

The Church of the Palms

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



June 22, 2025

Juneteenth

10 a.m.

Walking Together In the Light

Our Church Life		Pastor Jim
Welcome		Pastor Paul
*Hymn	<i>For the Healing of the Nations</i>	Congregation
Call to Worship		Deb Bontadelli
*Hymn	<i>I Will Make the Darkness Light</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Readings	<i>Barack Obama; Coretta Scott King; Opal Lee; Brene' Brown; Martin Luther King</i>	Deb Bontadelli
Special Music	<i>You Are the Light of the World</i>	Pastor Jim
Scripture Reading	<i>John 8:12; 1 John 1:7; Ephesians 5:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6</i>	Rev. Lynette Turner
Message	<i>Turning Darkness to Light - Teaching the Children</i>	Rev. Lynette Turner
*Hymn	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Jim
Offertory Music	<i>Send the Light</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Jim
*Hymn	<i>Guide My Feet</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 as we will come to you. The bread for all Communion Services is gluten free.**

Our services are video recorded thanks to a gift in memory of Ramona Schenk. They are posted on social media and our website.

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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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 W.I. S. E. Covenant

The Church of the Palms is a WISE Congregation for Mental Health. Therefore:

- ♦ We commit to create a **WELCOMING** environment for people with mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities and to their families and support persons.
- ♦ We commit to **INCLUDE** people with mental wellness issues, challenges, or individuals with disabilities in their life, in the work and leadership of this congregation.
- ♦ We commit to **SUPPORT** people with mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities and their families.
- ♦ We commit to **ENGAGE** with other organizations that work at the intersection of mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities persons. This includes, but is not limited to: Not-for-profits, Natl/ST organizations, faith/spiritual/religious organizations. We also commit to ENGAGE in continued education for our congregation on these topics.

The Church of the Palms commits to train individuals interested in The **Mental Health First Aid**, a course developed and accredited by the **National Council for Behavioral Health**. Individuals successfully completing this training will wear identifying badges when at church or on church sponsored excursions or events.

Please pray for our fellow church families:

Clay Lyon
Dalton Parr
Marlys Davenport
Allan Gott
Bruce & Lynda Chubbuck
Jim Schulz
Herbert & Anneslia Turner
(Lynette Turner's parents)
Linette Stenberg
Donna Stenberg
Jackie (a friend of TCOTP)
Bob Parks
Vanessa Stiller
Addie Bovier's friend Lauren
Chris D. Goshorn
Linda Place
Linda Allwelt
Richard Campbell
LiHua Kehl
(Ron Kehl's sister-in-law)
Nancy Tsuchiya
Emily & Remington Jankowski
(Meadows Family)
Jan Eckstein
Margaret Carpenter
Jennifer Charyk
(Ken Barberi's Friend)
Sylvia (Judy Jondahl's friend)
Andy Jordan
Anita Paulson
Harvey Carr (friend/Anthony Park),
Leah Huse
Kathy Kolb
Larry DeLong
Max Klinkenborg

Next Week!
Opening and
Affirming Celebration
Rev. Susan Princehouse
will be speaking.

Social Justice Prayer

We pray for the LGBTQ+ community of all ages who are experiencing bullying and discrimination that our community offers a safe place for all to be themselves. May God guide us in actions of loving kindness and radical hospitality. We pray for all advocates that they and we stand with and have the courage to enact just laws that protect us all from all from harm caused by ignorance and hate. We seek reconciliation with our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters who have been gravely hurt. We know and believe that God does not discriminate. Amen.

Pray for churches working with migrants and asylum seekers. **Pray** for our homeless. **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:

**First United Methodist Church
(9849 N 105th Ave)**



The Blessings Board is asking for donations of bottles of water at Dysart Community Center (not reusable water bottles because they are not currently equipped with a water fountain to refill bottles). Their seven-week camp enrolls 125 children which began May 27th, so the need is great. Since packets of water can be heavy, checks and cash are certainly welcome. If you choose a monetary donation, please indicate DCC Water on your check and place your donation in a church envelope.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS HEAT WAVE!

HEAT RELIEF BAGS to assist the homeless this summer:

We discovered that individually we can do this at little cost. Most items can be found in your pantry or at Dollar Tree. Keep two to three small-filled bags in your car and pass them through the window...it can bring some life saving and comfort items to the homeless this summer.

ONE HEAT RELIEF BAG—(Use plastic grocery bags...tie it shut)

***PRIORITY ITEMS (If you can't do them all)**

- 1 16oz bottle water
- 1 Nutrition or power bar
- 1 Packet handwipes (Wet Ones or something similar)
- 1 Small tube sunscreen (Size purchased at Dollar Tree)
- 1 Tube lip balm

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- 1 First aid kit...or package of Band-Aids
- 1 Small tube body lotion hotel/travel size is just right
- 1 Hat (Not required)
- 1 Pair sunglasses
- 1 Cooling towel (If you can find them, or a red or blue bandana handkerchief they can wet to cool down).

The Lifelong Learning Team

has suggested the following guidelines for submitting your contribution to our congregational Advent Devotional booklet. The four weeks of Advent should follow the following themes: Week one, "Hope," Week two, "Peace," Week three, "Joy," Week four "Love." Articles should open with a scripture passage followed by the devotional ending with a prayer. All of this should be 272 words or less. Submissions should be submitted to committee member Judd Rinsema at juddrinsema@yahoo.com. Submissions should be made by November first, in order to allow enough time for compilation and distribution (To date we have eight members who have indicated their willingness to contribute, so **we need 18 more**. Please consider making a contribution to our efforts).

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 22

8:30a Pastoral Search Committee BR
10:00a Juneteenth Worship Service SA
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, 23

Tuesday, 24

10:00a Feet N More Shower Trailer
@ Bicentennial Park OS
10:00a Blood Drive KH

Wednesday, 25

9:00a Needles & Pins Gals BR

Thursday, 26

3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC/HY

Friday, 27-Office Closed

9:00a Feet N More Shower Trailer
@ St. John's Lutheran OS

Saturday, 28

9:00a Feet N More Shower Trailer
@ Hit the Streets with Jesus! OS

Sunday, 29

10:00a Open and Affirming
Worship Service SA

11:00a Fellowship Hour KH