

Pastor's Pen

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Church,

In response to the clear teachings of this past summer's Annual Conference the Administrative Council at its September Meeting voted to follow this teaching in terms of opening up the giving records to the pastors. This follows a unanimous vote by the Finance Committee recommending to do so. Part of the teaching was for the pastors to tithe from their income. My wife and I have tithed our income since we were married. Over the last several years we have given between \$9,000 and \$11,000 per year to the church and church related causes. Our giving goes up and down with our income.

The following is a letter from our Bishop explaining part of the reason for this change. Deeper insight can be had from reading the book "Not Your Parents Offering Plate" by Dr. Clif Christopher. I will be available for questions and if you want a detailed explanation of this I have copies of the book in my office to lend.

In Christ's Love ---- Pastor Fred



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This is an open letter to the clergy and lay people of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Giving - Should pastors know what members give?

This past 2010 annual session of the Desert Southwest Conference we had a full day of learning. Under the leadership of expert consultant, Dr. Clif Christopher, we tackled the issue of money. How do we raise the funds necessary to do what God is calling us to do? How do we make good decisions about the use of the resources God blesses us with? How do we trust God on issues of money in the knowledge that all we have belongs to God? These were the kind of questions we addressed on that very fruitful day.

One of the words of wisdom that we received from Dr. Christopher was that pastors should know what their church members are giving. Giving is a spiritual matter, he reminded us, and how can pastors encourage the spiritual growth of church members if their giving is hidden from them. Giving can also help a pastor be aware of struggles that church members may be having. Sometimes church members quit giving to the church because they have lost their job or suffered a pay cut. Sometimes they hold back their giving because something has happened that they disagree with or that they are concerned about. A pastor needs to know these things if he or she is to be able to effectively lead God's people in the making of disciples for the transformation of the world. Certainly there are other ways that a pastor can learn these things, but giving is a key way.

It was interesting to listen to the push back when Dr. Christopher encouraged pastors to be attentive to the giving of church members and lay persons responsible for the financial reporting in the church to be ready to disclose full financial giving information to pastors every week. Some expressed the concern that if pastors knew what church members gave they would be prejudiced toward giving more attention to those who gave more, and think more highly of them. The underlying assumption was that lay people could better handle this information. I disagree and have much higher expectations of both clergy and lay persons. I expect clergy and lay leaders to be persons of spiritual maturity. If either acts in the way feared, then we have a bigger concern that would need to be addressed in the supervision of the clergy and in the lay leadership nomination process of the local church.

As you can tell, I agree with Dr. Christopher. Throughout my ministry I have practiced what he recommends. Knowing what church members give has enabled me to more faithfully serve as a spiritual leader. In addition to believing that pastors need to know what their church members give, I also believe that a church should have the assurance that their pastor is nothing less than a tither, giving no less than the 10% of one's income that scripture calls us to give. The transparency needs to go both ways for we are all in need of daily growing in our commitment to Christ Jesus and the work of his church.

Your Sister in Christ,

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

Please Mark Your Calendars

WALKING ON THE WORD
Now available in Church
office or in Narthex

Halloween/Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct 30th
5:00 - 7:00PM

WE NEED CUPCAKES & CANDY
COME JOIN US FOR A FUN
FILLED EVENING.

SUNDAY FUNDAY
Oct. 31st - 11:45AM

Annual Report Deadline October 31st

FREE
CLOTHING BOUTIQUE
NOVEMBER 13th
9:00AM - Noon

Hanging of the Greens
Lunch and Fellowship
Sunday, Nov 21st
11:30AM

Annual Church Conference
Tuesday, Nov 23rd
7:00 PM

ORGAN
30th ANNIVERSARY
CONCERT
NOV. 28th - 3:30 PM

The next *Channel* deadline will be
THURSDAY, November 4th 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.

Christ Church Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 30th 5:00PM - 7:00PM

- Games
- Prizes
 - Candy
 - Kids' Train
 - Jumping Castle



Tickets for Games and Food
are only 25 cents each.



Preschool Chapel Time

You're invited to Preschool Chapel
Time at Christ Church
1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each
month

November 2nd
11:30 - 12:00

We meet in Room 9

Children must be accompanied by
adults



ARE YOU A PARENT? DO YOUR CHILDREN & YOUTH ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS?

Parents' Fellowship during second service: 10:30 Sunday Group class on: "How to answer the sticky questions kids ask?" - The group will determine the questions we will cover. The group will be lead by Tonya Jones & Joan Jervis. The group will run until Christmas.

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CIRQUE DU SOLEIL - ALEGRIA @ Tucson Arena

Sunday, Nov. 28th, 5:00PM

Ticket order deadline - Nov. 14th

Contact Tonya Jones ccumyf9@yahoo.com for more information



Bring the Entire Family!

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Youth Group Fall Retreat - Acquire the Fire (ATF) Dec 3 -5 "Collision - Mend the Broken" www.acquirethefire.com Contact Tonya if you would like more information \$60 Working scholarships are available. ccumyf9@yahoo.com

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Youth Sunday School is looking for 2 volunteers to work 1 time a month with either Tammie Eader (lead teacher) or Courtney Burford (youth leader who will be with us once a month) as assistants. This will allow Tonya Jones, Youth Minister, to work with Joan Jervis to provide a parents Sunday School program.



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HANGING OF THE GREENS
(We decorate the Sanctuary!)
Food, Fun and Fellowship!
YOU ARE INVITED! Nov. 21st - 11:45AM
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Thank you Trustees!!!!!!

New lights in the quad make it safe for us all!

Thank you to the Bol Family , Charlie and Alice Washburn, and also to Joy Andersen. Saturday Workday was a big success. Come join us next month to find out how you can serve and have fun too!



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KIDS' CLUB
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH @ 12:30
WE WILL MEET AT THE LIVE THEATRE
5317 E SPEEDWAY @ 12:30 TO SEE
"RAPUNZEL"

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. KID'S IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE WILL HAVE ADMISSION PAID. PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING BY WEDNESDAY, NOV.10TH TO RESERVE ENOUGH SEATS. THE THEATRE IS VERY SMALL AND ALL SEATS ALLOW FOR GOOD VIEWING. PLAY IS OVER AT 2:00.
JOBERTAZ@aol.com



Older Adult
Ministries

Rev. Ernie Fritschle

Methodist 101 will begin October 30, 2010 and run through most of November. "What we believe" will be discussed. The early beginnings, the "Holy Club" will be explored. The passion of the early American Church will be fascinating as we look at the short lives of the Circuit Riders.

There will be a fifteen to twenty minute presentation each Saturday. Questions and discussions are welcome. Come and share your experience.

The time will be 4:00 p.m. every Saturday in the chapel.

Here is a preview of the Circuit Rider. "The traveling preachers responsible for caring for these societies, or local churches and stations, became known as circuit- riders, or sometimes saddlebag preachers."

"They traveled light, carrying their belongings and books in their saddlebags. Ranging far and wide through villages and wilderness, they preached daily or more often at any site available be it a log cabin, the local court house, a meeting house, or an outdoor forest setting. Unlike the pastors of settled denominations, these itinerating preachers were constantly on the move. Their assignment was often so large it might take them 5 or 6 weeks to cover the territory."

There were three basic questions asked of prospective Circuit Riders. Can you preach? Can you ride a horse? Are you married?

There were General rules that one must follow if they were to become a member of a class meeting. Rule number four states in part; "first, by doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, such as taking the name of God in vain, Drunkenness, the buying and selling of men, women, and children."

Not only were the men active the women did unbelievable tasks and were just as zealous as the men. They would tramp the wagon trails with dust over their shoe tops just to bring the good news to a family, to give some physical comfort.

Methodists took seriously the last of words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20; **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.**

Methodist 101 begins Saturday, October 30, at 4p.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.



Karen Lucas	Nov 1
Dave Mellgren	Nov 1
Roy Aros	Nov 2
Dick Downey	Nov 2
Cole Lane	Nov 2
Jerry Sparks	Nov 2
Jennifer Martin	Nov 3
Nancy Wheelock	Nov 4
Ellen Brown	Nov 6
Gus Laughman,	Nov 6
Nicholas Hishaw	Nov 7
Ginny Hubbard	Nov 7
Berta Riley	Nov 7
Kate Cannon	Nov 8
Ashley Lancaster	Nov 8
Mike Le Page	Nov 9
Betsy Schiess	Nov 9
Hazel Grisso	Nov 10
Joyce Whipp	Nov 10
Harriet Rountree	Nov 11
Alice Washburn	Nov 11
Charlotte Crocker	Nov 12
Margaret Smith	Nov 12
Mary Alice Calloway	Nov 13
Kevin Cannon	Nov 13
Janet Tolman	Nov 13
Peggy Bartlett	Nov 13
Jon Paul Weiser	Nov 14
Matthew Jones	Nov 15
Ann Kellison	Nov 15
Joan Graff	Nov 16
Lavern Arthur	Nov 17
Kaye Jay	Nov 17
Michael Mellgren	Nov 17
Shirley Munyon	Nov 17
Miranda Elliott	Nov 17
Matthew Montgomery	Nov 20
Marquita Jensen	Nov 22
Chuck Newman	Nov 22
Ron Kellison	Nov 27
Mary Jean Lawson	Nov 28
Iris Washburn	Nov 28
Scott Jones	Nov 29
Faith Eader	Nov 30

"UPPITY WOMEN" Wednesday Night Bible Class
 IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE
 Start time 7:00PM - End time 8:00PM

IN OUR PRAYERS

Care Homes:

Catalina Foothills	Mary Alice Calloway
Carestone	Lois Lersch
Cascades	Bill Mitchell
Devon Gables	Joy Andersen
Ella's Home	Florence Nye
Encore	Claire Parsons
Frances Care Home	Mamie McGeagh
Freedom Inn	Esther Taylor
Grace Home	Rita Kelch
Heavenly Acres	Pat Schumacher
Lovecare	Gloria Thomasson
Plum Tree	Roma Loren
Posado Del Sol	Jan Fryrear

At Home:

Dottie & Ed Davies, Elma Davis, Mabel Deeg, Mary Ellis, Patty Flanders, Jackie Fritschle, Jimmy Jenkins, Joan Graff, Hazel Grisso, Betty Hart, Lowell Hickman, Carmin Huisinga, Pastor Becky Oakes-Long, Charles & Dorothy Owens, Karl Pfordte, Sharon Polk, Kathy Reynolds, Charlotte Ruhl, Marian Schaffer (with family), Honey Sanchez, Melburne & Loretta Shimniok, Thelma Sutton, Jess Townshend, Sandra Townsley, Maylene Waln, Gordon Whitley.

In Hospital:

Don Wood (Sabino Rehab), Bill Clark (St. Joseph's ICU), Fran Harper (TMC)

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Twos to Fives-----WE ARE ALIVE!

The Preschool and Parents Day Out Programs opened with great gusto this fall. The preschool classes are full. The Parents Day Out program has openings for children everyday. If you or someone you know has a child between the age of 15 months and 3 years who might like to use some of this time please have them call the preschool office, 326-4616. The children and teachers are settling in to the school routine, making friends and using their abundance of energy every minute of every day. This school year there are several new programs being introduced. The Preschool Council chose to use some funds from the Tobacco Tax funds to help pay the licensing fee so with that came some "strings". One of the strings is offering 60 minutes of physical activities each day. One of our teacher's assistants has accepted the challenge and works with the children in a variety of activities to meet this requirement. More information on some of the other programs in future articles.

On Tuesday, October 19th, Chapel Time was introduced. Sue Gemoets is leading this time. She is developing age appropriate curriculum for this time. She is quite excited about the materials she has acquired to implement the curriculum. There will be more about this time as the year progresses.

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Open House held on October 1st, was a huge success!!! Thanks to Family Life Council and Friends for serving the best spaghetti dinner in town—it was delicious. There were approximately 170 people served. Thanks to the church members who supported both the Family Life Council and the Preschool Council. The talk is—next year they are aiming for 200 attendees.

When you can, please come by and visit our classes-----
YOU are always welcome.



Dear Christ Church,

Please accept this very belated gift and thank you for the wonderful "Welcome To A Night In Bethlehem" program you presented last December 19th.

One of our friends saw a listing in the newspaper (AZ Daily Star) and called the other two couples to see if we would like to go when we went to look at Christmas lights. We all thought it would be fun. It turned out to be the highlight of our Christmas season. We will be watching for this year's event.

Thank you again and may God richly bless your ministry.

Mary Wald

Member, St Mark's UMC

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To my church family:

I wanted to express my appreciation and thanks for all the cards, calls, thoughts, and prayers in the recent passing of my mother in Eugene, Oregon. Your support and love continues to be a comfort.

Blessings, Karen Messmore

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Family Life Council and Preschool Council send many thanks to all of you who supported our second annual Spaghetti Dinner. Family Life will use its proceeds to help families with camping opportunities and Preschool will purchase playground equipment. Everyone said the Family Life spaghetti was the best yet; the Preschool loved having so many visit Preschool rooms and the mingling among Church members and Preschool parents was very fun. We look forward to welcoming you next year for another great annual dinner!

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Many thanks to my Church family for your thoughts, prayers and cards after I had my stroke. A special thanks to Pastor Fred and Georgia Carmichael for their visits and prayers.

I hope to be back at church regularly very soon.

Mabel Deeg

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Thank you for the calls, visits and food while I was in the hospital.

Mary Elliott



CCUM ORGAN CONCERT
Sunday
November 28th
3:30 PM
Thanksgiving weekend

Notes from Your Lay Leader

This time of the year is fun! Many who work with young children believe it is the beginning of the holiday season. Once we start talking about Halloween in the classroom, it's holiday time until the first of the new year. One of our Halloween songs is about false faces and who's behind the false face. While singing that song the other day, the thought went through my mind, think of the times we, as adults, put on a false face. It's not a rubber mask that is purchased at a discount store, it's a person's honest to goodness face. I wonder why people do that? Are they trying to be someone they really are not, maybe covering up a wrong deed, maybe a false statement was made, maybe they are shy and trying to hide, I have a feeling you can think of reasons why others put on a false face. Where am I going with this thought? I have to answer I really don't know—but I am not putting on any false face. My best guess is I'd like you to think about false faces. Is there a time you put on a false face? I believe God would not want us to put on a false face. My feeling is He wants us to be ourselves in all we do and all we say, all the time. Sounds a little bit like some of John Wesley's teachings. If we must wear a false face, let's make sure it's one from the store.

The Nominating Committee is at work. Please consider saying yes to either staying on the committee you are already serving on OR saying yes when asked to be on a new committee. I recently read that God doesn't care when and where we start doing service, He just wants us to start serving. Where can you serve, what committee or work area is best for your talents and gifts, please give this some prayer filled thought.

We are in the middle of the Stewardship program-----please fill a Thanksgiving bag if possible. Come to the worship service and have lunch on Sunday, November 7th. The Fall Festival is in a day or two—have fun!!! The Clothing Boutique is November 13th—items are being collected now. It is so nice to have that storage unit in the south alley—bring some gently used clothing and see the storage unit at the same time.

We have much to accomplish, with Divine guidance, the LAITY can do wonderful work.

Peace to each one of you,
 Sue Gemoets

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER WHEEL
PRAY FOR OTHERS

Contact Lucie Olwine at 751-9451 to be a part of a phone spoke.
 Contact Gretchen Lofgren at gretchie22@aol.com to be a part of Knee Mail (email spoke)



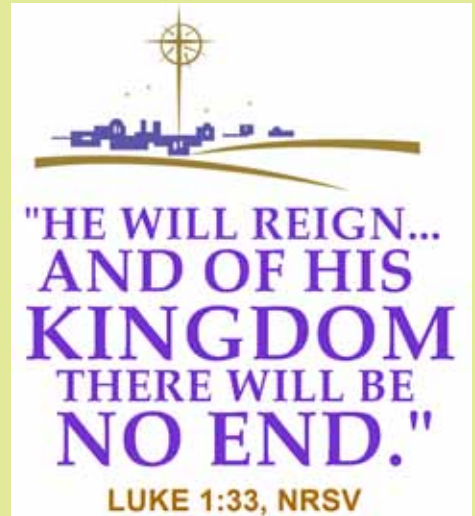
October 31st
"Spooky Spaghetti"

You bring the side or dessert

Fun and Fellowship for EVERYONE

11:45AM

Halloween Movie in Room 14

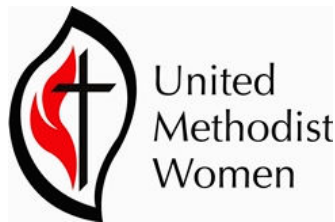


NIGHT
IN
BETHLEHEM
December 4th

HAVE YOU SEEN THE CHURCH VIDEO - PROJECTOR?

It is missing from the closet in Room 17.

Please contact the church office if you know where to find it.



October 27 Joint circle meeting. Meet in church parking lot @ 9:30 a.m. To Tucson Metropolitan Ministeries for tour as they have added somewhat since last we were there. Lunch @ Village Inn about 11:30 @ Speedway & Columbus. If you need a ride, call Doris Russell, 721-4411.

Nov. 10 our monthly meeting in Social Hall @ 10 a.m. World Thank Offering. Lunch provided. \$3. suggested donation. If you need a ride, call Doris Russell 721-4411.

Nov. 17 Joint circle meeting with Helping Hands, Social Hall @ 9 a.m. If you need a ride or more information, call Doris Russell, 721-4411.

Mark your calendars now for Dec. It gets pretty busy. Dec 8, Catered ham dinner \$6. Reservations by Dec 6 to Doris Russell 721-4411. Circles will meet for Christmas lunch. TBA.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Mary Kundrat will present the program at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 9. The potluck starts at 12 noon in the Social Hall. After lunch, Mary will lead us in a good old-fashioned Methodist sing-along. Come and join us. Also, bring food items for the Food Bank.

Our annual Friendship Christmas dinner is on Tuesday, December 7. Plan now on attending this CCUM tradition. Tom Messmore and Paul Grigsby will be the entertainment. Tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, November 7, in the Fellowship Hall between services. Only \$7 per person for dinner and entertainment.

Also, on Saturday, November 27, we will have an after-Thanksgiving lunch get-together at 11:30 am at the Pizza Hut in the Albertson's shopping center (22nd & Wilmot). Come join us.



The first grief support discussion group will be held Wednesday morning, October 27, 9:30 - 11:00 in Room 17. We will meet every Wednesday morning through January 5. The group is being sponsored by the Stephen Ministry of Christ Church and is open to anyone who has experienced a major loss. Losses include the death of a loved one, loss of a job, a broken relationship, or any loss caused by an ongoing condition such as Alzheimer's. We are a people who are called to comfort one another in times of pain and sorrow (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Participating in the group offers a safe and confidential setting where you will meet others like yourself who share in the need to work through your losses. Call Robert and Wanda Stauffacher, facilitators, at 743-2096, if you have questions. There is no cost for the group, and you can register by calling 327-1116, or just come.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We still have just a few more Thanksgiving Bags to fill and need your help!

We also need to purchase a few more Gift Cards (the 'meat' part of the meal), so please donate if you are unable to shop.

Please contact the Church Office to see how you can help share God's love with those in need.

FREE CLOTHING BOUTIQUE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

We will be collecting clean, gently used items beginning October 17th for the free clothing boutique that will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 13th from 9 a.m.-noon. All clothing items from infants to adults are needed. We have found there is a great need for infant and toddler clothing and equipment such as strollers, car seats, high chairs, blankets etc. and backpacks for older children as well as coats and sweaters. Shoes (adults and childrens), belts, hats, scarves, jewelry as well as children's toys and books will be accepted. Please invite your friends and neighbors to donate and/or come to find items their family can use. If you would like to help set up, sort clothing or help on Nov. 13th please contact Judy Obert jobertaz@aol.com. You may drop off items at CCUM's new storage unit on south side of parking lot during following days and hours. Someone will be there to assist you.

Sunday mornings 10:00-11:00 a.m. Wednesday 12:00- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday evening 5:30- 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for your support of this project which helps so many families. Last time 200 people came for free clothing- and they were so appreciative. Thank you for your kindness in making a difference in their lives. Please contact Betty Clapp in the church office for more information.