

THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS

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



January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10 a.m.

It's a new year! Will there be a new you?

Our Church Life		Pastor Paul
Welcome		Pastor Jim
Prelude	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Call to Worship		Rev. Terry Olthoff
*Hymn 21	<i>Let the Whole Creation Cry</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Readings	<i>Joko Beck, Germany Kent, Benjamin Franklin, Brian Zahnd</i>	Rev. Terry Olthoff
Anthem	<i>Crown Him Lord of All</i>	Sanctuary Choir Doris Gott, Flute
Scripture Reading	<i>John 2:1-11</i>	Pastor Jim
Message	<i>Are You a "Do-ciple?"</i>	Pastor Jim
*Hymn 88	<i>All My Hope on God Is Founded</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Jim
Offertory Music	<i>His Eye Is On the Sparrow</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Paul
*Hymn 436	<i>Shalom to You Now</i>	Congregation

*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.

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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;
BRC=Behle Resource Center

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 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

Monday, 20—Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr Holiday

4:00p IHELP KH

Tuesday, 21

9:00a Men's Fellowship @ George's Café OS

Wednesday, 22

9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR

Thursday, 23

2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR

3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC

Friday, 24—Office Closed

Saturday, 25

8:00a Advocacy Mtg BR

9:00a Annual Meeting SA

10:00a Advocacy Mtg BR/Kitchen

Sunday, 26

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR

10:00a Worship Service SA

Worship Theme: *Pastor Paul will be preaching. What are community memories and why do they matter? Read Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Luke 4:16-21.*

11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Please pray for our fellow church families

Clay Lyon, Dalton Parr, Brent Pinter, Tracy and Phyllis (Judy Pinter’s family members)
Marlys Davenport, Rhonda Krinsky, Allan Gott, Bruce & Lynda Chubbuck, Jim Schulz
Deb Bontadelli, Herbert & Annelia Turner, Linette Stenberg, Donna Stenberg,
Addie Bovier’s family & friends in the California fires, Melissa Collins, Linda Allwalt

Social Justice Prayer

Although we are often called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, that is at best a temporary stopgap measure. Eventually, we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard, superficial, or an "easy faith." Compassion sees that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring and does the hard work to bring about such restructuring. A true revolution of values must look uneasily on the glaring contrast between justice and injustice and take action to eliminate systemic injustice. Amen.

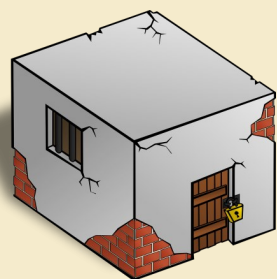


Pray for churches working with migrants and asylum seekers.
Pray for our I-HELP guests.
Pray for our pastors and their families.
Pray for the leaders and staff of the Southwest Conference and National Setting of the United Church of Christ. **Pray** for the Tent of Nations.



This week, let’s pray for the members & ministries of:
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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!



Criminal Justice Reform/Prison Ministry

Interested in becoming a Pen Pal to a woman in Perryville Prison? Join us for a special meeting to find

out what it is like. Come with questions!

Friday, January 31st at 1:00p in the Boardroom
R.S.V.P. to Nancy at nnonini19@gmail.com.

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*

**“I am not a product of my circumstances.
I am a product of my decisions.”**

-Stephen Covey

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

Also, January 25th, at 8:00a
and 10:00a, will be the
Advocacy meetings in the
Boardroom. With any questions,
please reach out to
Tom Theisen. Thanks!



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!



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

The Church Of The Palms Beehives, from A to Z, will
gather again Sunday, February 9th 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*

Prison Ministry



**Why is this woman smiling?
She's in Jail!**

Come find out. At our Re-Entry
Simulation, you will experience fun
and frustration in trying to navigate
the maze that is returning to life
outside of prison. Past participants
have found this an eye-opening
challenge. Just two hours will bring
you a new perspective on the
obstacles we set up when we so
easily "other" the formerly
incarcerated. Join us on Saturday,
Feb 22nd, 2025 from 10:00a to
12:30p in King Hall, presented by
our partners, Arouet R.S.V.P. to
Nancy at nnonini19@gmail.com or
on the sign up sheet in the Narthex.