

THE HERITAGE HERALD

Lord, make my words soft and tender...for tomorrow I may have to eat them. Vol. 21, Is.3

A Letter From Paul

Oh,
Senor
Jesus.

extiende tus manos heridas para
benedicir a tu pueblo, para sanar y
restaurario.

Acercalo
a ti y
concede
que se
una en
mutuo
amor.
Amen.

Herr
Jesus
strecke

deine verwundeten Hande aus
und sagne dein Volk, heile und

erneuere
es, und
zieh alle
hin zu
dir und
zueinander
in Liebe.
Amen.

Seigneur
Jesus,
etands

tes mains blesses pour repandre ta
benecition sur ton people, pour

guerir
et restaurer,
pour attirer
les tiens a
toi et les
rapprocher
les uns
des aures
sans l'amour.
Amen.

O Lord Jesus,

s t r e t c h your wounded hands *in a blessing* over your people,

to heal and to restore,

and to draw them to yourself

and to one another in love. Amen.



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Paz de Cristo Report

We were fortunate to have many people from the Cubs front office come and help. We even had one player—Kerry Wood and his family and his wife's brother's family come and help.

Thanks to our folks to also helped:

Harley & Snooks, Bev Lowe, Verlin & Meira, Kathie, Maynard, Chris & Eric, Paul, Mary, Marci & Trevor

We served pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ sauce, beans, tossed salad, fruit salad, PBJs and three drinks.

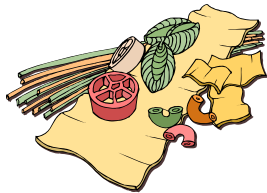
Love to all, Jean

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Did you know that several bags of leftover clothes that were not sold at the DHW's rummage sale were donated to Paz? The clothing goes to needy people and helps them look good for job interviews. That's good news!

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Our Next Opportunity to serve at Paz is SUNDAY, April 3rd!!

Food Donation for Month of April

"Noodles"



One of our goals in bringing food to Paz is not just to bring whatever is leftover in our cupboards, but supply them with what they need.

This month Paz continues to need "helper stuff" to make a meal. So, we decided to ask people to bring dry pasta noodles that can help make a meal: noodles, hamburger helper, etc. provide complete meals to families.

"Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness."

Corrie ten Boom



So, who do you need to forgive? Lent is a great time to give the gift of forgiveness.

Desert Heritage Women

Desert Heritage Women will meet again on April 12 at noon. Bring a sack lunch (dessert and drinks provided) and join us for worship, fellowship, Bible Study and work on our Banner Project. We are studying the gospel of John, Chapter 5 verses 1-5. All are welcome. A prayer quilt is hanging in the sanctuary ready for tying and prayers for Margie Sanders. Come, be a part of this active, productive group of the church!

A Big Thank You for all the folks who helped with the Rummage Sale! We raised \$946.30. This money will help with the many ministries that DHW supports all year long. *Thanks to the people who donated, sorted, organized, sold, and cleaned up.* A special thank you to our winter friends for their help.

25th Annual Women's Retreat

June 10th noon to June 12th noon

Place: LOMA Lutheran Retreat Center, Payson, AZ.

Theme: Silver Jubilee—Celebrating the Past and Charting the Future

Cost: \$75. Partial scholarships are available. Make checks out to DHC. A \$25 deposit is due April 28.

Graduation Sunday May 22

Do you have a graduate in your home? Let us know, we would like to honor them on Sunday, May 22 during worship.

Holy Humor Sunday!

Sunday, May 1st

There will be no sermon on Sunday, May 1st. But there will be lots of laughs. **We will celebrate a holy humor Sunday.** Congregants are invited to share a favorite church joke or story (clean ones folks!). Talk with Paul to secure your spot. **Start thinking about what you can share.** Dress a little crazy that day. Celebrate the resurrection with :-)



To be the church God calls us to be we've got to have a heart, a brain and some courage: sometime we have to look at things in a new way.

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:



Monica Casey, Gerry Dillman, Dan Dugan, Ed Hook, Skip & Shirley Hughes, Art Gilmore, Scott Lowe, Ruth Ludington, Dot McCown, Bob Montgomery, Don Pew, Camille Pietz, Margie Sanders, Maynard & Nancy Schneck, Mary Short, Joanne Spotten, Paul Whitlock

Celebration

We celebrate with **Bev Lowe** the peaceful passing of her husband, **Jim Lowe**. Jim was a good and caring man who was ready to go to God. And so, we celebrate that Jim is with God. Services will be back east at a later time. Keep Bev and her family in your prayers.

New Member

Welcome New Member! Give a warm DHC welcome to **Vera Smith**, who joined our church on March 6, 2011. Vera lives at 8255 E. Kiva Ave. # 425, Mesa, AZ 85209, phone—480-380-4609.



Changes since our last directory...



Doug and Phyllis Anderson's winter address is: 5533 E. Boise St., Mesa, 85205
Walter and Heidi Cahill's address is 117 W. Ivyglen, Mesa, 85201-2218
Mary Finnegan 1340 N. Recker Rd.

Apt. #122, Mesa, 85205
 Terese Hovan 62 N. Warren St., Mesa, 85207
 Cheri Smith's phone # is 602-390-6115
 Don Janiszkeski & Jim Fuller 1035 N. Wedgewood, Mesa, 85203.

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 21st

At 7:00pm

"Reflections and Meditations

Through Art"



On this important night we will gather for communion, scripture and reflections, while we experience the holy presence of God through dance and art and song.

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."



Report for 2011

Feb. 27:	77	Rec.:	\$33,215.64
March 6:	100	Exp.:	\$26,438.97
March 13:	103	Bud.:	\$26,011.02
March 20:	97		

Camp: \$ 1,599.12
 Camp goal: \$5,000.00

OGHS Offering thus far: \$844.00 We will be taking this offering for the next several weeks.



Grace in Giving

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



Grieving over the death of a pet? Don't be embarrassed to let us know. Rev. Jill Borden, specializes in this ministry for us. Let her help you during this time.

Goodbye to our Winter Friends!



While each one of our Winter Friends leaves at different times, we wanted to thank you for coming and being a part of our community while you are in Arizona. More than any year, you have blessed with your time, talent, and treasure!

Please make sure the office has your summer address before you leave for home so we can keep you updated on the exciting things God is doing at DHC.

We pray for safe travel and that you return to us this fall or next year ASAP! While you're away, please keep us informed about your well-being and check out what's happening with us on our Webpage: dhcmesa.com

The Courtyard Scene

Over and over again we sit in our courtyard,
our mouths speaking

what our hearts are full of...

WE DO NOT KNOW HIM.

**DONOTDONOTDONOT
KNOWHIMKNOWHIMKNOWHIM**

echoes loudly

emphatically

filling time and space

heaven and earth;

and yet

the saddest part is

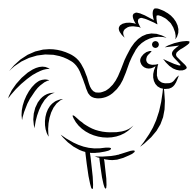
when the cock crows

we don't have the ears to hear

TOHEARTOHEARTOHEAR.

At least Peter had the ears to hear

and the heart to weep.



Ann Weems

Thank you to **St. Max!**

Have you noticed the lovely ceiling fan installed in the opening of our narthex and the one over our conference meeting area? **They were professionally done by St. Max volunteers.** They look great and will make the areas much more comfortable! **Thank you St. Max for your gifts of time and talent and for your partnership in ministry here at DHC!**

I Heard Some **Church Mice** Working!

With the blessing of sabbatical monies for renewal, we have chosen to use some of that money to **upgrade our sound system.** It is being installed by our volunteers. And it is close to being done. **Thank you for all who have toiled in the planning, buying, and installing stages.** Can you hear me, now? Yes, yes I can, thanks to our helpers!



Trees Donated—Patio Planned

With the donation of several **full-sized trees** (to be planted on Wednesday, March 30) for the east side of the church building, we are now planning a patio area. Thank you to all who donated trees and helped in the planting costs! The new patio area will allow us on our busy Sundays when we have good weather to have people sit outside. Adjacent to the kitchen and fellowship hall, it will be a convenient place to gather with food for fellowship. :) **If you would like to help bring about this patio area, contact Don Janiszski.**

Holy Week Schedule of Events



Palm Sunday, April 17, 10:00am—

Palm Processional

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 7:00pm—

Worship Service

Son-Rise Service, Sunday, April 24, 6:00am—

Complete with choir and horn!

Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 24, 7:00am—

Breakfast at DHC, with donations go to the camp fund!

Easter Worship, Sunday, April 24, 10:00am—

Come and celebrate the Risen Lord!

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 24, 11:15am—

The fast two minutes in all of sport!



Splinters from the Board

- Voted have our piano tuned in the sanctuary tuned. This is not in our 2011 budget—if you would

like to donate the \$95 cost, we would greatly appreciate it.

- Discussed changing the location of the prayer room. After worship people can come forward and pray up front in the sanctuary.
- Discussed changes in the By-laws.
- Discussed and approved a Peace and Justice Ministries' Statement of Concern (see below).

Statement of Concern

We the Board of Desert Heritage Church, in the interest of healthy families and communities, object to the revocation of organ transplant coverage and to the revocation of AHCCCS basic health care coverage for 280,000 economically disadvantaged individuals by the governing majority of this state. Let us remember that this coverage now being revoked was enacted by vote, by the citizens of Arizona.

We believe it is our calling as Christians to actively advocate for all economically disadvantaged persons who are increasingly being left behind and now face the denial of even the most basic health care insurance here in Arizona. In doing so we are responding to these words of Jesus:

"In as much as you do this to the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you do it to me."



Congregational Meeting Results March 13, 2011

Three objects came from the congregational meeting on March 13, 2011 regarding our constitution: 1) Our official affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was spelled out; 2) Our Peace and Justice Statement was added; and 3) We included electronic communication as an official option to reach members with items requiring notification of a vote.

Southwest Conference UCC Annual Meeting



IT'S ABOUT

MISSION

April 29–30, 2011
Albuquerque, NM

The word "Mission" comes from the Latin word "to send." Jesus "commissioned" his own disciples by sending them out into the world to train others to practice love, justice, mercy and compassion as a way of life. Mission has been and remains the very purpose of our existence as the UCC.

We are brimming with excitement for this year's Annual Meeting of the Southwest Conference where our featured guest will be Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte, Minister for Wider Church Ministries of the UCC. We have spent several years laying the groundwork to enable our churches and people to better accomplish their missions as they discern them. Now we will give our churches the information and tools that will fuel the energy and excitement about new mission work—local and global.

With great joy, we invite you to our 2011 Annual Meeting on April 29-30, 2011 at First Congregational UCC in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please join us as we meet together to share our experiences, learn new things and discern our shared local and global mission. Join us in worship and praise. Join us in showing God's loving justice to all of Creation. It really is all about mission.

Brendan N. Mahoney
Southwest Conference Moderator



**For registration forms,
more information, including travel info,
contact Pastor Paul.**

Thank You to Arizonans for Children!

Thank you for the lovely statue of the child, "Hope", donated by Arizonans for Children to DHC.

It is stunning in its beauty;

It is aptly named;

It is a wonderful addition to our memorial garden;

It speaks volumes to our partnership together in ministry!

Thank you Arizonans for Children!



Hope is not the naïve expectation
that all will go s m o o t h l y,
that desolation will remain a stranger.

It is a conviction that God will always be
with us in whatever happens.

Patricia Livingston



Did You Know?

Arizonans for Children served 13,175 people at DHC during 2010? *Thousands of children and parents have walked through the doors of our church in hopes of once again becoming a family.*

We feel that the families receive more here than just a place to visit one another—we feel that because they are in God's house, they receive a special blessing.

Jesus tell us *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* *"And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."*



God demands the protection and care of children. Because DHC provides space, Arizonans for Children is able to provide these children with a comfortable place where they can always feel safe.

Family Appreciation Day Hosted by Arizonans for Children Friday, April 22, 2011 11am to 5pm

Arizonans for Children is hosting a day of **FUN on April 22nd for foster children and their families** at the Mesa Visitation Center located at Desert Heritage Church. *This Family Appreciation Day is in honor of the families as they make great strides to reconnect and rebuild their fragile relationships.*



Often, foster children are limited to visiting their biological families only once a week for approximately two hours. On Friday, April 22, 2011, AFC volunteers and staff, along with the generosity of kind donors, will offer activities, mementos, food and beverages to all visitors.

As it is, these families have limited access to resources and funds to fully enjoy precious time with their children. With the assistance from Desert Heritage Church and the incoming donations, this day will prove to be a fond memory for all who will attend.

How can you help?

Donate: *Baked goods; Otter pops; Juice boxes; Cold beverages; Material to make banner for church entrance; Shade tents; Prizes for games; Extra trash cans for outdoor area; Balloons and helium; Cash donations.*

Contact Sue by email @

sue.sauer@arizonansforchildren.org

or by phone @ [480-772-6541](tel:480-772-6541)

On the agenda for Family Appreciation Day

- Inflatable Mickey Mouse Fun House (donated by Party Professionals)
- Family Photos taken, processed and gifted on site. (donations collected from DCH church members will help with photo paper cost)
- Hand prints traced from child's hands and attached to hand print poem. These will be gifted to parent before the end of the visit. (material provided from Life Book donations)
- Lunch and beverages served outdoors. Shaded tables will be provided in playground area. (ASU students to collect funds for lunch)
- Scavenger hunt...the hidden items will incorporate a celebration of Earth Day.
- gift packs or mini baskets (ASU students will provide goodies).



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10:00am Worship & Children's Church

Return Address Requested

April Youth

Ms. E. Bunny Needs Your Help!

A certain Ms. E. Bunny (or is it Mr. E. Bunny?) needs your help with our Easter Egg Hunt on April 24th. Can you donate plastic eggs and some candy (the non-melting kind)? We will do the stuffing of the eggs, we just need your donation. We will have our Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Easter Sunday. Please give your donation by April 17th to Laurel North or put them into the church office. Our egg hunt will be after worship on Easter Sunday.



Congratulations to Brandon Dugan!

Congratulations to Brandon Dugan on being selected to serve during the 2011-2012 year as a member of the Youth Council for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Arizona Region. *Way to go Brandon!*

The Youth Council helps plan and lead the CYF retreats and CYF Conference (camp). Next time you see this fine young man, give him a big high five!



We're proud of you!

Youth Schedule

CCF (2nd-5th) Retreat at FCC, Scottsdale on April 2nd to 3rd. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, March 29th. Contact Pastor Paul ASAP if you are interested in attending.

Chi-Rho (6th-8th) will meet on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1pm here at Desert Heritage = **April 3th & 17th.**

CYF (9th -12th) will meet on the 1st 3 Sundays of the month = **April 3, 10, & 17** at 1pm at Desert Heritage.

Camp Dates are June 26-July 1, 2011. Cost of Camp Will Be \$299 before April 30; \$330 May 1

Camp Forms

◆ **Camp forms will come out on April 15th.** We have a two week window where the cost of camp is **\$299** (church will pay \$150). **On May 1st the cost of camp goes to \$330** (the church will pay \$150). So, save the money, be watching for camp forms—and get them in during that window of time.

Attention all campers in need of church scholarships... We are having an Easter Breakfast following our Son-Rise service. The breakfast is at 7:00am on April 24th! We need your help. **Come and cook, help serve and help clean-up.** Contact Camille Pietz for more information. **All the donations to the breakfast that morning go directly into the camp fund.**