

April/May
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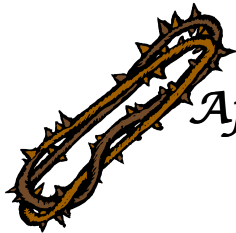
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Holy Week 2011



April 17—Palm Sunday
Worship Service—9:30 a.m.

April 21—Maundy Thursday Service
at 7:00 p.m.
Communion & Footwashing Service



April 22—Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.



April 24—Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service—6:00 a.m.

Breakfast—7:00 a.m.

Easter Celebration Service—9:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt—10:45 a.m.

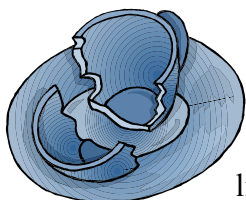


Jean's Jottings

As some of you may know, I have a mug collection. Call me practical, but I decided many years ago that if I was going to have a collection, it wouldn't be stuff that sat on a dusted—I hate dusting—it would be stuff I could use. collecting coffee mugs. Many of the cups are ones I've them have been given to me as gifts from friends and family. I about daughter, sisters, mothers, and grandmas! I have cups and cups with pictures of dogs on them. I have cups for cups from the British Isles, Europe, and the Middle East USA! I even have one that says, "Cuz I'm the Mom!" The and sizes. Some are large, some small. Some are short, some some chunky. Each one is unique with a story behind it!



shelf and had to be
Consequently, I started
bought, but many of
have cups with sayings
with my name on them
various holidays and
besides those from the
cups come in all shapes
tall. Some are delicate,



Two of them, however, are chipped, and one has a broken handle. Although I've tried to repair their **brokenness** with glue, the cups will never hold hot liquids again; they will never be whole.

Over two thousand years ago, Jesus—in his died and was buried in a tomb. No one—not His Mary Magdalene nor any of His followers could mend Roman cross had done.



brokenness—hung on a cross and mother, Mary, nor Peter nor John nor and repair what the soldiers' whips and the

Why else was it on that first Easter Sunday morning as the first rays of the sun streamed across the sky that Mary Magdalene ran pell mell back to the disciples and, gasping for breath, celebrated, "I have seen the Lord!?"

Why else, indeed! For God did what only God could do. . . . God brought wholeness where only **brokenness** had been—something God can do **today for you** and for me if we but give our hearts to Him!



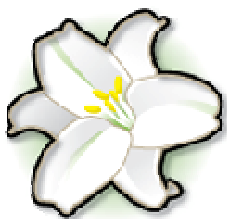
Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Jean

Praying Through the Connection

As part of the Central East District of the Desert Southwest Conference, we as a congregation are invited to join with other congregations of our district to *pray through the connection* by lifting in prayer different churches, their congregations, and their pastors up in prayer each month. During the month of **April**, let us pray for the following:



First UMC, Mesa—James Farrer II, Jerellen Wilkerson, Robert Mitchell
 Grace UMC, Mesa—Jonathan Arnpriester, Rosemary Anderson
 Red Mountain UMC, Mesa—Mary Bullis, Dorothy Saunders-Perez
 St. Matthew UMC, Mesa—David Alberts, Diana Williams, Iain Glithero

During the month of **May**, let us also lift up in prayer:



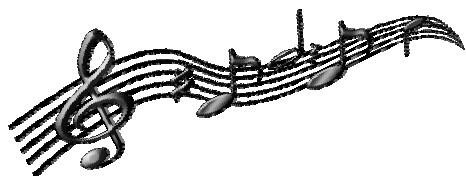
Tongan UMC, Mesa—Mafile'o Ma'afu
 Velda Rose UMC, Mesa—Steward Lewis, Clifford Asay, Robert Deits, Paula Latu
 Shepherd of the Pines UMC, Overgaard—Winona Dye
 Paradise Valley UMC, Paradise Valley—Kelly Bender, Kathleen Athey, Thomas Rough, Andrea Address

In a Quiet Place



Have you ever thought of music as prayer? I have a CD someone gave me called “Our Daily Bread” that is described as “instrumental music to enhance your quiet moments with God.” Sometimes as I have prayed, this CD has played softly in the background. It seems the music helped me to relax and take a deep breath before diving into the busyness of life. For a few minutes at least, I was able to put my schedule “on hold” as I took time to focus on my relationship with God. In a way, the music seemed to invite me into God’s presence . . . seemed to invite me to sit and to ‘be still” so that I could draw closer to God.

Seeking to draw closer to God,
Pastor Jean



The Future of The United Methodist Church in the U.S.



(The following is a letter to the Desert Southwest Conference Leadership from Bishop Minerva G. Carcano.)

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus!

Have you heard of our United Methodist *Call to Action*? We need for every clergy person and every lay leader to know about this. Led by the Council of Bishops and our denomination's Connectional Table, a deep, thoughtful and intentional conversation has been conducted over the last few years. The focus of our conversation has been the numerical and what some of us have experienced as the spiritual decline of United Methodism in the U.S. We are ready to share what we have learned through this conversation

In behalf of our Council of Bishops and Connectional Table I want to invite you to participate in a United Methodist Leadership Summit on April 6, 2011. The conversation of this critical summit will address the adaptive challenges our church is facing in the U.S. and the changes we will need to make in order to faithfully serve Christ in this new day and age.

In order to reach as many United Methodist leaders as possible, this Leadership Summit will be held as a three-hour webcast conversation on April 6, 2011, from 9:00 am – Noon. On this web cast our Council of Bishops will share how we are striving to help the church clarify and affirm God's own leading of our life together and our work. We do believe that the vision, values, and culture of The United Methodist Church continue to align with God's own holy purpose for us, but we need to regroup and regroup ourselves for faithfulness and fruitfulness. Our Council of Bishops will share how we are blending the findings and constructive work of multiple groups involved in strategic review and planning in behalf of the mission of The UMC. We will also invite all United Methodists to take part in shaping and leading a comprehensive plan of action by The United Methodist Church. We need to turn the tide of decline in our U.S. churches if we are to be the church of Jesus Christ.

This Leadership Summit will provide us with time for prayer and worship together as well as for much work. The webcast time will be organized into three blocks:

--1 Hour of presentation: We will hear succinct updates about what has been learned about The UMC's most critical adaptive challenges along with proposals for launching and sustaining faithful work in achieving meaningful organizational change;

--1 Hour of Local Conversations: With our conference peers we will have an opportunity to discuss the implications of the denominational challenges and work for our context of ministry in the DSC and our conference strategic direction. We will also be able to organize our thoughts to share our feedback and raise our questions with the presenters.

--1 Hour of Feedback: Those of us participating will have a time to provide feedback and queries to the Council of Bishops' leadership on the webcast. It is hoped that we will share suggestions and make commitments for proactively aligning the work in our own settings in light of shared United Methodist objectives.

I invite you to participate in this historic moment in the life of our denomination by attending the Summit at one of our many DSC sites [located in Yuma, Flagstaff, Heber, Las Vegas, Tucson, Mesa, Sun City with the closest one to Creighton being held at First UMC of Phoenix]. **Many thanks to these congregations and those who have stepped up and agreed to serve as facilitators at each of these sites.**

If you desire to be involved in the Summit, but are unable to go to a site, then go to the web address, <http://umcleaderships Summit.org> on April 6. Through this website you will be able to view the webcast from your home, office or mobile phone. You will, however, need to have a broadband connection, and you won't be able to respond on the webcast, but I would like to hear your responses as soon after the

webcast as you can send them on to me. I value your insights into what we need to be doing to be more faithful to Christ Jesus as United Methodists. **Please share this invitation with your congregations and invite all to participate.** The Leadership Summit's webcast presentation will be archived and available for viewing on the internet at any time between April 8, 2011 and July 8, 2012. We will also receive resources to help us interpret the information and implications from the Summit to others in our annual conference.

I hope you and others in our DSC congregations can be a part of this opportunity to help shape the future of our denomination as we faithfully move forward to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Your Sister in Christ,
Bishop Minerva G. Carcano

2011 Confirmation Mission Project

As part of their mission project requirement for confirmation, the 2011 Confirmands will be coordinating Creighton's participation in this year's Annual Conference Mission Project which will involve preparing ***Birthing Assembly Kits*** to be sent to UMCOR headquarters in Salt Lake City. These birthing kits which will be sent all over the world where needed will provide the essential items to promote a safe, clean delivery and to encourage good aftercare. A kit is valued at \$8.

Beginning right now, you can help the Confirmands with their project by bringing any of the following items and depositing them in a box labeled **"2011 Confirmation Mission Project"** located in the narthex:

- Small bars of soap 1 oz. to 2 oz. size (Do not remove from original packaging. Small bars such as those found in hotels are acceptable.)
- Latex, surgical or thin rubber gloves (Gloves are not required to be sterile.)
- A square yard of clear plastic sheeting (Must be 4 mil thick. Plastic trash bags and shower curtains are not acceptable.)
- Clean cotton string (Must be clean!)
- Single edge razor blades (Must be covered in paper or cardboard to keep from causing injury. Regular shaving razors are not acceptable.)
- Receiving blankets 30"x 30" or 32"x 32" size (No thermal or fleece blankets)
- Gallon size, sealable plastic bags

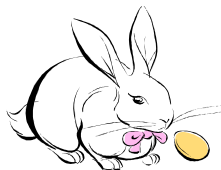
PLEASE NOTE

1. All items must be new.
2. Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
3. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items—nothing more.
4. DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Thank you for helping us reach out in ministry and share God's love with those who cannot help themselves!

2011 Confirmands

Easter Breakfast
April 24, 2011



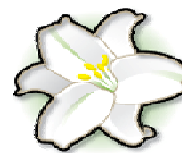
Serving from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
 \$4.00/person or \$10.00/family

Menu includes: Scrambled eggs, link sausage, hash browns, biscuits with butter and jelly, cantaloupe, coffee, tea, & orange juice

To make reservations, please complete this form and return it in the offering plate or to the church office.

Your name _____
 Number in your party including you _____

*Questions? Please call Jim Harvey (602-956-6264)
 or church office (602-840-1080)*



Easter Flowers

***To celebrate the glory of God this Easter, I would like to purchase
 by April 20th one or more lilies for \$11.00 each.***

Name of donor _____
 Number of lilies to be purchased _____

Lily or lilies given:
 In memory of _____
 In honor of _____

*You may place this order form in offering plate or turn it into the office.
 Order paid for with check # _____ or cash.)*

**Calling all single adults of
all ages!**

**Desert Southwest
Conference singles retreat
April 29-May 1, 2011**

**Holy Trinity Monastery in
St. David, AZ**

**\$105/person before Ap. 18
\$110/person after the 18th**

**Deadline for registration
is April 27.**

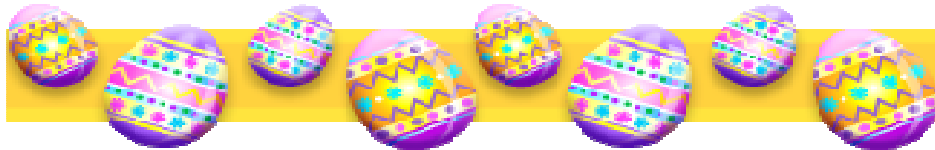
**Questions? Call Max
McQueen at 602-258-1207 or
602-944-1524.**

**The Desert Winds Steel
Orchestra**

**In performance at
Shepherd of the Hills,
UCC Sunday, April 10th at
7:00 p.m.**

**This well renowned group
of local musicians
perform all around the
Valley and regularly open
for Jimmy Buffet.**

**For more information
about their fabulous Steel
Drum music, go to
www.shepherdvents.org.**



Help for People Caring for Aging Loved Ones

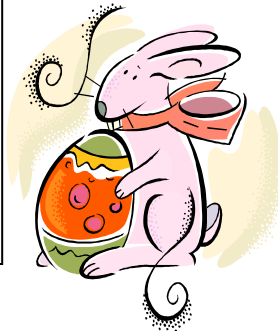
Renew yourself at Duet's Caregiver Retreat on Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the tranquility of the Franciscan Renewal Center, 5802 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, 85253 while gaining new ideas. The \$15 cost includes lunch and dinner. Call Duet 602-274-5022 to register and to learn about free-of-charge support groups, information, and respite for caregivers.

False Alarms Cost!

Another false alarm was set off on February 7th at 7:47 p.m. CUMC has once again been assessed a \$96.00 fine because of the false alarm. Money used to pay this fine means there is less money for the ministry of the church.

If you happen to be the last one "out the door," please remember to set the alarm! Thank you!

Finance Committee



Marian Kersh's estate sale!

April 1-3
8am to 2pm

10401 N. Cave Creek Rd.
Holiday Spa.
Sp. 33

Questions? Contact Pat
Palmer

Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship--saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others.



Thank you From Justa Center!

Thank you for your generous donation of \$230.90 Your commitment to helping homeless seniors in our community is sincerely appreciated!

UMCOR

To support United Methodist committee on Relief's response to the situation in Japan, please give to Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317.

For continuing coverage of the United Methodist response to the disaster, visit <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>.