

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

What makes you come alive?



THE PALM LEAF

The Church of the Palms 14808 North Boswell Boulevard Sun City, Arizona

A Letter from Paul

January 2024



Throughout 2023 we asked in one way or another, "What makes you come alive?" That question came from one of Howard Thurman's most famous quotes: "Ask what makes you come alive and go do it.

Because the world needs people who have come alive."

This past year witnessed The Church of the Palms collectively and members individually resurrected in mind, body, and spirit. What made you come alive was different from what transformed me and that's okay, even preferred. When we spend time around people exactly like us it's like living life in a bubble – all we breathe is soapy air. Diversity is a needed, beautiful, necessary thing! And in many ways, we have it at The Palms; 2023 was witness to it!

As we journey into 2024, I invite you to spend some time this month reflecting on a couple of things. 1) What were areas of your life where you came alive in 2023? List them. And 2) How can you intentionally choose ministry, helping, caring, loving in 2024? Spend time praying about it.

As we reflect about shedding the cocoon of covid and coming alive in 2023, as we reflect and choose to be intentional in our path onward in 2024, let's circle back to Howard Thurman. He wrote a poem entitled, "I Will Light a Candle," that speaks of this

time and our ministry. Jim Strathdee took the words of that poem and turned them into a hymn we sing as much as any song, "I Am the Light of the World." May the words of that hymn guide us in 2024:

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the magi and the shepherds have
found their way home, the work of
Christmas is begun:

To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth
and good food, to feel the earth below,
the sky above!

To free the pris'ner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with
strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere!
To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colors of the earth!

'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the
mystery of what you were
meant to do and be."

May we be intentional in 2024 with our choices!

Shalom, Paul



Notes from your Executive Board at The Church of the Palms

The New Year, 2024, is here. It is a time that many of us make New Year's Resolution. In Illinois, I used to belong to a Health Club. I used to find it humorous that in January, the club was full of people. Come February, there will be fewer people. Come March, it was not even half full.

I used to write down my resolutions. I still do it in some ways, but now I call them goals for my life. Now, I basically have one goal that is included in my prayers almost every day. That prayer is: "Holy God, help me to become the person that you have created me to be."

As a child, a prayer like that would be filled with fear and guilt. As some of you know, I was raised with a very fundamentalist faith. I lived in daily fear that somehow my sins would result in me losing my salvation. That prayer as a child would encourage me to live a sinless life believing that if I were not the person that God created me to be, that I could be doomed eternally. I remember going to bed worried that my actions of the day would doom me if I somehow died during the night.

One scripture that used to bother me is one from the Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew 5:48 where Jesus is claimed to have said: "Be perfect, therefore, as your Father in Heaven is perfect." At the time, I considered that to be an impossible command. On one hand, I was somewhat angry that Jesus would even suggest such a thing. On the other hand, it added to my fear that somehow, I could never measure up to the demands of Jesus. In my preparation for ministry, I took Greek and attended Theological Seminary. I began to see that verse in an entirely different light. The Ancient Greek word for perfect is Telios. It really has nothing to do with reaching perfection. Telios is an adjective derived from the Greek word Telos which means end, purpose, or goal.

Now as I consider that verse in relationship to my prayer "To become the person that God created me to be," I see it as a process of growing toward my goal or purpose in life. In that goal, I also recognize that God does not expect perfection the way we see perfection. In fact, over the course of my life, I have allowed myself (usually with psychotherapy involved) to recognize that understanding the shadow (dark) side of my life could actually be beneficial in this process.

In pursuing psychotherapy for myself, I allowed myself to embrace my shadow side. This side is often the side of our personality that we keep hidden, such as trauma, resentment, weaknesses, and aspects of our lives that we deem as unacceptable. For me, it meant among other things, exploring how my dysfunctional childhood was affecting me as an adult. It also meant facing my own unconsciousness through analysis of my dreams through sessions with a psychologist who was also a Jungian analysis.

Notes from your Executive Board

at The Church of the Palms

Continued...

I do not want to get too technical. However, this process helped me to accept and love myself with flaws and strengths combined. My daily prayer to "Become the person God created me to be" continues to be my goal working towards my life journey of continually finding purpose with my life. Happily, I do not need to be perfect to do this. However, I hope to be "Telios" to do this. I hope to always have a life goal of having purpose. As we approach a new year together, I wish for all to have a blessed and purposeful year. I want to thank our pastors for their continuing encouragement towards that goal.

Rev. Dr. Phil Ladd, Chair of the Executive Board



National Alliance on Mental Illness Help Line
1-800-950-6264 <https://www.nami.org/help>
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800.273.TALK
Suicide/Crisis Hotline TEXT 988
Translifeline 877.565.8860
Veteran's Crisis Line 800.273.8255 press 1
Pastoral Care - Pastor Jim Alexander 623.792.5295
<https://thepalms.org/Tools2Thrive>

Join the Discussion



Each Thursday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. a group of folks gather in the King Hall resource center to review and discuss the previous Sunday's sermon message from our pastors and discuss its application in our lives as individuals and as a church community. We then read the scripture verses that will be used in the upcoming Sunday service, read a short commentary on the verses, and discuss questions about the content and concepts contained in the readings. This helps us have a deeper appreciation and understanding of the message our pastors will be delivering.

The group is called "Inspirit - Bible Study & Discussion." The word "Inspirit" comes from the Middle English "Inspiriten," meaning "To stir (someone's mind) into action." The title Inspirit was chosen because it implies instilling life, energy, courage, or vigor into someone or something.

The commentary and discussion questions can be found on the Bridges to Learning page of our church web page. In addition, these materials are sent, via email, to participants in advance of our time together, so we have an opportunity to review prior to our gathering. We hope you will consider joining the discussion in-person or on the Bridges to Learning page. Please feel free to talk to John Durbin if you have questions.

Thank you!

Worship Themes for January 2024!

The 7th:

On this first Sunday of the new year, what would make this year wonderful?

Read Mark 1:4-11.

Pastor Paul will be preaching.

The 14th:

Pastor Paul jumps off the lectionary to emphasize Martin Luther King Jr.

We need dreamers.

Read Genesis 37:17b-37.

The 21st:

Hey, there's something fishy going on in Mark 1:14-20. Are we the fishers or the fish? Pastor Jim will be preaching.

The 28th:

Read Mark 1:21-28. Pastor Paul will ask the question, "Where is God?"

Where is God when it hurts, when tragedies occur, when life seems to be falling apart?"



The Memorial service for *Mary Whitlock* will be held on January 6th at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please keep the Whitlock family in your prayers.

The Memorial Service for *Rev. Clint Reynolds* will be January 20th at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please keep the Reynolds family in your prayers.

January Birthdays!

Chris Bauknecht 3

Pam Clark 9

David Klingensmith 9

Kurt Hofmann 9

Leslie Work 10

Susan Hershberger 10

Carol Reynolds 10

Judy Savage 16

Judd Rinsema 20

Raymond Larson 20

Frank Bauknecht 21

Sandy Krueger 21

Deb Bontadelli 24

Elaine Klauser 27

Leah Huse 31



tacklehunger.org

The Church of the Palms' Mission and Outreach Team is collecting donations of soup (ramen, cans, etc.) each Sunday through February 6th for Valley View Community Food Bank. Our sister congregation, United Church of Sun City, has challenged us to a friendly rivalry to see who can donate the most. Let's DO THIS!!

**IF YOU ARE PUZZLED ABOUT WHERE YOU
BEST FIT, SIGN UP FOR THE UPCOMING
INFORMATION SESSION**



The Evangelism and Growth Team is always seeking new members for The Church of the Palms. If you want to see if the church fits your needs, please consider signing up for an Information Session in

King Hall on **Wednesday, February 7th, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.** You will be given an opportunity to meet Pastor Paul and/or Pastor Jim in addition to a few other church leaders. For visitors and anyone else interested, there will be Introductions of all people present, information given (including history and church structure), a question-and-answer period, a guided tour of the church which will be followed by a couple of forms to complete and photographs taken of those who desire to become members. Plus, this will all be followed by a light supper with good fellowship.

New members will then be introduced to our congregation at the following **Sunday service, February 11th, 2023.** We have been extremely fortunate in adding approximately 47-50 new members so far in 2023 and hope to continue with good growth in 2024. Please help anyone who is interested in attending to sign up at either the Welcome Visitors' Desk or at the Sign-Up Table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Eona Schulz at 623-974-5970.

Thanks to The Three Musketeers

Margaret Carpenter, Leah Huse, and Bonnie Green, known as:

The Three Musketeers; have volunteered once a month to prepare a three course meal for IHELP guests since The Church of The Palms began hosting in October 2019. It's been a mutual blessing to the servers and those served. The guests and other diners have praised and thanked this trio for their meals —hearty, healthy, just-prepared-that-day, better than many mom's.

Alas, the trio is planning to watch more sports and do more craft projects on Mondays starting in January and will not continue to be in the kitchen. We thank The Three Musketeers for their dedication, kindness, generosity, and unwavering support of the IHELP program.

Thanks, gracias, danke, merci, ♥

The Church of the Palms, the IHELP team, and the IHELP Guests.



Bonnie, Leah, & Margaret

I Support HART Pantry



(252) 259-5331
www.HartPantry.org

Hi The Church of the Palms,

We at HART Pantry just wanted to personally hope you all had a Blessed and Merry Christmas! I would like to thank all of you for helping me get our food needs and events, throughout the 2023 year, into your Newsletters and Weekly Bulletins. It has been a pleasure working with you and I want to celebrate all that we have been able to do for our Kiddos in 2023.

Approximately 230 of our At Risk Teens will have a \$25 gift card to use for something they need or want and a \$15 fast food card. They will also receive a goody bag, some candy and socks. Please continue to support HART Pantry in 2024, when you can, and know that we appreciate you and your church family!

Happy New Year! Mickey Foster - HART Board member

The Message...



The Tent of Nations, an international peace center located in the West Bank outside of Bethlehem is owned and operated by the Nassar family. The Church of the Palms supports the work of the Tent of Nations.

On December 4th, Daoud Nassar wrote the following to express the gratitude of his family for the numerous messages and phone calls of support and solidarity that they have received from friends around the world since the events of October 7th.

"Your words of encouragement have provided us with immeasurable strength in this dark time of sorrow and pain. . .

We remain resolute and even more determined to continue our journey for justice and embody the light that overcomes the darkness. We ask that you continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers."

& The Opportunity:

On February 27th, March 5th, & March 12th, at 10:00 a.m., the Palestinian Human Rights Action Team will offer three classes as a follow-up to our recent study of Kelley Nikondeha's book, *The First Advent in Palestine*.

While we are still formulating the content for these sessions, interest has been expressed in the following topics. Please speak with Martin Meadows or Beth Moore with questions or suggestions you have about the sessions.

* A brief survey of the historical roots of what is currently happening in Gaza and the West Bank.

* An understanding of Zionism, the attempts to conflate criticism of Israel with anti-zionism, and the charges that anti-zionism is anti-semitism.

* An definition of apartheid, and the decision of several human rights groups (and churches) to call Israel's actions in Gaza, Israel proper, and the West Bank an apartheid regime.

* What are we as Church called to be and do to stand in solidarity with Palestinians?

Beth Moore, Member of The Church of the Palms

Thank You for Your Generosity!



Cindy Humes & John Durbin

The Mission and Outreach Team and the Homeless Jesus Sculpture Committee would like to thank you all for your incredible generosity during our fundraising efforts. Not only do we have an amazing piece of art to spread the message of Matthew 25, but as is done here at The Church of the Palms, 20 percent of fundraising proceeds go to Mission and Outreach. In this case, \$20,000 will be distributed to support our partners and other local organizations who serve those that are affected by homelessness.

Guided by our goal to be good stewards of this blessing, the Mission and Outreach Team has been researching and giving prayerful consideration to ensure that our gifts go to appropriate benefactors.

In that spirit, we have made our first donation of \$2,500 to the *Deep Within* Rehab program (www.deepwithinrehab.com). This worthy program serves men who are working on their recovery and getting their life back through a faith based, non-profit residential program. *Deep Within* has been a wonderful partner with our I-HELP program, providing assistance and manpower with furniture moving when our guests attain housing, as well as with other activities in our church and we are excited to grow our partnership.

We will continue to update you as more funds are disbursed over the coming months.

Thank you again for your loving kindness, generosity and as always, for Being The Church!

We have some interesting and informative classes lined up for the winter and spring of 2024!



Your participation in a class or two (or all of them) is a great way to meet and get to know more people in our church family.

- Enneagrams (Margo Pardee..."...an invaluable resource for the exploration of her own personality structure and for fostering a clearer and more caring understanding of others"). The classes will begin January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31th and February 7th at 10:00 a.m. in King Hall.

This class will be facilitated by Tom Reemtsma and Margo Pardee. Tom has a lifetime of community engagement with Town Meeting 76, continuing through I-Help here in Sun City. His workshop training is from ICA Canada in the Technology of Participation Seminars. He has experienced deep therapy with Jungian therapists, St. John of the Cross retreats, Myers's Briggs Personality Typing, and weekend retreats with Richard Rohr, and The Enneagram Prison Project. Tom said, "My confidence in the Enneagram is gained from the changes in my behavior that have helped me get along better with myself and my family of origin." Margo Pardee has been studying and using the Enneagram for over 15 years. She has participated in many classes and workshops beginning in Portland, Oregon, and, after moving to Arizona in 2016, with the Arizona Enneagram Association and the California-based CP Enneagram Academy.

- *Please note that our three ongoing classes continue through the winter and spring:*
Shared Conversations with Bobbie Chapman on Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.
Cosmic Christians with Linette Stenberg on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Inspirit Bible Study and Discussion with John Durbin on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

LGBTQ+ Ministry

"Hope will never be silent." - Harvey Milk

The LGBTQ+ Ministry Team had an impactful and groundbreaking 2023! Highlights include the Rainbows Festival with Pride Phoenix, the Pride Parade, Open and Affirming Sunday Service, and Transgender Remembrance Day. The team was also able to establish strong connections within the community to successfully position us for future opportunities, which will ensure that we are able to make an even bigger difference in 2024.

The team recently came together to brainstorm programs, projects, and activities that will be incorporated into the 2024 schedule. Each one of these events will be motivated by our mission to extend an extravagant welcome to all people, regardless of how they identify, and advocate for justice and peace for the LGBTQ+ community. We would love to have you (yes, you!) join our team, in any capacity that you can, to continue driving the impact of the LGBTQ+ Ministry Team.

Be on the lookout for future bulletins and volunteer opportunities. The next LGBTQ+ Ministry Team meeting is Monday, January 8th at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Georgia Feiste if you are interested!



We express our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Rev. Chuck Paulson. Please hold Anita Paulson and family in your prayers.



“NEEDLES AND PINS” Craft Group

at The Church of the Palms shared with The Phoenix Indian Center homemade gifts for Christmas distribution. Bobbie Chapman and Kay Klinkenborg, members of the church, delivered the items to Utahna Blackwater, Intake and Referral Specialist for the center. Handmade items included: 213 crocheted soap bags (cotton bags that hold a bar of soap making it a washcloth/soap in one hand), 220 hand crocheted/knitted stocking caps scarfs, adult bibs, walker bags, lap quilts, baby quilts, twiddles (activity arm bracelets for use with dementia patients).

Members of the craft group are: Bonnie Green, Margaret Carpenter, Leah Huse, Bobbie Chapman and Lou Dever. They meet every Wednesday from 9:00a-11:00a at The Church of the Palms located at 14808 North Boswell Boulevard, Sun City, AZ 85351. Anyone interested in participating with this group is free to attend. Their work is not limited to Wednesday, these avid artists and other supporters of the craft group work on items at home during the week.

The church began connections with the Phoenix Indian Center in July of 2022 and continues to look for additional ways, through different church teams, to be of service and assist the Phoenix Indian Center.

Since 1947, the Phoenix Indian Center has been providing continuous service to the Phoenix-Metropolitan area. “We are a ‘gateway’ for American Indians and others seeking assistance with job readiness and employment services, others seeking assistance with job readiness and employment services, prevention services, youth programs, and language and culture seeking assistance with job readiness and employment services, prevention services, youth programs, and language and culture revitalization. Our doors are open to people from all tribal backgrounds, including non-Natives.”

They are committed to “Educating the larger community about the beauty and culture of our traditions.” Their activities (open to the public) can be followed at:

<https://phxindcenter.org/>



Kay Klinkenborg, Bobbie Chapman, Utahna Blackwater

Social Justice Legislative Corner



It’s almost time for the AZ Legislative Session to begin! Get ready to let your legislators know how you feel about their bills—on taxes, voting rights, education funding, book banning, reproductive rights, criminal justice reform, and so much more. Come to our *Request To Speak Training* on Saturday, Jan 13th at 10:00 a.m. in person in the Boardroom or on Zoom. You really never have to speak—just hit a few buttons on your computer! *In AZ we are lucky that we have such an easy way to give our legislators feedback.* So come take advantage of this *gift from the government!* Please RSVP as attending in person or via Zoom to Nancy at nnonini19@gmail.com. Past participants were amazed at how easy it is to provide legislators with your opinion!

Years go up, prices go up, income may not go up for seniors.

For those of us in Sun City, an over 55 community, this story about seniors seeking shelter because they can no longer pay their rent may be especially eye opening:

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest NW Valley Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP) Success Story



I-HELP, has seen a rise in the number of Seniors seeking shelter. According to Rowland (2023), "Arizona has a lack of affordable housing and the 'Baby Boomers' have been priced out of the rental market." The elderly adults simply cannot afford to pay their rent because they are on fixed incomes (Kasunic, 2023)." People that are 55 and older represent 16.5 percent of America's homeless population of 1.45 million in 2019, according to the most recent data collected (Kushel, 2023). Seniors are beginning to flood the homeless shelters and becoming the fastest group who are homeless. However, the shelters are not equipped to care for them. According to Kushel (2023), "The current shelter system cannot accommodate the physical needs of this population, shelters are not licensed to provide nursing home level of care, staff are not trained in long-term care to help the homeless clients manage their daily needs, and there are no medical professionals in the shelters to address any medical issues they may have. There is a new term, in Phoenix, that describes how distressing it is for our homeless Seniors, Treat-and-Street. The hospitals are discharging homeless patients back to the streets after providing treatment for acute illness and they wind up back in their tents or shelters to recover.

However, I-HELP does enroll Seniors if they meet the requirements. Mark (name changed for privacy) came to I-HELP after experiencing homelessness for two years. He is a Senior Citizen, living on a fixed income, struggles to speak and understand English, and he ended up homeless after being separated from his family. Mark came to the program in August, with hopes of finding affordable housing. He actively participated in creating his case plan, attended case management meetings, applied for housing in several cities, stayed focused, and finally met his goal. Throughout his time in I-HELP, he continued to attend his church every Sunday. Eventually, Mark was connected to a family that was renting out a room at a price that he could afford. He ended his own homelessness and is now happy to be with his new family. Mark was provided resources for the new community he will be residing in.

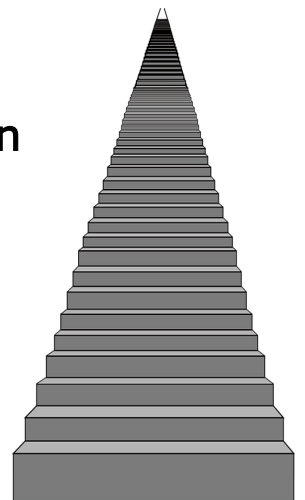
Note: If you know of anyone in need of emergency lodging, contact Northwest Valley I-HELP, Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program, at 623-222-1659 for an appointment with a case manager.

HE HAD A DREAM...



"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

-Martin Luther King Jr.



Gratitude & Volunteer Needs for Healing Project



Since March of 2023, Doing Grief Community Healing Project had over 350 participants in our programs throughout this inaugural year. Thank you to

The Church of the Palms for providing space for the project and designating the Interfaith Chapel for Healing for this work!

The Healing Project offers Healing Circle small groups (in person and online) year round and special programs in the fall and spring. *As we continue to grow our programs, we are in need of volunteers to serve as chapel stewards to care for the Interfaith Chapel for Healing and volunteers with expertise in the areas of social media marketing, publicity, graphic design, proofreading, grant writing, and writing press releases. We also need someone with sewing skills to sew some simple fabric window panels for the chapel.*

If you would like to donate your time and talents to the Healing Project in 2024, please reach out to Project director, Shea Darian at Connect@DoingGrief.com or 602-315-8480. Shea currently serves as full time chaplain at Grandview Terrace, a Sun Health senior residential community in Sun City West.

A bounty of gratitude for the success of the Healing Project goes to The Church of the Palms, Executive Board, Ministry Council, and Susan and David Princehouse, among others, who provided financial assistance for the Project in 2023.

Eternal gratitude to The Church of the Palms members and friends who provided labors of love and support, and presented our 2023 programs - especially Pastor Jim, Andrew Darian, Georgia Feiste, Bertie Fitch, Mary Hoy, Judy Jondahl, Andy Jordan, Phil Ladd, Ray Larson, Nicole Lindsay, Jerry Lovell, Ellen Merchant, Susan Princehouse, Howard Schenk, Nancy Tsuchiya, Pastor Paul, and our Needles and Pins crafting circle who donated handmade prayer shawls to the Project: Margaret Carpenter, Bobbie Chapman, Lou Devers, Bonnie Green, and Sandy Znetko.

Thank you!

May the healing continue in the New Year. . .

THANK YOU FROM DYSART COMMUNITY CENTER



A huge thank you to your congregation for helping us have an amazing 2023. We served more members of our community in 2023 than any other year of our history as a non-profit.

Our youth numbers increased this year from 69 to 109 children attending our before and after school program and over 225 children attending your summer enrichment program. We have sadly seen record numbers at our at our food pantry on the first Wednesday of every month, with December having the highest number ever with 562 individuals served.

Our teen program ended the year by providing gifts, quilts and a meal at the new Surprise homeless shelter for over 14 children and their families. This helped them finish the year by giving back to those whose need was greater or equal to their own.

We have been able to add more classes for adults for citizenship, ESL, GED, and the high school diploma program with some classes now offered on Saturdays.

None of this would have been possible without caring partnerships like with your church and we are so grateful for all the concern and generosity you show to our families. Our mission to help those in need help themselves and then give back to the community is such a worthwhile mission and we treasure the part you play in it.

Annie Ansell, Executive Director, DCC



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BLESSED US WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS..

From Bertie Fitch, in memory of her husband and parents

From Bonnie & Carl Adrian, in memory of Joyce Adrian who passed Oct of 2018

From Pat & John Durbin, in memory of the deceased members of the Durbin and Wilson families

From Victoria McWilliams, in memory of Tom McWilliams

From Bonnie M Green, in memory of her husband Jerry & family



From Sandy Weis, in memory of her husband Dick Weis

From Cindy Reese, in memory of her Grandmother Dora who took me to UCC in 1963

From Patricia Bunch, in memory of Oscar Duarte

From John Claiborne, in memory of his loving husband David Wonner and in honor of his devoted mother, Mildred Claiborne

From Joanna Esty & Steven Grogan, in memory of Marshall & Nancy Esty

From Roberta O'Neil, in memory of my three children in heaven

From Bill & Jeannie Brandenberger, in memory of their parents the Baths & Brandenbergers

From Nancy Nonini, in memory of her husband Rich

From Janet Camilli & Children, in memory of Louis J Camilli

From Ellen Merchant, in memory of Emily Merchant & Cynthia Groover

From Jay & Kathy Kolb, in memory of Rich Nonini

From Mary Hoy, in memory of Karen Miller

From Judd & Linda Rinsema, in memory of Pat Hillegonds

From Suzanne Boisclair, in memory of Mary Whitlock

From Ron & Linda Kehl, in memory of their parents and brothers

From Larry & Judy Savage, in memory of brother Jerry & in honor of our children & grandchildren

From Anita Paulson, in memory of her husband Chuck Paulson

From Mandy DeSmidt, in honor of her new grandbabies

From Harris & Jan Schultz, in memory of their parents

From Mindy Nemecek, in memory and honor of Myrna Mangimelli



In addition, we would also like to thank those for donating a simple Christmas blessing:

Terry Starr * Ernest & Barbara Otto * Pat Anderson * Sally Heathcoat
Bob & Sandy Krueger * Joyce Dass * Bruce & Lynda Chubbuck * Mark Makowski
Margaret Carpenter * Charlotte Harger * Mo Goodrick * Susan Wheeler & Leslie Work
Valerie LeBlanc

JANUARY 1-15

Monday, 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

4:00 p.m. I-HELP (KH)

Tuesday, 2

9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ George's (OS)

Wednesday 3

9:00 a.m. Needles & Pins Craft Group (BR)

11:00 a.m. Feet N More Shower Trailer (OS)
@ The Grove

Thursday, 4

10:00 a.m. Cosmic Christians (BR/HY)

2:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

3:00 p.m. Inspirit Bible Study (RC/HY)

Friday, 5-OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday 6

10:00 a.m. *Mary Whitlock*
Memorial Service (SA)

Sunday, 7

7:30 a.m. Shared Conversations (B2L)
(Facilitator Bobbie Chapman)

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

10:00 a.m. Worship (SA)

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour (KH)

3:00 p.m. "Befriending Death" Series (CHP)

Monday 8

10:00 a.m. Lifelong Learning Mtg (BR/HY)

2:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Ministry Mtg (BR/HY)

4:00 p.m. I-HELP (KH)

Tuesday, 9

10:00 a.m. Ministry Council (BR/HY)

10:00 a.m. Feet N More Shower Trailer (OS)
@ Bicentennial Park

Wednesday, 10

9:00 a.m. Needles & Pins Craft Group (BR)

9:00 a.m. VEC Mtg (NA)

10:00 a.m. LLL Enneagrams (BR/HY)

Thursday, 11

10:00 a.m. Cosmic Christians (BR/HY)

2:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

3:00 p.m. Inspirit Bible Study (RC/HY)

Friday, 12, OFFICE CLOSED

1:00 p.m. Social Justice Mtg (BR/HY)

Saturday, 13

9:00 a.m. Church Christmas decorations
tear down! (SA)

*If anyone is interested in
helping with the tear down,
it is greatly appreciated!

10:00 a.m. Request to Speak Training
(BR/HY)

11:00 a.m. Feet N More Shower Trailer (OS)
@ Apostolic Church

Sunday, 14

7:30 a.m. Shared Conversations (B2L)
(Facilitator Bobbie Chapman)

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

10:00 a.m. Worship (SA)

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour (KH)

Monday, 15-OFFICE CLOSED

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

4:00 p.m. I-HELP (KH)

SA=Sanctuary; B2L=Bridges to Learning; HY=Hybrid; KH=King Hall; BR=Boardroom;
OS=Offsite; NA=Narthex; CHP=Chapel; PP=Pastor Paul's Office; MR=Music Room

JANUARY 16-31

Tuesday, 16

9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship @ George's (OS)
1:00 p.m. Gathering of Bees Leaders Mtg (KH)

Wednesday, 17

9:00 a.m. Needles & Pins Craft Group (BR)
9:00 a.m. Mission & Outreach Mtg (KH)
10:00 a.m. LLL Enneagrams (BR/HY)
11:00 a.m. Feet N More Shower Trailer (OS)
@ The Grove

Thursday, 18

10:00 a.m. Cosmic Christians (BR/HY)
2:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)
3:00 p.m. Inspirit Bible Study (RC/HY)

Friday, 19-OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, 20

11:00 a.m. *Rev. Clint Reynolds*
Memorial Service (SA)

Sunday, 21

7:30 a.m. Shared Conversations (B2L)
(Facilitator Bobbie Chapman)
8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (SA)
10:00 a.m. Worship (SA)
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour (KH)

Monday, 22

4:00 p.m. I-HELP (KH)

Tuesday, 23

10:00 a.m. Feet N More Shower Trailer (OS)
@ Bicentennial Park

Wednesday, 24

9:00 a.m. Needles & Pins Craft Group (BR)
10:00 a.m. LLL Enneagrams (BR/HY)

Thursday, 25

10:00 a.m. Cosmic Christians (BR/HY)
2:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)
3:00 p.m. Inspirit Bible Study (RC/HY)

Friday, 26-OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, 27

9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting (SA)
11:00 a.m. Feet N More Shower Trailer (OS)
@ Apostolic Church

Worship Sunday, 28

7:30 a.m. Shared Conversations (B2L)
(Facilitator Bobbie Chapman)
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (SA)
10:00 a.m. Worship (SA)
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour (KH)

Monday, 29

4:00 p.m. I-HELP (KH)

Tuesday, 30

1:00 p.m. Finance Mtg (BR)

Wednesday, 31

9:00 a.m. Needles & Pins Craft Group (BR)
10:00 a.m. LLL Enneagrams (BR/HY)

***The Annual Meeting of
The Church of the Palms
will be held on
January 27th, at 9:00 a.m.
In the Sanctuary!
The 2024 Ministry budget will be
presented and voted upon.
Voting will take place on leadership.
Pastor Paul will give his
"State of the Church"
address and we will have time
for open comments and questions!**



SA=Sanctuary; B2L=Bridges to Learning; HY=Hybrid; KH=King Hall; BR=Boardroom;

OS=Offsite; NA=Narthex; CHP=Chapel; PP=Pastor Paul's Office; MR=Music Room