



# THE CENTURION

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



January 2017

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

2017 is here along with New Year's arrival and a fresh opportunity for Community United Methodist Church to intentionally strive to fulfill our mutually accepted Vision, Mission and Purpose Statement in a deeper, more fruitful manner than we have in the past.

I have often been impressed and maybe a little envious of the early church as described in Acts 2:42-47. Verses 42 & 43 describe those who in faith, confessed their sins, repented, were forgiven and received the promised Holy Spirit in this way:

*They devoted themselves to the apostle's teachings and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.*

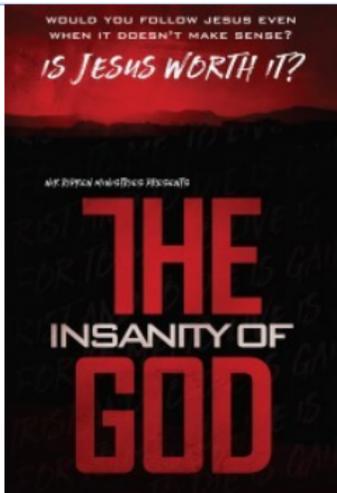
Of course, much more is said to describe this Holy Spirit movement in those whose new purpose in life was: *To know Jesus and to make Him known.* (Clever way to insert our Purpose Statement into this article don't you think.)

For some reason, I sense the modern church thinks those *wonders* are a thing of the past. I remind us that it is written that *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).* I would agree that for those who **aren't willing to devote themselves** personally to know Jesus and have a passion to share the grace they have freely received so that all people may come to love Jesus, there will be no wonders. Yet for those who will follow Mary's example in faith and devotion said: *I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said (Luke 1:38)* will take to heart and in wonder, come to know with certainty that, *For nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37).*

This to bring us to the point of this article, to inform you of an opportunity for Us to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13). I hope this text sounds familiar!

This opportunity will be offered to every person who makes up Christ's body at Community UMC. You are

**Free Movie Night - 1st Friday Monthly**  
*Also included- Popcorn, Soda and Water!*  
**Friday January 6, 2017 - 6:30 PM**



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personally invited to participate in a small group experience known as **The Wesleyan Covenant for Renewal** which will help us understand and respond to John Wesley's blueprint for a vibrant and revitalized faith outlined in his foundational document for *Renewing Our Covenant with God*. As written in the One Faithful Promise participant guide's introduction:

*John Wesley advocated intentional, thorough, and constant attention to Christian discipleship. He knew that the cultural and spiritual forces at work in his day make it much too easy to become lax in one's commitment to Christ. It is therefore incumbent upon us to renew and strengthen our spiritual devotion. The intent of this study is to fortify our resolve in making a faithful promise to God through the Wesleyan Covenant Renewal.*

I will be in consolation with our Leadership Team to determine the details of this great opportunity for each of us as we participate in a small group to become spiritually mature and attain the fullness of Jesus grace and truth for the purpose of furthering Jesus' Kingdom here on earth and experience Jesus' wonders. Amen!

<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>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Lentil Sausage Soup</h2> <p>1 package (19- ½ oz.) turkey Italian sausage links, casings removed                  13 cups water                  1 cup chopped carrots                  ½ cup chopped celery                  2 tsps. onion powder                  ¾ tsps. Dried oregano                  ½ tsps. Garlic powder                  ½ tsps. Dried basil                  ½ tsps. Seasoning salt                  ¼ tsps. Pepper                  2 cups dried lentils, rinsed                  ½ cup uncooked long grain rice                  2 cans (one 15 oz. and one 8 oz. tomato sauce                  2 ½ cups frozen cheese tortellini</p> <p>Crumble sausage into nonstick skillet. Cook over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, combine water, carrots, celery, onion powder, oregano, garlic powder, basil, seasoning salt, and pepper. Add lentils and rice. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat: cover and simmer for 18-20 minutes or until the lentils and rice are tender. Stir in tomato sauce; return to a boil. Add tortellini and sausage. Cook for 3-4 minutes or until tortellini are tender, stirring several times</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Submitted by Virginia Baker</p>
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2016 STEWARDSHIP REPORT			
OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR SERVICE AND OUR GIFTS			
DATE	ATTENDANCE	----- GIFTS -----	
		WEEKLY	TO DATE
12/04	50	2,030.00	96,281.06
12/11	52	1,704.00	97,985.06
12/18	55	1,721.00	99,706.06
12/25	16	625.00	100,331.06

**Sisters in Spirit**  
 January meeting at Church Hosted by Barb Parenteau  
 January 14, 2016 at 8am

## 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

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### 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

**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**

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

**Sisters in Spirit**  
**Annual Christmas Bazaar**

The annual Christmas Bazaar was held Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9am to 1pm. There were 19 vendors participated in the Bazaar. Handmade items of all kinds, including candles, soaps, quilts, and many baked goods. Also there were other vendors like Pampered Chief to mention just a few of the available items. As shoppers delight, and you didn't have to leave town to shop. A silent auction for theme baskets (great Christmas gifts) was held. But most important there was a lot of fellowship and Christmas music. Soup and homemade rolls were served to the vendors and workers. A Big thanks to Jennifer Cox for the organization and to Sisters in Spirit for their support. The proceeds are used to support Sisters in Spirit activities and obligations.

**Not Sew Perfect Quilters**

Each Tuesday from 1 to 3pm a group of ladies get together to create lap quilts. A quilt has several steps before it is ready to be GIVEN away. Material is purchased but mostly donated. Squares are cut out and matched with a back piece of material. Squares are sewn together, put together with the fiber fill and backing. Quilts are tied with yarn. Corners squared and binding sewn. All of this is done by loving hands and hearts. Quilts are sold at the annual Sisters in Spirit Bazaar to fund making more quilts to be giving away. Judy Martin takes quilts to Flagstaff Medical Center when there is a need, and quilts are also given to the Sunshine Mission, Hope Cottage, and to the Cancer Center. If you ever need a quilt for a special occasion you can contact Rua, Vicki, Sandee, Toyoka, Brenda, Pam Trisha, Caroline, or Barb.

**Not Sew Perfect Quilters,  
Give Quilts to Hope Cottage**



TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE US KNOW

?? Will We have a New Pictorial Directory ??

We have not received anyone who is willing to coordinate a new Pictorial Directory. If you would like to help, but do not want to be THE person responsible, please tell Pastor Billy or Bud that you would like to help, and what you would be able to do. It is possible that two or three could split the job. Please consider this!

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(s) 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.

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

!!! Mark your Calendar!!!

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

Many topics are offered, check with Pastor Billy or Steve to learn what they are.

**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.

January 2017

Needles Ministry Needles, CA (Pastor Eugene Stouffer)  
Boulder City UMC Boulder City NV (Rev Sandy L. Johnson)  
Hope UMC Bullhead City, AZ (Pastor Robin Lee)



**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 - office@cumcw.org

**For Healing**

Ginger D  
Bonnie D  
Chuck N

Wanda S  
Ron J  
Jeff A

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

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

# January 2017 COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 127 W. SHERMAN, WILLIAMS, AZ 86046

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Hand bell Choir  B-Carl N B-Rick M A-Todd/Randi P	6 6:30pm Friday night movie  B-Carla D	7
8 Youth group meet at noon	9	10 Noon Women's Bible Study  1:00 pm Quilters	11 Recharge	12 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Hand bell Choir  B-Vicki A	13  B-Larry S	14 Men's Ministry 7 am Sisters-in-Spirit 8am  B-Janet C
15 Potluck Sunday  Youth group meet at noon B-Debbie A	16	17 Noon Women's Bible Study  1:00 pm Quilters	18 Recharge	19 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Hand bell Choir  B-Ryan H	20  B- Stephen F	21  B-Billy M
22  Youth group meet at noon	23	24 Noon Women's Bible Study  1:00 pm Quilters	25 Recharge  B-Sarah C	26 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Hand bell Choir  B-Barb P B-Rianne M	27	28 Men's Ministry 7 am
29  Youth group meet at noon	30	31 Noon Women's Bible study  1:00 pm Quilters  B-Susan B			A = Anniversary  B = Birthday	<b><u>Sunday Schedule</u></b> 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship, Young Disciples Church

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The Community United Methodist Church of Williams



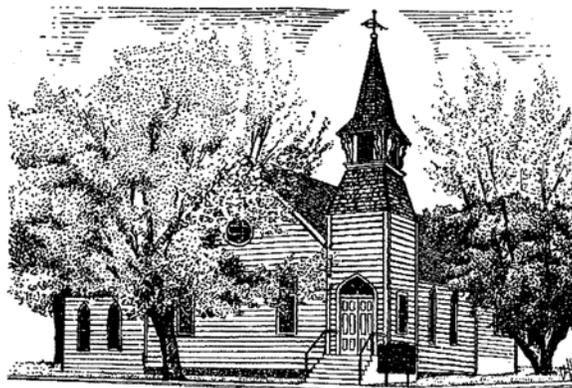
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