

1. The woman/women who went to the tomb was/were:	
a. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary	
b. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, & Salome	
c. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Joanna & others	
d. Mary Magdalene	W/ 1/10 - 1/10
2. The time of early morning was:a. When the sun had risenb. While	e it was still dark
3. At the tomb was/were:a. An angelb. A young man	Pastor Paul Whitlock
c. Two mend. Two angels	A Letter from Paul
4. The reaction of the woman/women was one of:	This week, your Letter
a. Amazement, astonishment b. Fear and tremblingc. Great joy	from Paul is a Easter Bible Test
5. After leaving the tomb, the woman/women:	Instructions:
a. Told the disciplesb. Said nothing to anyone	This is an "open book"
6. The reaction of the disciples at first was that:	test. The answers are
a. They didn't believe the women; seemed an idle tale	found in Matthew 28,
b. Peter & John went immediately to the tomb	Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21, and Acts 1.
7. Jesus first appeared to the disciples:	You may do it by
a. In Galilee, on a mountainb. In an upper room in Jerusalem	yourself or in a group.
8. Jesus seemingly last appeared to the disciples:	Comparing answers is
a. On a mountain in Galilee	encouraged. Place an "x" on the line if you think
b. On a mountain in Bethany (or just outside Bethany)	the answer is
c. By the Sea of Tiberias	Biblically correct. Share
9. The gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples:	this with neighbors, friends, and your family
a. Before Jesus ascended; in the upper room he breathed on them	for extra credit.
10. Which Gospel writer gives the most details about the actual Resurrection of Jesus from the grave? Which one best describes what happened when Jesus rose from the dead?	
a. Matthewb. Markc. Luked. John	

In questions 1 through 9, all of the choices are correct – each Gospel presents their own part of the story. In question 10, none are correct, since none of the Gospels describe the actual Resurrection of Christ; only what happened afterward. This test was taken from a quiz from my childhood that I have adapted for our use.

Here is a bonus question: How does the Resurrection change our life? That essay is written every day, in every moment, with all that we say and do.

Shalom, Paul



2018 Moderator Judy Pinter

With the Rummage Sale success and finish, we as a Church owe a huge debt of gratitude to the many workers who work the set up, pre-sale, the sale, the clean up and the year-around packing, hauling, storing and planning. The amount of work and the dedication of the workers is hard to imagine if you haven't been a part of it. And yet, while tiring, most of the workers love doing it. It is the satisfaction of making thousands of dollars for everyone's benefit and the rapport of the Church Family that brings them back.

This is a giving Church. This is a Church that shares and cares. But, there are no magicians behind the scenes keeping it running. This Church works because people love it and work for it to be the best church in Sun City.

So here are the questions to ask yourself:

- Have you baked or bought for coffee hour?
- Are you able to help now and then with coffee hour serving or clean up?
- Is there some Committee or Board that you would consider working on if you maybe knew exactly what they did or what was expected of you if you attended or joined?
- Would you like to find a way to meet and interact and make new friends?
- Have you put Church of the Palms in your Will so that the work of this Church can continue? You and your descendants have living expenses and so does the House that God built.

Yes, this is a gentle suggestion and reminder that everything that is accomplished by this Church that we love comes from our service to God and our caring for each other. It takes a team. And if it's been awhile since you thought about what you could do, it might be the right time now. Because I can attest that there are many people who serve as if cloned. They might be a little tired.

This is your Church. You are invited to serve as well as worship, if you are physically able. If you are unable to serve in this way, then we invite your generosity. If you are limited in funds, we seek your prayers for our continued wealth of love and success.

And thank you to the many who do so much for the good of all. We notice.

Judy



#### **DEBBY'S CORNER**

#### April showers bring forth May flowers...

Ah, April starts us off with Easter and a Fool's Day and takes us into the journey of resurrection and new growth and newness all around – no kidding. I will be walking alongside a group of folks from Church of

the Palms in the 2018 Phoenix PRIDE Parade on April 8<sup>th</sup> and we will be waving streamers and sharing the joy and love of our church. Traveling to Tucson for the Southwest Conference UCC Annual Meeting will happen on April 20 with an overnighter and trip back to Phoenix on Saturday. Earth Day -Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> I will be in the Pulpit and the on April 25 – 29, I will be in St. Louis, MO at the International Spiritual Directors Conference with pen in hand and thinking cap on.

May we walk in beauty, reverence, and awe.

Blessings,

# Excursion to Antiques on Central 730 East Missouri Avenue | Phoenix, Arizona 85014 | antiquesoncentral.com

By special request, the Church of the Palms bus will be traveling to Central Phoenix on Saturday, April 7th for the Re-Grand opening of Antiques on Central.

April 2018 marks the three-year anniversary of Antiques on Central at its present location. You are invited to join us for the celebration on April 7th for a great shopping experience. The bus will leave the church at 9 a.m. and leave the store at 12:30 p.m. If you choose to drive yourself, you will find the store located on the Northeast corner of 7th Street and Missouri in the Cinema Park Shopping Center.

The store has been in operation for 28 years and was originally located on the corner of Camelback Road and Central Avenue. The store relocated to 7th Street and Missouri three years ago but retained the name. Pastor Jim Alexander and Jeffrey Scruggs (or Shane as he is known in the business) are two of the three owners of the store, a transition that occurred upon the recent retirement of Cliff Sharar and Doris Leis who are well known antique dealers in the Valley.

Jeff has managed the store for the last 10 years and has an extensive background in retail. Jim has an extensive background in accounting and business development. The third owner of the store, Sylvia Wells, has a vast knowledge of fine antiques and collectibles and is a mainstay in the antiques community. This team has a commitment to provide high end antiques & collectibles along with excellent customer care and a superior shopping experience.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to attend this excursion.

Church of the Palms

Social Justice Action Team – LGBTQ Equity

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

# Phoenix Pride PARADE | SUNDAY APRIL 8TH, 2018 | 10 AM, 3RD ST. & THOMAS

Our LGBTQ Equity sub-group of the Social Justice Team has registered to be in the 2018

Phoenix Pride Parade on April 8, 2018. We have 30+ Church of the Palms

members signed up!

we will have at least two carpool vehicles to help ferry folks back and forth, but need a few more If you can volunteer to drive your personal vehicle, please contact

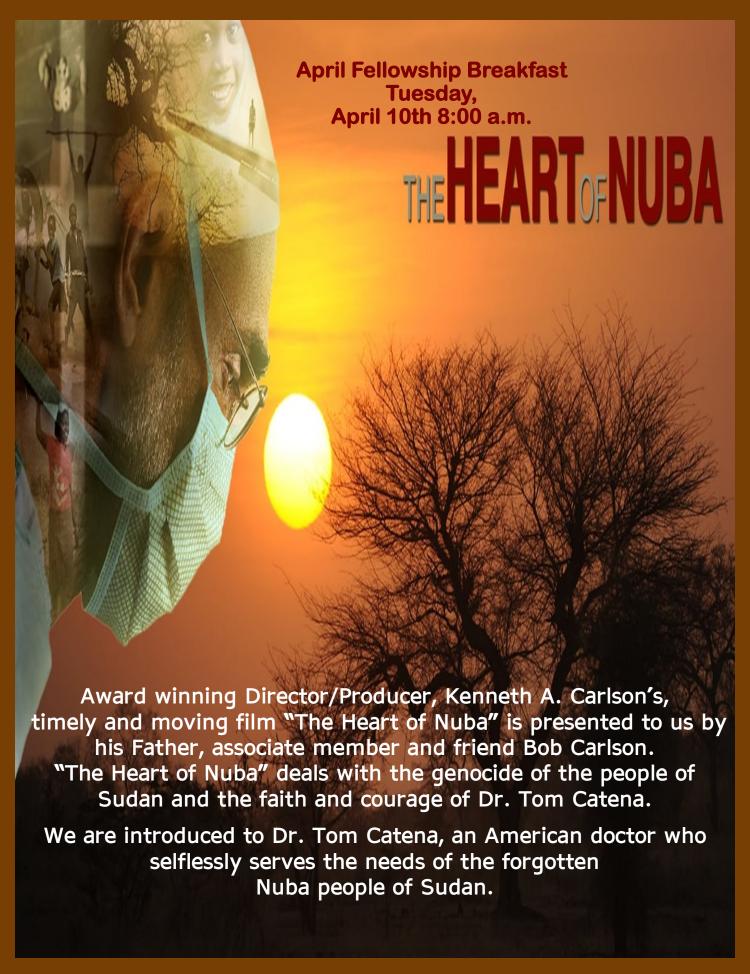
Debby Stinton or Jan Hutchins.

The Phoenix Pride Festival and Parade is the largest LGBTQ event in Arizona spanning two days with the "festival" and the "parade." Last year, more than 37,000 people visited the festival over the course of the two days. The theme for this year is "United We Stand, Equality for All."

The LGBT Club of Sun City and The Church of the Palms, will be lined up together at the parade. Community partnership in action.

We pray for full involvement through prayer, action, love, ministry and support.





# The Farm AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN

Farm to Table Dining Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> Bus Leaves at 10 a.m.

Born from an ancient riverbed that blessed the grounds with naturally-rich soil, The Farm's vision of sustainability was originally conceived by Dwight Heard (benefactor of the Heard Museum) in the early 1920's. He acquired a large parcel of land and then subdivided the property into two-acre parcels that he sold for the whopping sum of \$1,150 with the distinct purpose of promoting self-sufficiency. Heard offered a cow and fifty chickens with each purchase. That was the beginning of the Farm as we know it today. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Barbara Arnold-Tour Leader

"in some point of time, every journey must have a beginning, and at this point the journey is usually just a vague idea, such as i want to go hike Mt. Rainer or i want to go to Italy... the journey at this point may be an idea, a hope, a wish or a promise that we can carry with us for years or we put into place immediately... my current journey i carried with me literally my whole life."-tess julianna

tess julianna was born male and lived her life in that role for 66 years, including a beautiful marriage of 44 years. tess is transgender.

This is a discussion of one person's lifelong journey and the implication of living a life being transgender. Through understanding can come acceptance.

Becoming Transgender Monday, April 16, 2018 6-8:30 PM

The Church of the Palms-King Hall 14808 Boswell Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351

(RSVP: 623-302-0356)

Promoted by the LGBTQA Groups and Clubs of Sun City Grand, Sun City West, Sun City & Corte Bella Jack Evans Presents: "Pages to Projector"

Jacks Back!

3rd Friday of each month! Friday, April 13th 9:30 a.m. Church Board Room

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. 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.



Friday, April 13th Anna Karenina Friday, May 18th The Ghost Writer



Friday, June 15th The Sense of an Ending

# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

FRIDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 through April 27th.

The Church of the Palms 623-977-8359

If you have any questions contact any of the Pastors,

Gordy Funck 623-583-7260 OR Julie Nichols 602-451-9725

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one GriefShare is a special weekly

seminar and
support group designed to help

#### April Birthdays 2018



04/05	deb Martin
04/07	Pat Mochnick
04/07	Margaret Carpenter
04/07	Joe Comito
04/09	Bob Urqgart
04/09	Roy Meyer
04/09	Pastor Paul
04/10	Bill Reeves
04/10	Roderick Fensom
04/12	Roger Allen
04/12	Mary Lou Pelletier
04/12	Jeff Scruggs
04/14	Jan Alexander
04/15	Bernice Fintelmann
04/16	Ruth Mallett
04/18	Jan Hutchins
04/20	Wendy Whitlock
04/20	Joyce Spaulding
04/21	Diane Worth
04/22	Marilou Soncrant
04/23	Chris Jensen
04/24	Shirley Fowks
04/27	Bob Carlson
04/28	Viola Hustedt
04/29	Cernyw Kline
04/30	Deborah Lane

#### April

FOOD ITEMS
NEEDED!

Toaster Pastries
Oatmeal
Small Bags of
Peanuts/Raisins

Helping At Risk Teens



#### **HART Pantry**

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Easter, Souper Bowl of Caring, Food Bank, New Life Center, Children's Academy, Veterans Hospital, HART Pantry. I do not have enough paper to list each organization lifted up by the congregation of The Church of the Palms. It seems that we never stop asking our members to give where they can, and it seems you are always up for the challenge! The holidays saw us splitting our giving many ways and the HART Pantry food box has been a little bare.

Please give what you can from the April list. These kids are the future of our planet.

### 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 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.

Care Ministry Team



Coming in May!

Lake Pleasant Cruise

Saturday, May 15th

BOWFA Mary Funck-Tour Leader











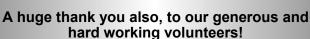


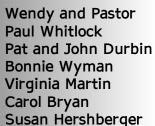




What a joy to see the unique and creative talents of our church members at our "Response to Art Show". The amazing and varied talents of our members is astounding.

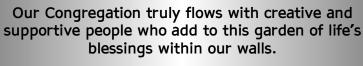
Thanks to all of our exhibitors for sharing your gifts with us!

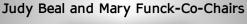




Jim Schulz Clint Reynolds Peter Lewis Debi Martin Nancy Gardner Susan Princehouse



























Thank you all so very much for all your hard work in making our March Rummage Sale so successful.

We heard lots of very positive comments from shoppers, had some great fellowship and teamwork, and burned off a few calories! We are a blessed church and make a positive difference in lots of people's lives. Thank you to our staff for pitching in and doing "rummage sale" along with all their other responsibilities. We took in \$15,244 for this sale which is one of our highest March sale totals. In addition, we helped many other non-profits with surplus items. I hope you feel as good as I do about the work we do!! Shalom,

John Durbin



#### New Members March 2018



Norma Gaddy and Richard Crapo 10306 Bright Angel Circle Sun City, AZ. 85351



Sharon Krause 18409 N. Zephyr Ct. Sun City West, Az. 85375 734-250-4804



Kevin Nicastro and Stephen Meoli 18419 N. Laurel Dr. Sun City, AZ. 85373 774-994-0353



Helen Nasios No Picture or info as yet.





"Be a nuisance where it counts;

Do your part to stimulate and inform the public to join your action. Be depressed, discouraged, and disappointed at failure and the disheartening effects of ignorance, greed, corruption, and bad politics — but never give up."

— Marjory Stoneman Douglas (1890 - 1998)





The#NeverAgain Movement



Recognize that name? Stoneman Douglas High School is of course the site of the recent mass shooting in Parkland, Florida. The quote above is extremely poignant in our day and age. Now is not the time to remain silent. Make your voice heard!

GREAT Courses

Our Board of Lifelong Learning Sunday Morning Discussion at 8:30 a.m. 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. Debby Stinton is leading this group. Talk to her if you are interested in catching up, or just plan to come join the Sunday morning community of lifelong learners! February concludes the conversation on Jesus and takes us into the story of Muhammad.

No Class April 1st and April 8th

#### More Great Fellowship and Learning Opportunities! Life Long Learning-Monday's 10 a.m.

April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th. Part Two of White Privilege "Whiteness as the Norm: Five Loci of Insights on the Binary of Light/Dark and Black/White."

"Inchworms" Bible Study Tuesday's 10 a.m. Gene Klatte is showing the Great Courses DVD on the New Testament

> "Cosmic" Christians Tuesday's-11:30 a.m. Lloyd Geering's book, Tomorrow's God.

"Jump Start" Tuesday's-3:30 p.m.

Service Craft Project Group Wednesday's-9 a.m.

Women's Friendship Group 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month-10:30 a.m.

Neuropathy and Pain Group 2nd Thursday of the Month-10 a.m.

Bridge Group 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month-Noon

Each of these groups welcomes and encourages you to visit and find just the group that calls to your interests and spirituality.



#### **Services in April**

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

April 1, 8:30 a.m.: Pastor Jim is preaching. "Christ is Risen!" Come gather at the Table and be filled with God's grace.

April 1, 10:00 a.m.: Pastor Paul is preaching. Read John 20:1-18. Who plays the role of the Easter fool? Could it be us? Come and find out Pastor Paul's ultimate Easter fool.

April 8: Pastor Paul will be preaching from the text John 20:19-31. The Risen Christ has scars – just like you and I do. The resurrection didn't remove the pain of the past, it empowered Jesus to live beyond the pain.

April 15: Read Luke 24:36b-48. Have you got anything to eat? What an odd question! And that is query Jesus asks right after the resurrection. So, do we have anything to eat? Pastor Paul will be preaching.

April 22: Earth Day! Earth, can it save itself? A meditation on Creation, Planet Earth, and Humanity using different scripture passages to tell a story. Debby Stinton will be preaching.

April 29: Pastor Paul will return to the pulpit using Acts 8:26-40 as his text. God's grace is wide. How wide? Wide enough to include even you and me!



## Church of the Palms Social Justice Action Team

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

EARTH DAY - April 22, 2018

#### Let's talk ENVIRONMENT!

Earth day is an annual event supporting environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day is now celebrated in more that 193 countries and is coordinated globally.

#### Below are 13 simple ways that we can do right now to help:

- 1. Plant something be like Pastor Paul (okay not that radical)
- 2. Buy or use reusable bags we've seen the damage plastic bags are doing to our ocean life.
- 3. Keep the car in the garage be like Bertie, Nancy, or Joyce bike or walk to nearby places.
- 4. Invest in a reusable coffee cup at work or church be like Debby or Jan bring your own cup.
- 5. Stop drinking bottled water use a refillable water bottle .
- 6. Consider adopting a highway, road or street it's like cleaning up after a party.
- 7. Bath versus a shower showers use less water unless you are in there for an hour.
- 8. Do your faucets leak? this can cause bigger damage than just water usage.
- 9. Have you updated your light bulbs yet? LED light bulbs last up to 50 times longer they say.
- 10. Stop smoking good air quality in and outside of the house for our loved ones.
- 11. Recycle especially newspapers. Trees are saved, which means more oxygen.
- 12. Use Earth-Friendly Cleaning products these are clearly marked.
- 13. Unplug small appliances who knew this would save electricity and money?

Church of the Palms Social Justice team is looking at many different justice topics and the environment is an important one for the future of our planet. We may even want to consider being a "Creation Justice Church," and part of the environmental justice ministry of the United Church of Christ as a whole. The following piece is from the UCC.org website.

#### **Creation Justice Churches**

Whether it is taking on climate change or addressing the lead poisoning of children, environmental justice ministries could not have a higher purpose or calling than they do now. If the followers of Jesus today care about the air we breathe, the water we drink, or the world in which we live, then environmental justice ministry should undoubtedly be an integral strand in any church's DNA. The UCC's Creation Justice Church program aims to help you do just that. Here are some of the tremendous features and benefits of doing the program:



- Congregations collectively discern their high calling to care for creation and seek
  justice for the oppressed.
- Congregations make a commitment so serious and so sacred that it necessitates talking about God's covenant with us and with all of creation.
- Congregations not only become recognized as "green." They become a part of a larger network of churches and a larger movement to change the world.
- Congregations engage in critical thinking about the socioeconomic dimensions of environmental justice such as race, class, and global inequality.
- Congregations foster a deeper sense of connection: connection to God, to each other, and to the world in which we live.
- Congregations unleash their imagination and creativity as a sense of purpose propels them to make a difference.

Many thanks to you for the warm welcome that you extended to Daoud Nassar (Tent of Nations and Bill Plitt (Friends of Tent of Nations). We are always encouraged by the love, understanding, and support that we receive as we travel the country sharing the story of the steadfast hope of the Palestinian people.

Beth Moore - Friends of Tent of Nations, and COTP Social Action Team.

#### Children First Academy

Thank you to all who purchased water or made a contribution to purchase water for the students at Children First Academy. Children First Academy is a school dedicated to serving homeless children in the Phoenix area. The water will be given to students



during bus rides to and from school during the hot months of the school year. It will also be given to students while they are taking the annual state tests. The population of this school is made up of students whose parents live in shelters, in makeshift homes, or who have a different dwelling place from month to month. Our Board of Mission & Outreach and Social Justice Team have supported this school for the last three years. In addition to providing water for the students, our church also purchases books to be given to students so they have something to read during the

summer months. We are the church and we do make a difference in the lives of those on the margins.

Pat and John Durbin





If you use Facebook, you are invited to "like" Church of the Palms and become a friend of the church.

#### New!

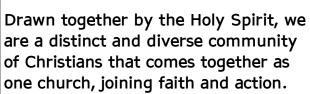
The Palms Community Photo
Album - share your photos of
church events!
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#### www.thepalms.org.

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Sermon Gallery
Paul at the Palms
News and Events
The Palm Leaf Newsletter
Monthly Calendar
General Synod News
Photos
Welcome New Member Dates





In covenant with the church in all of its settings, we serve God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world as made manifest in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"That they may all be one," Jesus, speaking in prayer. —John 17:21



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Palm Leaf is a monthly newsletter from the Church of the Palms that makes it easy for you to keep up with opportunities, events, and friends at church.

Articles deadline: 15th of each month

You may submit an article or information for an article by:

Email (manager@thepalms.org) Phone (623-977-8359), Or drop it off at the church.

#### Office Staff:

Pastor Paul Whitlock, Senior Pastor Jim Alexander, Associate Pastor Debby Stinton, Assistant Pastor Deborah Martin, Secretary

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21 Southwest Conference	20 12 Bridge Group (KH) Southwest Conference	19 9:00AM Board of Life Long Learning (BR) 10AM Care Ministries Team Meeting (BR) 2:30 Choir Rehearsal Southwest Conference	18 9AM Service Project Craft Group (BR) 9:30 Mission and Outreach 10:30 Women's Friendship Group (MR)	17 10:30AM "Inchworms" Bible Study 11:30 "Cosmic" Christians (BR) 3:30PM "Jump Start" Bible Study	16 10AM Life Long Learning "White Privilege" Part 2 6-8PM SCGLGBT+A tess julianna 'Becoming Transgender'	15 8:30AM Sunday Discussion: 9:15 Choir Rehearsal (MR) 10 Worship (SA) 11 Fellowship
14 9AM Church Council Meeting 1PM Memorial Service Helen Safford (CP)	13 9:30AM Social Justice Team (KH) 9:30: Jack Evans: "Pages to Projector" Anna Karenina 12 Bridge Group (KH) 1-3PM GriefShare	12 10AM Neuropathy and Pain Group (BR) 1PM Anniversary Celebration Team (BR) 2:30 Choir Rehearsal	9 Service Project Craft Group (BR) 10 Board of Evangelism and Growth (KH) 2PM Finance and Investment (BR)	10 8:30AM-Feilowship Breakfast: Bob Carison "The Heart of Nubba" 10:30 "Inchworms" 11:30 "Cosmic" Christians 3:30PM "Jump Start" Bible	9 10AM Life Long Learning "White Privilege" Part 2 4PM Board of Trustees	8 Equal Exchange Sales 9:15 Choir Rehearsal (MR) 10 Worship (SA) 10 Arizona Pride Parade 11 Fellowship
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