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A LETTER FROM PAUL

It's an exciting time at DHC. While receiving the sabbatical grant is marvelous, it doesn't answer the questions of stewardship for our budget ministry for 2010. The grant means that we will be able to pay for the ideas and plans we made for our sabbatical. It doesn't address paying for ***outreach, salaries, the electric bill, or insurance***. We must address those items. To the point, a couple of times this summer I have had to hold my check because we didn't have the money in the bank to cash it. More over, we have moved $9,000 from saving to cover our 2009 budget. In this time of joy, we have serious work to do!

Our sabbatical theme is Great Renewal Opportunity Within/without = G.R.O.W. How can this help us in our stewardship drive for 2010 and through the 2010 year? This year, as much as any year, will require us all to ***lend a helping hand*** and grow in our stewardship.

Stewardship means more than just money. It covers all of our giving: treasure, time and talent, too. Stewardship is a response! And we need everyone to respond.

The economy is still horrible. Many are unable to give financially like they would like. But those folks can still G.R.O.W. in their giving of time and talent. That's part of being a good steward, too. **And it is incumbent upon those of us with resources to G.R.O.W. in our financial giving more than ever!**

Our stewardship program will include these important dates:

- **Sunday, Nov. 8—The worship service will focus on stewardship.**
- **Sunday, Nov. 15—The worship service will focus on stewardship.**
- **Sunday, Nov. 22—Thanksgiving Sunday! We'll have a potluck celebration after worship!**

Don't forget to turn in your Commitment Card by Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009!

In the next few weeks, please prayerfully consider your commitment. Throughout this month, please ask God to guide our giving and help us see its transforming power and how we, individually and as a church, may respond to the blessings God gives. As our ministry takes shape, may you find yourself lending a helping hand in dollars and in service. Put your hand in the hand!

Shalom, Paul

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News to Share from the Sanctuary Chair

Paz de Cristo Report

Great crowd came to help so it went very well. Even our newest members and a first-time visitor came. Thanks to: Richard & Dianne, Paul, Wendy, Nathan, & Ruthie, Mary, Laurel & Ali May, Jim & Don, Joyce, Jill, Ed, Kathy, Verlin, Meira & Alec, Jim, Pam & Christine, Debby & me.

We did 248 plates for 159 adults & 20 children. We served meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, fruit salad,, pastries & drinks. Love, Jean

P.S. Paz needs jackets & tennis shoes for the homeless. Goodwill has a different color tag each Thursday for $1 - it's a good place to pick up clothing!

Our Next Opportunity to serve at Paz is Nov. 1st.

Food Donation of the Month of November:

Canned meat—tuna, chicken, etc.

November is *Canned meat* month.

Bring any variety of you want.

We had more than a truck load of cereal donated in September—wow! We'll get you October's results next month. For those who like to plan ahead, the month of *December will be:* Jelly and jam.

HELP WITH MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Over 200 pharmaceutical companies have developed Patient Assistance Programs for low income, uninsured and some Medicare clients. Most of these programs work with your doctor to provide discounted or free drugs. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to obtain the name of the company who manufactures your prescription then check on line for information and toll free phone numbers. Some examples include:

MERK – Patient Assistance Program;
ELI LILLY – LillyCares.com.;
GLAXO SMITH KLINE – GSKcares;
PFISER- scbn.org.

Coupons are available at: Internetdrugcoupons.com and Mesa is offering drug discount cards. Call 888-620-1249 or mesaaz.gov.

FREE SCREENINGS: Mammogram – nbcam.org;
Heart –sistertosister.org/health-tools/cardiac-screening;
Skin Cancer – aad.org/public/exams/screenings.
Bone density –aarpwalgreens.com/tour
Medicare part D check aarp.org/doughnuthole if you are approaching your limit.

Reconsider Your Service!

When we do the work of the church we are not merely volunteers, we are called by God to the ministry we serve. All ministry is of great importance from Elder to Church Mouse. Consider yourself called.

Desert Heritage Women

November 10 will be our next meeting. We will meet at noon, so please bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert will be provided. We are doing great things, so please come and join us.

Congregational Lunch Out

We're gathering at 1:00pm at Silke's (Gilbert and McKellips) on the first Thursday—Nov. 5th.

Congregational Dinner Out:

On Thursday, Nov. 19th at 6:00pm, Dinner Out will be at Romano's Macaroni Grill (Just south of Hwy 60 on Stapley).

Thank You

- Thank you to the little mice who helped scrub the bathrooms.
- Thank you to the people who helped reseed our lawn and trimmed the Olive Tree.
- A big "squeaky" Thank you to the mouse who is coming and doing a bunch little "fix-it" projects.

November is a big month for us!

- Nov. 1st: All Saints' Day!
- Nov. 8th, 15th, & 22nd: Stewardship Sundays.
- Nov. 22nd: Potluck after worship;
  - Celebration of our Stewardship Drive;
  - Officially welcoming back our Winter Friends;
  - Decorate the church for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.
- Nov. 29th: Advent begins

Que La Paz Prevalezca En La Tierra

Want to be a church mouse?

Talk with Susie Anderson to discover all of the good things that come with being a

"c-h-u-r-c-h m-o-u-s-e".

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*

"Thank you so much for the wonderful gift of the prayer quilt. We were so touched at the time and thought that went into both making the quilt and tying the prayer knots by individuals from church. Thank you, again."

Jill, Bob, & Charles Wen

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Our Congregation is Growing! Welcome new members!

Total reaches 22 for the year so far...

Give a warm DHC welcome to **Aaron and Lynn Onufrock** who officially joined on Sunday, September 27. Wahoo! Their address is: 3243 E. Calypso Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204. Phone 480-332-0142

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"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."

1 Timothy 6:10.

"Money changes all the iron rules into rubber bands."

Ryszard Kapuscinski

Great
Renewal
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How are you preparing to G.R.O.W. for your sabbatical next year?

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

Sept. 27:	89
Oct. 4:	90
Oct. 11:	98
Oct. 18:	100

That's 11% higher than last year!

Received:	$ 100,390.59
Expenses:	$ 101,867.57
Budget:	$ 112, 106.88

The total transferred from saving to date this year is $9,000 and is included in the "received" total.

We have a $658.91 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.

Our Stewardship Campaign will be Nov. 8, 15, & 22, 2009. Please prayerfully, make a pledge to our 2010 ministry budget.

"Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow."

Isaiah 1:17

Thanksgiving Dinner Invite—Nov. 26th

Do you need a place to go on Thanksgiving?

Or, do you not like any of the choices you have?

Then consider yourself officially invited for Thanksgiving!

We've spent too many years alone during the holidays and know what that feels like, so please join us.

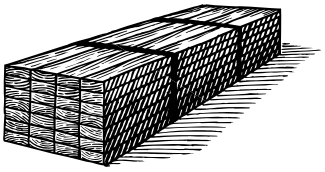
Bring your favorite dish to share (maybe an old family recipe) and be a part of our wacky family. We usually have around 25 to 30 people anyway, so what's a dozen or so more? We'll eat around 2pm.

There will be football on the television, good conversation and smells filling the air, and, of course, great food. Just let us know you're coming. Join us in giving thanks for all of our blessings. Everyone is invited!

Paul & Wendy 480-844-5077

Splinters from the Board

Since we moved the board meeting back one week, we will include our "Splinters from the Board" in the newsletter edition next month.



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Got a DHC T-Shirt?

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

Order forms are available in the church office—$12 per t-shirt; $20 per polo shirt.

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Bible Study Begin in January

I am excited! We will begin a new Bible study on Wednesday, January 6, 2010! Everyone is invited to come and share in this experience, which will be held at the church at 3:00pm. The title of our study is "Favorite Bible Passages" and will begin with the Old Testament and include passages through to the Book of Revelation. We will find unexpected insights and directions no matter how well we know the Bible. Some passages may seem familiar, while others new and unfamiliar, but all will be relevant to our lives. Plan to be a part of this exciting adventure into our favorite passages in our favorite book! I look forward to sharing this time with you.

Mary Whitlock

Sunday, November 1st is…

Name Tag Sunday!

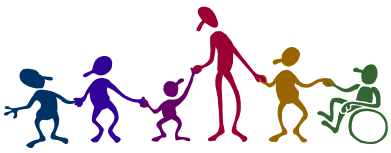
We have name tags!! Well, a new way to wear them, at least. Thanks to Tom Short for printing them! And thanks to Maynard Schneck for making hangers to hold them.

We encourage EVERYONE to begin wearing the new name tags on November 1st, 2009.

With the winter folks coming back and with all the new people attending, it is hard to remember names.

The new tags will be hanging in the narthex in alphabetical order, so get yours, hang it around your neck and proudly show everyone your name! Then return them to the hangers as you leave.

If, for some reason, you find you don't have a name tag, let Susie know, and we will get you one.



Now, finally, we can publicize it... DHC got the grant from the Lilly Endowment for our Sabbatical next Summer. Wahoo!

Part of the Letter DHC received on September 22, 2009

Re: Grant No. 2009 0637-000

Dear Ms. Bradley,

It is a pleasure to inform you that Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded a grant of $48,624 to Desert Heritage Church for its clergy renewal program.

This clergy renewal grant was approved based on the renewal proposal, activities and itinerary outlined in the application.

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Q and A:

What does the grant cover for the congregation and Paul?

The answers to that question are very specific. The grant covers the cost that the church incurs to pay an interim to cover what Paul does: Sunday morning; emergencies, office work, etc. The grant also provides money for music and congregational renewal costs associated with Paul's absence. The grant will provide the money necessary for Paul to go to Africa and living expenses while away from us. ***It does not pay for our regular bills!***

When is the Sabbatical?

May 23, 2010 to August 23, 2010. But renewal events are already taking shape and happening!

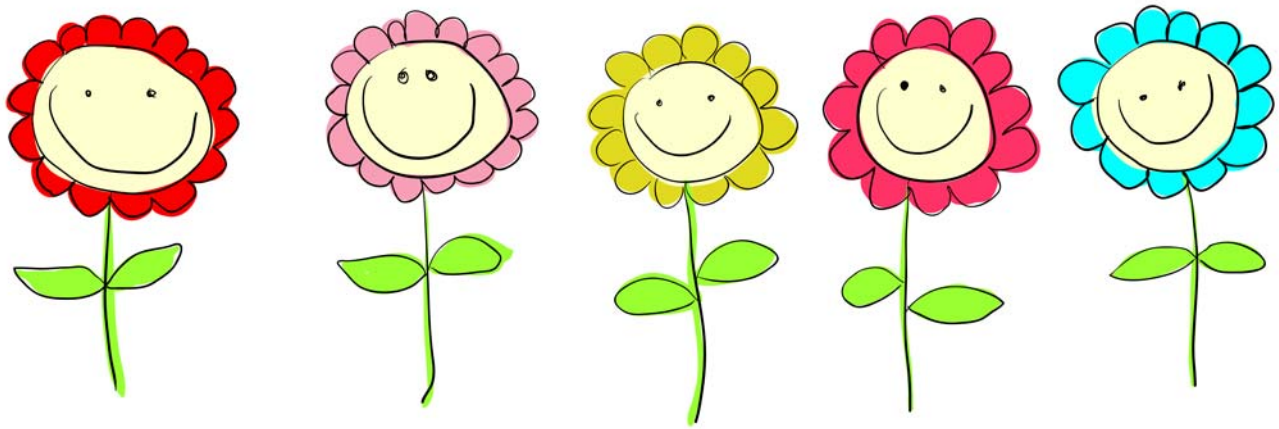
Last month, I had lunch with a person who had received a grant from the Lilly Endowment for a sabbatical two years ago. He excitedly greeted me, ***"Have you heard?"*** I said, *"**No, they tell you in late October.**"* His expression changed to a very seriously look. He then said, *"**No, they announce the winners in October, they tell folks in September.**"* And my heart sank because I had heard nothing.

So, I began to prepare and plan what I would say to the congregation and especially to those who had worked so hard—Wendy, Buster & Sue, Dianne & Richard, Tracy. And words weren't coming. I didn't know what to say. And I repeatedly asked God, ***"How would we pay for this, God, when we can't even pay our bills now?"*** And still no words came.

Susie opens the mail in the office. On Tuesday, September 22nd, as she was opening the mail, she came into to my office handing me a letter from the grant people, and rather somberly said, *"Here's the letter, but I guess you already knew."* And I said, *"knew what?"* My eyes quickly fell upon the Lilly letterhead and zoomed on the first sentence: ***"Lilly Endowment has awarded a grant...to Desert Heritage Church"*** My joyous halleluiah rang out from earth to the highest heaven.

Good things...I mean, **God things** are happening here. But, ***be very careful what you pray for...you might just get it!***

Shalom, Paul



Great Renewal Opportunity Within / Without

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9:00am Kids & Adult Sunday School
10:00am Worship & Children's Church

Talk to us about our pray-as-you-go plan.

Return Address Requested

November Youth News

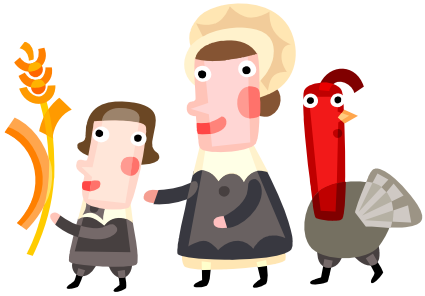
Sunday, Nov. 1st: 4:00pm Paz—Meet at Paz

Sunday, Nov. 8th: 2:00pm CROP WALK—Meet at El Dorado Park in Scottsdale
(get there early!)

Sunday, Nov. 15th: 6:00pm—Meet at the church

Sunday, Nov. 22nd: 12 noon Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent

Sunday, Nov. 29th: 6:00pm—Meet at the church

Children's Christmas Program need your kids!

It's time again to *practice, practice, practice* for our Christmas program to be performed Sunday morning, December 13, 2009. We need all kids who want to participate available for practice on Sundays, Nov. 15, 22, 29, and Dec. 6. A Saturday rehearsal might be needed , too, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. *Talk with Linda Gaines, Dianne Williams or any of the other Christian Education Ministry Team for more information!*