



# *THE CENTURION*

WILLIAMS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*TO KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN*



MAY 2015

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## *Preparation for Worship*

The following is borrowed from Thom Rainer and is an expression of how we might prepare ourselves for our Worship Service each and every week. Consider posting this in a place that you will see this and read it as you get ready on Sunday morning to attend church.

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This weekend I will attend my church's worship service.

I will prepare for that corporate worship event;

I will not take the moments lightly.

I will see it as a precious time to gather with brothers and sisters in Christ.

I will prepare for worship.

I will ask God to prepare my own heart.

I will ask Him to help me hear God's Word clearly.

I will ask Him to speak to me that I might be changed.

I will prepare for worship.

I pray that I will not be distracted by my own preferences:

By the style of music; the length of the sermon; the place where I sit;

Or anything that would cause me to focus on me instead of God.

I will prepare for worship.

I will pray for my pastor that the sermon will be anointed.

I will pray for strength for my pastor,

And for encouragement in a world that often offers little.

I will prepare for worship.

I will pray for other leaders in the church,

Leaders often unnoticed and unappreciated,

And specifically for those who sacrificially care for our children in the services.

I will prepare for worship.

I will pray that I will hear God's voice in the music, in the prayers,

And in every moment we gather as a body of believers,

United in heart, focus, and purpose.

I will prepare for worship.

I will pray with my family before we leave to go the church service.

I will also pray alone for the services before we leave,

Even if it's only for a few minutes.

I will prepare for worship,

As I see fellow believers enter to worship together,

I will pray for them and their families,

And I will pray for their own hearts of worship.

I will prepare for worship.

I understand I am blessed to be able to gather, Because I know that many Christians around the world

Are being persecuted and banned from such times.

I will prepare for worship.

I pray I will understand that it is a foretaste of heaven,

And that I will never take such times for granted,

I pray I will truly rejoice in the house of the Lord.

I will prepare for worship.

Thank you, God, for your grace.

Thank you, God, for your goodness.

And for allowing me these precious moments to gather to worship You.

<p><b>COOK'S</b></p>  <p><b>CORNER</b></p>	<p><b>Wild Rice Meat Loaf</b></p> <p>4 cups cooked rice              1 pound uncooked lean ground beef              2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese              1 cup dry bread crumbs              1 cup finely chopped onion              ½ cup all-purpose flour              2 eggs beaten              1 ¼ teaspoon rubbed sage              ¾ teaspoon pepper</p> <p>Combine all ingredients in a large bowl; mix well. Firmly press into a greased 9 inch X 5 inch X 3 inch loaf pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 70 minutes. Cover with foil during the last 15 minutes if the top is browning too quickly. Yields 4-6 servings</p> <p style="text-align: right;">From Taste of Home</p>
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**Celebration of Women**

Williams CUMC will have a “Celebration of Women 0 - 101+ years” on Saturday May 9, 2015 at The Social Hall at 127 W. Sherman starting at 6 pm. There will be an “Upside Down Dinner” prepared by the ladies of the Church. Come bring a family member or friend and enjoy a fun filled evening celebrating Mother’s Day. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

**2015 STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR SERVICE AND OUR GIFTS**

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY	GIFTS TO DATE	NEEDED
03/29	55	\$2084.00	\$24,840.50	
04/05	75	\$2909.00	\$27,749.50	
04/12	44	\$1981.00	\$29,730.50	
04/19	92	\$2537.75	\$32,268.25	



## Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry North District Superintendent

Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata announced his intention to appoint Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry to Desert Skies United Methodist Church in Tucson. She will serve as the lead pastor following Rev. Ed Denham who is retiring. The appointment will be effective July 1, 2015. In sharing this news with the congregation, Bishop Bob offered these words, “Dr. Lansberry has been a valued member of the Cabinet for seven years, as District Superintendent of the North District. She has demonstrated her deep love for Jesus Christ, her excellent pastoral presence, and her desire to empower leaders who create vital congregations.”

Celebrations honoring Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry are scheduled to take place in the following cluster areas. Contact the coordinator listed below to find out details of the event and to RSVP.

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Candace’s Celebration is May 26, 7:00 pm at Trinity Heights in Flagstaff.  
Please RSVP to [pastorbilly10@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbilly10@gmail.com) or 928-220-1037

Canyon Cluster on May 26 - Billy Martin, [pastorbilly10@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbilly10@gmail.com)  
River Cluster on May 27 or 28 - Lujet McCullough, [Lujetm@yahoo.com](mailto:Lujetm@yahoo.com)  
Southern Nevada Cluster on June 1- Jean Newell, [pastorjean@gvumc.org](mailto:pastorjean@gvumc.org)



## CHRISTIANS IN MISSION

Have you ever thought about going on a Mission? Have you wondered what is done on these Mission trips? Now you have the chance to find out what is done on these trips. FaithWorks is sponsoring “**The Arizona Missions Conference**” on Saturday June 13, 2015 from 8 am to 4:30 pm at The Church of the Resurrection, 740 W. University Heights Dr. South, Flagstaff.

This will be a gathering for education, information, inspiration and equipping of God’s people to share the Gospel throughout the world in obedience to,

**Matthew 28: 19-20**

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age”.

There are registration forms outside Pastor Billy’s office. For more information contact Pastor Billy or Bud Parenteau.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCHES**

The Conference Laity Team and District Superintendents are requesting that churches commit to praying for other churches in the District. Several churches will be listed each month for our 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.

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Desert Springs UMC, Las Vegas, (Rev.David Devereaux & Rev. Larry Gerber)  
Grace Fil-Am Ministry, Las Vegas, (Edward Granadosin)  
AGOMS UMF, Las Vegas, (Pastor Daniel Choi)



**Prayer Ministry**

**And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the saints.**

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marilyn (contact via [office@cumcw.org](mailto:office@cumcw.org))

**For Healing**

Ginger Dickson

Barb Parenteau

Brittany Torrez

**For Comfort**

Cindy Feaster

Phillips Family

John Ferrier

**U. S. Troops**

Michael Miller

Ray Green

Jeff Jones

Christopher Pena

Court Gossard

John Williams

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)

1 Chronicles 4:9 Prayer of Jabez

**Imagine No Malaria**

The Desert Southwest Conference has set a goal to raise \$2 million to stamp out Malaria. The conference has raised \$1,813,973 toward that goal. We're almost there. Keep up the good work. If you would like to contribute to "Imagine No Malaria" project, contact Patty Williams or go to cumcw.org and look for the "Imagine No Malaria" link at the bottom of the center section.

**2015 Mission Project - Tuna and Beans Collection**

We're collecting tuna and beans (canned or dry) for our 2015 Annual Conference **mission project**. Our collections will **STAY** in our community, and our local church will choose the recipient organizations. The Church Council will discuss where we will distribute the collected tuna and beans. You can bring the items to Church or contact Bud Parenteau for pickup of the items. We do ask that you check the expiration date on the donated goods.

Bud will be turning in a count of the total number of cans or bags to Billie Fidlin, Director of Outreach, by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The collection period will last from March 30 through June 15. New or updated totals will NOT be accepted at Annual Conference. District totals will be multiplied by a membership percentage to balance the competition for the district prize!

**Denomination Wide Upcoming events**

- Transitions Retreat Workshop May 18 19
- Peace with Justice Sunday May 31
- North District Pre-Conference Briefing May 31

**Special upcoming events**

**Day of Pentecost** — Christians around the globe will celebrate the Holy Spirit's soul-kindling fire that ignited the early church (on the same date United Methodists celebrate John Wesley's heartwarming experience at Aldersgate). United Methodist Discipleship Ministries offers [worship resources in English and Spanish](#)

**Scouting Ministry**

Community UMC has a Scouting Ministry and we sponsor Cub Scout Pack 140 for boys from 1st grade to 5 grade. Servants are needed from our congregation to support and nurture this ministry. The lives of these boys and their parents are changed by being in the presence of Christian men and women. Won't you prayerfully consider participating in this ministry by providing just an hour a week of your time? Contact Vicki or Steve Andros for more information.



Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)

For Worship Services, we have assistive listening devices that work with our sound system. If you would like to try out the system, please stop see the usher. Our system has 4 types of headsets: ear buds, full headsets (2 over the head, 2 behind the head), over-ear hook earphone, and a "loop" that works with hearing aids that have T-coils. Anyone wishing to support the purchase of this system is invited to put a donation into the offering plate, and designate it for the Assistive Listening Devices. If you will be using the system regularly, and wish to purchase your own headset, please see the usher.



New Newsletter Option:

We will begin to post the newsletter on the web site, in a format where you will be able to download it to your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Why are we doing this? To provide instant access to the newsletter, where ever you are.

To check it out, go to the church site [www.cumcw.org](http://www.cumcw.org) and select the "Newsletter" tab at the top. Please give the online version of the newsletter a try!

Below is a form to let us know which option you would prefer. We are asking for your email address so that we can send you an email letting you know when a new newsletter is posted!



Yes, I'd like to try the newsletter online.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

No, I don't have on-line access or an email address to receive the newsletter electronically. Please continue to send me a paper copy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this form into the newsletter mail slot outside of Pastor Billy's office, send an email with this information to [newsletter@cumcw.org](mailto:newsletter@cumcw.org), or mail to the church at:

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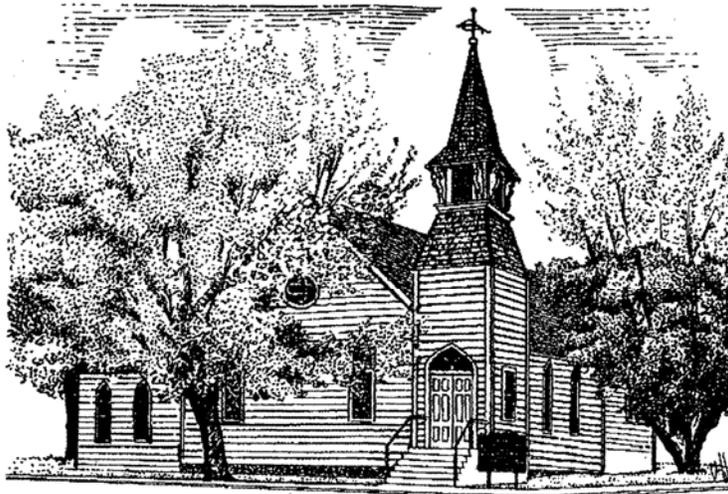
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship, Young Disciples Church 11:30 am Fellowship 12 pm Youth		<b>A= Anniversary</b>  <b>B= Birthday</b>			1	2
3	<b>4</b> 6:45 pm Cub Scouts  B- John M  B- Mark C	<b>5</b> 1:00 pm Quilters  A-Brad/Michelle M  A-Darren/Sandra M	<b>6</b> Recharge 6 pm   B-Maggie W	<b>7</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study	8	<b>9</b> Men's Ministry 7 am Celebration of women 0-101+ years, Formalky Mother/ Daughter Banquet. A-Bill/Madge D
<b>10</b> Mother's Day	<b>11</b> 6:45 pm Cub Scouts   B-Brooke S	<b>12</b> 1:00 pm Quilters	<b>13</b> Recharge 6 pm	<b>14</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study   B-Garret P	15	16
<b>17</b>   A-Richard/Jennifer C	<b>18</b> 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	<b>19</b> 1:00 pm Quilters	<b>20</b> Recharge 6 pm   B-Dorothy M  B-Frank D	<b>21</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b>   B-Patty W  A-Ron/Ginger D	<b>23</b>   Men's Ministry 7 am
<b>24</b> Pentecost Sunday <hr/> <b>31</b> Community Worship Service 6pm	<b>25</b> 6:45 pm Cub Scouts Memorial Day	<b>26</b> 1:00 pm Quilters	<b>27</b> Recharge 6 pm   B-Jamie D	<b>28</b> 9:30 Women's Bible Study   B-Bill D	<b>29</b>   B-Victor S	30

To Know Jesus and Make Him Known

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Address Service requested



**Community United Methodist Church**

Be a Godsend to our men and women in the military. Correspond with them via the internet. To do so, log onto [anysevicemember.org](http://anysevicemember.org)