



THE CENTURION

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



December 2016

INVITATION TO HOLY HUDDLES

Dear Faithful United Methodists of the Desert Southwest Conference,

Grace and peace to you in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ!

Recent events in our Conference, in the Western Jurisdiction, and in the General Church have prompted conversations and concern in our United Methodist congregations in the Desert Southwest Conference. Many persons have expressed their desire for clarity and explanations and an opportunity to share their feelings and opinions regarding topics such as human sexuality, interpretation of scripture, the Book of Discipline, the Social Principles, challenges to church unity and possible schism, and our future as a United Methodist Church.

Because these are very important issues that many persons want to discuss, I am inviting you and your congregation to join me in a time of Holy Huddle on the Unity of the Church. Holy Huddles will offer us the opportunity to engage in listening to and hearing one another as we share our concerns and thoughts about human sexuality and the church. In these Huddles, my role is to listen to your concerns, to share my perspective as your bishop, and to respond to questions you may have about any topic of concern. I will strive to create a safe space where we will be able to speak and listen with respect for others and pray together for our United Methodist Church in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to our Holy Huddles as we converse about what it means to be the church in our time.

In Christ,
Robert T. Hoshibata,
Resident Bishop

The Leadership Team extends an invitation to join us to be in dialogue with Bishop Bob. You can contact our Lay Leader: Steve Andros or Pastor Billy to arrange car-pooling.

The dates and locations of the Holy Huddles are:

Saturday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. St. Michael's UMC 2895 Jamaica Blvd. S. Lake
Havasu City, AZ 86406


Saturday, February 11, 9:30 a.m. Trinity Heights UMC 3600 N. Fourth St. Flagstaff,
AZ 86004

Thursday, December 8 from 6:30-9:00 PM at First United Methodist Church, 15 E.
First Ave, Mesa

Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 2:00-4:30 PM at Central United Methodist Church,
1875 N. Central Ave, Phoenix

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 6:30-9:00 PM at Chandler United Methodist
Church, 450 E. Chandler Heights Rd, Chandler

Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 9:30 AM-12:00 PM at Paradise Valley United
Methodist Church, 4455 E. Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley

<p style="text-align: center; color: magenta; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">COOK'S</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: magenta; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">CORNER</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Baked Chicken Parmesan</p> <p>1- 2 1/2 to 3 lb. broiler-fryer chicken cut up and skinned 3/4 cup Miracle Whip salad dressing or Kraft real Mayonnaise 1 cup crushed Post Toasties corn flakes 1/2 cup (2 oz.) Kraft grated parmesan cheese Dash of salt and pepper</p> <p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees.</p> <p>Brush chicken with salad dressing. Combine remaining ingredients</p> <p>Place in 13x9 inch baking dish.</p> <p>Bake for one hour or until tender</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.9em;">Submitted by Lois Dearwester</p>
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2016 STEWARDSHIP REPORT			
OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR SERVICE AND OUR GIFTS			
DATE	ATTENDANCE	----- GIFTS -----	
		WEEKLY	TO DATE
10/30	46	1,274.00	87,841.06
11/06	41	2,617.00	90,458.06
11/13	51	1,513.00	91,971.06
11/20	50	789.00	92,760.06

Sisters in Spirit


December meeting at Church Hosted by all Sisters,
 December 10, 2016 at 8am

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

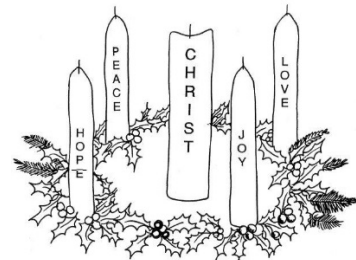
Pictorial Directory

In response to some requests to update the Church's pictorial directory the Leadership team has contacted the company that put together the last directory. We are now looking for someone to coordinate putting together a new directory. We need someone who will signup church members for 3-4 Sunday's after worship, then host and greet the members on the day the photos are taken. The last task will be to proof the directory. The proofing of the directory will be done on line. If you would like to see our directory updated please contact Pastor Billy or Bud Parenteau for details.

Free Movie Night - 1st Friday Monthly
Also included- Popcorn, Soda and Water !
Friday December 2, 2016 - 6:30 PM



Community United Methodist Church
127 W Sherman Ave, Williams
For more information visit CUMCW.org



Nativity Pageant

Please see attached announcement about children's costumes for the Nativity Pageant. We thought it would give the kids some "investment" in the project if they help with their costumes. If you would like to help us... That would be great.

Also, looking for the following:

Men's long sleeved WHITE dress shirts we can ruin.

LARGE bath towels we can cut a hole in. (stripes, blues, browns)

Hand towels, same colors for shepherd's hats.

PLEASE spread the word with any kids you can think of. This will be a pretty neat opportunity, I think they will have fun.

Sisters in Spirit - Jared Boxes and Cookie baking

Saturday November 5th was a fun filled morning, packing Jared boxes for Flagstaff Medical Center’s hospitalized children, and cookies were baked for the residents of St. Agnes senior apartments. Bonnie Dent is the organizer for the Jared box project. Bonnie begins 6 weeks before the packing date to gather donated items. These items can be anything that could make a child happy while spending time in the hospital. She sorts the items into age categories, labels the boxes (clear shoe boxes), for boy or girl. Then she sets a date to pack the boxes. A lot of organization goes into this project and God chose the perfect one to do it. Thank you Bonnie. The boxes will be delivered to Flagstaff Medical Center by the Dent family.

Tish Hernandez volunteers at the Williams Food Bank and has connections with St Agnes senior living apartments. Tish is aware that some of the seniors have little to no outside contact or activities. She has put it on the hearts of the Sisters in Spirit to spread a little cheer to the residents. Cookies were baked and decorated for the 32 residents of St Agnes. Paige, Evan, Alexis, Asia, Ginger, Tish, Bud, Barb and Shirley (from the senior apartments) directed the deliveries. It doesn’t take much to put a smile on someone’s face. A lot of smiles were received. Thank you Tish for your loving caring ways. God knows his servants.

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Walk to Eammus Gathering

Trinity Heights CUMC
December 3, 2016
Pot luck dinner 5pm
Gathering Worship Service 6pm

!!! Mark your Calendar !!!

Annual North District
Leadership Training Conference
January 28, 2017
Desert Springs UMC Las Vegas, NV

BUDGET WOES – a slight improvement.



UPDATE: Looking at our income and expense figures with a few more months of data, we are still spending more than we are collecting. Three months ago, the estimate was that we would spend \$13,090 more than our income this year. (\$103,623 in income vs \$116,713 in expenses). Last month we estimated that we will spend \$10,218 more than our income. (estimates were \$103,880 in income vs \$114,098 in expenses). Please continue to prayerfully consider if you can assist in balancing our income to our anticipated expenses.

Lay Servant Ministries

The purpose of Lay Servant Ministries is to encourage and empower lay people to seek opportunities for service in active ministries in support of their local congregations and beyond. *LSM directly contributes to the achievement of the Strategic Direction of the Desert Southwest Conference.*

In order to achieve our purpose, we will:

- o *Recruit and train current and emerging leaders among the laity.*
- o *Foster partnerships between lay and clergy leaders.*
- o *Network among and between Districts to provide quality training at times and in places that will be most effective and reach the most people.*
- o *Serve as a resource for Conference and District lay and clergy leaders to promote understanding and effective utilization of the Ministries of Lay Servants.*



In case you missed it...

If you remember, when we replaced our old windows in the sanctuary, we sold the old windows. One person purchased three of the windows, and created a garden oasis. She posted this picture on Facebook. I believe she is planning to add Hollyhocks in this oasis. Just beautiful.



(To see this in color, check out the online version of the newsletter at cumcw.org/newsletters)

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.

December 2016

Hospice of Havasu, Lake Havasu City, AZ (Pastor Sandra Lee Johnson)
St. Martin Hospital, Las Vegas, NV (Rev. Richard Smith)



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

For Healing

Ginger D
Bonnie D
Chuck N

Wanda S
Ron J

Brittany T
Jennifer H

For Comfort

Cindy F & family
Whiteman Family
Alice J

Phillips Family
Madge D
Betty C

John F
Bonnie D & Family
Hoke 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

December 2016 COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 127 W. SHERMAN, WILLIAMS, AZ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A = Anniversary B = Birthday	Sunday Schedule 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship, Young Disciples Church			1	2 6:30pm Friday night movie B-Tyler H	3 B-Faith F
4 Youth group meet at noon B-Madge D B-Randi P	5	6 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilters A-Gerry/Patty W	7 Recharge	8 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Hand bell Choir B-Fred P	9 B-Debbie S	10 Men's Ministry 7 am Sisters-in-Spirit 8am
11 Potluck Sunday Youth group meet at noon B-Marilyn F	12 B-Bradley S A-Mike/Kathie B	13 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilters B-Allan D	14 Recharge B-Mikayla C	15 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Hand bell Choir B-Elsie B	16	17
18 Youth group meet at noon	19 B-Carl G	20 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilters	21 Recharge	22 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Hand bell Choir	23	24 Men's Ministry 7 am 7 pm Christmas Eve Candle light Services B-Bud P Jr
25 Youth group meet at noon Christmas	26	27 Noon Women's Bible study 1:00 pm Quilters	28 Recharge	29 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Hand bell Choir	30	31 B-Ginny P

To Know Jesus and Make Him Known

The Community United Methodist Church of Williams

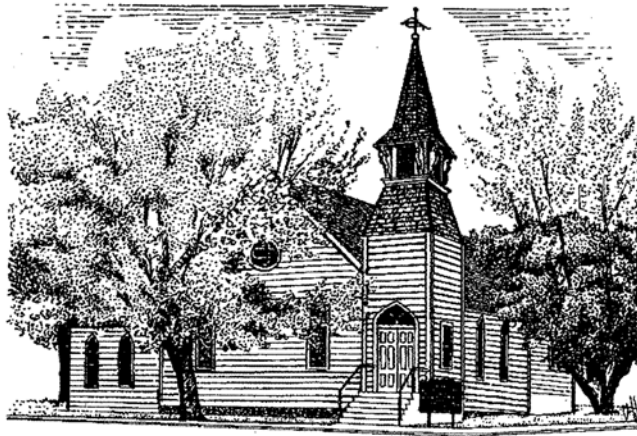


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