



THE CENTURION

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



February 2016

FROM YOUR PASTOR

For everything that was written in the past to teach us, so that through the endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:4-6 NIV

Serving on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry I was asked by one of the candidates seeking ordination, “How do you retain vitality and hope serving as a pastor?” This individual told me how she has seen so many pastors who seem to have lost their compassion for ministry. She sensed they were only going through the motions of preaching/teaching, counseling, etc... I sensed she sincerely did not want to lose the excitement for ministry which flowed through her veins into her soul. She wanted to know how to *fan into flame the gift of God* (2 Tim. 1:6) which burned within her. My three live brain cells went into warp speed as I considered her question--for in her heart was a question of life and death for herself and those she would serve.

There were many ways in which I could have responded, but my answer is what has kept my body, mind, heart, and soul alive desiring to offer abundant life to all those God has and will continue to place in my path: Always endeavor to be faithful to God’s Word and never cease learning from His wisdom and inspiration which Jesus will in truth and grace pour upon those who will humble themselves and seek His face. Approach God’s Word with a desire to know His heart with freshness realizing I have learned much, but there is still so much I hope to understand. And then, share with those I have been called to serve what God has revealed to me and do so with Jesus’ gentleness, grace and truth. Then leave the results to God wanting Him to receive all the glory. And one more thing, never forget to have fun doing so.

In Jesus grace and truth, Pastor Billy

COOK'S



CORNER

Jacob's Soup

- ¼ cup Red lentils
- ¼ cup green split peas
- ¼ cup barley
- ¼ cup dried onion
- 2 tbs parsley flakes
- 1/3 tsp thyme
- 1/3 tsp pepper
- 1/3 cup beef bouillon power
- 1 tsp basil
- 1 tsp garlic power
- ½ tsp celery seed
- 3 cups tricolor pasta
- 8 cups of water
- 1-22oz can crushed tomatoes

Cooking instructions:

Bring water and tomatoes to a rapid boil in a large stock pot. Add soup mix. Reduce heat to simmer. Let simmer, covered, for 20 minutes or until pasta is tender.

Submitted from Abington Press

Sisters in Spirit 2016

Meeting February, at the home of Barb Parenteau, February 13th, 8am

2015 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR SERVICE AND OUR GIFTS

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS	
		WEEKLY	TO DATE
01/03	57	\$2,294.92	\$2,294.92
01/10	55	\$3,403.00	\$5,697.92
01/17	110	\$1,209.00	\$6,906.92
01/24	50	\$899.00	\$7,805.92



WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to Church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the Pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember:

Noah was a drunk
Isaac was a daydreamer
Leah was ugly
Moses had a stuttering problem
Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
Elijah was suicidal
Jonah ran from God
Job went bankrupt
Peter denied Christ
Martha worried about everything
Zaccheus was too small
Timothy had an ulcer

Abraham was too old
Jacob was a liar
Joseph was abused
Gideon was afraid
Rahab was a prostitute
David had an affair and was a murderer
Isaiah preached naked
Naomi was widow
John the Baptist ate bugs
The Disciples fell asleep while praying
The Samaritan women were divorced, more than once
Paul was too religious

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.

February 2016

Community UMC – Caliente, NV (Pastor Linda Larsen)

Federated Community Church, Flagstaff, AZ (Rev Jessica Goad)

Trinity Heights UMC – Flagstaff, AZ (Rev. Lynn Bartlow, Rev. Ron Bartlow)



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: email office@cumcw.org

For Healing

Ginger D
Bonnie D

Wanda S
Caroline M

Brittany T
Ron J

For Comfort

Cindy F & family
Whiteman Family
Alice J

Phillips Family
Madge D
Betty C

John F
John L
Bonnie D & family

U. S. Troops

Michael M
Christopher P

Ray G
Court G

Jeff J
John W

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

1 Chronicles 4:9 Prayer of Jabez

Western Jurisdictional Conference

The Desert Southwest Conference will host the Western Jurisdictional Conference (WJC) in July 2016. As host Conference it is our purpose to demonstrate God’s abundant joy and grace that is present in the Desert Southwest. The WJC Worship Planning Team is asking for our assistance to do some needed work in advance of the gathering.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- 1) Advanced woodworkers – we need 7 processional poles and stands made
- 2) An Advanced fabric artist to design stoles for the Bishops in cooperation with the Worship Planning Team
- 3) Seamstresses – Quilters to make vestments and banners for the Bishops
We need 6 stoles made
We also need 7 processional banners made
- 4) 2 people who will assist in putting music into Sibelius format for the worship books
- 5) 6 churches whose children will assist in making a prayer gift for the participants
- 6) 1 or 2 people to work with our team coordinator to design and create prayer spaces for the gathering
- 7) Dozens of volunteers who will help with Hospitality/Greeting at the airport or hotel.
- 8) Dozens of volunteers who will help with ground transportation between the hotel and airport.
- 9) Volunteer nurses, EMTs, or doctors (i.e., active or retired medical personnel) to staff a medical station.
- 10) Volunteers to help with a field trip to the Heard Museum.
- 11) Volunteers to assist with gift baskets and other needs.

It is our goal to have these projects completed and volunteers in place by January 2016. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please contact Rev. N. Susan Brims (seniorpastor@doveofthedesert.com or 623-572-7334) or Rev. Anthony Tang (atang@dscumc.org or 602-266-6956 x261).

Together, let us become God’s blessings to those who will participate in the Western Jurisdictional Conference.



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

Name: _____ Email Address: _____
(to be notified of posting new newsletters online)

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COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 127 W. SHERMAN, WILLIAMS, AZ 86046

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 B- Steve B	3 B= Eddie S A- Debbie/ George A	4 9:30 Women's Bible Study	5	6 A- John/Betty F
7 Youth group meet at noon B-Erin M B- Michael F	8 B- Barb M B- Cassity T A- Deby M/Patrick T	9 Ad Council meeting 6:30pm 1:00 pm Quilters B- Katie C	10	11 9:30 Women's Bible Study B- Ryan P	12 B- James J	13 Men's Ministry 7 am Sisters-in-Spirit 8am B- Kim B
14 Valentine's Day Potluck Sunday Youth group meet at noon B- Todd P	15 President's Day	16 1:00 pm Quilters B- Kathy B	17	18 9:30 Women's Bible Study B- Mike C	19 B- Onon M	20 B- Chris M
21 Youth group meet at noon B- Dennis J B- Cindy F	22	23 1:00 pm Quilters B- Sheldon W	24	25 9:30 Women's Bible Study	26 A- Tish/Ernie H	27 Men's Ministry 7 am B- John L B-Jason I
28 Youth group meet at noon	29				A = Anniversary B = Birthday	<u>Sunday Schedule</u> 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship, Young Disciples Church

To Know Jesus and Make Him Known

The Community United Methodist Church of Williams

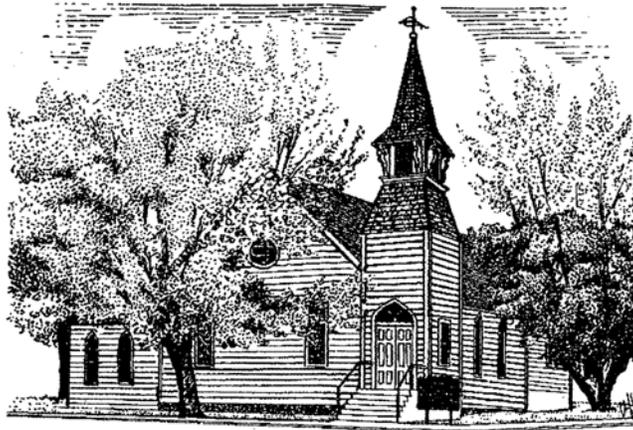


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