

THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



January 12, 2025

First Sunday after the Epiphany

10 a.m.

What causes you worry and anxiety?

Our Church Life		Pastor Jim
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prelude	<i>An Appalachian Air</i>	Elaine Klauser
Call to Worship		Suzanne Boisclair
*Hymn 618 v 1—3, & 5	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Readings	<i>Jimmy Carter</i>	Suzanne Boisclair
Anthem	<i>Take Time To Be Holy</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading	<i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i>	Pastor Paul
Message	<i>What, Me Worry?</i>	Pastor Paul
*Hymn 561 v 1 & 4	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Paul
Offertory Music	<i>And There Was a Star</i>	Elaine Klauser
Benediction		Pastor Paul
*Hymn 622 v 1 & 3	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	Congregation
Postlude	<i>Postlude on Webb</i>	Elaine Klauser

*Please stand as you are able.

**Communion is available after Worship. Please come forward as you are able; if you are not, please remain seated and we will come to you. The bread for all Communion Services is gluten free.

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THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS: AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Our Open and Affirming Statement

The Church of the Palms, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people into the full life and ministry of our church, regardless of age, race, or gender; personal, mental or physical ability; gender identity or expression; sexual orientation; ethnic, cultural or religious background; marital, social, or economic status; or life history. We believe that God loves all people and offers us gifts by our diversity. We affirm families and relationships built on love, respect, responsibility, and trust.

Solidarity for Our Indigenous Siblings

The Church of the Palms, United Church of Christ, acknowledges the communities of Indigenous People who first lived in the land of this valley we call home. The particular land on which this building stands was honored and managed with stewardship by Hohokam, the O-odham Jewed and the Pima-Maricopa as well as the diverse vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, January 12

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR

10:00a Worship Service SA

Worship Theme: Read Isaiah 43:1-7.

Anxiety can drag us down.

How can we deal with our worries in healthy ways? Pastor Paul will be preaching.

11:00a Fellowship/Beehive Hour KH

Monday, January 13

10:00a Executive Board Mtg BR

2:00p Trustees Mtg BR/HY

2:00p LGBTQ+ Ministry Mtg KH

4:00p I-HELP KH

Tuesday, January 14

10:00a Ministry Council BR/HY

Wednesday, January 15

9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR

10:00a E&G Mtg BRC

Thursday, January 16

9:00a Blessings Board Mtg BR

2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR

3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC

Friday, January 17—Office Closed

Saturday, January 18

11:30a Lunch with a Bunch OS

Sunday, January 19

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR

10:00a Worship Service SA

Worship Theme: Read John 2:1-11.

It's a new year but will we live in a new way? Mary suggests that the servants, "Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you." Are we going to take that suggestion ourselves?

Pastor Jim will be preaching.

11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

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



Social Justice Prayer

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

-Proverbs 31:8-9

As in the days of old, our nation is full of pride and prosperous ease, yet, largely unwilling to aid people struggling with hunger, poverty, and oppression. Amen.

Please pray for our fellow church families:

Clay Lyon (Pamela Parr’s father)
 Dalton Parr (Pamela Parr’s son)
 Brent Pinter, Tracy and Phyllis (Judy Pinter’s family members)
 Marlys Davenport, Rhonda Krinsky
 Allan Gott, Bruce & Lynda Chubbuck
 Jim Schulz, Deb Bontadelli
 Herbert & Anneslia Turner (Lynette Turner’s parents), Addie Bovier’s family & Friends in the California fires

Pray for churches working with migrants and asylum seekers.

Pray for our I-HELP guests.

Pray for our pastors and their families.

Pray for the leaders and staff of the Southwest Conference and National Setting of the United Church of Christ.

Pray for the Tent of Nations.



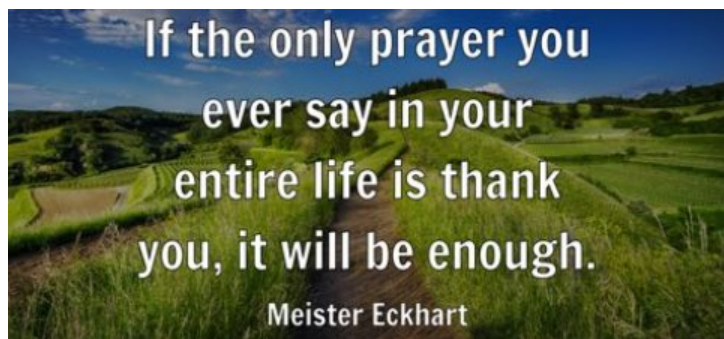
As you know, we have started a new prayer list. Please be sure to use the Prayer Requests cards (shown below) located in the pews. For any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the front office.

Thank you!



This week, let’s pray for the members & ministries of:

**Faith Presbyterian Church
 (16000 N Del Webb Blvd)**



Prayer Requests

How may we best help you?

_____ Add name to the printed prayer list.

_____ Have the Care & Support Ministry Team to pray for me.

_____ I have a confidential prayer request I'd like to discuss with one of the Pastors. Please contact me.

Your Name: _____

Phone: () _____

*Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks.
 1 Thessalonians*

Prison Ministry—It’s a new year! Looking for a new way to show God’s love to someone lonely, feeling abandoned, feeling unworthy? Join us for a special meeting to learn about being a pen pal to a woman in Perryville Prison. These letters may be all the mail they ever receive. YOUR encouragement may make the difference in their life. When? Friday, Jan 31st at 1:00p in the Board Room.

R.S.V.P. to Nancy at nnonini19@gmail.com.

If you missed the last Re-Entry Simulation, you won’t want to miss this opportunity! Experience what it is like to be thrown into the chaos after release from prison. **Saturday, February 22nd at 10:00a. More details to follow!**





The Church of the Palms' is collecting donations of soup (ramen, cans, etc.) each Sunday through February 9th for the 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!

**Lunch with a Bunch @ Tivoli Gardens
Saturday, January 18th, 2025 11:30a-2:00p**

Menu: \$17.75 per person includes: Ice tea, soda or coffee. Included tax and tip. Cash included. Each sandwich includes your choice of: French fries, coleslaw or mashed potatoes with homemade gravy. Choices: Hamburger (to add cheese .75 extra). Open-faced roast turkey sandwich with homemade gravy, open-faced pot roast sandwich with homemade gravy, grilled chicken breast sandwich (served with cheese & mayo on the side), caesar salad (romaine lettuce, tomato, black olive, red onion, croutons, all tossed with caesar dressing). With any questions, please reach out to Sandy Krueger.



Reminder!
January 25th, at 9:00a in the Sanctuary will be our Annual Meeting.

It's time for the beehives to gather together in 2025.

The Church Of The Palms beehives, from A to Z, will gather TODAY Sunday, January 12th in King Hall. This is during the fellowship hour beginning at 11:00a.

Why are there beehives?

Beehives are colonies that are social and cooperative. Hives help everyone find a group. The beehives focus on our members.

How are the hives organized?

The hives are based on the ABCs. Each hive has group leaders who will help create the relationships for the hive, integrate new members into the hive, and support other hive members in their joys and sorrows.

Who are the hives and their leaders for 2025?

- Hive A and B—Marilyn Bricks*
- Hive C-D-E—Pat and John Durbin,
Larry and Deanna DeLong*
- Hive F-G-H—Donna Hermann
and Sally Heathcoat*
- Hive I-J-K—Judy Jondahl*
- Hive L and M—Donna and Martin Meadows,
Ray and Judie Larson*
- Hive N-O-P-Q—Ernie and Barbara Otto*
- Hive R-S-T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z—
Judd and Linda Rinsema and Vanessa Stiller*

What Will Happen to our Interfaith Chapel for Healing?

Many of us have grown to appreciate the sanctity of our Interfaith Chapel. It is a quiet place where one can breathe and reflect and experience the holy. Now that our Doing Grief Community Healing Project, which was based in the chapel, has moved to other facilities, some have asked, *"What will happen to our Interfaith Chapel?"*

First and foremost, it *will remain a chapel*, a respite from the hassles of life. Shea took the items belonging to her so we will need to be recreating much of the atmosphere that was currently there. Our Worship Team is working on that project including recreation of the banners. The Interfaith Chapel will live on as a chapel, a safe haven for those seeking sanctuary. It will be a resource room for groups and individuals to still meet.