 8:30-9:00 10:00-10:30 Mar. 20, Mar 27 and April 3rd**

**Thursdays 10:45-12:45 Mar. 24th and Mar 31st**

**If you can not make these times you may leave items**

**in Resource Room in office AFTER Mar. 20**

**If you would like to volunteer with set up April 7th and 8th or work April 9th  
please contact Betty Clapp church office 327-1116 or Judy @ jobertaz@aol.com**