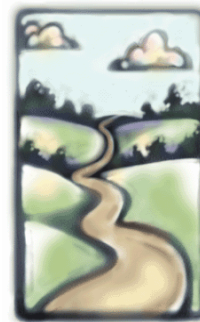


PATHWAYS



BUILDING COMMUNITY ~ TRANSFORMING LIVES BY LOVING GOD
WITH ALL OUR HEART, SOUL, MIND & STRENGTH ~ LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS WE LOVE OURSELVES

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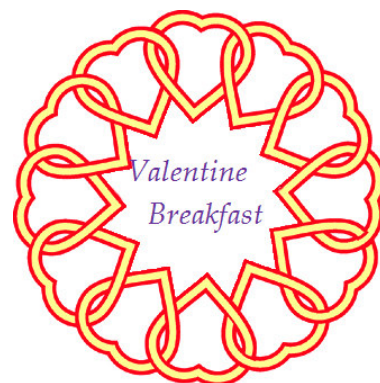
STORYTELLING CONCERT



Through myth and metaphor narrative artists will explore the sacred gift of “AIR: The Breath of God” at the next Storytelling Concert on Sunday, February 13th at 7pm in our Sanctuary. Storytellers include environmentalists, religious leaders, Native American, and African American storytellers. A grandmother will tell the story about losing a grandson due to an asthma attack triggered by poor air quality. A Gila River Indian storyteller will represent a tribe where, after 12 years of development, the tribe recently signed off on an EPA air-quality plan that will be a model for other tribes. There will be a \$5 donation at the door with proceeds benefiting Arizona Interfaith Power and Light—a religious response to climate change.

A VALENTINE BREAKFAST

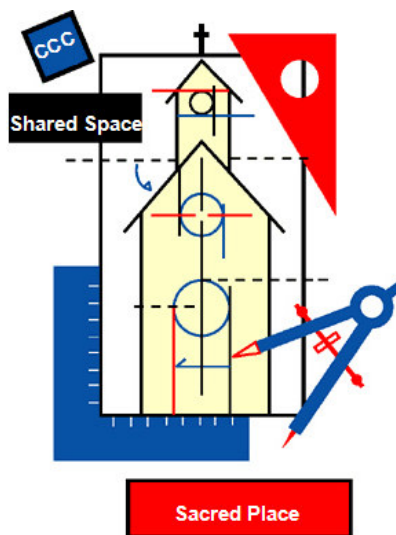
There will be a Valentine Breakfast on Sunday, February 13th at 8:00am. The Green Team will be showing us how to love our earth as a part of the morning as we learn about what it means to be a *Cool Congregation*. Please bring an egg dish to share and your own table service. Pancakes and drinks will be provided.



A NEW SPACE IN OUR SACRED PLACE!

Our Narthex bathroom renovations are moving right along. Rick Hartley completed the electricity for the spaces and the plumbing above the floor has been installed. Next will be the dry wall. In addition our concrete patio behind the kitchen has been framed in and is finally becoming our long awaited storage

room. This area will be for I-HELP supplies and replace the storage closets lost in the bathroom renovations. This is all made possible by the Capital Campaign held last spring, *Shared Space, Sacred Place*. If you would like to make a pledge or a one time donation to this campaign, contact our Campaign Secretary, [Susan Goodenberger](#), pick up a form in the Narthex or download a form from our [website](#).



NEWS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Add July Mayer's birthday to our February birthday list. She will celebrate on February 24th. If you do not see your birthday or anniversary in our monthly celebrations list, please let

the [Church Office](#) know. We don't wish to miss anyone's celebration!

RESULTS OF OUR PLANNING SESSION



The results of our Planning Session on January 23rd produced 4 initiatives for 2011.

1. Revitalize the work of our ministry teams
2. Bible Study
3. Green Team's Cool Congregations program
4. Have a Church Retreat

Our Moderator and Vice Moderator, Tyler Soine and Bobbie Miller are busy asking members to chair the ten standing teams so they can begin working in March. And the Green Team will kick off their Cool Congregation program at the Valentine Breakfast (see page 1). A Lenten Retreat is planned for March. And discussion about the Bible study opportunities are in the beginning stages.



Youth Happenings

Youth Retreats for CYF (9-12th grades) and Chi Rho (6-8th grades) will be the weekend of February 12-13 at East Valley Disciples Churches. CYF will be at Desert Heritage Christian Church, 1020 N. Horne Street in Mesa and Chi Rho will be at First Christian Church, 805 N Country Club in Mesa.

Cost is \$25 and the deadline to register is this Sunday, February 6th. Registrations are in the Narthex, on the Youth board in the Fellowship Hall and on the [Youth & Children page](#) of our website.



2011 STAFF CHANGES



Liz Ames is wearing a new hat beginning this year. She is our new Music Director. Liz will continue as our accompanist and will add this new director

position to her responsibilities. Liz has had experience leading other choirs and is anxious to bring her expertise to our congregation. With a modest budget for new music made available to her this year, we look forward to hearing some new selections coming from our choir. As a part of this change, we want to thank **Bill Goodenberger** for his dedicated leadership these past few years as Music Director. Bill has served as our director several times over the past thirty years and our worships were always enhanced by the choral music. Thank you, Bill! Although Bill is stepping down as director we will still continue to benefit from his musical talents singing in our choir and helping Liz on occasion to lead the congregation in our hymn singing.

And **Linda Necker**, our Church Secretary, has added time to her day to wear a new hat, too. She will be enriching our children and youth ministry. This is a hat she has worn before at Community and hopes to add some vitality and administrative help to our programs and their leaders. The new office hours are 8:30am—1pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS



BAPTISM ON EASTER

The Lenten and Easter season is the traditional time to celebrate and prepare for Holy Baptism. If you wish to be baptized on Easter, please contact Pastor Doug. You will be partnered with a mentor with whom you will study and pray during Lent.

TEX MIX: STORIES OF EARTHY MYSTICISM

The Food for Thought adult education Learning Community is starting a new curriculum by popular storyteller and theologian, Tex Sample. The DVD is a series of short stories that provide a springboard for great discussion. Join us at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings in the office classroom.



FROM THE PASTOR



One Easter morning, several years ago, as a way to remind us of our baptism into Christ, we took evergreen boughs, dipped them in water, and walked through the congregation dousing worshipers and saying, “Remember your baptism (splash)! Remember your baptism (splash)!” Years

later, I talked to a woman who was there that Easter. She said, “I can still feel the place on my forehead, right here between my eyes, where a big drop of water landed. It really woke me up.”

This week I heard a story that reminded me of that Easter ritual. One night, a child passed by a house and noticed smoke coming out of one of the windows. As he approached, orange flames came leaping out of the front door and tongues of fire licked their way through the shingles on the roof. Quickly he grabbed a hose and began the futile attempt to put out the fire with the garden hose. It

was then that he noticed that fire trucks were parked around the house. Inside the trucks were a dozen firefighters, but they were all asleep. Quickly, the boy stopped squirting the fire and turned the hose on the firefighters instead. Awakened from their slumber, they came pouring out of their fire trucks and quickly put out the flames.

The problems we face are too big for individuals to solve alone. We feel impotent, powerless to make a difference by ourselves, which is why God has given us community. It’s also why baptism is not a private act—“getting done” so we can know we’ve got “personal salvation.” Rather, baptism is initiation—into community.

“Remember your baptism (splash)!
Remember your baptism (splash)!”

Doug

If you are thinking of being baptized this Easter, contact Pastor Doug.



I-HELP

Next one will be **Friday, February 11th** at 5pm. I-HELP is our night to feed and house homeless people in our Fellowship Hall. Let [Susan](#) know if you are coming.

Paz de Cristo

Our day to serve is **Sunday, February 20th**, when we serve a meal to hungry people from 4-7pm in Mesa. There can never be too many people to help, so sign up on the board in the Narthex.

WAYS TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS



coffee and is available for \$9 on Sunday morning on the shelf in the Church Office. Contact [Tom Sharp](#) if you have special requests.

Supporting Our Schools

We are collecting food and clothing for Children First Academy School, a Tempe charter school for the homeless. Click on [donation list](#) for their latest needs or check the board in the Narthex Sunday.

Community Supported Agriculture

Every Thursday from 4-8 pm in our Fellowship Hall you can [subscribe](#) to a share of produce grown on a local farm.



Save the Dates of Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12 for a Lenten Retreat at Riverdance Cabins in Payson. Details in the next Pathways.

NEWS BEYOND OUR WALLS

IMAGINE INTERFAITH MEAL AND DISCUSSION KICK-OFF

Sunday, February 20 6:30pm Church Parlor

On 9/11/10, TEAM—Tempe's Interfaith Clergy Fellowship—sponsored “Children of Abraham” in response to the threats a Christian minister was making to burn the Quran. We prayed together, displayed and honored each others Sacred Scriptures, and told stories of faith.

At that gathering of 300+ people were many young adults. Several of them began meeting last fall to get to know each other better and to ask and hopefully answer the question: “What next?”

Brought together by the event and weary of the divisive discord in the nation's conversation about “them and us”, they are passionate to find the “third way” where all are honored, respected, listened to and the community is built up with an emphasis on compassion, communication and collaboration in building a better world.

These young people, post high school through early 30's, are launching their first public event on February 20th at 6:30pm at Community Christian Church. Guardian Angel Catholic Community will supply the meal and after breaking bread together, there will be guided small group discussion based on the model TEAM set into motion last fall. After the discussion, the group will gather as a whole again and plan “next steps.” If you are interested in attending please contact [Pastor Sue Ringle](#) of Guardian Angel.

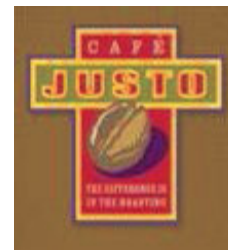
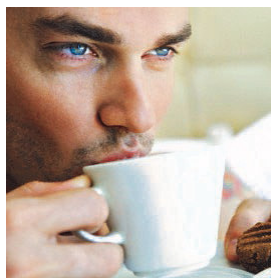
This is an opportunity to “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” (Gandhi)



PEACE AND CONFLICT: COFFEE AND MIGRATION

This Saturday, February 5 10 am—Noon

Utilizing his knowledge and experience as co-founder of Café Justo, a farmer-owned coffee cooperative located in Chiapas Mexico, Tommy Bassett will trace the origins of migration on border control efforts along the southwest border. He will then provide a short history of coffee and demonstrate how Café Justo coffee, sold in churches, parishes and synagogues through out the southwest, can provide an avenue for serious faith-based reflection on immigration issues, while greatly assisting coffee farmers in poverty-stricken regions of the world. A coffee tasting is included in the program. Register at www.thecasa.org. Registration is \$10 which includes the coffee tasting and event will be at the Franciscan Renewal Center, 5802 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale.



BIG TENT CHRISTIANITY

February 10 & 11, 2011 (Thursday 9am—9pm & Friday 9am—5pm)
at The Church of the Beatitudes, 555 Glendale Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021
Child Care Available—reservation required Questions? 480-488-6453

Big Tent Christianity (BTX) is the convergence of new and old ways of being and becoming the Church:

- Progressive and Emergent
- Denominational and Non-denominational
- Large and Small Faith Communities
- Describable and Indescribable

BTX brings people together from across the country to proclaim what unites us as followers of Jesus in this modern world. More than a dozen leading Christian voices—Marcus Borg, Richard Rohr, Brian McLaren, Carol Howard Merritt & Shane Hipps—will break through boundaries to share new and innovative forms of ministry and renewal. You will be inspired by their visions of how we can speak even more powerfully in and to the world of the 21st century. The gathering will include presentations, responses and discussion with speakers and with each other. There will be a Big Tent of music with creative versions of traditional music along with contemporary music—myriad ways that reflect our common ground.



LET US REMEMBER THEM IN OUR PRAYERS

Please contact the [Church Office](#) if you need details on these prayer requests.

New Prayers

- ✦ Adrianne, Sue and Jerry Clore's daughter
- ✦ Kevin Jones
- ✦ Jinnet Kirk Shirley



Continued Prayers For...

- ✦ For all soldiers in harm's way—prayers of peace.
- ✦ Newborn Cameron Kerns
- ✦ The Sterling Family in the death of Jim's father, Rock.
- ✦ Miller-Trimble Family in the death of Bobbie's step-mother, Faye
- ✦ Ross & Emmalou Nierman and their son and daughter-in-law, Brian & Jennifer
- ✦ Leonard Kalom

- ✦ Esther Bland, Doug's mom
- ✦ Karen Harris
- ✦ Libby Combs' family
- ✦ Aaron Janesky, Kim's son
- ✦ Paul and Yvonne, Sue Clore's brother-in-law and sister
- ✦ Sherry and Ted, Sue Clore's sister-in-law and brother
- ✦ Al and Marilyn Goodenberger, Bill's parents
- ✦ Judi Paris and Alana Keahola

SUMMER CAMP DATES— JUNE 26-JULY 1

SAVE THIS DATE!! Deadline for registration will be April 29th and scholarships are available.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLY NUMBER

Date	Offering	Attendance
Jan 23	\$4684	71
Jan 30	\$3042	78

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed, Feb 2	5 pm	I-HELP (Tempe Metro Church)	Fellowship Hall
Thu, Feb 3	4-8 pm	Community Supported Agriculture	Fellowship Hall
Sun, Feb 6	9:30 am	Learning Communities for Adults	Parlor
	10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	1 pm	East Valley Chi Rho & CYF Meetings	Desert Heritage Church, 1020 N Horne St, Mesa
Wed, Feb 9	5 pm	I-HELP (Tempe Metro Church)	Fellowship Hall
Thu, Feb 10	4-8 pm	Community Supported Agriculture	Fellowship Hall
Fri, Feb 11	5 pm	I-HELP (CCC)	Fellowship Hall
Sat, Feb 12—Sun, Feb 13	10am-12 Noon	East Valley Youth Retreats— Chi Rho (6-8 th grades) CYF (9-12 th grades)	First CC, 805 N Country Club, Mesa Desert Heritage Church, 1020 N Horne St, Mesa
Sun, Feb 13	8:00 am	Valentine Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
	9:30 am	Learning Communities for All Ages	Parlor, Nursery, Office Conference Room, Room 2
	10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	12 noon	Elder's Meeting	Parlor
	7 pm	Air Storytelling Concert	Sanctuary
Tue, Feb 15	11:00 am	Pathways Deadline	