



The Covenant

Community Church of Buckeye
"To serve God and community that all may
be one"

July/August
2017

From the Pastor's Desk

"...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
(Matthew 25:40)

I'm sure it's not news to you, but we have a wonderful church and a wonderful church family. It is a place where everybody is able to come and feel welcome, loved, and accepted. The people of our church practice God's agape love as a way of life. We are learning to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and continue to grow in our own faith and discipleship.

We do a great job in caring for one another, but in order to be known in our community as a church that cares, we need to reach out beyond our walls to serve people in our community as well as those who attend our church. We have our Coats for Comfort program to help those in need in our community have a warm coat for the cold winter months and we support the services of All-Faith. We are open to new ideas on how we can serve our community as well, especially in connection with our neighborhood schools, so if you have an idea please let the pastor know. Reaching out to others is a good way we can attract new people to attend our church.

At our annual conference that recently concluded, Bishop Hoshibata emphasized a vision for the Desert Southwest Conference: God calls us to be **a courageous church; loving like Jesus, acting for justice, united in hope**. That can only be true for our conference to the extent that it is true in the local churches of the conference.

We have a wonderful church, and we have something good to offer people. We talk about the love of Christ, we show the love of Christ, and we can lead others to accept Christ's love in their lives. This means thinking beyond the walls of our church and turning our focus outward instead of inward. So don't be shy. We need to not only spread the good news, but to be the good news.

In Christ's love,

Bob Lind

Pastor Bob



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Julie DeFelice - President

Our ladies are on summer hiatus but will reconvene on September 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Light refreshments will be served and all women are welcome.

We are planning a trip to tour the Phoenix UMOM facility during the month of September. We will be working out all the details for that at our September meeting.

United Methodist Men

James Gray – President

The UMM meets every 3rd Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at the church office for an informal breakfast and business meeting. All men are welcome!

We also participate in the trash pickup along Miller Road between Southern & Broadway quarterly. Our next scheduled date for this is September 11th at 6:30 a.m.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it is still a gift.

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

July Birthdays

- 6th – Dixie Bastian
- 8th – Jim Adams
- 10th – Celia C. Shanahan
- 14th – Jackson Lind
- 19th – Ryan Urban
- 20th – Louisa Burklow

July Anniversaries

- 21st – Eric & Monica Godfrey
 - 25th – Jim & Shirley Adams
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August Birthdays

- 4th – Cathy Calvert
- 6th – Colin Eades
- 8th – Eric Godfrey
- 15th – Connor Michael Olson
- 21st – Isabelle Lowe
- 23rd – Jakob Lind
- 30th – Jean Novak

August Anniversaries

- 7th – Steve & Leslie Schroeder
 - 23rd – Bruce & Ellen Bole
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THANK YOU!!

To **Steve Berliner** for the piano music he provided during our church potluck on June 11th.

To **Connie Sansom** for repainting the cement containers outside the church entry.

To **Dixie Bastian** for organizing the church banners.

To **Harold Warsop** and our Trustees for their work around the church.

To **Marilyn Taylor** for organizing everything else!

To **Carol Hinkle** for the beautiful flowers on the altar each Sunday.

Pray For Our Sister Churches

The churches of the Central-West District of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference are encouraged to pray for each other throughout the year.

In the month of **July** please pray for these churches:

Haven UMC, Jerome
Iglesia Metodista de Somerton
Lakeview UMC, Sun City
Liberty UMC, Buckeye

In the month of **August** please keep these churches in your prayers:

Mission Bell UMC, Glendale
Mountain View UMC, Cottonwood
New Song UMC, Surprise
Prescott UMC

Donations Needed for All-Faith Food Bank

We help support the All-Faith food bank on a monthly basis. Donations are accepted at any time, but we especially look for donations the first Sunday of each month. This was supported quite well when we first started, but donations have dropped off over time. The problem is that the need for food for people in our community never ends. Below you will see a list of the types of food the food bank would like to have us donate.

In addition to the items listed below we also collect egg cartons for a dozen eggs. The food bank receives eggs in bulk crates and packs them in the cartons for distribution, so they are in constant need of your used cartons. You can also donate cash by making a check out to All-Faith Food Bank and putting it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. We will make sure it gets delivered to them quickly.

We thank you for your support of this ministry. It is a wonderful way for us to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. If you have any questions or would like to help out in a special way, contact **Marilyn Taylor**, the coordinator for this effort.

Foods Needed: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat, Canned Beans, Dried Beans, Juice, Boxed Pasta, Cereal, Rice and Hygiene Products.

Summer Camp & VBS

Our Methodist Summer Camps and Vacation Bible School were a success again this year and a good time was had by all who attended.

We had four campers this year: Joseph, Sebastian, Riley and Faith. And two that attended VBS at Liberty Church: Cadence and Melody. Their water slide/play day on the last day of VBS was held at Community Church.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make these two events a success!!

Summer Ice Cream Social

We are planning to have an ice cream social and movie night in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, **July 21 at 7:00 p.m.** This will be for the entire community, so invite your friends and neighbors to join us. A family-friendly movie will be shown, and there should be a good variety of ice cream flavors to sample. Maybe there will even be some home-made ice cream.

Items for Recycling

Thanks everyone for bringing cans and clear plastic bottles for recycling. The church is raising some good money from this program, but we have found there are some items the local recyclers do not accept. They do not want aluminum foil or tin cans, so only bring cans for drinks and put all others (such as cans for vegetables) in your own recycle bin at home. In Items of plastic, they do not want the clear plastic wrapping like that for cakes and cookies and other such items nor plastic milk containers. So please put those in your recycle bin at home and only bring things like water containers.

God's Hall of Fame

Your name may not appear down here

In this world's Hall of Fame,
In fact, you may be so unknown,
That no one knows your name.
The Oscars here may pass you by,
And neon lights of blue,
But if you love and serve the Lord,
Then, I have news for you!

This Hall of Fame is only good
As long as time shall be,
But keep in mind, God's Hall of Fame
Is for Eternity!
To have your name inscribed up there
Is greater, yes, by far,
Than all the Halls of Fame down here,
And every man-made star.

I tell you, friend, I wouldn't trade
My name, however small,
That's written there beyond the stars
In that celestial Hall
For every famous name on earth
Or glory that they share,
I'd rather be an unknown here,
And have my name up there!

--Author unknown

Bring a Friend to Church

It is widely said that the best form of evangelism is word of mouth. A person is more apt to come to church if they have been personally invited by someone they know. We would like to instill a culture of inviting people to attend our church, so we have started a program of Invite a Friend to Church Sunday once each quarter. The next official observance of this will be Sunday, August 6, 2017.

Invite one of your friends, neighbors, or family members to attend church with you on that day. Maybe you can invite them out or over to your house for lunch after the service and make more of an event out of it. Of course, it should be a habit to invite others to church every week. Chances are whomever you invite will not say "yes" the first time you invite them, but don't get discouraged. It often takes about a dozen invitations before someone accepts. We have a great church and a great congregation here, so we need to let everyone know about it. Let's try to fill up the sanctuary on August 6th.

The Upper Room

Our church makes available the *Upper Room* daily devotional booklets for your use. Each booklet covers two months, and both regular and large print editions are available. This does not come without some cost, however. We want you to take a copy and use it. All we ask is that you leave a donation of one dollar for each copy you pick up to help defray the expense. It doesn't cover all of it, but it really helps. There is a little collection box attached to the display rack for this purpose. Thanks.

SMILING is infectious. You catch it like the flu. When someone **SMILED** at me today, I started **SMILING**, too. I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin, when he **SMILED**, I realized I'd passed it on to him. I thought about that **SMILE**, then realized its' worth. A single **SMILE** just like mine could travel 'round the earth. So if you feel a **SMILE** begin, don't leave it undetected. **LET'S START AN EPIDEMIC QUICK AND GET THE WORLD INFECTED!**

GoodDining Added to GoodSearch and GoodShop

Thank you for using GoodSearch as your search engine on the internet. As we continue to use GoodSearch, we will earn even more. GoodSearch pays the money out once each year in December.

Go to goodsearch.com and type in "Community Church of Buckeye" in the box for the charity you wish to support and then click on the VERIFY button. Then for each search you do, the church gets a little over a penny. It really adds up over time.

At the same place, you can click on an area called GoodShop. A large number of retailers, including most major companies, are linked here. If you do any shopping on line, please enter the stores through GoodShop. When you have Community Church of Buckeye entered as your chosen charity, we receive a percentage of whatever you spend as a donation.

You can also now use GoodDining. A percentage of what you spend at participating restaurants will go to our church. It's a great way to give added support to your church without any extra effort. Tell your friends and relatives and have them support our church in this way, too.

We follow this procedure in buying the church's office supplies. That adds to the donation our church receives from GoodSearch.

A Secret to Quiet Children in Church:

A mother was having a difficult time getting her young son to be quiet during the preaching. Finally, she leaned over and whispered something to him. From that point on he sat still and was quiet as a mouse. A person who had observed this asked the mother after services if she would share what she had told her young son in order to get him to behave the way he did. She said, "I told him he was disturbing the preacher and if he lost his place in his lesson, he would have to start all over again."

United Methodist Women Social Action on Racial Justice

Racial Justice is one of the Christian responsibilities being studied by the General Board of Global Ministries. Arizona Chapters have worked on a presentation available for local churches. This presentation identifies what is racism, where do we find racism, where does racism come from and how can we fight it? Members of the committee will speak at local churches to help implement **The Living the Charter for Racial Justice**. Many different roles are open in the Arizona Chapters. The nations' leaders are saying that they are leaving these public issues to the states to act on. The Action Network will help the United Methodist Women respond to state-based initiatives more effectively.

Does the word 'racism' bring up the old black and white endless nightmares: the red-man or brown-man lies told to ourselves in the last 100 years or the ones implemented by political powers for whatever reasons they could dream up? If we had not been in the Vietnam War, would we know or have used the term "gook"? Now in the middle-east, the word of choice is "towel-head". Should these words be used by Christians?

The Bible teaches us what Christianity is and how we should be acting to walk in His sandals. *Colossians 3:15* "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace".

Are you at peace with yourself? With your neighbor, worker, fellow shopper? Do you throw a friendly smile to someone different from you as you pass them by? Can you say you are living Gods' charter for racial justice?

Women are invited to participate as much or as little as they want. By using the Action Network tools women make a commitment to act for social change.

Respectfully, Carol Hinkle
