

THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS

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



February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10 a.m.

How do you know that it's the voice of God?

Our Church Life		Pastor Jim
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prelude	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Call to Worship		Deb Bontadelli
*Hymn 90	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Readings	<i>Pearl Bailey, Maya Angelou, Larry King, Mark Twain, George Carlin</i>	Deb Bontadelli
Anthem	<i>From Age to Age the Same</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>	Pastor Paul
Message	<i>The Voice</i>	Pastor Paul
*Hymn 403	<i>In Remembrance</i>	Congregation
Communion		Pastors Jim & Paul
Music for Communion	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
*Hymn 59 v 3	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	Congregation
Offertory Sentences	<i>All Volunteer Recognition and Blessing</i>	Pastors Jim & Paul
Offertory Music		Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Paul
*Hymn 452	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Congregation
Postlude	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	Jennifer Hoppe

*Please stand as you are able.

**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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, February, 2

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR

10:00a Worship Service SA

Worship Theme: Pastor Paul will be preaching.
Read Jeremiah 1:4-10. How do you know
if it's God's voice you are hearing
or something else?

11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, 3

10:00a Life Long Learning BR/HY

4:00 I-HELP KH

Tuesday, 4

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

Wednesday, 5

9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR

Thursday, 6

2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR

3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC

Friday, 7—Office Closed

Saturday, 8

Sunday, 9

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR

10:00a Worship Service SA

Worship Theme: Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

If you are looking for God, love someone.

Pastor Paul will be preaching.

11:00a Fellowship/Beehive Hour KH

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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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

“SHARING GOD’S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, JUSTICE, AND EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME”

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 & Anneslia Turner, Linette Stenberg, Donna Stenberg,
Addie Bovier’s family & friends in the California fires, Addie’s husband Greg and friend Lauren,
Melissa Collins, Linda Allwalt, Jackie (a friend of TCOTP) Bob Parks

Social Justice Prayer

Dear Loving God, may we pray for all the prison firefighters who worked (are working depending if the fires are over) to save people, animals, belongings and buildings in CA. These incarcerated people take time to study, train and then face danger to help others. Please help us to see them with compassion and restore their dignity for such difficult, self-sacrifice. Help us to give them a second chance when they return to their community. Help us to see them as You do, as Your children. 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:

United Church of Sun City (UCC) (11250 N 107th Ave)



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!



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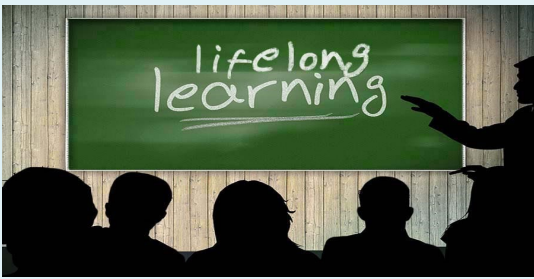
Ellen Merchant

*In memory of her daughter
Emily Merchant*



The Social Justice Advocacy Team is sponsoring a FIELD TRIP to see the Arizona State Legislature on the morning of February 10th. Please sign up at the table in the Narthex after the service today. Our COTP bus will leave promptly at 7:45a.m. and return at approximately 2:00p.m. We will be joining the Lutheran Day at Legislature (they will provide breakfast, introductions, activities, and lunch).

Text or email Tom Theisen with any questions 619-630-0427 tomtjd@yahoo.com



UPDATE

The Unconscious Bias Class is now meeting on February 26th @ 10:00a
In the Behle Resource Center

Lynette Turner will present an introduction to unconscious bias and will provide awareness training to help attendees recognize their own unconscious biases and provide information on the various biases present in our culture. How bias affects our actions will also be discussed. Understanding bias promotes awareness, improves decision-making and builds better relationships. John Amaechi, organizational psychologist says that "unconscious bias is not a reflection of our character, but it is a reflection of our programming. We can reprogram our minds to be more inclusive." Please join us for this educational opportunity to further enhance your life journey.



Have you been thinking about singing in the Sanctuary Choir here at The Church of the Palms? We rehearse on Thursday afternoons from 2:30p - 4p. and Sunday mornings at 9:00a. If you are still "punching a timeclock", then the Sunday morning rehearsal time is perfect for you! We have fun, have a few laughs, and make a whole lot of music! We'd love to have you join us!



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*