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# THE PALM LEAF

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

## A LETTER FROM PAUL



Election season is upon us. The 2024 election will have lasting effects on issues deeply important to Americans. How can we be more Christlike – in word and deed – during and after the 2024 U.S. election?

We don't know who will be elected or what initiatives will pass. Here are a few things we know for sure:

> We're called to love others (John 15:12).
> We're called to pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
> And we're called to live in unity (Ephesians 4:3).

In an election year, choosing love feels extra challenging when our environment often pushes us to pick one side and shun the other. How can we keep choosing to love rather than burying our heads under our pillows until November 5<sup>th</sup>?

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."—Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) NOVEMBER 2024

It seems too simple. And sometimes our voices feel too small. But when we pray, we allow God to start growing our capacity to love each other as Jesus does — even people who are the most different from us. As Christians, we can encourage our leaders even when we don't agree with them, and even when we didn't vote for them. We show Christ's love when we choose to pray for the leaders — no matter what.

May every leader be encouraged by the truth that God's love is always stronger than hate. Violence is not the answer!

We are one nation, but made up of many different parts — so it's easy to become divided. We hear "us vs. them" rhetoric on TV and in the news. And sometimes we're guilty of buying into it. But we pray against the idea that we cannot work together. We lift up a prayer for before, during, and after our election and we pray that, with God's grace, we would work as a nation toward unity.

Shalom, Paul



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13

We are now in November and have several important things on the horizon. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day for in-person early voting. November 5<sup>th</sup> is, of course, our general election. Polls are open on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00a until 7:00p. This is an especially important time for all of us to exercise our right to have our voices heard. I hope that each one of us has either taken the time or will take the time to vote.

There is a story that goes – Every week a man prayed that God would have him win the lottery. Over and over, he prayed asking for God's intervention. Finally, one day God spoke to the man and said, "Help Me out here. Buy a lottery ticket!" I regularly seek God's guidance and intervention with the coming election. That said, you better believe I will vote! Please vote.

And now on to the holiday season! For me Halloween feels like the beginning of a series of celebrations. We now have Thanksgiving right around the corner. Many of us will observe the holiday with family and friends. The Church of The Palms will also be observing Thanksgiving by hosting the Joyce and Roy Spaulding Memorial Thanksgiving dinner again this year. It is a time for gathering and being thankful. We are fortunate here at The Church of the Palms to have such a wonderful opportunity to share our good fortune with others by providing contributions to the feast that we will serve and by participating in the celebration.

Once Thanksgiving has come and gone the Christmas holiday and New Year cannot be far away. I find it amazing how quickly this year is passing. Throughout these final months of 2024 and as we approach the new year of 2025, my wish for all of us is that we are mindful of our many blessings and take the time to share with others all that we have been given. I pray for each of us to have peace in our lives and for us to move forward with resolve to share our time, talent and treasure in the best ways possible.

Victoria McWilliams, Executive Board Member-at-Large



National Alliance on Mental Illness Help Line 1-800-950-6264 <u>https://www.nami.org/help</u> 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

Is it Anxiety? Depression? Could it be both? My friend just never wants to do anything with us anymore. Could she be depressed? Anxious? What can be done to help her?

The fact is that these two disorders can be difficult to differentiate and can often coexist. Being depressed can make us more anxious and anxiety can make us depressed.

Everyone experiences some anxiety but in a clinical anxiety disorder, those worries don't go away, they escalate. Over time, uncontrollable anxiety can make your world smaller and is totally out of proportion to what is going on in your life, affecting your ability to function. Anxiety Disorder is the number one mental illness in the US, affecting 18 percent of adults (40 million people). It occurs twice as commonly in women than men and there are many types which fall under the umbrella of General Anxiety Disorder or *GAD*. Symptoms include irritability, trouble concentrating, fatigue, sleep disturbances, shortness of breath, chest pain, and muscle soreness from tensing up all the time.

There is a frequent overlap in the symptoms with those of depression which also include irritability, sleep disturbances, difficulty concentrating or making decisions. In addition, depression often exhibits itself with feeling sad or apathetic daily where things that used to make one happy, no longer give joy. With depression, one can experience either increased or decreased hunger and a significant decrease in energy. One half of those who are diagnosed with one of these disorders also have the other, and both can lead to withdrawal from friends and family. Perhaps one can be anxious because they haven't had a positive mood in a long time OR maybe depression develops because one's anxiety isolates them from people and activities.

Fortunately, it doesn't matter which came first because the treatments are similar. Targeted therapies such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, CBT and antidepressants are effective for both conditions. For severe anxiety, benzodiazepines such as Xanax and Ativan can be used for short-term relief or taken just as needed. Other ways to help include decreasing caffeine which can aggravate anxiety or trigger panic attacks, exercise (start with just a 20 minute walk a day if that's all you can manage), and mindfulness meditation where you close your eyes and focus on deep breathing for 20 minutes a day.

The important thing to remember is that there are many ways to help one cope with these conditions and seeing a trusted health care provider is the first step!

~Jayne Peak, Faith Community Nurse~

Valley Women's Ensemble Save the Date Click here for Tickets \$18.00 Sunday matinée: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 The Church of the Palms 14808 N Boswell Blvd., Sun City



The Church of the Palms

November Worship Themes	November Birthdays!
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
We will celebrate our annual All Saints Day.	Rudy Schnabel 3
It's also a Communion Sunday. Read Hebrews 11:1-4 & 12:1-2.	Ernie Otto 5
Pastor Paul will be preaching as we remember	Jeannie Brandenberger 5
our saints.	Suzanne Boisclair 6
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Merchant 7
Read Mark 12:38-44. What does it take to	Linda Hofmann 8
be a wise steward?	Jessica Hermann 8
Pastor Paul will be examining the truths and	Michal Balch 10
myths of stewardship.	Pamela Herrick 11
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Poppy Bushnell 15
Today is Bring a Friend Sunday AND Clergy Recognition Sunday! What makes your	Bonnie Adrian 15
Clergy Recognition Sunday! What makes your	Cindy Reese 15
heart glad? What causes you to rejoice? Pastor Jim preaches from Psalm 16.	Valerie LeBlanc 17
Pastor Jim preaches from Psaim 10.	Andy Jordan 22
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Krueger 26
Pastor Paul will be back in the pulnit	Bonnie Green 26
Pastor Paul will be back in the pulpit. Read Romans 8:28, 31-39. For what do	
you give thanks? Can we give thanks for	Carl Gruber 30
even nothing?	Martin Meadows 30



Rev. Paul Clark Memorial Service Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00p In the Sanctuary

Rev. Ruth Emanuel Memorial Service Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00a In the Sanctuary



Once again, The Church of the Palms will host a Thanksgiving dinner for the community. This will happen on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday**, **November 28<sup>th</sup>**, **beginning at 11:00a**. The Church of the Palms hosts this meal for three main reasons: 1) Provide an extravagant welcome to the community, 2) Honor the memory of Joyce and Roy Spaulding, and 3) Have fun. Last year, we accomplished the first goal by serving 137 plates of food. This would not have been possible without the many volunteers who provided food and gave their time to set up, serve, and clean up after the meal. Many of the guests whom we served could easily

Please join us as we celebrate the lives of two of our late members coming up this month:

have prepared and provided their own food. However, our culture says that Thanksgiving is a time to be with other people. For many Sun City residents, who often live far from loved ones, the connection to people we provide is priceless. In the past, the church office received notes a few days after Thanksgiving thanking us for the meal. One writer said they felt welcomed from the minute they were greeted in the parking lot to the time they left with a take-out box for a friend. Extravagant welcome accomplished! Even though this is a lot of work, many people said before leaving last year, "I can't believe how much fun I had." If you are interested in helping or learning more about this ministry, please see **Wendy Whitlock** and keep a look out for our sign up station.



The Church of the Palms Fellowship, Food & Fundraising Beehive Bingo – Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00-5:00p in King Hall Calling all Beehives, church family members and friends!!

Get ready soon for an afternoon including fellowship, Beehive Bingo, and a meal. Win prizes, including restaurant and Script gift cards, church member crafts, dinners for four or six prepared by some of our outstanding church member "chefs," a timeshare weekend in Sedona, and the grand prize of a four-day weekend getaway for up to six quests at a beautiful Palm Springs home. To join the fun all you need to do is make a donation of \$20. For this donation you will receive 10 bingo cards and a delicious hot dog with "fixins" and sides. For additional details, see the Beehive Bingo fact sheet available in the office. Proceeds from this event will support our Social Justice Ministries and your Fellowship Team Individuals wishing to participate activities. and needing help with the donation are invited to talk to the Pastors or a member of the Fellowship Team.

#### **RAISERIGHT PROGRAM**

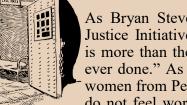
#### **Christmas Shopping Made Easy!**

It's that time of year again to think about getting those gift cards for the holiday season! The Blessings Board

will be offering you the opportunity to purchase gift cards while at the same time supporting The Church of the Palms through the RaiseRight program (formerly known as Scrip) where the Church gets a percentage back from the card sales. It's a win for all! You are invited to stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> or November 10<sup>th</sup>. This will insure you get your cards in plenty of time for the holidays. There are so many vendors to choose from; from big box retail stores to gas stations to restaurants - you're sure to find what you're looking for!

#### Thank you!!

### **Perryville Pen Pals**



As Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative says, "Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done." As Trish Plum told us, women from Perryville Prison often do not feel worthy of being one of

God's children. We have received several thank you notes from women at Perryville just thanking us for the birthday or Christmas cards we have sent. Think how much more they would appreciate a Christian friend with whom to correspond!

#### "I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me." Matthew 25:40.

We are having a Pen Pal meeting on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a here at The Church of the Palms, with a Zoom option. On our correspondence, we never use last names. The Church of the Palms is the return address. Come join us to hear other Pen Pals' stories! Please contact Nancy at nnonini19@gmail.com with questions or to R.S.V.P.

#### YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Do you know in AZ there are 13 State Propositions on the ballot this year? To get a clear description of the ballot measures, Alex Gulotta, AZ State Director of All Voting Is Local, suggests you identify an organization that shares your values and that you trust and look for their voting guide on the ballot initiatives.

Your vote will impact abortion, primaries, declaration of emergencies, term limits for judges, citizens' initiatives, immigration, the power of the AZ Legislature (in addition to the US President). Your vote counts!

AZ state description

https://apps.azsos.gov/election/

BallotMeasures/2024/2024 AZGeneralElection PublicityPam phlet E.pdf

#### **Democratic Party description**

https://cebv.substack.com/p/cebv-2024-propositions-guide? emci=7697f26e-d163-ef11-991a-

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**USA Today list with articles** https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/ elections/2024/09/10/arizona-ballot-measures-2024/75014917007/

#### **IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES:** 11/5 General Election Day Polls open 6:00a to 7:00a! **PLEASE GO VOTE!**

Questions on your voter registration status or polling place? AZvotes.org; Questions on how to find that trusted organization? Email Nancy at nnonini19@gmail.com.



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# HelpingAtRisk Teens

#### HART Pantry

## **Hello Church Friends!**

HART Pantry is now wishing for GIFT CARDS for our Kiddos Christmas! We need \$25 Walmart/Target cards and \$15 fast food cards. We are no longer doing clothes, sweatshirts, blankets and some of the other items from years past.

As for food, we are desperately in need of our 12-16 oz jars of peanut butter. This item is becoming

harder to find and anything larger is too big for weekend bags. I appreciate you working with me on these requests and doing whatever possible to get this information out. We need gift cards at our office by early December. Once again, always willing to take a check and purchase gift cards for you. Hope each and everyone of you has a wonderful holiday season which is coming up soon!

Thank you! Mickey Foster, Fundraising/Board Member





### **Doing Grief ® Community Healing Project Interfaith Chapel for Healing at The Church of the Palms**

Healing Project programs are for EVERYONE - grievers, professional care providers, and caregivers of all faiths and philosophies who are experiencing loss and life-shifting change due to death, broken relationships, illness, aging, a loss of meaning or hope, and more. See our Fall Calendar on the Narthex table or outside the chapel.

Story Circle Small Groups – Rev. Susan Princehouse: Wednesday, 1:30-3:00p, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. A community-building experience to share personal stories on themes of life, death, grief, healing, loss, and change. Call Susan at 541.490.9449 or email SusanPrincehouse@gmail.com (Limit: Eight participants).

#### Special Programs - Fall 2024

All Souls Labyrinth Walk – Dr. Robin Dilley, Rev. Shea Darian & Angela Lahman: Friday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00p.

Healing with Needle Felting – Ellen Merchant, artisan and Art Teacher: Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00a.

**Healing with Watercolor Painting** – Dr. Andrew Darian, Educator & School Administrator: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00a. Limit 12 participants.

#### R.S.V.P. Four Ways: 1) The Church of the Palms/Healing Project Sign-up Book

- 2) Email Connect@DoingGrief.com
- 3) Call 602.315.8480 or
- 4) Use the online R.S.V.P form on "Community Healing Project" page at DoingGrief.org

## "A comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing ever grows there."

-Unknown

#### Immigration/Refugee Donation Drive



The Social Justice Immigration/Refugee Ministry Team invites you to donate in support of those entering the United States with the hopes if a better future for themselves and their families. Items needed are posted in the Donation Area next to the Narthex.

#### Some examples of requested items include:

- Men's T-shirts, size Small or Medium
- Women's casual tops, size Large or smaller
- Men's and Women's work pants (blue jeans or cargo pants), smaller sizes
- Girls tops and bottoms, size six or smaller
- Backpacks
- Tennis shoes for men and women
- Closed toe shoes for children
- Small children's toys (suitable for traveling)

You may place your donated items in the Immigration/Refugee Aid box in the Donation Area. They will be distributed to various agencies in the Valley that provide services for those immigrating to the US, including Helping with All My Heart, a local group that provides safe and humane shelter and supportive services to asylum seekers. If you have any questions please see John Durbin. Thank you for being the Church!!

#### **NEEDLES AND PINS CRAFT GROUP**



Did you ever just sit down with a "goodie and coffee" with good friends and just small talk? We at Needles and Pins have been doing a lot of that lately. We wonder what to add or subtract from our Craft Table in Fellowship Hall; or what you would like to purchase for yourselves and friends. What coming Holidays items we can display

that would catch your eye. The only sure way to answer this, is for you to tell us.

Needles and Pins meets every Wednesday, in the Board Room, from 9:00 to 11:00a. We snack, chat, and work on our crafts. It will soon be time to gather our hats scarves, quilts, etcetera for our Christmas Gifts to the Indigent Indian group on the Reservation, Dysart School Children, I-Help, etc. We are always busy with something. Since its beginning, we have provided Prayer Shawls for the Grief Group.

Drop by and join us some morning and let us know your thoughts and wishes. If you can't come over, call the Office and they will relay your message to one of us. Thank you.

#### Love & Prayers, Needles & Pins Gals



Prayer Vigil for Peace As a show of Christian Unity and a plea for Peace during the election season, seven Christian denominations in Arizona are teaming up for a series of three prayer services. All are invited to attend these services and to promote peace throughout this season.

> November 4<sup>th</sup>: Loving Our Neighbor at 12:00p.

Sun City Christian Church 9745 W Palmeras Dr., Sun City, AZ 85373



## LGBTQ+ Ministry Team

#### The LBGTQ+ Ministry Team has some exciting upcoming opportunities to be get involved in our ministry and local LGBTQ+ community!

Thank you to everyone who participated in, donated to, and supported The Church of the Palms in the Pride Parade! We had the opportunity to meet and interact with the amazing community and received much gratitude for participating. The energy was electric as we walked together, celebrating love, diversity, and acceptance. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of standing up for equality and extending our love, justice, and extravagant welcome.

#### LGBTQ+ Story Circles Family & Friends

A community-building experience for LGBTQ+ Family & Friends of a loved one who is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual/aromantic, non-cisgender, nonbinary. Reflecting on artistic offerings and a story prompt around a common theme, in turn we will share brief personal stories in small groups as others listen attentively in engaged silence. We conclude together in the larger circle to reflect on common threads that emerge between stories and connections made between tellers. Come to learn more about the story circle tradition and process and imagine how Story Circles might offer a place of meaning, hope, healing, and belonging for us in the future.

The next LGBTQ+ Story Circle will be November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00p –4:00p.

#### Transgender Day of Remembrance – Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00p-4:00p

The LGBTQ+ Ministry Team as part of The Church of the Palms of Sun City, AZ commits to an annual Transgender Day of Remembrance to memorialize the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence, hatred or prejudice during the last calendar year. Although not every person represented during the Day of Remembrance self-identified as transgender, each was a victim of violence based on bias against transgender people. The 'Remembrance Day' provides a safe public space for naming transgender victims and offering support for their family and friends and we invite you all to attend.

We are pleased to announce that our Keynote speaker will be Elgie Gonzales, then by our guest speaker Hayley who will be speaking on "Be a Shelter in the World," followed by the reading of the names of the people who have experienced a confirmed violent death in the last year.

This year we have a panel of several representatives from the transgender community and Mama Dragons to encourage attendees to ask questions to gain understanding and additional knowledge. The panel will be moderated by Elgie Gonzalez.

#### **Gay for Good Phoenix**

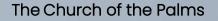
Gay For Good releases monthly volunteering events via their website where they partner with a local non-profit within our community. Please use the QR code to the right to stay up to date with their volunteer opportunities!

#### November 16<sup>th</sup>: G4G Phoenix + Arouet Foundation 9:00a-11:00a

Volunteers will help pack the care packages of essential items that will help women who have been incarcerated and are being released.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024: G4G Phoenix Holiday Social & Toy Drive, from 12:00-3:00p.** Join for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holiday Social & Toy Drive benefitting Operation Santa Claus at YUMBAR in Phoenix. Please bring a toy to benefit Operation Santa Claus, one of Arizona's largest holiday charities.

The next LGBTQ+ Ministry Team meeting is <u>Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p</u>. Please contact Georgia Feiste at lgbtqplusteam@thepalms.org if you are interested in joining!





## Welcome to the Pets of the Palms Ministry!

Our mission is to honor, support, and cherish the beloved companions of our community through three essential pillars: The Rainbow Bridge Pet Memorial that celebrates the lives of cherished pets, the Pet Medical Fund to ensure access to care for those in need, and the Pet Sitting Support to provide peace of mind for pet owners in our community when needed. There are current opportunities to get involved and to share adorable pictures of your fur-baby!

#### Pet Sitting Support

We are putting together a directory of church members who are willing and able to pet-sit for members who find themselves unable to care for their pet (s) due to unforeseen circumstances. If you would like to be added to this directory, please use the QR code to the right to fill out the form, or pick up a paper copy of the form in the Narthex at the Pets of the Palms table.

# **Directory Sign-Up**

Pets of the Palms - Pet Sitting

#### Featured Pets of the Palms

We will be celebrating the Palms Pet of the Month each month in the Narthex! If you are interested in having your pet be featured in

an upcoming month, please send a picture along with the following details: Pet Name, Pet Age, Pet Breed, Pet Nickname (if applicable), and Pet's favorite toy to Jessica Hermann, at jessica.res4@gmail.com.

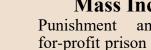
\*\*To learn more about and/or join The Pets of the Palms Ministry, please visit the table in the Narthex and/or contact: Jessica Hermann at jessica.res4@gmail.com.

We are excited to share more about our mission in the coming months! ~Jessica R. Hermann~

## **BRING A FRIEND!** It's "Bring-a-Friend Sunday" November 17<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is encouraged to bring their friends and neighbors to come to our inspirational Sunday Worship service at 10:00a. Luncheon to follow. Please sign up in the Narthex and let us know how many of your friends will be coming! It'll surely be a "friendly" Sunday!





#### **Mass Incarceration**

Punishment and Profit Private for-profit prison corporations make more money for their shareholders when more people are incarcerated. The perverse financial incentives

ABOLISH PRIVATE PRISONS encourage mass incarceration with longer sentences, while discouraging

alternatives to expensive incarceration and rehabilitative programs that decrease recidivism. The United Church of Christ believes "Because we are followers of Jesus, we are called to be present as ambassadors of healing, restoration and justice in jail cells, courtrooms, booking rooms, prison yards and detention centers." There is a basic conflict of interest in profits versus human rights.

Want to know more? Come hear John Dacey of Abolish Private Prisons discuss the impact of private for-profit prisons on our criminal justice system in person or via Zoom through thepalms.org/bridges/.

When? Saturday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00a in King Hall or via Zoom. Please R.S.V.P <u>HERE</u> by Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> or email Nancy at nnonini19@gmail.com.

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## An Update on the 'Feet-N-More' Shower Trailer



#### Volunteers

#### Brief History

Feet-N-More Shower Trailer was first used on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at the Salvation Army in Surprise where we gave just nine showers. The trailer had been purchased in 2020 with funds from a bequest designated for Social Justice Ministries. The City of Surprise was supportive of the shower trailer from the beginning and contracted with The Church of the Palms as a vendor to give showers in Surprise, thus our first outing was there. Over time we added other sponsors and locations where we offered showers to the homeless.

We would not be able to offer a shower ministry without a committed corp of volunteers who take the trailer to locations where the homeless live or congregate. John Durbin schedules our 20 some odd volunteers on a weekly and monthly calendar. Typically we take the trailer out twice a week and try to avoid back-to-back events. Most shower events are six-eight hours to load, travel, give showers, return and unload the trailer/truck as needed.

#### Locations

We currently have two locations that we go to twice a month:

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays we go to Bicentennial Park on Nash street, a couple of blocks south of Bell in Surprise. We have been going to this location for a year.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays we go to The Grove church in Chandler. We have been giving showers to asylum seekers for over two years. We also work with Project Connect and give showers at their events across the Valley, four to five times a year. The City of Peoria hosts an event at Rio Vista Park, twice a year and we partner with them with our shower trailer. We also partner with Faith Apostolic Center in El Mirage several Saturdays a year. Every Monday evening we provide showers to our I-HELP guests.

#### The new church truck

When the tow vehicle we had used with the trailer for three years went kaput, we rented trucks from U-Haul until the Executive Community approved a funding proposal from the Social Justice Leadership Team. The truck was purchased to be used by the church with priority given to the Shower Ministry. We have used the new truck for 6 months and it is ideally suited with an onboard generator, a crew cab, a powerful engine and is a full hybrid.

#### The New banner in King Hall

We are grateful to Paul Hiles for making a new shower trailer banner that hangs in King Hall. Paul Hiles designed it so we can update the number of showers given as often as we chose.

#### Here is the exciting news!:

WE HAVE GIVEN 4000+ SHOWERS! This has been achieved in three years and eight months. We look forward to a celebration when we reach 5000 showers given in 2025. Watch our banner as the numbers climb in the next few months.

## Nov 1-15

Friday, 1-Office Closed 6:00p All Souls Labyrinth Walk (Outside)

> Saturday, 2 3:00p Beehive Bingo! KH

Sunday, 3 9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR 10:00a Worship Service SA \*Gift card purchases in Narthex 11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

#### Monday, 4

10:00a Balancing Acts Class NA 10:00a Lifelong Learning Mtg BR/HY 11:00a Feet-N-More Shower Trailer OS 12:00p Prayer Vigil for Peace OS 4:00p I-HELP KH

**Tuesday, 5-Voting Day!** 9:00a Men's Fellowship @ George's Café OS

Wednesday, 6 9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR 11:00a Feet-N-More Shower Trailer OS

#### Thursday, 7

10:00a Cosmic Christians BR/HY 10:00a Balancing Acts Class NA 2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR 3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC 6:00p Transgender Day Rehearsal SA

Friday, 8-Office Closed 10:00a Perryville Pen Pal Mtg BR/HY Saturday, 9 9:00a Prison Ministry Special Guest Speaker John Dacey BR/HY 10:30a COA Mtg KH; Led by Max Klinkenborg 2:00p Transgender Remembrance Event SA

> Sunday, 10 9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR 10:00a Worship Service SA \*Gift card purchases in Narthex 11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, 11-Office Closed –Veteran's Day 2:00p LGBTQ+ Mtg KH 4:00p I-HELP KH

**Tuesday, 12** 10:00a Ministry Council Mtg BR 10:00a Feet-N-More Shower Trailer OS

Wednesday, 13 9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR 10:00a VEC Mtg NA or KH 12:00p Care & Support Ministry Team Mtg BR/HY 1:00p W.I.S.E. Team Mtg BR/HY 1:30p Story Circle Small Group CHP/KH

Thursday, 14 10:00a Cosmic Christians BR/HY 10:00a Balancing Acts Class NA 2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR 3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC

Friday, 15-Office Closed PALM LEAF ARTICLES ARE DUE

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

# Nov 16-30

Saturday, 16 8:00a Healing with Needle Felting CHP/KH 1:00p Jennifer Hoppe's Studio Recital SA 3:00p Memorial Service for Rev. Paul Clark SA 4:00p Memorial Fellowship Hour KH

Bring a Friend & Clergy Recognition Sunday, 17 9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR 10:00a Worship Service SA 11:00a Fellowship Hour KH 2:00p LGBTQ+ Story Circle KH or CHP

Monday, 18 10:00a (LAST CLASS) Balancing Acts NA 11:00a Feet-N-More Shower Trailer OS 2:00p Trustees Mtg BR/HY 4:00p I-HELP KH

Tuesday, 19 9:00a Men's Fellowship @ George's Café OS 1:00p Operations Council Mtg BR

Wednesday, 20 9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR 11:00a Feet-N-More Shower Trailer OS 1:30 Story Circle Small Group CHP/KH

Thursday, 21 10:00a Cosmic Christians BR/HY 2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR 3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC

Friday, 22-Office Closed

Saturday, 23

Sunday, 24 9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR 10:00a Worship Service SA 11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, 25 10:00a Memorial Service for Rev. Ruth Emanuel SA 11:00a Memorial Fellowship Hour KH 4:00p I-HELP KH

Tuesday, 26 10:00a Feet-N-More Shower Trailer OS

Wednesday, 27-Office Closed 9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR

Thursday, 28-Happy Thanksgiving 11:00a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner KH

Friday, 29-Office Closed

Saturday, 30 9:00a Decorate for Advent SA (Volunteers always appreciated!)

SA=Sanctuary; B2L=Bridges to Learning; HY=Hybrid; KH=King Hall; BR=Boardroom; OS=Offsite; A=Narthex; CHP=Chapel; PP=Pastor Paul's Office; MR=Music Room; BRC=Behle Resource Center The Church of the Palms

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