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Preparing a Way of Thanking God

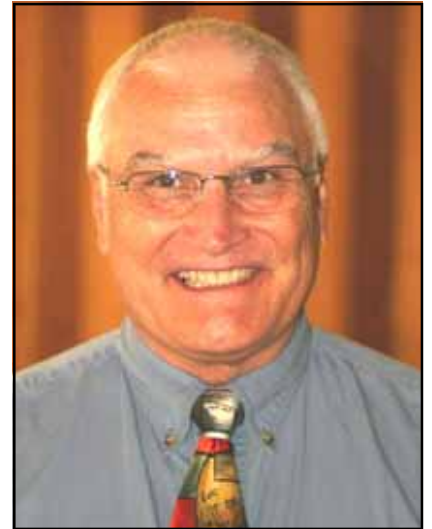
By Mark Lansberry
Senior Pastor

Chuck Swindoll in his book, *Strengthening Your Grip*, tells about a minister friend of his who was in need of a dark suit to wear to a funeral. He had very little money so he went to the local pawn shop in search of a bargain. Much to his amazement, they had a solid black suit that fit him exactly – at a very reasonable price.

As he paid for the suit, he inquired how they could possibly sell such nice suits so cheaply. The pawnbroker smiled and said that the suits had once been owned by the local mortuary. They had used them on deceased persons for funerals, and then removed them before the burial.

The minister felt a little uncomfortable wearing a suit that had been on a corpse, but since no one else would know, and he really did need a suit badly, why not? Everything went fine until about midway through the sermon. While he was talking, he casually started to put his hands in the pockets of his new suit. . . It was then that he discovered that his pants had no pockets. And the truth came home to him. Why would a dead man need pockets? We don't take anything with us when we leave this world.

Have you ever thought about what will happen to your belongings when you die? Perhaps we "can't take it with us," but through



Rev. Dr. Mark Lansberry

a Will, we can take responsibility for the distribution of what's left behind.

Making a Will can and should be a joyful experience. A Christian Will is a statement of caring and justice, another light of witness to the world. Imagine yourself giving to others everything you own, picking and choosing just what to give to each individual or group you want to include. Enjoy the philanthropic feeling of such generosity -- how good it feels to give with abandon. Writing a Will allows you to try on that kind of giving, but without having to let go of anything you have. The feelings of compassion, creative giving, innovative selection, even reconciliation are possible in writing a Will that witnesses your Christian lifestyle.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8 a.m. Prayer and Communion
- 9 a.m. Traditional Service
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9 a.m. Bible Studies and Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Young Children's Classes
- 6 pm Vietnamese Language Ministries

Childcare is provided all morning.

If we do not have a Will at the time of our death, the state of Nevada will govern the distribution of all you own. No provisions for charity will be included. Only through a Will, can we intentionally practice stewardship. William Gladstone said, "There is no charity in a man's leaving money in his will; he has simply got to leave it. The time to administer your trust is while you are still living."

The preparation of a Will is as much a part of Christian

stewardship as tithing or sharing resources or living simply. As uncomfortable as it may for us to look at our own death, every Christian must consider the following question seriously: *If I died today, would the distribution of my possessions confirm or contradict the life of faith I have tried to live?*

As you reflect on that question, won't you consider preparing a Will or Living Trust as a way of saying thanks to God, expressing your love and con-

cern for your family, and showing charity toward others? Think about the part you want to play in our church's future. You have the opportunity to support this ministry in many ways.

Naming the church as a beneficiary in your estate plan can assure your continued participation in his ministry far into the future. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.

Alpha Course Starting Again

The next Alpha course, one of the favorite spiritual ministries that is offered regularly at Trinity UMC, will begin Thursday, Feb. 3.

Normally held on Wednesday nights, this course will be held every Thursday evening through April 14.

Parishioner Ann Copeland extended an invitation for the congregation to attend this experience at Sunday worship services. Earl Pickens has graciously offered to serve as cook as each Thursday session begins with a dinner for

all participants at 6 p.m. A brochure is available for review for more information. You can also call the church office weekdays at 870-4747 for additional details.

What happens during this 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith? Anyone attending this popular class will expect to explore the basics of Christianity in a relaxing, comfortable environment. In addition to the regular Thursday night gatherings, a weekend retreat is usually scheduled.

As former attendees know, the Alpha course is an experience where people come together to share a meal, hear a series of video presentations, and gather into smaller groups to discuss questions that come to mind. It's for adults of all ages.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the meaning of life. To laugh and learn, get to know others and make new friends. To find out more about the Christian faith.

Tending the Soul Coming to Las Vegas

"Tending the Soul: Discovering and Sharing Our God Stories" will take place on Feb. 12, at Green Valley United Methodist Church and Feb. 26 in Casa Grande, Ariz., at the UMC of Casa Grande.

[Rev. Kwasi Kena](#), Director of Evangelism Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship, will lead both events. Both events will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost will be \$35 per person.

The Tending the Soul experience is a one-day experiential training designed to help lay and clergy persons better bring spiritual growth to the work of their churches. There has been a very positive response to previous Tending the Soul training. However, one of the questions that often surfaced from the feedback was, "How do I do this in my church?" The Desert Southwest Conference has taken that question to heart and is building practice into each of these events.

Further information on the upcoming events, including a brochure and online registration, is available at: <http://desertsouthwestconference.org/tendingthesoul>.

The deadline for the March Newsletter is NO LATER than Thursday, February 10. Please observe this deadline with your submissions to ensure the monthly publication reaches the Trinity community in a timely manner. Thank you.

United Methodist Men to See Wranglers



Trinity UMC's United Methodist Men's group will be going to a Las Vegas Wranglers hockey game on Friday, Feb. 11 at the Orleans Arena. The Wranglers are a Class AA hockey team, playing in the Pacific Division of the ECHL's National Conference, and are affiliated with the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes.

Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. in order to drive together before the 7:00 p.m. match. Tickets will cost \$10.50 each. The Wranglers will be playing the Victoria Salmon Kings.

The Salmon Kings, based in Victoria, British Columbia, are the only Canadian-based team in the ECHL, which continues its role as the leading professional developmental league for the American Hockey League and the National Hockey League.

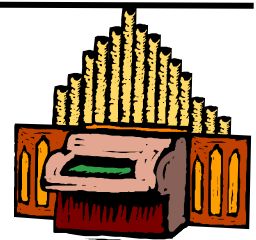
If you are interested in attending, please call or e-mail John McInerney



Clary Appreciation Concert

As you may or may not know, the estate of Duane Clary made a very generous donation for the restoration of our church organ. The work on the organ has been completed, and an Appreciation Concert to thank the Clary families will be performed on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The musical program for the concert was still being developed when this issue went to press. Please save the date and come and say THANKS!



UMW Friendship Luncheon Planned

The United Methodist Women Friendship Luncheon will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20 at noon in Cafe Trinity. Secret Prayer Partners will be revealed and new ones will be selected.

Sign ups will be held after each Sunday worship service on Feb. 6 and 13. The cost is \$5 per person. More information will be in the Sunday worship bulletin.

Confirmation Classes Begin March 8

The youth from several of the Las Vegas United Methodist churches are beginning confirmation classes on Tuesday, March 8. The classes are for youth eighth grade and older who have not yet been confirmed in their church.

Classes will be taught by the pastors of the Las Vegas Methodist churches. If you are a youth eighth through 12th grade or the parent of a youth in that age range, please let Trinity Pastor Mark Lansberry or Linda Petty know if you are interested in attending confirmation classes this year.

Confirmation classes will be held on 12 Tuesday evenings with the service of confirmation taking place on Pentecost Sunday, June 12. The participating churches will take turns hosting the classes. The exact schedule and locations of each session are being determined and will be available soon.

North District Leadership Training Conference

FEBRUARY 5

Green Valley United Methodist Church, 2200 Robindale Road, Henderson, NV 89074
Child Care will be provided (Bring Brown bag lunch with child)

Guest Speaker: Marcia McFee, Ph. D.

Marcia McFee is a professor, consultant, designer and leader of worship. For almost 20 years she has traveled extensively teaching workshops and leading worship at regional and national events across the connection. She was the Worship Director for General Conference 2008 and has been selected to do worship and music at the 2012 General Conference. McFee lives near Lake Tahoe where she holds continuing education retreats for worship teams. She is the author of *The Worship Workshop* and *Spiritual Adventures in the Snow*.

Conference Schedule

8:15 AM - 8:45 AM - Registration
8:45 AM - 10:30 AM - Worship/Conference
10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon - Plenary
12:00 Noon - 12:30 PM - Lunch
12:35 PM - 2:05 PM Workshop I
2:10 PM - 3:40 PM - Workshop II

Workshop Schedule

Workshop I

Staff Parish Relations Committee - Rev. Candace Lansberry
Finance - Dale Cook

Marketing Your Church - Pastor Mark Maddox
Supporting Clergy Wellness: A Guide for SPRC - Rev. Tom Mattick
"Re-Think Worship" - Marcia McFee
Calling All Church Lay Leaders - Allie Lakey

Drama Ministry Part I - Clair Hart

UMCOR West Mission Opportunities - Rev. Brian Diggs of the Salt Lake City UMCOR Depot
Models of Outreach for the "Church Relevant" - Billie Fidlin
Religion and Politics - Rev. Wayne Brown

Workshop II

Church Mutual - Tom Schrock

Marketing Your Church - Pastor Mark Maddox
Welcoming Ministry - Allie Lakey & Sharon Scobie
"Re-Think Worship" - Marcia McFee
Supporting Clergy Wellness: A Guide for SPRC - Rev. Tom Mattick
Drama Ministry Part II - Clair Hart

Nurturing Youth as Leaders - Rev. Tom Jelinek & Tracey Brown

Standing On Both Feet: Exploring Mercy and Justice Ministries - Rev. Brian Diggs of the Salt Lake City

UMCOR Depot

Models of Outreach for the "Church Relevant" - Billie Fidlin
Older Adult Ministry - Pastor Gene Stouffer

Keenagers Celebrate, Elect New Officers

At the Keenagers' monthly meeting held in December in Café Trinity, 23 members of the 55-plus older social group celebrated birthdays, the holidays and elected new officers for the new year.

Mary Sue and Bruce Karstetter served hosts. The

group celebrated Maxine Hoselton's birthday. The following officers were elected for 2011: Maxine Hoselton, President; Paul Brooks, Birthday and Get Well Coordinator; Elta Whittle, Treasurer; Bev Laird and Vivian Lightfoot, Sanctuary Coordinators; Alice Bassi, Phone Coordina-

tor; and Mary Sue Karstetter, Membership Address List Coordinator.

The organization's next meeting will be a potluck on Wednesday, Feb. 9 in Café Trinity at noon. Maxine Hoselton will be our hostess. Please call her ~~XXXXX~~ or Alice Bassi for more information.

Youth Conference at University UMC

University United Methodist Church will be host to Relevance X, a three-day leadership conference for young adults (age 18-30) on Friday through Sunday, Feb. 18-20. Young adults from across the country will be expected to participate in the event.

Relevance X will focus on developing disciples within our faith communities and in the world. Sharing the Good news. Many of us believe it is important, or at least heard that it is, but why? Why is it important that we attend church? Are we improving this life by building God's kingdom on earth? Are we just inviting folks to be a part of a welcoming, nurturing community? The conference will explore these questions and many more.

The keynote speaker will be Tony Jones, the author of "The New Christians: Dispatches from the Emergent Frontier"



Come for Fellowship, Music

who is theologian-in-residence at Solomon's Porch in Minneapolis. A doctoral fellow in practical theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, he is the author of many books on Christian ministry and spirituality.

The worship leader at Relevance X will be Brian Schlemmer, a certified candidate for elders orders in the United Methodist Church. A recent graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, Brian serves

as a licensed local pastor at Desert Skies UMC as he applies for commissioning in June 2011.

Dave Roberts will lead the Relevance X Band. He serves as leader of worship at Santa Margarita UMC, Lake Forest, Calif.

In addition to entertainment and workshops, the conference will be expanding into the Las Vegas community with service projects such as cleaning up debris and painting street curbs red.

Trinity UMC will be assisting in transportation with the loan of the church van according to office administrator Sherry French.

A web site is available, www.relevancex.com, where you can learn more about the conference and most importantly REGISTER!

For additional information, contact Coordinator Glen Simpson, Young Adult Ministries, Desert Southwest Conference, at 250-5158 or by e-mail at glencsimpson@gmail.com.

Help Homeless Youth

The Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth is always in need of underwear, bras, socks, calling cards, backpacks, food vouchers and gift cards. These are just a few items in the organization's current wish list.

In fact, longtime Trinity members Jerry and Marnie Magner recently donated used sleeping bags and suitcases to this organization helping Las Vegas youth.

If you have items to donate, contact Tim Mullin, Executive Director, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, P.O. Box 20135, Las Vegas, NV 89112, at 883-8585 or by e-mail at tim@nphy.org.

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<p align="center">Sunday</p> <p>6 pm Vietnamese American Bible Study every Sunday, Library/Café Trinity</p>	<p align="center">Monday</p> <p>5:30 pm Nurses Anon. every Monday, Café 6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous every Monday, Café Trinity</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday</p> <p>1 7 pm Trustees, Library</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday</p> <p>2 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>6 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? Be Wise in the Spirit" 10 am UMW Exec. Board, Rm. 5</p>	<p>7 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7 pm FaithSprings Covenant Group, Library</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 12 N Keenagers, Café T Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>13 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? Still Under Construction" 12 N Caring Ministries, Lib. 5 pm Clary Appreciation Concert, Sanctuary</p>	<p>14 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>15 12:30 pm Lydia Flwshp, Café Trinity 4 pm Trinity School Brd. Library 7 pm Rachel Flwshp, Café Trinity</p>	<p>16 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>20 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? On Being Perfect" 12 N UMW Friendship Luncheon, Café Trinity</p>	<p>21 School & Office Closed 5 pm Finance Team Meeting, Rm. 6 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Heart and Soul 6:45 pm Sanctuary, Worship for all</p>
<p>27 Sermon Series: "Who Is This Man? First Things First" 12 Noon Lunch, Café Trinity 1 pm Church Council, Café T</p>	<p>28 7 pm Friends LTP, Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>		<p>5 pm TOPS, Rm. 6, every Wednesday</p>

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:30 pm ALPHA, Café, Sanct. 9 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 10:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study, Rm. 6</p>	<p>4 Trinity Church Office closed on Fridays 1 pm Crafters for Christ, Potter's Place</p>	<p>5 7:30 am Saturday am Prayer Service, Sanct 8:15 am N.D. Leadership Trng., Green Valley UMC 4:30 pm Disciples Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>
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<p>10:30 TOPS new group, Rm. 5, every Thursday</p>		<p>10 am-2 pm Polish School on Campus every Saturday</p>

North District Newsletter - desertsouthwestconference.org/churchmembers/districtchurches/northdistrict/newsnotes/
 The Desert Southwest Conference Calendar and Journal
desertsouthwestconference.org

SAVE THE DATES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

ALPHA BEGINS

6 PM CELEBRATION

DINNER

CAFÉ TRINITY



EVERY THURSDAY EVENING
THROUGH APRIL 14

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

CLARY APPRECIATION
CONCERT



5 PM - SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

UMW FRIENDSHIP

LUNCHEON

12 NOON

CAFÉ TRINITY



Trinity School Resumes Lessons, Activities

By Leslie Chaney
School Director

The New Year started off as busy as the last as all the children were back in school and the lessons and fun continued at Trinity United Methodist School & Preschool. The school is looking forward to having the classroom floors stripped and waxed.

We are hoping to take over the fenced in area on the north side of the playground to put a permanent garden and to store some of the toys from the playground.

We are continuing in our pursuit of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation. This process takes two years but once criteria has been met, Trinity will be one of only 26 schools in the state to hold this certification.

Each classroom will be hosting a Valentine's Day Party in February.

The school also had a busy holiday season. The first holiday event was

Christmas pictures with Santa. Photographer Kelly Cawood came with her faithful husband dressed up as Santa and took individual as well as class group pictures.

After this, we had a Santa's workshop where the children came to see Santa, portrayed by Sean Sheehan, who helped the children pick out presents for their parents and relatives. He also took requests from the children on their Christmas wishes. The next holiday event was on Dec. 17 when the 4-year-old class accompanied the kindergarten and first grade children to Opportunity Village's Magical Forest.

Then the children performed in the annual Christmas program, entitled, "The Birth of Jesus as Seen through the Eyes of the Shepherds." The kindergarten and first grade students had talking parts and the preschool and other children sang Christmas melodies. Our second Open House of the year was also held that night and parents were able to visit their children's classrooms and see what their children had accomplished since the beginning of



Ryan and Santa

the school year. Santa Claus made his third appearance during Open House and handed out presents from under the classroom trees.

The first Winter break Day Camp for elementary-age children from the community took place in December. We had 21 children enrolled the first week and 16 enrolled for the second week. These children enjoyed winter arts and crafts as well as six field trips. The children went to the National Weather Service station, the Bellagio Botanical Gardens, Mt. Charleston, the Springs Preserve and Lake Las Vegas for ice skating. The week ended by celebrating the New Year at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31 because it also marked the New Year in Ireland.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February/March

February 14 - Valentine Day Party

February 21 - Presidents' Day (school closed)

March 2 - Open House & Spaghetti Dinner, 6 p.m.



Blocks Are So Much Fun



Women's Spring Retreat March 25-27

Australian Aborigines have a term for a journey that is part vacation, part education, part initiation, and part religious ceremony. It is called a walkabout. It is a pattern interrupt of major consequence. One emerges from their journey not only with tribal secrets but most important with an understanding of self and how harmonious relationships become a life or death matter out in the bush.

Come on a mini journey with your sisters in Christ Jesus for a **WALKABOUT**. We won't be sending you to the bush. You will find the comforts of a room shared with a friend, safe pathways, wonderful food, worship, singing, a few games and girl ship at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, Ariz. We promise you the opportunity to walkabout with the Lord as the Holy Spirit refreshes your soul, and perhaps reveals a few secrets of God's love for you. Come, take time out for a pattern interrupt.

We have more than one presenter this year offering you a bit of **POTPOURRI**, little bit of this and a little bit of that, plus a few extra surprises. Retreat begins 4 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Sunday.

Dolores McCaslin
Sheri Pingry
Deborah Williams

"The Gift of Laughter"
"Memories"
"A Girl Can Never Have Too Much Corn"

REGISTRATION FEE

Double Room Occupancy \$180____
Single Room Occupancy \$210____
Commuter fee (lunch/dinner) \$120____

Redemptorist Renewal Center
7101 W Picture Rocks Road
Tucson, AZ 85743

Registration deadline **March 11, 2011**

Send to: Carla Whitmire

Make check payable to **United Methodist Women**

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First Time Attending _____ Special Needs _____ Room-mate Request _____

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Questions, call/e-mail, Becky Cowart at 520-544-7904 (bcowart@hotmail.com), Carla Whitmire at 602-795-0865 (cmwhitmire@gmail.com), or Alice Brown at 520-888-6688 (aabrown1@comcast.net).

Interfaith Services Help Those Who Grieve Over Tragedy

By Joanie Faust, Writer/Editor
Desert Southwest Conference Digest

Wednesday, January 12 — People of all faiths gathered at Temple Solel in Paradise Valley, Ariz., to pray for those suffering as a result of Tucson's mass shooting that left six dead and thirteen wounded. U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords is among the injured and is the last remaining victim in critical condition.

The service was a collaborative effort between Rabbi John Linder of Temple Solel, Jan Flaaten, Executive Director of the Arizona Ecumenical Council, Bishop Minerva Carcaño, Bishop of the Desert Southwest Conference of The United Methodist Church, and Joe Rubio of the Valley Interfaith Project. All involved are members of The Arizona Ecumenical Council which is comprised of Christian churches and religious organizations who pray, worship, and study together in order to discover ways to express unity instead of division.

The service was planned in order to fulfill a need for people in the Desert Southwest to join with other people of faith in prayer for all affected by this tragedy. Other services were being held simultaneously in Tucson, Ariz., Flagstaff, Ariz., Las Vegas (at Griffith UMC) and Yuma, Ariz.

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns, Central East District Superintendent of the Desert Southwest Conference, gathered with other faith leaders at Temple Solel. Dr. Burns read a description of each of the lives that were lost including U.S. District Court Judge John Roll, Gabe Zimmerman, Christina Taylor Green, Dorwan Stoddard, Phyllis Schneck, and Dorothy Morris. After each description, the diverse congregation responded, "They will not be forgotten."

Rabbi John Linder, Temple Solel, began the service with an uplifting message. "If nothing else we are a community of 'Tekva'—of Hope," Rabbi Linder said. "So tonight, with our communities together in mourning, in healing, and hope, come together as one."

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño presided over the service at Catalina United Methodist Church in Tucson. Pam Simon, a member of Congresswoman Giffords' staff and of St. Francis in the Foothills UMC in Tucson, was among the injured victims.

"For Pam, her children have affirmed that God still has good work for her to do," Bishop Carcaño said. "In this affirmation, Pam, and we who know her, find hope. Indeed for all of us blessed to have life this day, God yet has good work for us to do."

Fr. Gregory Rice, Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, led the service in prayer. "We pray help us not to descend into blame, incrimination, and a rejecting resentment of others, but rather help us to understand your call even in tragedy—that we live your goodness wherever we go and in whatever we do."

Imam Ahmad Shqeirat, Islamic Community Center of Tempe, joined the service by giving a reading from the Qr'an. "We decreed for them that whoever kills a person is as if he has killed the whole of humankind, and whoever saves the life of a person is as if he has saved the life of the whole of humankind."



Bishop Minerva Carcaño
Part of Interfaith Services

Prayers for Our Churches



The Conference Laity Team and District Superintendents are requesting that the Trinity congregation commit to praying for other churches in our district during the year 2011. Several churches will be listed each month for your prayer concerns.

It is important to know that other churches are praying with and for each other. Please pray for the pastors, congregation and the community.

February

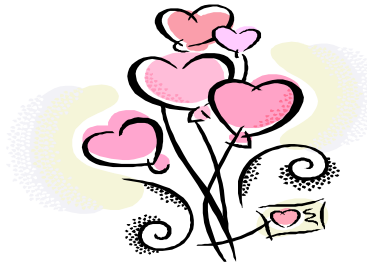
Community UMC, Caliente, NV
Federated Community Church,
Flagstaff, AZ
Trinity Heights, UMC, Flagstaff, AZ

UMC – United Methodist Church
UMF – United Methodist Fellowship

February Birthdays

Bethany Emry	02/02	Sandra Carnes	02/16
David Emry	02/03	Stanley Stubbeffield	02/18
Ericka Smithgall	02/03	Jelin Mazo	02/21
Sheila Pope	02/05	Vivian Lightfoot	02/21
Jon Dunn	02/05	Philip Hodson	02/22
Danielle Hesse	02/07	Lynn Emerson	02/23
John Reda	02/08	Yvonne Gaines	02/23
Taylor McIntyre	02/12	Christie Francese	02/25
Tricia Deley	02/12	Arthur Hoselton	02/26
Milton Florence	02/12	Frank Herbert	02/27
Marlene Barton	02/13	Melissa Snell	02/27
Jean McClannahan	02/13	Darlene Goldstein	02/28
Kathy Love	02/13		

February Anniversaries



Bill & Kim Jacky	2/11/1970
Eddie & Sharon Contner	2/14/1975
Jayar & Kisa Kindsvogel	2/15/1998
Jeffrey & Danielle Herrod	2/23/2008
Patrick & Suzie McCue	2/23/1976

Your Outreach Ministry in 2011

Did you know that United Methodist Social Ministries (UMSM) is an independent 501C(3) nonprofit corporation which is overseen by a volunteer board of directors and achieves unqualified, audited financial statements each year?

As the outreach ministry of the United Methodist Church in the North District of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, USMC operates the longest running weekend emergency food pantry in southern Nevada and is an accredited agency of the United Way of Southern Nevada. The organization is pleased that the food inventory has improved as a multi-year recipient of the U.S. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) and as a partner with the state of Nevada USDA distribution program.

While they also appreciate the ongoing "in-kind" donations of churches and other community partners, the organization faces significant service cutbacks as cash contributions and fundraising have declined in contrast to the need for services. Please pray for continued operation in 2011.

In addition to supporting UMSM with monthly food donations, please remember that they are in need of regular weekend volunteers, data entry personnel, fundraising facilitators, and cash donations to support the Weekend Emergency Assistance Program, Fostering in Faith, Hats and Hands, and other UMSM programs.

To lead a monthly volunteer team, become a certified HMIS data entry volunteer, or participate in fundraising activities, please call their office at 733-0053.

SUGGESTED MONTHLY FOOD DONATIONS:

FEBRUARY

TUNA is fishy and VEGETABLES "yucky," but together they make us feel pretty lucky.
(Corn, green beans, and peas are favorites.)

MARCH

PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY may be comfort food, but they also keep children energetic
At school. (Jam, jelly or preserves all play well with peanut butter.)

APRIL

RICE and BEANS do more than fill stomachs.....no, don't go there, they put smiles on faces.
(Boxed or bagged rice; canned or dried beans.)

MAY

Some say "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." To many, CEREAL means breakfast.
(Hot or cold; sweetened or plain; remember, their clients like what you like.)

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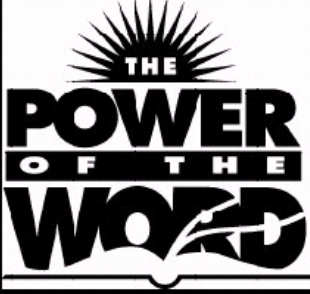
**PHONE NUMBERS
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