


Palm Leaf

Church of the Palms

March 2018

March

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



*"O LORD, you are my God; I
will exalt you and praise your
name, for in perfect
faithfulness you have done
marvelous things, things
planned long ago."*

Isaiah 25:1



Pastor Paul Whitlock

A Letter from Paul...

Lord, sometimes life just seems to have too many times;

too many times of violence and dying;
too many demands and problems;
too many broken dreams and lives;
too many wars and fights and arguments;
too many moments of greed and sounds of people devouring each other like vultures on a dead carcass;
too many mountains of unpaid bills and valleys of dead ends;
too many of words used as swords to stab and tear leaving hearts shredded and souls lacerated;
too many times of silence leaving a bad taste on my tongue.

Sometimes the very air I breathe surrounds me with fear until there is nothing but to inhale pain and exhale confusion.

Too many shadows, Lord, too many acts of selfishness, acts of cruelty, acts of indifference... Or, is it too little?

too little of compassion;
too little grace;
too few rainbows;
too little of courage, of risk taking, of persistence;
too little of sacrifice;

Too little of music and belly-shaking-laughter and exuberant, joy-filled celebration? O God, make me an instrument of your peace.

Make of me a loaf for these times of hunger, some food spiced with grace for my human family who are starving that, being some nourishment for them, I may also be filled with grace.

Shalom,
Paul



DEBBY'S CORNER

Marching right along...

Spring is in the air and baseballs are being pitched, hit, and caught throughout Arizona. I was pitched an idea to preach at Shepherd of the Hills, UCC on March 4th by Reverend Jim Meadows and after contemplating my odds of hitting the ball out of the park, and not knowing the outcome, I agreed.

March 11th brings some "Nonsense" into my life as I join our Singles and Solos group for another play at the Mountain View Recreation Center. Great times!

More great times follow as I wander the halls during our Spring Rummage Sale looking at the goodies and visiting with folks, but then the winds change as we move into Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. March lends itself to much reflection as Lent continues and spring brings new life into our midst. May God's love for all creation be found in every transformation.

Blessings,
Debby

Hello to all my Church friends!

Most of you know me, but some of you are new. I'm new too, because I am the new Moderator, and I hope to represent well the Church that I so love. I will be learning as quickly as I can what is expected of me, and I would like to surprise...in a good way!

Many of you know that my past religious history was Catholic. After I left the Catholic Church, I was Mormon for five years. Then there were decades of being a Christian without a home. When my husband and I decided we wanted to belong to a church again in 2011, I needed a church of love, not a church of judgment. And that is what we have. The Church of the Palms is welcoming and loving and aims to help us be the Christians we want to be.

If ever you have a concern, a wish, an idea, a problem, please seek out me or one of our Members-at-Large or any board member. We are here to work with you to keep our Church open, welcoming, and loving. This Church has made me want to be better. This Church has shown me how to look at people in a different way. Thank you to all who have shined a light of example to me. Thank you for giving me a challenging opportunity. Thank you for being so accepting of all people. Thank you for being "HOME".



2018 Moderator
Judy Pinter

Judy Pinter
Moderator



As You Are Moved ...

there are two vessels filled with sand placed at the front of the sanctuary.

The congregation is invited to come and light a candle and place it in the sand during any of the hymns. As they placed the candle, they could pray, meditate, remember, or just be still.

Because this gesture seemed to be very powerful for many, the Board of Worship and Fine Arts, with the blessing of council, decided that the vessels would remain. As you are moved, please feel free to light a candle on any given Sunday during the hymns. You may also come up before or after the service.

THANK YOU!

The Church of the Palms's 2018 Collection

raised:

2,889 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 4, 2018

Clara B. Cooper
Clara Cooper
President and CEO
Souper Bowl of Caring

SouperBowl 2018

"and the winner is???"

The United Church of
Sun City!!

Yes...the Silver Ladle has been passed and now resides with UCSC. The margin we lost by was slightly under 300 cans of soup. What a show of generosity by our Members! Many thanks to all who participated! Our goal? Bring home the Ladle In 2019!!

Botanical Garden Tour

Saturday, March 10, 2018

The bus will leave at 8:30am. We should return around 11:30am

Price \$24.95/Adult (Self Pay upon arrival)

The Garden is here to help you enjoy the Beauty of the Desert and care about it.



Have you heard the word "biodiversity"? For the Desert Botanical Garden, biodiversity is a touchstone for what they do. This word refers to all the forms of life on the planet, from the many different forms of plants and animals, the communities that species form, and even the genes that make each and every one of us what we are. At the Desert Botanical Garden they have a commitment to conserve the biodiversity of the desert regions of North America, with an emphasis on the Southwestern United States. The Desert Botanical Garden is home to one of the world's most spectacular living collections of the world's desert plants. Unusual plants including giant cacti, century plants and others in a natural setting create a striking visual treat. The Garden's living collections includes more than 4,000 species and approximately 27,650 individual plants for which scientific records are kept. In addition to providing a stunning display, these plants provide scientists from all over the world with information and material for various research projects.

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

BOWFA-Michael Witt

MEMORIAL REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

This is a rather unique Committee, as we reach out to families at the end of a life. We provide refreshments after a Memorial or Funeral. Several people prepare the table in King Hall. In most situations, we donate the food, oversee, and clean up afterward.

Occasionally, one may want something more elaborate, and we do use some of our funds to purchase items.

Our members have dwindled due to health, moving, etc., and we are in need of new people to join us in this venture, so the same people do not need to serve as often.

If you would like to help, or learn more, please contact me at 623-974-1972, or by my e-mail, gcgree@gmail.com. If you are already a member that will continue, I would like to hear from you also, so the Roster of names is correct as to phone and e-mail. Thank you.

Love and Prayers, Bonnie M. Green, Chairman

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

March Birthdays 2018



03/04 Peg Wiegert
03/04 Lila Merlino
03/04 Richard Andersen
03/08 Marian Barmore
03/11 Ruth Remle
03/14 Jane Lane
03/16 Mary Kennicott
03/16 Charlotte Harger
03/17 Barbara Finkle
03/17 Patty Roundy
03/19 Ann Kovacs
03/19 Jeanne Chisholm
03/20 Nelson Hymans
03/22 Don Mallett
03/24 Mavis Treher
03/27 Uncle Paul Whitlock
03/28 Judy Beal
03/28 Vern Greenhalgh
03/28 Jillian Frenning
03/28 Gloria Peterson





2018 Rummage & Bake Sale Alert DONATIONS NEEDED

The Church of the Palms Rummage Sale is something special. It represents our commitment to STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM and MISSION AND OUTREACH! So, now is the time to go through your closets and storage areas and make a donation of those items that have served you well but now need to have a new life with a new owner who has been looking for just such an item. Your donated items should be brought to the church beginning Monday, March 19th through Wednesday, March 21st. There they will be sorted, priced and staged for the Rummage Sale which occurs on Thursday, March 22nd thru Saturday, March 24th. If you need to have an item picked up prior to Monday, March 19th, please contact John Durbin. If you will be baking something for our wonderful bake sale, please plan on filling out the Bake Sale sign up sheet which will be available in the Narthex beginning on Sunday, March 4th.

We will be accepting all donations at this time but the items for the March sale include:

CLOTHING; HANDBAGS, SHOES, BELTS & LUGGAGE; LINENS & DECORATIVE PILLOWS; BOOKS, DVD/CD's & OFFICE ITEMS; NOTIONS; HOUSEWARE; and FURNITURE.

**Of course, we will also be including a
BAKE SALE & FOOD SERVICES**

If you can help or have questions please contact one of the members of the 2018 Rummage Sale coordinating team (John Durbin ~ Board of Mission and Outreach, Pat Durbin ~ Board of Evangelism, Judy Jondahl ~ Board of Stewards). Or sign up on one of the Volunteer Sheets in the Church Narthex or office. We need lots of help and we would love to have you be involved. Thank you very much!!

**The Church of the Palms
14808 N. Boswell Boulevard,
Sun City, AZ 85351
Phone (623-977-8359)**

MARCH FOOD ITEMS
NEEDED!

TUNA/CRACKER
PACKS

CANNED PASTA
(Spaghetti O's/Ravioli)

TOASTER PASTRIES

RAMIN NOODLES

FRUIT CUPS

or

PUDDING CUPS

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 March list. These kids are the future of our planet.

SAVE THE DATE

April Fellowship Breakfast
Tuesday, April 10th

"The Heart of Nuba"

COMING UP

Award winning Director/Producer, Kenneth A. Carlson (son of Rev. Bob and Millie Carlson) presents his moving film, "The Heart of Nuba." We will be introduced to Tom Catena, an American doctor who selflessly serves the needs of the forgotten Nuba people of Sudan.

Tuesday, **March** 13th 8:00 a.m.



March Fellowship Breakfast

DAOUD NASSAR
PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN FROM BETHLEHEM

On a hilltop outside of Bethlehem, in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank – so called because it sits on the west bank of the Jordan River - there is an international peace center called the Tent of Nations. Founded in 2007, it is located on the 100 acre farm which has been in the Nassar family since 1916. Daoud Nassar tells of his grandfather and father traveling the area to hold Bible study in the homes of Palestinian Christians.

The farm is surrounded by five illegal Israeli settlements, and the small Muslim village of Nahalin lies in the valley below. The Nassar family has been in Israeli courts since 1991 defending their ownership of the land, for which they have the legal documents.

The Israeli civil authorities administering the West Bank refuse to give the family permits for developing their farm. The peace center welcomes 7,000 international visitors a year. People visit to witness and participate in the work being done to cultivate the land, and harvest its crops. Children come during the summer to participate in the Children's camp.

Last year a group of 20 Church of the Palms members spent four weeks studying the conflict in the Holy Land. We agreed that we thought it important to hear directly from someone who is living there. We invite you to listen to the inspiring story of this family's creative non-violent resistance to living in the midst of these difficult circumstances. Their witness of "refusing to be enemies" is so resonant for our times, and it brings hope. Please join us for breakfast in King Hall at 8:00 am on Tuesday, March 13th. Presentation will begin at 8:30. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex of the church, or email Beth Moore at ebmoore1@live.com

For those unable to attend the March 13th breakfast, it will be possible to hear Daoud speak at other venues in the Valley. Here are additional dates, times and places at which he will speak;

Sunday, March 11, 4:00 pm

Location: Faith United Methodist Church; 8640 N. 19th Ave; Phoenix
Hosted by: Faith United Methodist; Dinner included; RSVP jody.topping@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 pm

Location: Pinnacle Presbyterian; Chapel Library; 25150 N. Pima Road; Scottsdale
Hosted by: Pinnacle Presbyterian

Friday, March 16, 8:00 pm

Location: Islamic Community Center of Phoenix; 2515 W. Orangewood, Phoenix
Hosted by: The Islamic Community Center of Phoenix

Dear Church of the Palms,

Grace to you and peace. I write this in response to the tragedy that happened at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. I am sure, with one accord, all of us are heart-broken over the events. We may disagree on how to solve the issue, but our unison love and prayers go out to them. I will NOT let praying for gun violence victims and their families be my only response to the national sin of gun violence

Some background: I grew up hunting and fishing. I have some great joy-filled memories from those days with my dad. We both went to a gun safety class and studied together to pass the test. Bless my dad's heart, he took the class with every one of his kids even though he could have taught the class himself. I loved that time with him, but the guns were just tools to which I had no emotional attachment. I loved being with him and out in nature.

However, there are many for whom "their guns" mean a great deal, emotionally and politically. While my guns were "tools", no different than my garden shovel, theirs are, in their own estimation, "weapons." And, in a larger sense, also "their freedom" and "their security."

I wonder, if underneath all this, if there may be a spiritual issue – one that has everything to do with control. Many, including myself, are frightened that there is on average a mass killing every day in the U.S., I find myself wondering what can be done. MLK, Jr. said, "our lives begin to end when we are silent about things that really matter."

I will not be silent. I believe we should tighten the loopholes allowing for the purchase of guns by those who are mentally unfit and that everyone should have to pass a safety class, like I did when I was a boy of twelve. What really scares me is that the problem is far deeper than the issue of possessing firearms. We, the American people, need to address the important question, "why are we addicted to violence?"

We need to have these "awkward and difficult" conversations, learning from each other, right here, right now, so that we don't have to have the "awkward and difficult" conversations at the graveside, with lives literally ended. There will be no joy until we do.

There are clearly good people who own guns – my dad was one and I hope I was. There are peaceful gun owning Muslims, Jews, Atheists, and Christians; an overwhelming majority in those crowds. In fact, this describes, as far as I know, everyone I know in those groups.

My love and respect for all of you require that I share my truth and speak prophetically. No church should need to be training their members for gun violence survival (but I have gone to one).

(cont.)

But I agree with President Ronald Reagan, when he said, "I do not believe in taking away the right of the citizen for sporting, for hunting and so forth, or for home defense. But I do believe that an Ak-47, a machine gun, is not a sporting weapon or needed for defense of a home."

After Timothy McVey committed his mass murder Americans accepted regulations so people could not just go buy fertilizer and make bombs with it. After someone tried to blow-up an airplane with explosives in his shoes we all started submitting to shoe inspections in order to board airplanes. It's long past time to take that same approach with how people buy guns unvetted getting around waiting periods. It didn't matter that only ONE person used each of those methods for mass murder (fertilizer and shoe bomb). One person was enough for all of us to endure the regulations in our pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

Even though very few people with guns ever could or would or actually do kill another person, I am very willing to regulate how we get guns. I am more than willing to regulate everyone's guns, so the vast majority of us can send our children and grandchildren to school without wondering if they will come home alive that evening.

Maybe I don't sound very pastoral or gentle or neutral. That's probably because I feel righteous anger that people keep dying unnecessarily. That's probably because I don't see this as a discussion about politics or rights but rather about human lives.

Here I stand!

I will NOT let praying for gun violence victims and their families be my only response to the national sin of gun violence. My faith tells me so.

Shalom, Paul

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL PARKLAND, FLORIDA.



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. 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.” We plan to unite with the LGBT Clubs of Sun City, Sun City West, and Sun City Grand, in some way if possible. We hope others from Church of the Palms will join us also. As we prepare for this event, we will need artists to help us with banners, flags, and other fun stuff we can wave to highlight Church of the Palms support for LGBTQ EQUALITY. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting event, please signup in the Narthex or see Debby Stinton. We pray for full involvement through prayer, action, love, ministry and support.

One Great Hour of Sharing
More Than We Can Imagine



It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God’s world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel there is nothing we can do to help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that what little we can do won’t have an impact.

As the Apostle Paul writes, “by the power at work within us,” God is able to “accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20). “We are the agents of transformation that God uses to transfigure this world” (Archbishop Desmond Tutu). Our gifts become part of a loving legacy in ways we can’t foresee. Our gifts become blessings to people we don’t know and blesses in ways we can’t expect. We can make a difference beyond what we can imagine. Please give generously to this vital mission!

**Giving Envelopes and literature available in the Sanctuary,
Sunday’s, March 11th and 18th.**



2018 "3T" Service Auction & Pot Luck



A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to all the wonderful donations of time, talent and treasure, the wonderful pot luck dishes, and enthusiastic bidders that made our 2018 "3T" Service Auction & Pot Luck a great success. Over one hundred people attended, 50 items were auctioned off, fellowship and fun flourished, and \$2,727 was generated. These funds will go to the Boards of Mission & Outreach, Life Long Learning and Evangelism to support the work they do. Thank you also to all the wonderful volunteers who worked to organize and conduct this wonderful event in conjunction with our annual meeting. General consensus was that we should do this again in two or three years.

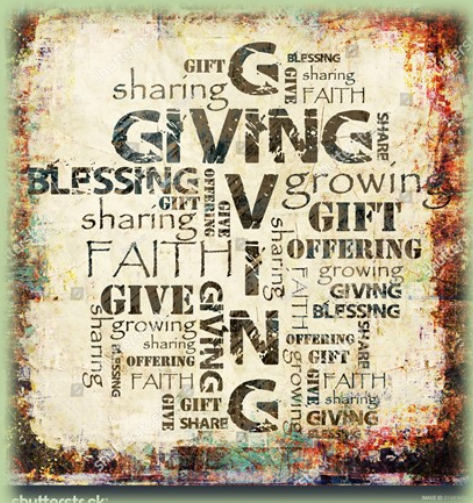
A Blessing Gift

The congregation passed a deficit budget for 2018 knowing that the reserve fund will cover the approximately \$14,000 shortfall. (The history of last five years is that we have moved an average of \$15K over per year from the reserve account to cover the budget's expenses). The 2018 ministry budget was passed because the deficit reflects the opportunity we have to increase Pastor Jim's time and Debby Stinton's time. Instead of just taking that \$14K from the reserve account, I presented an alternative option for funding – A Blessing Gift.

A Blessing Gift. Last summer, Wendy and I experienced a tremendous blessing. Our son, Michael was married. It was a wonderful experience. Tradition says the bride's family pays for most of wedding costs. We don't think that is exactly right, so we were prepared to pay for half. But what we discovered was that his bride's family had money and could afford to pay for the wedding without a problem – so we let them pay for it.

So, instead of saying, "Wow, we got lucky," we decided to make financial gifts to a variety of charities, including this church in celebration of that blessing. So, what I'm asking of everyone, when a special blessing comes your way this year, make a financial gift, A Blessing Gift, above and beyond a pledge or a regular gift – \$5, \$500, \$5,000.

I'm not going to define blessing for you or suggest an amount. I'll let you do that. I just think if we give something special above and beyond for each time a blessing comes our way, we won't see a deficit. Mark your Blessing Gift and we'll keep track of all the blessings that come into the church.





- March 4 Madinah
- March 11 "There is No God but Al-Lah"
- March 18 The Ethics of Islam
- March 25 The Greater Jihad

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. 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.

More Great Fellowship and Learning Opportunities!

Life Long Learning-Monday's 10 a.m.

March 12th - Everything is Spiritual (DVD) by Rev. Rob Bell

March 26th - Out in the Silence: Love, Hate and a Quest for Change in Small Town America. Sundance Institute: Documentary Film by Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer.

"Inchworms" Bible Study Tuesday's 10 a.m.

"Cosmic" Christians Tuesday's-11:30 a.m.

"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 March

*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

Sunday, March 4: Read John 2:13-22. Jesus takes the systems that we love and support and turns the tables over. What in personal and church life needs a good spring cleaning? Pastor Paul will be preaching.

Sunday, March 11: Have you ever wanted to disappear and make a fresh start? Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Pastor Paul will be preaching. As people who reflect the light of God, we can do some good and meaningful work in the world for the people around us. We are called each day to reflect on Jesus and go into some shadowy and unexpected places.

Sunday, March 18: Read John 12:20-33. Sometimes we have to make decisions about what we need to let go of in order to receive the blessings of God. Pastor Jim will be preaching.

March 25-Palm Sunday

The Music Department of The Church of the Palms Presents:
"What Wondrous Love!"

March 29- 5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Worship Service: United Church of Sun City
11250 N. 107th Ave #105



Holy Week

March 30-Good Friday
The Church of the Palms
Moments of Reflection
9 a.m. to Noon
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

April 1-Easter Sunday
Seeing is Believing

8:30-9:15 a.m. Sunshine Service-Pastor Jim Alexander
10-11 a.m. Sanctuary Service/Communion-Pastor Paul Whitlock

Easter Blessing-2018

(Please return this form to the church office along with your payment by March 28th).

In years past, we have adorned our sanctuary with Lilies. This year in lieu of flowers your donations will go to The Church of the Palms Blessing Fund. Your gifts will remain "In Honor of /In Memory of" your loved ones. The price of the lilies has always been \$10 per flower. You may certainly give above and beyond that amount, as you are moved. Please return your giving envelope marked "Easter Lily" or this donation form to the church office by March 28th.

In Memory of

In Honor of

Phone Number: _____ Amount Donated \$ _____

Donated by:

DAVID WILSON

2-5-2018

SHIRLEY FACKELMAN

2-12-2018

RONALD LEWTON

2-22-2018

LOVING MEMORY

Service Project Craft Group Easter Offerings!

Our table is back in King Hall and loaded down with handmade offerings.

Lovingly made, one of a kind items for Moms and Dads...Grandma's and kids and you too! Make sure and stop by the table after Worship, and get the most treasured gift of all, the gift of memories.

Easter blessings

The Church of the Palms believes deeply in spiritual growth opportunity grounded in God's abundant provision for all needs. As we strive to find new ways to fulfill God's call, and to be good stewards of your financial support to this church, change is inevitable. This year, our "Easter Lily" donation envelope has become our "Easter Blessing Fund". The donations you make in "Memory or Honor" of your loved ones, will go to this important fund. Your "Easter Offering" envelope donation will still be gifted to our Mission in Lesotho.

Those of you that use the numbered church giving envelopes titled "Easter Lily" may still do so. Simply make sure the name of your loved one is written clearly on the envelope along with "In Memory or in Honor" and your donation amount.

An "Easter Blessing" form is located on page 16 of this Palm Leaf for folks without numbered giving envelopes.

"Giving should be an expression of your love, joy, and gratitude toward God. Nothing more. Nothing less."

Anonymous

PALMS PARTICULARS

(Formerly New Member Orientation)

For those interested in learning more about our church and/or those seeking membership.

General information, Q&A, Fellowship Light Supper

Wednesday,
March 14th 3:30 PM



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.

FRIDAYS 1:00 - 3:00 through April 27th.
There will be NO sessions on 3/23 or 3/30.

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



**Hospice of the Valley presents:
Understanding the
Journey of Dementia**

Monday, March 5th 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**The Church of the Palms
14808 Boswell Blvd.
Sun City, AZ 85351**



Learn about dementia and what resources are available to help patients and families. Participants will learn to understand dementia and how it progresses from early to advanced stages. Develop strategies for making and maintaining meaningful connections with the person with dementia. Value the caregiver role and ways to reduce stress.

Speaker: Maribeth Gallagher

Maribeth Gallagher, psychiatric nurse practitioner and doctor of nursing practice, directs Hospice of the Valley's Dementia Program, which has received national and international awards for its innovative approaches to dementia care. Dr. Gallagher's commitment to improving dementia care was inspired by her own experiences as a family caregiver, sharing the journey with her love one from diagnosis to death...

RSVP by March 2, 2018

602-636-5391 or e-mail events@hov.org

(Continental Breakfast will be provided at this no-cost event)

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!

goo.gl/u2QtrE

www.thepalms.org

We offer:

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



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**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Drawn together by the Holy Spirit, we are a distinct and diverse community of Christians that comes together as one church, joining faith and action.

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

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

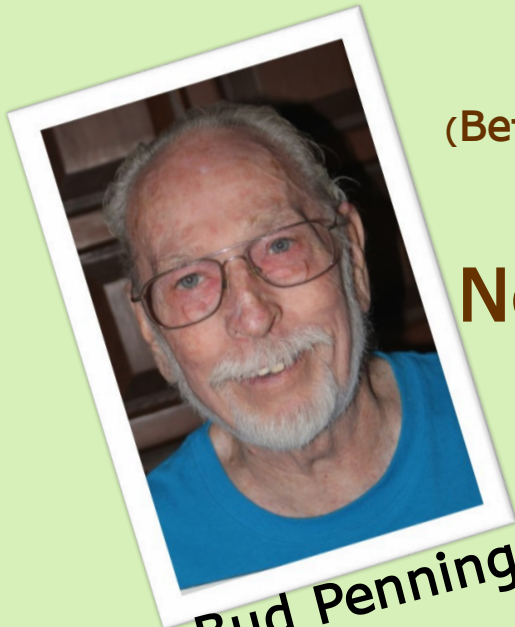
You may submit an article or information for an article by:

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

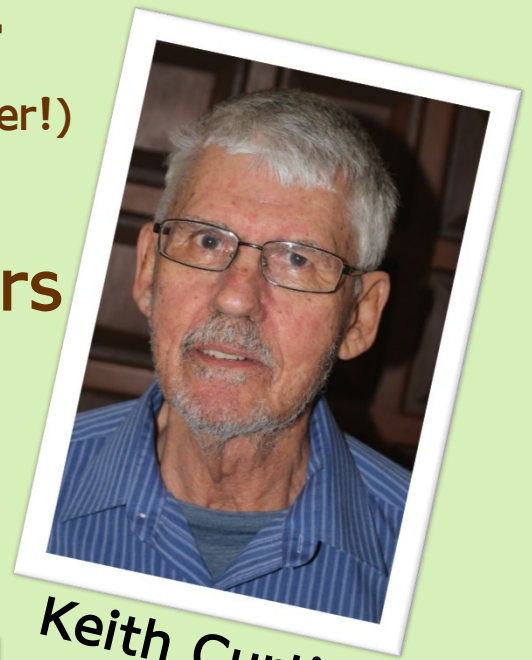
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Debby Stinton, Assistant Pastor
Deborah Martin, Secretary

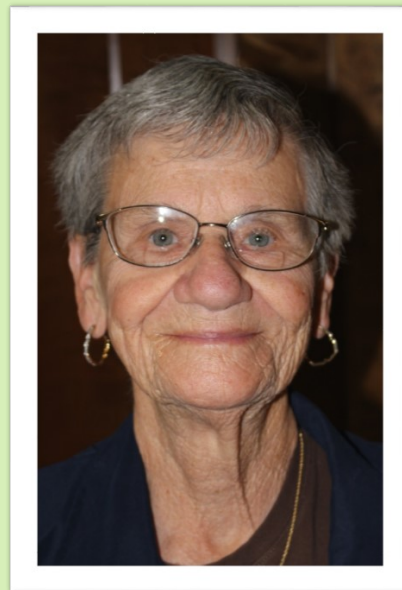
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New Members



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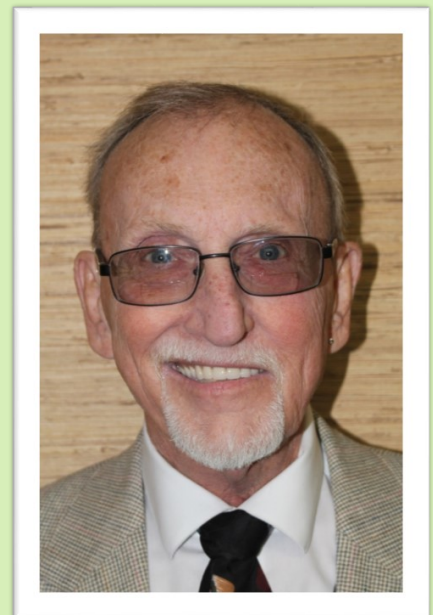
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Charline Hunt

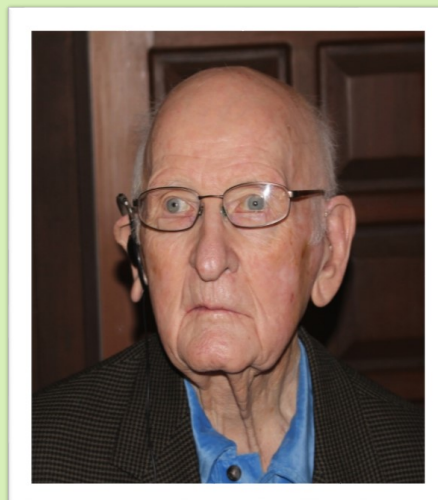


Jack Elliott



Eric Holmes

**Vern
Greenlough**



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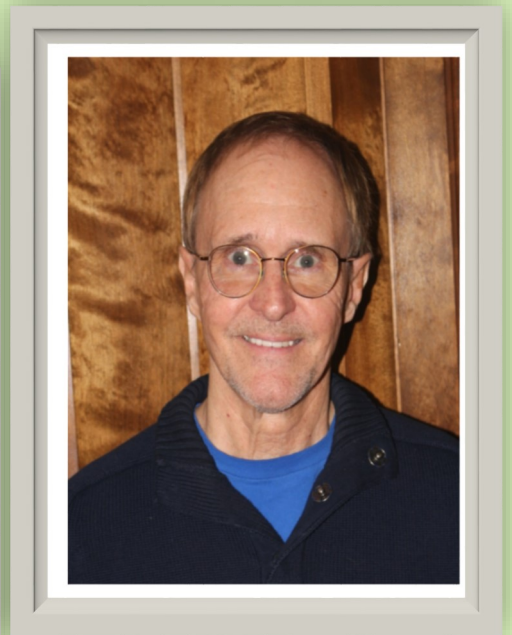
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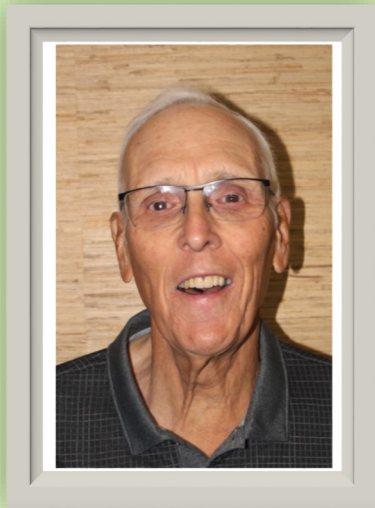
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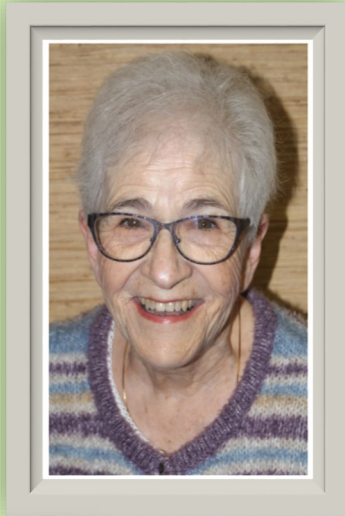
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Kurt Hofmann



Linda Hofmann



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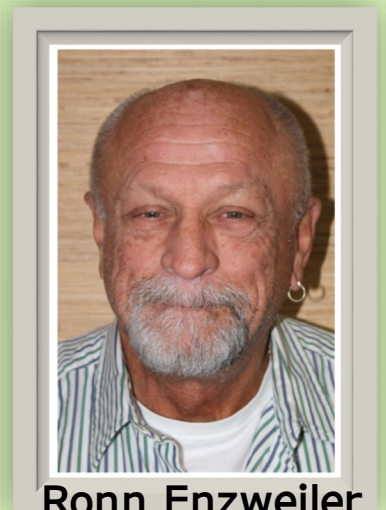
Bobbie and Jim Chapman



Michael Cullen



Ronn Enzweiler



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MARCH 2018

*IN THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 3:30AM Sunday Discussion Group: 10 Worship/Communion 11 Fellowship(KH)	5 10AM Life Long Learning 9AM-12 Hospice of the Valley Understanding Dementia A Challenging Journey Registration -8:30 a.m.	6 10AM "Inchworms" Bible Study (BR) 11:30 "Cosmic" Christians 3:30 PM "Jump Start" Bible Study	7 9AM Board of Stewards (CP) 9 Service Project Craft Group (BR) 10:30 Women's Friendship Group (CP)	8 9AM Board of Lifelong Learning (BR) 10 Singles and Solos Unity Church Joy Walk 10 Neuropathy Group (BR) 2:30PM Choir Rehearsal 4 Good Vibrations Bell Choir (BR)	9 9:30AM Social Justice Team (BR) 1PM GrietShare	10 Board of Worship and Fine Arts 8:15 a.m. Botanical Gardens Tour (Bus leaves at 8:30 Sharp)
11 Equal Exchange 3:30AM Sunday Discussion 3:15 Choir Warm-up 10 Worship (SA) 11 Fellowship (KH) 1:30PM Singles and Solos Carpool to SC Players 2 Memorial Service- Shirley Fackelman (SA)	12 10AM Life Long Learning "Everything is Spiritual" 4PM Board of Trustees (BR)	13 8AM Fellowship Breakfast Daoud Nassar: "We Refuse to be Enemies" 10 "Inchworms" Bible Study 11:30 "Cosmic" Christians No "Jump Start" 2PM Board of Stewards	14 8AM Service Project Craft 10 Mission and Outreach (CP) 3:30PM Palms Particulars	15 9AM Board of Life Long Learning Meeting (CP) 10AM Care Team Ministries (BR) 2:30PM Choir Rehearsal (MR)	16 12 Bridge Group (BR) 1PM GrietShare	17 St. Patrick's Day 9AM Church Council (BR) 2PM Memorial Service-Ron Lawton (SA)
18 Welcome New Members 3:30AM Sunday Discussion 3 Choir Warm-up 10 Worship 11 Fellowship (KH) Rummage Sale Kick-Off	19 10AM Life Long Learning Jesus for the Non-Religious Rummage and Bake Sale Set-up	20 Rummage and Bake Sale Set-up	21 Rummage and Bake Sale Set-up	22 2:30PM Choir Rehearsal (SA) Rummage and Bake Sale SALE DAY 7:30-2pm	23 Rummage and Bake Sale SALE DAY-7:30-2pm	24 Rummage and Bake Sale SALE DAY 7:30-NOON
25 Palm Sunday 3:30AM Sunday Discussion 10 Worship (SA) 11 Fellowship (KH) The Church of the Palms Music Department Presents: "What Wondrous Love!"	26 10AM Life Long Learning "Out in the Silence"	28 10 "Inchworms" Bible Study 11:30 "Cosmic" Christians 2PM Board of Stewards 3:30 "Jump" Start Bible Study	28 9AM Service Group (BR) 10:30AM Women's Friendship Group (CP)	29 Maundy Thursday 10AM Singles and Solos Easter Egg Hunt 2:30PM Choir Rehearsal 5PM Maundy Thursday United Church of Sun City 11250 N. 107th Ave	30 Good Friday The Church of the Palms Self-Motivated Moments of Reflection 9 a.m. -12 p.m. 5 p.m. -7 p.m.	31