



# THE CENTURION

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



August 2016

## “Spiritual Warfare” Christian Conference & Luncheon

All are welcome – No Charge

Saturday, August 13, 2016  
10:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Community United Methodist Church.



### Conference Schedule:

- 10:30 am Praise and Worship
- 11:00 am Speaker Pastor Terrance Hatcher
- 12:00 pm Lunch provided
- 1:00 pm Speaker Sister Sandra Hatcher

Some interesting background on this conference: It was first held in 2004 at Denny’s, and was focused on Pastor’s wives giving their testimonies to the women of Williams. From Denny’s the conference moved to the Western View for several years, and when it out grew that space, the conference was moved to its current location. An additional change to the conference is that it is no longer exclusively for women – it is now open to both men and women.

Our Sunday School Youth  
have been studying the  
Fruit of the Spirit!

They are currently on

**PEACE**

**Free Movie Night - 1st Friday Monthly**  
**Friday August 5, 2016 - 6:30 PM**



POPCORN

Soups & Water

Community United Methodist Church  
127 W Sherman Ave, Williams  
For more information visit [CUMCW.org](http://CUMCW.org)

**COOK'S**



**CORNER**

**Toffee Bars**

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 9 whole graham crackers
- 10 Hershey's bars
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Line a cookie sheet with foil making side rims. Break the graham crackers into sections and put on cookie sheet touching. Bring brown sugar, butter and pecans to a boil. Spread or drizzle over the graham crackers. Chop or break the Hershey's bars into small pieces. Spread on top of brown sugar mixture while it is still hot. Chill in freezer for 20 minutes, then separate the graham crackers into sections again.

Submitted by Susan Golightly Flagstaff ski club

**2016 STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

DATE	ATTENDANCE	----- GIFTS -----	
		WEEKLY	TO DATE
07/03	41	2,001.00	51,084.07
07/10	47	3,683.00	56,768.07
07/17	40	1,566.00	58,334.07
07/24	45	2,361.10	60,695.17

**Sisters in Spirit**

August meeting at Church August 13, 2016 at 8am

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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**Imagine No Malaria**

The Conference took a bold leap of faith adopting our goal of saving 200,000 lives from this treatable and preventable disease and we know that God will help us make this effort a rewarding one for all of us. Thank you for your consideration to making an extra last minute gift that will save lives through Imagine No Malaria. 75 Million dollars will be raised in the next three years. The Desert Southwest Conference has pledged to save 200,000 lives.

**It was announced at the Annual Conference that we have reached our goal of \$2,000,000.00.**

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**A little bit of humor**

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign: "Energy efficient vehicle—runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the Pastor stopped by for tea and the mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the Church, and the center of attention.

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When you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache  
When you open it, he collapses  
When he sees you reading it, he faints  
When he sees that you are living what you read, HE FLEES

**Servants at Work!!**

A big THANK YOU to all those who helped getting the parsonage cleaned up and repaired. Work done includes general cleaning, replacing a piece of the sub floor in the kitchen, and the tile flooring in the kitchen, laundry and master bath, trimming of bushes and trees, removing of trash, cleaning the garage. The people involved include Billy Martin, Dennis Johnson, Steve Andros, George Ansbach, Sandee Drake, Dorothy Miller, Judy Martin, Caroline McCaffery, Bud Parenteau, and Barb Parenteau

## Seven Keys To Open Handed Living In A Tight Fisted World

*Submit yourself and all you have to the Lord.  
 Study the scriptures on financing and generosity.  
 See what God has provided in your life.  
 Set aside resources to give.  
 Systematically give.  
 Spontaneously give as the Lord leads you.  
 Simplify your life to be even more generous.*

*Submitted by George Ansbach*

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## TO KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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### TESTAMONY – I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE

This is a story about growing up in Williams in a “Christian” home.

I knew we were Christians because we believed in God and went to church once in a while. I knew God was in our home because I heard my dad say his name often, (Usually when he was mad)! We prayed---not at mealtime or on a regular basis, but when we wanted something (like a new bike or pair of shoes) or when dad was late coming home from work. He was in law enforcement. Mom would say “I hope Dad’s alright. Let’s pray that he gets home safely”. I guess it worked because he always got home!

I went to Sunday school, vacation bible school, and was baptized in this church. Therefore I was Christian, right?

I went to college and became an R.N. After graduation I joined the Navy Nurse Corp and was stationed in New Your, San Diego, Guam, and Japan. I went to church once in a while, and my dogs tag said “Protestant”. I knew that meant I was a Christian.

After leaving the military I worked for the Atomic Energy Commission in Los Alamos, NM. I got married and had three sons. We believed in God and went to church once in a while. My husband worked for the University of California Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories. We lived the American Dream! We had an airplane, a big boat, a Gold Wing motorcycle, a motorhome, and lived near the Rio Grande River in the Espanola Valley. My sons attended McCurdy School, a United Methodist Church school, and got a good Christian education.

My marriage didn’t last and I came home to Williams where my parents and grandmother still lived. I was fortunate to get a full time job with the Williams Schools as school nurse, and also a full time job at the hospital. I worked 80 or more hours a week and could provide everything my sons needed, and most of what they wanted. We went to Disneyland, skied in Colorado, and vacationed in Hawaii. Oh, and went to church once in a while.

Fortunately God took care of my sons by surrounding them with friends from Christian families. They were Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans, Catholics, and Mormons, but all had one thing in common. They were Christians!

They say “it takes a village to raise a child”. This village raised three of mine.

Muhammed Ali once said “Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth”. Boy, my rent was paid for years to come! After all, I served students all day, and those who were ill or injured at night.

Billy often refers to “Lukewarm Christians”. That wasn’t me! I believed in God, went to church regularly, and served others!

Then my good friend Marilyn Fogg sponsored me for The Walk to Emmaus. I went with an open heart, ready to let God in. I spent 72 hours learning about Christian values, Christian living, Christian faith, and God’s grace. I learned about priorities---what do you think about? What do you spend your money on? What do you spend your time on? I learned about prayer, reading The Word, worship, fasting, generosity, confession, restoration, healing reconciliation, and beauty. I learned about Amazing Grace, Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, Life in Piety, Spiritual practices, and obstacles to God’s Grace.

I learned that my rent is not paid up, in fact it is in arrears! What I considered “service to others” was actually not service at all. When people came to me for care, paid for that care, and I in turn was paid for rendering that care it was not service at all---it was a job! Only when you seek others who need spiritual direction, provide that direction and share the gospel with them are you providing service to others.

I faced the reality that I was indeed a “lukewarm Christian”.

And finally, the guilt that I have carried for all these years. God was not in our home! We did not pray at mealtime, didn’t pray together, and didn’t live Christian lives. God is not in my son’s homes, although they are wonderful men with good families, good jobs, and good lives, thanks to the Village that raised them. God is not in their lives, and that is my fault!!!

We had the opportunity at Walk to Emmaus to let go of a burden and leave it on the altar. I confessed to one of our pastors and she told me to give that burden to God, to leave it on the altar, and he would guide me. She said it is not too late to introduce Christianity to my sons. I don’t know who to accomplish this, but God does! He will direct my path. I know he will!

I believe that it is not too late to become a “real Christian”, and I know that with God’s help and direction I can accomplish that.

Now, after my daily devotions, I have a closing prayer. I pray “God, give me a purpose I can live for, a self I can live with, and a Faith I can live by. Amen.”

Submitted by Norma McDowell.

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**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.

August 2016

Mesquite UMC Mesquite NV (Rev Rick Casebolt)  
Mohave Valley UMC Ft Mohave AZ (Pastor Gene Stouffer)  
Community UMC Williams AZ (Rev Billy Martin)



**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 at office@cumcw.org

**For Healing**

Ginger D  
Bonnie D  
Jennifer H

Wanda S  
Ron J

Brittany T

**For Comfort**

Cindy F & family  
Whiteman Family  
Alice J  
Dorothy M

Phillips Family  
Madge D  
Betty C

John F  
Bonnie D & Family  
Combs/McRae Family

**U. S. Troops**

Michael M  
Christopher P

Ray G  
Court G

Jeff J  
John W

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)  
1 Chronicles 4:9 Prayer of Jabez

# August 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  B- Tish H	2	3	4  9:30 Women's Bible Study	5  6:30pm Friday night movie	6
7  Youth group meet at noon	8  Women's Bible Study A David/Jimmie C A Fred/Christie H	9 12 Women's Bible Study  <b>1:00 pm Quilters</b> B-Nicole M	10  Recharge	11  <b>9:30 Women's Bible Study</b> B-Christie H B-Michael C	12	13  <b>Men's Ministry 7 am</b>  Sisters-in-Spirit 8am
14 Potluck Sunday  Youth group meet at noon  B-Tara L A-Jason/Amy I	15  Women's Bible Study	16 12 Women's Bible Study  <b>1:00 pm Quilters</b> B-Eddie S A-Kim/Susan B	17  Recharge	18  <b>9:30 Women's Bible Study</b>	19  B-Dee Dee F	20  B-Amy I B-Bryton C B-Megan M
21  Youth group meet at noon  B-Scott M	22  Women's Bible Study  B-Michael M B-Patrick T	23 12 Women's Bible Study  <b>1:00 pm Quilters</b> B-Tiffany J	24  Recharge	25  <b>9:30 Women's Bible Study</b>	26  A-Joe/Pam H	27  <b>Men's Ministry 7 am</b>
28  Youth group meet at noon	29  Women's Bible Study  B-Paige P B-Maggie P	30 12 Women's Bible Study  <b>1:00 pm Quilters</b>  B-Joyce M	31 Recharge  B-Juni V		A = Anniversary  B = Birthday	<b><u>Sunday Schedule</u></b> <b>8:45 am Adult</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 am Worship,</b> <b>Young Disciples</b> <b>Church</b>

To Know Jesus and Make Him Known

The Community United Methodist Church of Williams

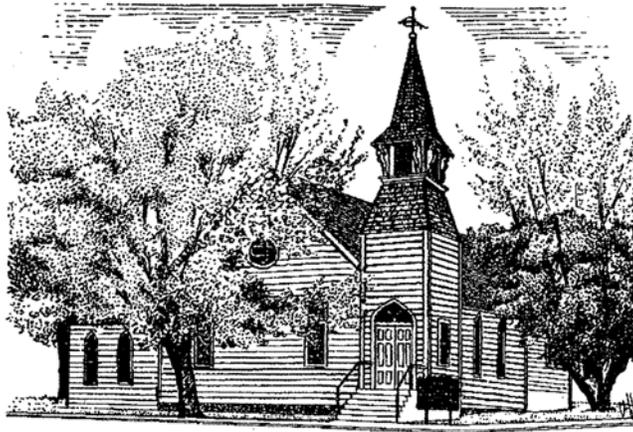


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Be a Godsend to our men and women in the military. Correspond with them via the internet. To do so, log onto [anysevicemember.org](http://anysevicemember.org)