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THE HERITAGE HERALD

The World Comes to the Lord's Table

Each year, Christians around the world mark the first Sunday in October by coming together and gathering around the Lord's Table for communion.

This year, World Communion Sunday falls on October 4, 2009. And, as described in Luke 13:29,

"The people will come from east and west,
from north and south,
and will eat in the kingdom of God."

As members of Desert Heritage Church our worship on World Communion Sunday rejoices in our unity given in Christ, which transcends our brokenness and division.

In a world that places a strict litmus test on who is welcomed and who is not, let this be our mantra:

"We reserve the right to accept everyone."

World Communion Sunday is October 4, 2009

Our unity is fully expressed in communion, which reminds us that we welcome one another at the table as Christ welcomed us. There is enough room at Christ's table for everyone...you, me, all the world. From our Website:

"The table is set for sinners, dancers, and dreamers.
The table is set for the dying, divorced, suffering and fearful.
The table is set for the excluded, the joyful and thankful.
The table is set for you and me."

Come and celebrate this holy meal with your brothers and sisters at Desert Heritage Church and your brothers and sisters from around the world.

Shalom,

Paul

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News to Share from the Sanctuary Chair

Paz de Cristo Report

What a night! Great bunch came to get the job done. Our two newest members, Jim & Don even came! Thanks, also, to: Brittany, Verlin & Meira, 5 Whitlocks + Grandma, Nancy, Laurel & Alexandrea, Kathy, Ed, Richard & Dianne, Jim & Pam, Joyce (she worked all day & came after work!), and me. Wonderful night thanks to all who worked hard and fast!

Love, Jean

Our Next Opportunity to serve at Paz is October 4.

Food Donation of the Month of October: Pasta Roni / Rice-a-roni / Hamburger Helper

We had a bunch of hot stuff, plus several more cases of water given in August. September has proved to be a great month for cereal. For those who like to plan ahead, the month of *November will be:* Canned meat—Tuna, chicken, etc.

October is *Side Dish* month.

Bring any variety of you want.

I-HELP IS COMING TO MESA.
Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program

I-HELP currently operating in Tempe, is expanding into Mesa. I-HELP is a program that provides homeless people with over-night lodging in area churches. It provides a much needed service for the new face on homelessness: women and single parents.

The over-site agency for Mesa will be Lutheran Social Services. The program will need an intake coordinator (a paid position), bus drivers, host churches, and churches to provide meals. Donations are welcome to provide gas for transportation, to buy bus tickets for those working, first aid supplies and sleeping mats.

For more information contact az-ihelp.org or Lutheran Social Services at Victory Lutheran Church 480-654-4539.

Desert Heritage Women

Desert Heritage Women are meeting and you're invited! Their next meeting will be in the Heritage Room on Tuesday, Oct. 13th at noon. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Editor's note: Thanks to DHW for their lovely baby quilt they made. Thanks to all who said a prayer and tied a knot, too.

Congregational Lunch Out

We're gathering at 1:00pm at Salt and Pepper (On Main St.—between Gilbert & Stapley, in Mesa) on Thursday, October 8th.

Congregational Dinner Out:

On Thursday, October 22nd, at 6:00pm, Dinner Out will be at BJ's (6622 E. Superstition Blvd., Mesa).

From the Church Mouse

♦ If you are interested in becoming a liturgist, a reader, serve as a deacon, contact Wendy Whitlock. We'd love to have you help us out and share your time and talent.

♦ If you are interested in helping out with our Children's church during worship, contact Emily Phares.

♦ Thank you to *the little mice* who helped us bolt down our peace pole. We have two spots in the sanctuary to put the pole and will have one outside, too. They are safe and secure! Thanks! :)

It's Cookie Time!

We've got lots and lots and lots of cookies—Hooray! Thanks to everyone who brought some to share. What we need now is for people to sign-up to pass out the cookies on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:15p.m. The sign-up sheet is in the Heritage Room.

Que La Paz Prevalezca En La Tierra

Great
Renewal
Opportunity
Within / without

How are you preparing to G.R.O.W. for our sabbatical next year?

Pastoral Care Page

If you or a loved one are entering the hospital, please take a moment and telephone the Church office at 480-969-5631 or Pastor Paul's cell, 480-242-6697. In prayer, please remember these people and their families:

Gerry Dillman, Dan Dugan, Wanda Idle, Jean McColgin, Dot McCown, Bob Montgomery, Steve North, Don Pew, Dottie Rasmussen, Maynard Schneck, Mary Short, John Whitlock, John Williams

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute.
Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. *Proverbs 31:8-9*

Our Congregation is Growing!

Welcome new members!

Total reaches 20 for the year so far...

Give a warm DHC welcome to Jim Fuller & Don Janiszeski who officially joined on Sunday, September 6. Wahoo! Their address is: 2416 S. Roslyn, Mesa, AZ 85209 Home # 480-924-0636; Jim's Cell 940-727-9041; Don's Cell 940-768-9058.

Give a warm DHC welcome to Joyce Lowe who officially joined on Sunday, September 13. She is the sister of Wayne Manske. Her address is: 1336 E. Vine Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204. Her phone # is 480-241-1824.

Congratulations to Bob & Jill Wen on the birth of their first child: *Charles Robert Wen*. Chas was 8lbs. 8 oz. and born September 19, 2009. Mom, dad and baby are doing great. *Praise God!*

I'm beginning to believe that kindness is the answer to all questions ever asked...that generosity is the cure for all that ails us...that giving is the meaning of life.

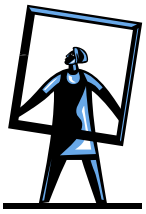
Amy Wink Krebs

From our Peace Statement:

"No one will be denied into the full life, leadership and ministry of the church due to color of skin, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, language or status."

Vital Statistics for 2009

August 30:	99
Sept. 6:	90
Sept. 13:	85
Sept. 20:	91



That's 11% higher than last year!

Received: $ 90,858.09
Expenses: $ 90,650.67
Budget: $ 101,362.07

An additional $4,000 had to be moved to checking from savings to cover payroll. The total transferred to date this year is $9,000 and is included in the "received" total.

We have a $616.91 surplus in our camp fund! Any money that comes in for camp for the rest of the year will be set aside for use for the 2010 camping program.

If I see the gift as mine alone to give,
I might give hesitantly, even grudgingly,
considering my options,
then giving from a sense of ought.
If I see the gift as God's,
who allows me to use it for a time,
then the gift can flow more freely,
as I join with others to be a channel
for God's love and mercy.

Roberta Porter

Memorial Garden Dedication—Oct. 11th

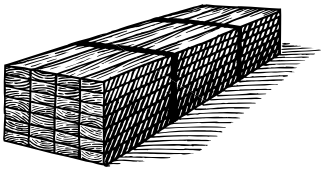
Our Memorial Garden is almost finished! It is a place where parishioners can find peace, meditate, reflect, seek comfort, and pray! The Garden area will also have memorial pavers that can be purchased in honor or memory of your loved ones.

Each paver stone is a minimum donation of $75.00

Each paver stone is a minimum donation of $75.00, 54 characters maximum placed on 3 lines, including up to 18 characters and spaces per line. *A portion of the proceeds will go the Eternal Care Fund for DHC.* **Order forms are available at the church office. First come first served...that is, to get the spot you want, order now rather than later!**

Check out the Memorial Garden next time you're at church. It is straight through the north door of the sanctuary. And use it! It is there for you to enter and use.

The dedication of our Memorial Garden will be October 11th. Mark you calendar and plan to attend. :)



Splinters from the Board

September 2, 2009

Those present: **Buster & Sue Bradley, Pastor Paul, Ryan Dugan, Maynard Schneck, Wendy Whitlock, Camille & Verlin Pietz, Dianne & Richard Williams, Laurel North, Krystol Reece, Anita Joy, Bonnie Lehmann, and Carolyn Phelps.**

Theme for the Year:

Sue suggested the theme for this year is ***"Ministry to the Church as God's Children… What is God calling us to do?"*** The board approved the theme.

Old Business:

♦ **Personnel**—We have hired a new nursery attendant: **Emily Wolfe**, currently a student teacher.

♦ **Education**—A new Education Ministry has formed. Thank you to **Emily Phares, Susie Anderson, Ken and Val Grobe, Tracy Weaver, Brittany Martin and Paul and Wendy Whitlock.**

♦ The **All-Church calendar** is up and is looking for dates! Give your meetings / activities to Susie.

New Business:

♦ **House Meeting:** The church is setting a series of House Meetings together in which every member is invited to participate. Each meeting will have between 8 and 14 people in attendance. The first of these meetings will take place between Oct. 5th and November 13th. The second one will be after the holidays in January and February so as to include our Winter Friends. These meetings will be brain storming sessions designed to get us hear everyone's voice, strengthen our bonds, improve on the things we do well, and change the things that need to be changed.

♦ Membership: New visitor packets have been developed and as being handed out each Sunday. They are also working on new Name Tags.

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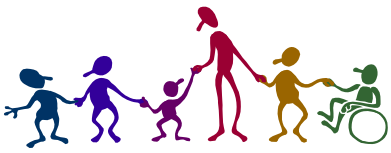
Got a DHC T-Shirt?

Look for them, they're coming soon to a church near you!



Coming soon DHC presents...

HOUSE MEETINGS

In preparation for our sabbatical next summer, DHC will engage in a series of House Meetings. **The meetings will be from October 5th through November 13th.** And each person will be invited to participate in one; we want everyone's voice to be heard. In groups from 6 to 16 people, meetings, held in members' homes, will discuss views and dream dreams.

Here's the highlights of what they'll look like:

Housekeeping...

- *The meetings will last one hour— period.*
- *The chair reserves the right to interrupt so that everyone has a chance to speak.*

Rounds...

- The chair will begin by introducing him or herself and answering one of the following questions, and inviting responses to:

When thinking of the church…

What makes you happy?

What makes you feel alive?

What makes your heart sing?

Then the chair will lead a discussion of around these questions:

What do we need to do more of at DHC?

What do we need to do less of at DHC?

What needs to stay the same?

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October Youth News

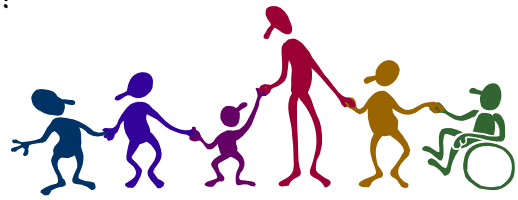
Youth Group:

Every week? That's right, every week the youth are meeting! The whole congregation owes a BIG, BIG, BIG thank you to **Tracy Weaver & Brittany Martin** for agreeing to sponsor our youth group. Wow! They are pouring a ton of time, talent, and energy into our youth! Thank You!

October Schedule:

Oct. 4: Meet at Paz at 4:00pm
Oct. 11: 6:00pm at church
Oct. 18: 6:00pm at church
Oct. 25: Contact Tracy or Brittany as this is the weekend of the fall retreat for both Chi-Rho and C.Y.F.

In other news…

Our children's church is going very well. Thank you to Ken and Val Grobe for sponsoring our 3rd through 6th graders! Thanks, also, to our team of helpers leading our pre-k through 2nd graders.

Have you noticed that good things, I mean, God things are happening at DHC! Come and be a part of all the exciting things God is doing!