

JUNE/ JULY 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 8TH THE LUNCH BUNCH GATHERS – This month we are dining at the Cozy Corner Café, 2530 S Harrison Rd, (520) 722-9095 at noon. The Cozy Corner features a breakfast and lunch menu. For more information please contact Sheryl Felde 885-5325.

JUNE 10th THE MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL WILL BE ASSISTING US in our Sunday morning service and with a short presentation of who they are and what the purpose of the CAP is. We hope that you will give this group of dedicated young people a warm welcome and that you enjoy learning a little bit about one of the groups that call our facilities home.

FANAFI IS AN ACRONYM FOR “FIND A NEED AND FILL IT”. “FANAFI is about as simple as it gets: Find a real need that no one else is meeting and your venture will grow. All successful ventures begin with a dream says author Steve Gottry. Dreaming big enables others to see a different future and alter their present to make it a reality. Jesus had given his disciples a vision- a dream that he called the kingdom of God. On the other side of the tomb what they now saw what was possible: a people restored and brought to new life through the power of God’s saving love.”

JUNE 11TH- THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL MEETING THIS MONTH.

JUNE 14 THRU JUNE 16 IS SYNOD ASSEMBLY. Our representatives, Tim O’Leary and Bill Aurand as well as Pastor Keith will be attending. This session will have an election for a new bishop so please keep all those who will be voting in your thoughts and prayers.

JULY 4TH WE WISH YOU HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY- We hope that you have a grand celebration and that you take a few minutes from any festivities to say a prayer for the future of our country and the people that live here.

JULY 4TH AND 5TH PASTOR KEITH WILL HEAD FOR THE HILLS- literally that is. Pastor will be taking a couple of days off to spend with his family. If you should need any pastoral care during that time please call Jay at 275-1043 and she will make the necessary arrangements for you.

JULY 9TH THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL MEETING THIS MONTH.

JULY 29TH SAN JUAN BAUTISTA WILL BE HOSTING THE ORDINATION of their new pastor, Pastor Mateo Chavez at 2pm at 1130 E Bilby Rd. We hope that you can make time to join in the celebration of this very important milestone for both Pastor Mateo and San Juan Bautista.

ON-GOING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY to

6/3 Austin Lauwers
6/6 Vern Victorson
6/8 Ken Luthro
6/10 Claudine Williams
6/18 Steve Natoli
6/21 Keith Hardy
6/25 Tom Lauwers
6/26 Steve Felde

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY to

7/8 Jessica Lauwers
7/11 Gary Helgeson
7/25 John Seagrove
7/26 Shirley Williamson
7/27 Ashley Judd, Walter Brewer

HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARY to

6/8/68 Jack and Sharon Garner
6/11 Tim & Joyce O'Leary
6/15/65 John and Mait Board

HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARY to

7/14/55 Walter and Madge Brewer
7/19/57 Bob and Shirley Williamson
7/24 Carol and Eva Leveratt

WHILE JESUS SAW THE KINGDOM VISION AS A long haul process, the disciples were looking for short-term success. "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" they asked him. Jesus refocuses their vision, reminding them that their energy shouldn't be put into speculation, but into action. "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority." He told them during their three year ministry together that the kingdom of God is "within you". That's why Jesus spent his time teaching the disciplines how to live in the present- how to love, heal and change the lives of those around them through the power of his Spirit. That is how the "kingdom within" is shared with others. But the kingdom, although a present reality, was a future-coming experience. Perhaps this is the kingdom about which the disciples now inquired. What a disappointment to be told that the timetable was none of their business.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORIES- please make the following changes to your directory-

Change addresses for

Jenny Yovanov 6445 N. Desert Foothills Dr. Tucson, AZ 85743 phone # 520-572-1057

Beth Smith 102 S. Sherwood Village Dr. Tucson AZ 85710 (we don't have Beth's new phone#)

Anthony Huggins 3680 S. Calle Polar #9, Tucson, AZ 85730

Add address for

Pastor Martha and Paul Stum 3331 S. Chesin Dr. Tucson, AZ 85730 707-400-8820

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THE QUILTERS HAVE CLEANED OUT THEIR CLOSET! The 1st Wednesday in June marked the beginning of their summer break. In preparation they gave the quilts to San Juan Bautista for use in a couple of their ministries. When they start up again in the fall they will be in serious need of fabric. If you can contribute any **cotton fabric** the quilters would be very grateful.

THE FOOD PANTRY IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF WATER- It is summer here in the desert and dehydration is a serious health concern, especially for the homeless. The Food Pantry likes to be able to provide bottles of water for those homeless folks that come to us but at this time we are out. Can you please put a case of water on your grocery list for us?

IRONICALLY, MANY OF CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS HAVE CONTINUED TO expend their energy looking up to heaven, waiting for Christ's return rather than engaging the world around them. When Jesus ascended, the disciples themselves were standing there staring at the sky until the angels appeared with instructions. The message was clear: They weren't supposed to spend their time looking up into heaven, but rather looking out at the needs of the world. And like them, we must avoid being "So heavenly minded we're no earthly good."

WE HERE AT ABOUNDING GRACE APPRECIATE ALL OUR WINTER VISITORS

for all you do, the support you show and the faith you share with us. I would like to take the time to say a special thank you to Sharon and Jack Garner for the hours of yard work (among other things) they put in here, to Jeff and Claudine Williams for all the time and effort in helping us make sense of our roofing issues, to Mark Westlake for the hours and hours he spends cleaning our facility and to Paul and Sharon Surhoff for making such a terrific effort to promote our church. As all of you depart for your summer journeys we wish you God's blessings on your travels and look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT/ THOUGHTS/ OPINION on how we are doing with our Sunday Service. On the podium in the Narthex by the guest book we have put some simple feedback forms for your convenience. Signatures after you fill them out would be great (just in case we need clarification) but not a requirement. The forms go to Pastor Keith (in person or slot #50 in the mailboxes) and are not made public. Please give us both positive and negative feedback. Your opinion is important!

IF YOU GIVE THROUGH AN AUTOMATIC DEDUCTION such as Simply Giving or Vanco and have pledged a higher amount than last year, it is necessary for you to fill out a form (found in the Narthex) for your new deduction. Need some assistance? Please see our treasurer Tim O'Leary or Jay.

WHAT THE WORLD REALLY NEEDS IS HOPE- a vision of a different present and, even better, an example to follow into a new future. Jesus provided that vision and example in his life and ministry, and continues to call *us* into that ministry through the Holy Spirit. If we want to meet the needs of the world and be relevant, vibrant and transformational, then simply following Jesus would be a good place to start. That's what we've been "left behind" to do!

DO YOU EVER HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE READINGS? The Thursday Bible Study at 11:30 led by Pastor Keith, are a deeper study of the following Sunday's readings and usually last 60- 90 minutes. It an excellent way to learn the history and context of the readings as well gaining a more meaningful look into what it is that our Lord is trying to teach us. For more information, please call the church office.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE FOR ANY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU!

CHECK THE SIGN UP BOARD PLEASE! You are needed! Sunday mornings are a busy time around here and you are just what we need! Jobs range from Sunday School teachers/ helpers to communion assistants and everything in between. We will be more than happy to show you how easy some of these tasks are! Just ask any member of council or Pastor Keith.

PRAYER CHAIN- Our church has a Prayer Chain. Anyone with a prayer request, please call **Shirley Berner at 885-4892**. Also, anyone that is interested in helping on the Prayer Chain please contact Shirley to lighten the load. **If you have someone on the list that should be taken off or someone to add, please contact Shirley Berner and Jay Froehlich in the office.**

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TABLE – Who doesn't like to have a chance to sit down with a cup of hot coffee (or tea), a sweet treat, and for a little while, just chat? It could be with a friend you've known for a long time or someone you just met. It's a nice feeling, isn't it? Well that's what we try to provide right after each Sunday service. Here's a place to talk about the sermon or the music. Here's a time to discuss an event that just occurred or will be coming up soon. You may think that you're just giving yourself a little refreshment time, but don't forget the person you greet with conversation. Could it be that person needed somebody to share their thoughts with as well? Could it be you're a blessing to someone and you never knew it? By the way, that's alright, God knew, and it's called... loving your neighbor.

THE PEACE CANDLE – Our church carries on a tradition that began in Russia, of lighting a candle each week on our altar as a symbol of our prayer for peace in our world. We invite visitors from other congregations to take a Peace Candle along with the literature of its history to your home church to continue the tradition. If you would like to take the Peace Candle to your home church please mention it to the Pastor or an Usher and we will be happy to “pass it on.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

John Stum (son of Paul & Martha Stum), Audrey Neymeyer (granddaughter of Cheryl Emtman), Clay Hardwick (grandson of Jane Dunfee), Jessica & Tom Lauwers, James Simpson (from Aspire), Levi Thompson (grandson of Dave Kitner), Jonathon Batchler (nephew of Bill and Jay Froehlich).

PLEASE PRAY FOR ABOUNDING GRACE AND OUR FRIENDS

Bob Williamson, Cheryl Emtman, Sarah Williams (niece of Cheryl Emtman), Sara Seagrove, Tiffany (granddaughter of Virginia Reymer), Christopher Lawson (grandson of Maggie Cook), the Robnett Family, Jeannie Van Sickle (daughter Mark Westlake), Robert Lloyd, Ron Briggs (friend of Cheryl Emtman), Eric Leland, Peter Leveratt (brother of Carol Leveratt), Ryan Judd, Alice Yaskanich, Kathie Josephs, Betty Hetler, Mark Westlake, Susan Martinez, Gretchen Surhoff (niece of Paul & Sharon Surhoff), Walter Brewer, David Glarborg (son of Estelle Glarborg), Police Officer Mike Duffrin, Don and Nancy (brother-in-law and sister of Kathy Peters), Will Trembley (son of Artesia Runge), Linda Pederson-Montoya, Anthony Huggins, Joe Long (neighbor of Pastor Keith), Rich Weber (father of Ashley Judd), Michelle Benedict (niece of Roland and Shirley Berner).

CONSIDER THIS- If the gospel means “good news”, then why is much of the world's news so bad? What would it take to make more good news possible? The bottom line of the early church is that they had FANAFL- something that the people really needed: a story of hope, a plan for loving everyone, and a compelling way of life. So, will you FANAFL, find a need and fill it with the Good News?

