

# Palm Leaf

Church of the Palms

November 2017

Connect with God, find community, make a difference!  
We are an Open and Affirming church—You are welcome here!



The Church of the  
Palms  
2015

*Thanksgiving Blessings*



*Pastor Paul Whitlock*

A Letter from Paul

The New Testament records that out of the 39 parables Jesus told, at least 13 dealt directly with money and possessions. If the staff at The Palms were to preach the same ratio of sermons on money as did Jesus, we would need to devote 1/3 or about 17 sermons a year to money!

Now, in the holistic sense of the word, all of Jesus' sermons were stewardship sermons. 1/3 of them were sermons about financial stewardship. The church needs to address the issue of money not just to undergird the mission and ministry of the church. We need to address the issue because it is a profoundly spiritual one. If we're going to preach the gospel in this church, then we need to preach that the spiritual issues of faith and finances go together. A great example of this belief is The Church of the Palms response to the need of the people in the path of Hurricane Harvey. Member donations to this disaster plus matching funds, total \$10,000!

The Board of Stewards has set aside the month of November for our Stewardship Drive. We are asking each family to turn in pledge card by November 26. Families may turn in their pledge anytime by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. Filling out a pledge card is simple! After prayerfully considering your finances, your talents, & your blessings from God, simply fill out how much you are able to give financially each week, month, period of the year in which you attend The Palms.

But don't stop there!

God's not interested in just what we can donate financially. Our time and talent gifts are needed as well. An inventory of those gifts is included as well. Please fill out that sheet, too.

Shalom,

Paul

# Stewardship



***Come feast with us! Bring Your Friends!***

## **Thanksgiving Dinner 2017**

***Nov. 23 –12 noon–King Hall***

**2017** marks the 20th anniversary of our Thanksgiving Feast. The Church of the Palms will host our Thanksgiving Dinner following the usual and popular model. Debby Stinton will be our Hostess this year with great tips and advice from Joyce Spaulding, who has given of her time and talent these many, many years. The sign-up sheets will be out as you read this—you may call the office also to sign up! You are welcome to participate in whatever way you choose ... including, just attending. Food is prepared at home and brought in just before the meal—hot and ready to serve.

***We are always in need of those who can cook a turkey or mash some potatoes, if you can't, perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who would like to help.***

**As always, the dinner will be advertised in the community. Last year, at least half of our over 200 people were *not* from our church! Your friendly greeting and conversation may make a *huge* difference to one of them.**

**As always, there is no charge for the banquet, and no offering basket will be out. Take-home boxes will be available to take meals to homebound neighbors.**

**This is one of our most powerful events of the year. It is a feast for the soul as well as the body.**

# **Give**



## Debby's Corner



Hello Beautiful People!

We have so much going on at Church of the Palms that sometimes it can seem overwhelming, but the Church of the Palms is a place of action as well as contemplation and worship.

I love it!

We have a plethora of educational and missional activities, which create opportunities for all our members to plug into the church life as they are able.

Our Board of Lifelong Learning has several programs scheduled because we believe that knowledge fosters spiritual growth in our community.

Women's and Men's Fellowship are also important aspects of a church community. Our women have had many groups over the years to participate in, but the existing groups have found the numbers dwindling. The number of women in our church and community have not dwindled, just the participation. Is it time to shake things up and restructure our Women's Social and Friendship groups? Inquisitive minds want to know.

I have been in conversation with several groups and people about the idea of having a "Safe Space" for someone to come and sit and share hurts and spiritual pains in a safe and confident manner. My first step in creating that space has been to hang a sign on my office door and the next step will be what we make it on our faith journey. Come, come as you are. You are welcome.

Our GriefShare leaders and participants ask for prayers as we journey through the grieving process, especially as we enter the holiday season. We lean on our faith community in times like these.

Lastly, before I run out of space...I will be heading up the Thanksgiving Festivities (after being fully trained by our wonderful leader Joyce Spaulding) and will be needing volunteers to help. A few people have already come calling and I look for others too as we prepare to celebrate my favorite holiday of food, festivities, family, (and football)!

Blessings of peace and love,  
Debby



# 2017 Rummage Sale Benefits



Congratulations to Church of the Palms for another successful Rummage Sale. We took in over \$13,000 at this sale, and when combined with the March sale, we brought in over \$25,000 in 2017. A big "THANK YOU" to all of our wonderful volunteers. But who really benefits from a Church of the Palms Rummage Sale and all that hard work (and laughter & fun)? Here are some of the beneficiaries: New Life Shelter (domestic violence victims), HART Pantry (homeless teens), Justice Center (homeless seniors), Disabled Veterans, Solutions Church (African refugees), CASS (homeless shelters), Children First Academy (homeless elementary children in the greater Phoenix area), Valley View Community Food Bank & Thrift Shop (serving Sun City and other west valley communities). Oh, by the way, don't forget 20% of the proceeds of the sale go to our Board of Mission and Outreach and all the other organizations they support.

But what are the benefits to the Church of the Palms? The Rummage Sale, like our Community Thanksgiving Dinner, allows us to "Be the Church". These events build and strengthen the sense of community that permeates the fabric of our church. These activities help us make new friends and build relationships. And as a bonus, 80% of the proceeds, or about \$20,000 for our two sales this year, stays with our church and is used to maintain and improve the building in which we all gather to worship God and share fellowship experiences together.

Oh, it's just a Rummage sale. Hardly!! Thanks to the "donaters", the workers, the shoppers. We love you all!!



Photos by Jan Hutchins

## Dear Friends at The Palms,

Last month Rev. Marco Cable, the Global Ministries' Area Executive for Africa, was in Lesotho. During his time here he visited the Morija Theological School of our partner church, the Lesotho Evangelical Church in Southern Africa (LECSA). After attending the evening chapel service with the students and staff, he presented copies of a Greek grammar textbook used by the seminary.



Providing textbooks for the seminary is one of the projects Global Ministries supports. Thanks to gifts from churches like The Church of the Palms, we are able to assist with free education of future pastors of the LECSA. The students and staff are grateful for this support from Global Ministries.

Thanks be to God for your regular and generous giving for the work of Global Ministries. in Lesotho.

Yours in Christ,



*Church of the Palms  
Social Justice Action Team*

### Seeking justice through prayer, action, love, ministry & support!

The Church of the Palms Social Justice Action Team is a vital ministry in and of our church. The very nature of seeking justice infers advocating on behalf of those individuals and classes of individuals that have been marginalized and oppressed. We keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open to the needs in our church, our community, and our world. We have several action items that we are participating in to become more informed about how we can prayerfully support others and how we can help in other ministries across our community, the state, and beyond. Keep your antenna up for information on issues of interest to members of our church and community such as the genocide in South Sudan, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and the topic of "White Privilege". If you are interested in justice issues and feel a call to contribute, please come – you are always welcome. Our next meeting is Friday, November 17, 2017 at 9:30 am in the Chapel.

***Board of Worship and Fine Arts-November Outing***

***Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00***

Hola! After a long, hot summer, BOWFA is back to offer interesting and fellowship oriented outings. The indoor Picnic and Costume Party was a huge hit, so this month BOWFA is offering a field trip to a wonderful Mexican Taqueria for lunch!

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at the church at 11:00 a.m. and going to Revolu Modern Taqueria & Bar.

Revolu Modern Taqueria & Bar, previously, The Barrel Grill, is a New Mexican modern fusion restaurant located at 15703 N 83rd Ave Ste. 110 Peoria, AZ. Join us as we experiment with fusion cooking. Bus leaves at 11 a.m. sharp. There is space for 24 so we will be needing folks to car pool after the bus is full. Please let us know if you can help with that by checking the appropriate box on the sign-up sheet. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Gracias!

*The sign-up sheet is out!*



*"I think we just found our new favorite Taco Tuesday spot in the west valley! The food was amazing and the service was even better. Everything tasted fresh and homemade and the flavors were extremely tasty."*



*"I'm always looking for good non-chains on the west side of PHX and Revolu delivered. Delicious street tacos, tortas, bowls, chips/guacamole." drink options."*







### *The Service Project Craft Group*

Time to brighten up your kitchen and dining area for the holidays!

The Service Project Craft Group has been busy making aprons, seasonal and year round refrigerator towels, crocheted hot pads, sewed hot pads with Teflon inside, dish drainers, and much more. We also have some of the

NEW scrubbies, good for all the things you used the net ones on and gentle enough for exfoliating your skin. Don't forget to ask about Carol's handmade pillows of remembrance, they are one of a kind!



Your *Board of Lifelong Learning* continues to offer classes on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am and on Monday mornings from 10 am until 11:30 a.m.

The Monday morning class will finish "The Jesus Fatwah" course with session 5 on Nov. 6.

On November 13th we begin a five week course using the PBS Frontline Series, "From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians."



*Wednesday, November 8th 3:30 p.m.  
New Member Orientation*

Wednesday, November 8th at 3:30 p.m. is New Member Orientation Dinner. We already have many names on the list. We would love to see your name there as well.

Orientation includes a brief presentation about The Church of the Palms, where we came from...and most importantly...where we are going! Our church is growing and learning and sharing the holy message with joy and thanks.

An always delicious and homemade New Member Orientation dinner will be served right after the presentation. We have been told that the dinner is a real treat and well worth sitting through the presentation!

New Members will be welcomed into the church on Sunday, November 12th during worship.



## Thanksgiving Offering

Through the Board of Mission and Outreach our Thanksgiving offering goes to the work of *Mark Behle* and his colleagues in Lesotho, Africa. The “Behle Board” and our website keep us up-to-date on things there—be sure to check them regularly.

The offering will be received on November 19. (Gifts can be received until Dec. 1.) You may use the special envelope in your box or mark “Thanksgiving” on your check or envelope.



Mark’s missionary work includes teaching math, coaching basketball, and advising the Bible League chapter at his school. We are proud of his work and the way that he

lives out his calling. Your gifts are a wonderful investment in young lives far away.



*Please be generous!*

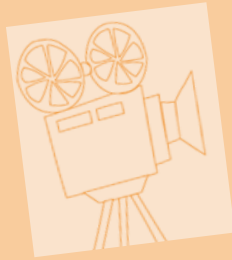
## Volunteers needed to...



### Help decorate for Christmas!

**Everyone is invited to come to the Palms on Saturday, November 25th at 10 a.m. to help decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons.**

**Come for a few minutes or longer to help us transform our building—and perhaps our spirits. Creative decorators are welcome, as are cheerleaders!**



## Page to Projector



This series of films will focus on stories that have moved from the written page to the movie screen.

From a short story, F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," to a magazine serial, Leo Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina," to novels set in the 50s, 60s and 2000s. These include Patricia Highsmith's "The Price of Salt" (also titled "Carol," the name of the film as well) Julian Barnes' Man Booker Prize winner "The Sense of an Ending," and Robert Harris' taut thriller "The Ghost Writer."

Anyone who is interested may also read the corresponding fiction before viewing but it is not necessary for the enjoyment of watching these finely crafted cinematic works of art.

Jack and Pastor Judy will be taking a long delayed trip and will be gone the months of February and March. Films will resume again in April.

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

*"A Serious Man"*

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

*Carol*

Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

*The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*

February: No Movie

March: No Movie

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

*Anna Karenina*

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

*The Ghost Writer*

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

*The Sense of an Ending*

Please Call the office 623-977-8359

- ◆ When you feel the church can assist you in any way.
- ◆ When you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so that visits can be arranged and proper people notified.
- ◆ When your class or group plans to meet so that a room can be reserved for you and placed on the church calendar.
- ◆ When either your home address or phone number changes so the church records can be amended.
- ◆ When you are planning to move-either out of town or locally.



*Good Vibrations Hand Bell Choir!*

Looking for something new and fun?  
Hand Bells are for you!

Rehearsals are on Thursdays, at 4:30p.m. in the Board Room. Our leader will be Cindy Kunkel. We will play in service beginning in December.

Women's Discussion Group is back!

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

10:30 a.m. The Church of the Palms Chapel.

Join us for lively discussion and study.  
Bring a Friend!



Annual report 2017

# A Friendly Reminder

Reports due soon!

If you chair a board committee, council group, or ministry it's time to get started writing your report of activities during the past year. Please submit your report to the office e-mail at [manger@thepalms.org](mailto:manger@thepalms.org) by December 15. In order to cut down on how large our Annual Reports have been in the past, we are asking this year that you keep your reports to 350 (ish) words. Thank you in advance for your timely response to this request. Working together we can eliminate any last minute changes and be ready to go for Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 27th, 2018.

## Pet Blessing

Dogs getting to know each other during the Saturday service at The Church of the Palms. The Blessing of the Animals is a tradition here at the church and all animals were welcome during the morning service.



Photos by Jan Hutchins



*Service*  
**AUCTION**

**&**

**Potluck Luncheon!**



**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Meeting,  
Service Auction  
&  
Pot Luck Luncheon.

Mark your  
calendars for Saturday,  
January 27th, 2018 for a very  
special day at The Church of  
the Palms. We will  
hold our annual  
meeting and combine it  
with a "3T"  
Service Auction and  
Pot Luck Luncheon.

Watch for information in  
Sunday Bulletins, the  
December and January  
Issues of the Palm Leaf, our  
church web page and  
on Face Book.



**GRIEF SHARE®**

Our GriefShare leaders and participants ask for prayers as we journey through the grieving process, especially as we enter the holiday season. We lean on our faith community in times like these.

**GriefShare  
Surviving the Holidays**

Friday, November 3, 2017 1-3 pm in the Boardroom. We know the holidays can be a difficult time after the death of a loved one, so we are offering this program to support one another. If you feel the need and want support during this time, please join us.

Signup sheet in the Narthex  
or contact  
Debby Stinton at 623-977-8359



**Thank a Vet!**

**During the month of November  
we honor our  
Veterans by donating what we  
can to the clothing box that goes  
directly to the patients of the  
VA Hospital in Prescott.  
The donation box is in the  
Narthex for  
your contribution!**

**Contact Joni Babbitt (623-974-4985)**



**Church of the Palms  
The Friendliest Church in Town**

**“Bring-a-Friend Sunday”  
November 12th following worship.**

The Board of Evangelism encourages everyone to invite their friends and neighbors to come to our inspirational Sunday worship service at 10:00 a. m. and stay for the luncheon to follow.

Just think, if each one in our church family brings even one guest, the pews would be overflowing with folks who may wish to worship with us again at The Palms.

Please RSVP using the signup sheet in the Narthex with the number of guests in your party. There is no charge for the lasagna luncheon. If you have questions, please contact Pat Durbin (623.696.8866) or the church secretary-Debi Martin

**Pray about who you'd like to invite.  
See you there!**

*Singles & Solos  
Fellowship, Games, Entertainment!*

*Events in November and December!*

**THE RHYTHM RAMBLERS BIG BAND DANCES**

Everyone is invited to join in on this, Singles, Solos and Couples! This is a live 16 piece Big Band live performing dance or easy listening. Casual dress code. More information as it becomes available. Meet at Sun Dial Rec. Center. Tuesday, November 7th and December 5th. 2:30-4:30. Sundial Recreation Center. Ticket cost is \$5.00-\$7.00 BYOB & Snacks December 5th is the glittering, always festive Christmas Dance!

**Singles and Solos Monthly Events**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month walk the Arrowhead Mall 7:30 a.m.

Game Day 10a.m. -12:30p.m

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month Arrowhead Mall 7:30

**Phoenix Women's Chorus  
25th  
Anniversary Season**



**"BUILDING HOPE  
Joyful Noise!"**

**11/18/2017: Saturday, 7 p.m.**

**Shepard of the Hills Congregational Church  
5524 Lafayette Blvd.,  
Scottsdale, AZ**

**11/19/17: Sunday 4 p.m.**

**Shepard of the Hills  
Congregational Church  
5524 E Lafayette Blvd.,  
Scottsdale, AZ**

**12-10-17: Sunday 4 p.m.**

**Desert Garden United Church  
18818 N 128th Ave.,  
Sun City West, AZ**

**\$15 Seniors, Students, Military; \$20 at door**

*Thanks to all!*

My minimally invasive aortic valve replacement went as planned on the afternoon of October 11. Quite a four-plus hour procedure which leaves lots of holes and lumps on one's body. But I was up and doing well so they sent me home Monday. Moving slowly and carefully and resting quite a bit I am happy to be home with my sweet kitty Tasha. Thank you, thank you for all the continuing prayers that this second attempt would work. I truly felt them all.

The wonderful Banner Boswell hospital staff was ready and waiting to finally get the job done (my Dad would be so proud). What an incredible team!

Many hugs and blessings to all,  
Debbie Lane/Mom/Grandma

## EATS AND ACTS

The Board of Worship and Fine Arts hosted the annual indoor picnic with the addition of a costume party. The event was very well received. There were 60 folks in attendance including the wonderful volunteers and members of the board.

The effort put into and the creativity of the costumes was delightful to say the least. There was a table full of treats to go with the chicken and subs. Speaking of chicken, a free-range chicken, who happens to be working toward his ordination, was working the crowd and acted as MC. The entertainment consisted of 16 creative and diverse performances.

A huge THANK YOU to all who participated in making this event a success and to all of those who attended. Start planning your act and your costume for next year.

The woman that won the gift card can use it to buy a new dress.



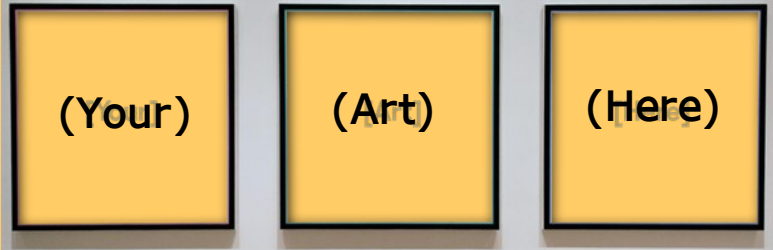


# *November Birthdays 2017*

- 11/03 Rusty Babbitt
- 11/03 Barbara Arnold
- 11/04 Robert Small
- 11/05 Roger McClentic
- 11/07 George Robertson
- 11/10 Toni Berg
- 11/15 Bonnie Adrian
- 11/18 Carl Lewis
- 11/22 Kathy Othon
- 11/26 Bob Krueger
- 11/26 Bonnie Green
- 11/29 Inis Clark
- 11/30 Carl Gruber



## OPEN CALL FOR ARTWORK



The Board of Worship and Fine Arts is giving you a lot of notice of about the upcoming Palms' Art Show.

February 24th and 25th of 2018, we will be featuring creative people in our own Congregation. We will host the show on a Saturday with a follow-up viewing on Sunday morning until noon. All Media are welcome, including crafts and collectables. Space consideration in King Hall will determine size restrictions for individual showings.

A Sign-up sheet will soon be on the Opportunity Table in the Narthex.

*Get Your Creative Juices Flowing!*



EVERY FRIDAY, AT 1 P.M.  
GriefShare SESSIONS  
WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF  
THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS FROM  
1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.

**All are welcome!**

Sharing your loss makes the  
burden of grief  
easier to carry.

*Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast*  
*November 7th, 8:00 a.m.*

Nancy Tsuchiya presents:  
Memoir Writing made Fun and Easy




Enjoy a full, hot breakfast provided by our always smiling kitchen team of Maria and George Wall and Bonnie Green. There is no charge for our breakfast. The free will giving basket will be out. Invite a friend or neighbor!

I grew up in a big family with lots of aunts and uncles and cousins. For me, as a youngster, listening to the aunts and uncles and my grandmother was the highpoint of our holiday gatherings. My formal education included Sociology, Journalism, and Photojournalism. Certified and licensed to interview and photograph, I eagerly entered the working world and continued my education across from willing story tellers in unusual places. After my daughter was born I began freelancing as a memoir ghost writer and later teacher.

It is my conviction, proven by experience, that everyone has a load of wonderful stories and brilliance in his or her own way. Everyone has a different and distinctive voice (think orchestra or flower garden). By bent of genes, disposition, and God's grace, I know how to tease stories out of people in a way that delights and surprises the story teller. The Scottsdale Library System, Paradise Valley Junior College, and the Sun City Bell Library are a few of the places I've taught classes in the Phoenix area over the past 26 years.

I have been a member of The Church of the Palms since August, and have been made to feel more than welcome! I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Hey, let's swap stories and have fun.



*Never forget yesterday,*   
*But always live for today,*  
*You never know what tomorrow can bring,*   
*Or what it can take away,* 

James Andrew Evans  
9/21/1974 - 10/12/2017

Ken Malmgren  
October



### *Used Bikes for Hart Pantry*

If you have a used bike to donate to the HART (Helping At Risk Teens) Pantry for use by the teens of this great organization, please contact: Jan at 623-875-7015 or Ruth Langford 252-259-5331. Don't worry about the condition of your donation; the bikes are repaired before they are gifted. HART Pantry gets them to our at-risk teens as soon as they can get them refurbished and checked out, sending along a new bike lock with each bike so they are protected.

God bless you!

Jan Eckstein and the Board of Mission and Outreach

*To the Mission Board and Congregation,  
God Bless you!*

HART PANTRY exists because wonderful people like you provide us with financial and food gifts. The fact that your Mission Board has chosen to help us each month by providing money to cover one-half of our rent is humbling and joyously accepted. Every month the food/toiletries bin overflows with your donations and then there is a bike or 2 and just this morning new backpacks and duffle bags. You folks are amazing Christian givers. Please accept our thanks for all that you do so that we can continue to grow in our mission to help the many at-risk teens in our communities.

Blessings,

Ruth Langford

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### *November Needs*

At this time, there is a real need for the items below. As always, thank you all for the generosity you show this important mission.

**Cotton Swabs**

**Band Aids**

**Emery Boards**

We use these in our toiletries bags. Our volunteers put together small packs of each of these items.

If any of you returning folks have the travel size toiletries, we are short there too.

**TOASTER PASTRIES**

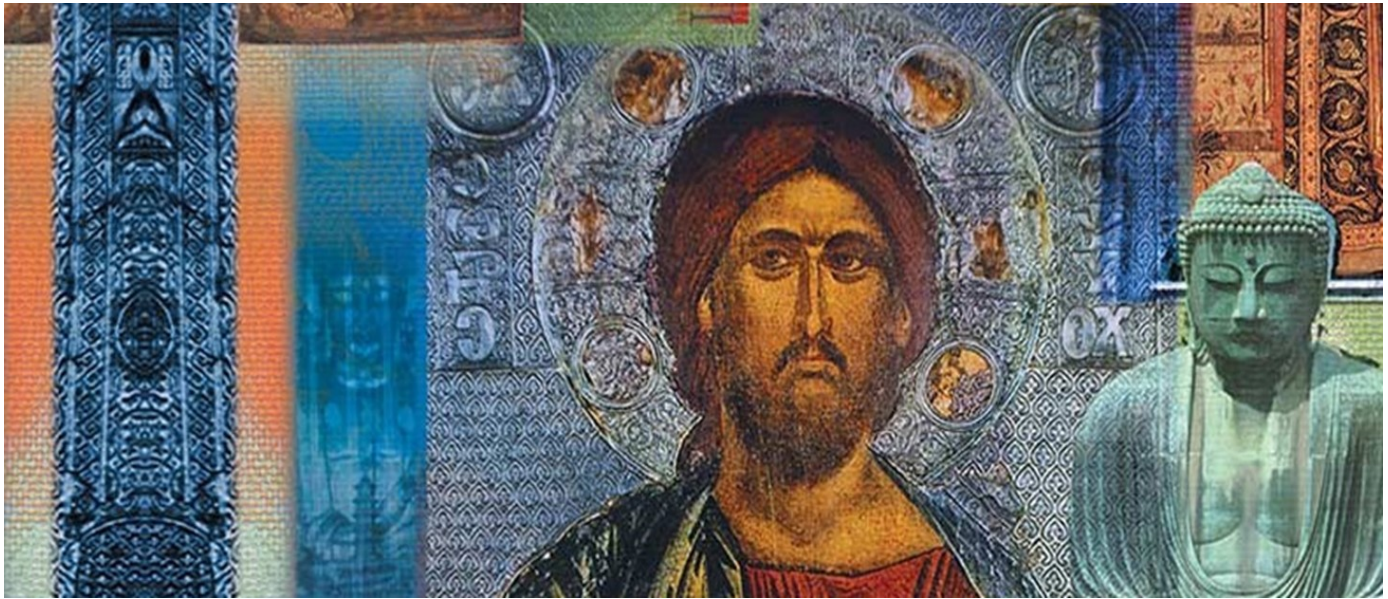
**RAISINS AND TRAIL MIX**

**RITZ CRACKER/CHEESE CUP PACKS**

**INSTANT OATMEAL PACKETS**

**GO-GURT**

**Any portable, nutritious snack is more welcome than you can imagine!**

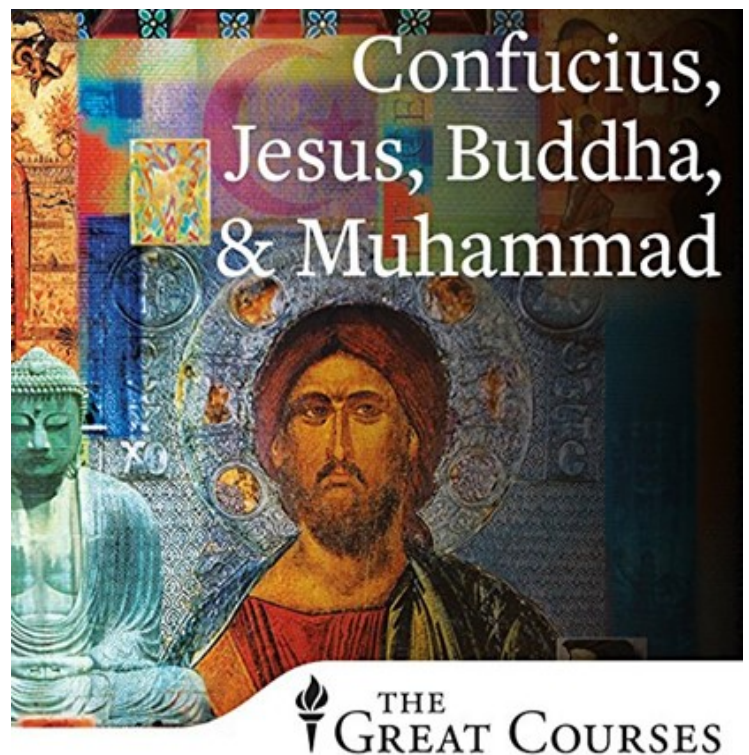


Our Board of Lifelong Learning Sunday Morning Discussion at 8:30 am presents  
The Great Courses  
“Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad”  
taught by Professor Mark W. Muesse. In this course, we examine these four  
figures both separately and comparatively in an  
effort to grasp the essential features of their lives and teachings and to explore  
the factors that contributed to their greatness. This course  
includes 36 lectures, but feel free to stop in to view the ones that interest you the  
most. Come join the Sunday morning community of lifelong learners!

November 05 – Can't Get no Satisfaction  
November 12 – Getting to the Farther Shore  
November 19 – How the Buddha Taught  
November 26 – The Buddha and Buddhism

December 03 – The Jewish and Roman  
Worlds of Jesus  
December 10 – The Son of Mary  
December 17 – The First 30 Years

2018 dates and classes will  
be announced later in  
the year.



## Services in November

Lord's Day Service each week at 10 a.m.  
*Fellowship Time in King Hall at 11 a.m.*

**For bus pick-up:**  
Please Call Mary Kennicott: 623-249-8999  
or the church at 623-977-8359



November 5: Our celebration of All Saints. We will list the members of the church who have died since our All Saints service last year. Pastor Paul will be preaching. He's jumping off the lectionary and talking about Ruth. It will be a communion Sunday.

November 12: Bring-a-friend Sunday and Welcome New Members! Pastor Paul will be preaching (maybe a little shorter time than normal).

November 19: Pastor Paul is preaching. We will be honoring our retired clergy, spouses of clergy, and family of clergy. How many clergy does it take to be the church? All of them is the answer! The scripture this Sunday is Matthew 25:14-30. If God kept a diary or a journal, what would God write down about our country, community, and church?

November 26: Is The Reign of Christ Sunday. It is the Sunday after Thanksgiving yet it is not Advent. So, what does the reign of Christ mean? We desert rats aren't used to a lot of reign. Come this Sunday and experience it pouring. Pastor Paul will be preaching.



### *Refugee Focus*

**When:** November 14, 2017 leave Church of the Palms at 11:00




**What:** Lunch of your choice at a location in Park Central Mall at 12:00 noon, then go to Refugee Focus campus for orientation and tour from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

**Return:** Sun City approximately 3:00 pm

Come along with your Social Justice Team (SJT) and visit the Refugee Focus campus in Phoenix. Refugee Focus is a division of Lutheran Social Service of the Southwest and is supported by many local churches. Your SJT has identified it as an organization with which we plan to partner. This visit will point out ways in which we can do that.

The Social Justice Team will be taking our church bus to the central Phoenix campus to "Come & See" what this nationally recognized service provides to refugees and asylees.

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information, contact Pam Clark at 623-910-4099 or at [pamclark1562@gmail.com](mailto:pamclark1562@gmail.com)

| SUN   | MON   | TUE  | WED  | THU  | FRI   | SAT  |
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| <b>NOVEMBER 2017</b><br><i>in The Church of the Rabbits UCC</i><br><b>Sun City, AZ</b>  |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>5 All Saints Day</b><br>8:30AM Sunday Discussion<br>"Can't Get no Satisfaction"<br>9:15 Choir Warm-up (MR)<br>10 Worship /Communion (SA)<br>11 Fellowship (KH)   | <b>6</b><br>10AM Lifelong Learning:<br>"Making Connections, Part 2:<br>In Which Muslims Have Their<br>Say."<br>4PM "Jump Start" Bible Study | <b>7</b><br>9:30 Board of Stewards (KH)<br>10AM "Inchworm" Bible Study<br>11:30 "Cosmic" Christians<br>4PM "Jump Start" Bible Study  | <b>8</b><br>9AM Service Project Craft<br>Group (BR)<br>1PM Lydia Circle (BR)<br>3:30 New Member Orientation  | <b>9</b><br>10AM Neuropathy Support<br>(BR)<br>2:30PM Choir Rehearsal<br>(MR)                              | <b>10</b><br>1PM-3 Grief Share  | <b>11</b><br>11AM BOWFA Luncheon<br>Revolu Modern<br>Taqueria & Bar<br><i>Bring a Friend Set-Up</i><br>                           |
| <b>12 Bring a Friend Sunday!</b><br><i>Welcome New Members!</i><br>8:30AM Sunday Discussion<br>"Getting to the Farther Shore"<br>9:15 Choir Warm-up (MR)<br>10 Worship (SA)<br>11 Fellowship (KH)<br>Equal Exchange Products                      | <b>13</b><br>10AM Lifelong Learning:<br>From Jesus to Christ:<br>"The First Christians"<br>4PM Board of Trustees (BR)                       | <b>14</b><br>8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast:<br>Nancy Tsuchiya: Memoir<br>Writing made Fun and Easy<br>10AM "Inchworms" Bible Study<br>11 Refuge Focus Trip<br>11:30 "Cosmic" Christians<br>4 PM "Jump Start" Bible Study | <b>15</b><br>7:30AM Singles and Solos<br>Mall Walking<br>9AM Service Project Craft<br>Group (BR)<br>9 Mission and Outreach (KH)<br>10 Board of Evangelism (CP)<br>10 Singles and Solos<br>Game Day<br>10:30 Women's Discussion<br>(KH) | <b>16</b><br>10AM Care Team (BR)<br>2:30PM Choir Rehearsal   | <b>17</b><br>9:30AM Celluloid Palms<br>Jack Evans Presents:<br>"A Serious Man"<br>12 Bridge Group (CP)<br>10AM Birders Anonymous<br>1pm-3 Grief Share     | <b>18</b><br>9AM Church Council (BR)   |
| <b>19 Thanksgiving Sunday</b><br><i>Stewardship Sunday</i><br><i>Clergy Appreciation</i><br>8:30AM Sunday Discussion<br>"How the Buddha Taught"<br>9:15 Choir Warm-up (MR)<br>10 Worship (SA)<br>11 Fellowship (KH)<br>3PM Ecclesiastical Council | <b>20</b><br>10AM Lifelong Learning:<br>From Jesus to Christ:<br>"The First Christians"   | <b>21</b><br>10AM "Inchworm" Bible Study<br>11:30 "Cosmic" Christians<br>4PM "Jump Start" Bible Study  | <b>22</b><br>9AM Service Project Craft<br>Group (BR)   | <b>23</b><br><b>HAPPY</b><br><b>THANKSGIVING!</b><br><b>12 Noon</b><br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br><b>Feast</b> | <b>24 Sun City Arts and Crafts</b><br><b>Festival/ Parking lot</b><br> | <b>25</b> 9AM Christmas<br>Decorating Day<br>8am to Noon<br>Sun City Arts and Crafts<br>Festival-Parking Lot<br><b>PLEASE BRING FOOD</b><br><b>TOMORROW FOR THE</b><br><b>OLIVE BRANCH SENIOR</b><br><b>CENTER</b> |
| <b>26 First Sunday in Advent</b><br>8:30AM Sunday Discussion<br>"The Buddha and Buddhism"<br>9:15 Choir Warm-up (MR)<br>10 Worship<br>11 Fellowship (KH)  | <b>27</b><br>10AM Lifelong Learning:<br>From Jesus to Christ:<br>"The First Christians"   | <b>28</b><br>10AM "Inchworm" Bible Study<br>11:30 "Cosmic" Christians<br>4PM "Jump Start" Bible Study  | <b>29</b><br>9AM Service Project Craft<br>Group (BR)   | <b>30</b><br>2:30PM Choir Rehearsal (MR)   |    |  |

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