

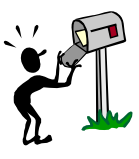
# THE HERITAGE HERALD

Better late than never—which applies to newsletters and confessions of faith!

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## A Letter From Paul

I am grateful for the people behind the scenes in the stories of life. VBS would not have been such a success without so many people helping, filling in, and taking advantage of teachable moments. Some of them were on stage and present in front of the camera, most were not. Some were adults, many were teenagers and youth. All came together and wove a tapestry of laughter, learning, and love.



**One of our church goals is to give people (including kids) an opportunity to spread their wings and fly!**

Do you ever imagine the “people behind the scenes” in the gospel stories to be kids? Sometimes churches are guilty of failing to recognize children as valuable players in the gospel story, valuable not just for their “cuteness” but as authentic members of the household of God who bring with them resources for the growth and nurture of the community.

When children present programs in churches, these programs are frequently received as entertainment rather than as legitimate and valuable ministry. While we have a huge VBS celebration each year that the kids lead, we don’t have an official “Youth Sunday”. I want the kids to have opportunities throughout the year to share in leadership roles—not just one Sunday a year—but all year long—side by side with the adults.

From music, to leading at the communion table, to doing litanies and skits and sermons we try to give our young people an opportunity to express their talent and faith here at DHC.

I remember 15 year old Nathan stepping forward on Sunday and directing the choir. The choir needed someone to direct them for one particular piece. And rather than change the anthem or not do music, Nathan stood in front of the choir, set the tempo for the accompanist, brought us in and cut us off at the right moments. Do you think that experience helped him go on to be drum major?

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This past year, I watched an elementary school pride assembly where Meira was the lead speaker for her grade. The teachers picked her, in part, because she was clearly the best reader and speaker of her entire grade level. And I remembered, with pride, the many times she has had the opportunity to speak and read at church. I smiled and thought about the important things she’ll say in front of crowds large and small in the future.

Ryan Dugan, one of our many fine young people, will be doing the sermon on August 14. And I will have the joy of being here that Sunday to hear him. I hope you will, too. Indeed, I hope it’s a “packed house!” It’s not that I need a week free from preaching, it has everything to do with the fact that I feel we need to listen to what he has to say. And so we shall. And I am excited about where it might lead in his life. Part of our job as the community of faith is to give people a chance to spread their wings in a safe and caring environment. God is doing so many great things here each and every week! Glad you are a part of that!

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Shalom, Paul

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## Paz de Cristo Report

143 adults, 3 children = 187 plates of food! If we could have chosen a hotter night to serve I doubt it—it was HOT! Our great crew of people came and cooked, served and cleaned disregarding how uncomfortable it was out there. We gave them “Sloppy Johns” (that is sloppy joes but served on hot dog buns. We also served them mac –n– cheese, salad, fruit, pastries and three drinks. Thanks to:

Art & Lorna, Mary W., The Whitlocks, Kathie, Jill, the Warners, Laurel & Aexandrea, Jim & Don & Chuck, Joyce, Jim D, and me.

We were all cleared up and out of there by 7pm. Love,  
Jean

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**Our Next Opportunity to serve at Paz is SUNDAY, August 7!!**  
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## Food Donation for Month of August

### Helper boxes



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. **Paz does food boxes on the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays of the month plus the 4th Saturday.**

*This month, they need us to be good helpers and bring some helper.*

### It's a NEW LAW...

For those who serve at Paz on a regular basis, you will need to get a **volunteer's food handler card**. We will have a study sheet and study sessions in June to help everyone who wants to regularly help out with that ministry. But, everyone (who helps out more than 4 times a year) will need to get one. Contact Wendy Whitlock for study session times and dates.

*In tough economic times... please remember:  
When those of us with resources have less,  
those with almost no resources  
have even emptier hands and emptier stomachs.*

## Desert Heritage Women

Desert Heritage Women have meet this summer to make both **prayer quilts and casserole covers**. The casserole covers are fabric with removable wooden handles. They have an insert for the bottom to make them stable, and come in a variety of patterns, and two sizes, oblong and square. **You can order them from Fran, Vera, or Georgianna. They are only \$10.00 each!**



The money will go to help fund our quilt ministry and the nursery attendant.

The whole church would like to thank our women's group for the banners. A special thank you goes to **Jim Fuller**, who designed our beautiful **rainbow banners**, and all who worked on them, including **Vera Smith, Lori Moser, Nancy Schneck, Georgianna Gersley, and Fran Williams**.

Desert Heritage Women will continue to meet **the second Tuesday of every month at 12 noon**—bring your lunch. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 13th.**

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**Future date: Women's Retreat 2012 will be June 8, 9 & 10.**  
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**Bible Study:** *“Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses.”*

Our Wednesday night Bible Study has been a huge success. This next study proves to be just as promising. **We meet in our conference area in the narthex from 6 to 7pm on Wednesdays.** Walk-ins are welcomed!

### ♥ Choir starts up Wed., Aug. 17 at 7:00pm!

Start warming up, choir practice is about to start! Our marvelous choir begins practicing on **Wednesday, August 17 at 7:00pm**. We hope you can join our choir. No tests, no embarrassing solos. Just good fellowship while singing great songs with wonderful people.



**Practice schedule: Aug. 17 & 31 7:00-8:00pm  
Sept. 7 & 14 7:00-8:00pm**

Our first anthem in church will be Sunday, September 11th. Everyone is invited to come and practice and sing!

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:



**Pat Casey, Gerry Dillman, Dan Dugan, Ed Hook, Skip & Shirley Hughes, Art Gilmore, Bob Montgomery, Dennis Pestel, Don Pew, Camille Pietz, Margie Sanders, Maynard Schneck, Mary Short, Joanne Spotten, Al & Mary Thomas, Paul Whitlock, UCC Conference Minister John Dorhauer, DOC Regional Minister Denny Williams**

*"Prayer does not use up artificial energy, doesn't burn up any fossil fuel, doesn't pollute.*



*Neither does song, neither does love, neither does the dance."* Margaret Mead

*"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."* Margaret Mead



*We express our sympathy to the family and friends of **Monica Casey**. She died on, July 22.*

*Please pray for her husband, Pat, and their whole family.*

*Her memorial service was July 28th. Graveside will be Aug. 6th.*



### Prayer Support Ministry

Our prayer support ministry lends support through prayer for our church, our pastor, our staff, and any other needs of the congregation. All are welcome to join. There are no meetings to attend, we will simply gather each Sunday after worship and pray. The congregation is invited to join anytime.

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 as of July 31st

June 26:	96	Rec.:	\$ 74,171.58
July 3:	79	Exp.:	\$ 63,514.25
July 10:	84	Bud.:	\$ 66,287.10
July 17:	131		
July 24:	64		
July 31:	71		



Our Camp fund sits at 1464.12

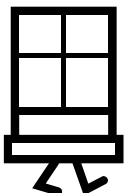
*Our VBS attendance on July 17th was the highest we've had for VBS and the largest attendance on a July Sunday this church has ever had! Good job DHC! God is doing great things!*

Name one unresolved incident in your life in which you were injured or you injured another.

The basis of healthy forgiveness consists of asking these four questions honestly with the presence of God's love:

- 1) What happened?
- 2) Who is responsible?
- 3) How do I feel about what happened?
- 4) What is my need right now?

Later ask another vital question: **What are my choices at this time?**



Once we do name our hurts and deep needs, we move into another dimension altogether. We are no longer trapped.

**A window is opening...**

"Never place a period where God has placed a comma"



# Newcomer's Party!

Sunday, Aug 21  
6:00pm—7:30pm  
at DHC

*And you're invited!*

*When: Sunday, August 21st from  
6:00pm to 7:30pm*

*Where: At the Church in the Heritage Room  
(the dinner hall)*

*What about dinner? No worries! We'll have  
some of our master chefs create a marvelous  
meal. Dinner is included! Who could ask for  
more? Well, just wait, there's more! Free child  
care at the church. That's right, the kids can  
have fun, too.*

*Why? We've had so many new folks join plus  
new people come to the church, we're having a  
party to celebrate. Plus, this will help you find  
ways to connect within the church with others.  
And it will give you an opportunity to get a tour  
of the building and ask those questions you've  
always wanted to ask in a safe and caring  
environment.*

*Who can come? Everyone who is new to the  
church!*

*Questions? Talk with Pastor Paul.*

*Good... I mean, God things are happening  
at DHC! Be a part of it!*

## I.Q. TEST

## What is your I.Q.?

Not long after the I.Q. test was developed, several studies were conducted to find out how different groups of people scored on the test as groups. The test was administered to men and women, young and old, rich and poor, and many ethnic groups as well.



It was in this context that the I.Q. test was given to a group of **Hopi Native Americans**.

When the Hopi received the test, they immediately started to ask each other questions and to compare their answers. The instructor saw this happening, and quickly intervened, telling them that they each had to take the test alone. *"You are not permitted to help each other or to share your answers among yourselves,"* he told them.

When the Hopi heard this, they were outraged and refused to take the test saying, *"It is not important that I am smarter than my brother, or that my brother is smarter than me. It is only important what we can do together!"*

Unfortunately, we live in a world that puts a big emphasis on what we do alone. As a result, we suffer from all sorts of maladies: low self-esteem, competitiveness, jealousy, greed, anger, and hostility, to name a few.

**But God created us to live in community with each other**—to work together, to share our resources with each other, to help each other out. The principle is love, not competitiveness and greed. In the body of Christ, no one is greater or more important than anyone else. We really do need each other!



At Desert Heritage Church, we are about...

**G**race-giving,

**O**pen and affirming, and

**D**oing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly  
with our God.

**Where all of God's children  
are welcomed.**

# DHC's Shepherding Ministry

## Evolving - New Shepherds Needed

We are so grateful to the elders who took on our shepherding program this past year. Overall, it was a good experience.

Now, with the influx of so many new members and newcomers, the church is evolving our Shepherding Program. The end results is that we need new and more Shepherds!

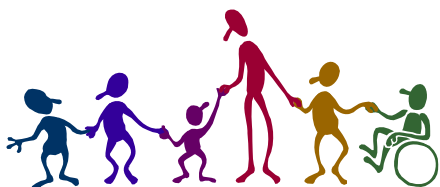
**Do you want to be a shepherd? Talk with Anita Joy or Paul Whitlock for more information**



If you are interested in participating in this program, talk with Anita Joy or Paul Whitlock for more information. You don't need to be an elder. Here are a list of some of the duties:

- ♥ **Be yourself.** That means if you are good on the phone, use the phone; if face-to-face is your thing, do that; or maybe email or Facebook is what you're good at; or even cards/notes via snail mail. If you feel uncomfortable, they will, too.
- ♥ Each group will have about **10-15 people in it.**
- ♥ If you can, try and touch base with the regular attendees on Sunday - a simple, "Hi," might do. **But also keep an ear out for joys and concerns that are shared. And follow up with contact.** How much contact is too much? You will know. Their body language will tell you.
- ♥ If you notice someone's attendance or participation has changed (gone down), contact them. I would advise that at least once a month, somehow let them know you care: through your personal conversations, electronic communication, phone, or notes. Pay special attention to birthdays, anniversaries and moments of great joy or concern.

*My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.* 2 Corinthians 12:9



## New Roles for Deacons/Greeters

With church growth, comes new opportunities. Our deacons and greeters will be helping us with some new responsibilities in and around worship.

- 1) We need ushers to help people know when to come forward for communion. **The deacons who are designated "U" (short for usher) on the schedule will guide each row as to when to come forward for communion.** Simply go to the back of the sanctuary during the communion hymn and at the appointed time, guide rows to come forward.
- 2) The deacons will also be handing out worship bulletins. That means **the deacons designated "B" (short for bulletin) on the schedule will need to get here by 9:30am to hand people a bulletin as they come into the sanctuary.** You will hand them out in the sanctuary itself. This will help clear our crowded narthex **and make it a more inviting atmosphere for our newcomers.**
- 3) The **greeters then will have to the job of greeting and getting people to sign the guest book.** During good weather, this will be done outside before people enter the building. During severe heat or incimate weather, it will be done in the narthex.

Questions? Just ask Bob Wen or Pastor Paul

## Have you "Friended" us on FB?

Get **updates** of your church happenings; See **photos** of events; Connect with church friends and get **observations from the folks** in the congregation. As an **added free bonus**, you'll occasionally get puns from Pastor Paul...okay, that pun part may fall into the "burden" category rather than a "free bonus", but it is fun to read the comments of members and connect with church folks throughout the week. **Become a Facebook friend of Desert Heritage Church!**

For more info about the *Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, look up their website: [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

or go to the Arizona Region's site:  
[www.arizonadisciples.com](http://www.arizonadisciples.com)

For more information about the *United Church of Christ*, look up the website: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)

or go to the Southwest Conference's site:  
[www.uccswc.org](http://www.uccswc.org)

Don't forget to check out our DHC webpage:  
[www.dhcmesa.com](http://www.dhcmesa.com)



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

Return Address Requested

## August Youth

**THANK YOU!**

There are sooooo many people to thank for making our VBS experience so great. First, thanks to the kids—wide eyed and full of energy ready to participate and learn each day.

Second, thank you to the youth and all of the helpers and teachers.

Plus, we want to thank all of the people who planned and organized the week.

A special thank you to Laurel North and Wendy Whitlock for their leadership, and to Rowdy and Cheddar (Chatter's cousin) for their comedy relief. It was a great week! **Yee-Haw!**

**Record attendance on  
July 17th celebrated our  
week of VBS!**

We will be having our  
Sunday school kick-off on

**Sunday,  
September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Makes plans to be here!  
If you can help, contact Laurel North.



With school starting up soon, our cookie ministry with Kino Jr. High will begin soon, too. If you are interested in helping out, talk with Janet Reeves. Also, now is the time to start bringing in cookies. (Please bring ones that won't melt in our afternoon sun!)