

# THE HERITAGE HERALD

## A Letter From Paul

What does it mean to live God's grace? How about God's justice—what's that all about? Got a clue about inclusiveness—what needs to happen for that to occur? When we say, "we welcome all", what does that mean? How does our collective gathering inspire us to live God's grace, justice, and inclusiveness?

What does it mean to live **God's grace**?

Those questions are on the forefront of my thoughts and will be the focus of the sermon for January 29th. How does our faith implement our mission statement?

How do we affirm the dignity and worth of all people while providing a safe and healthy environment for young and old alike?

Got a clue about **inclusiveness**?

When we say, "**we welcome all**", what does that mean?

Rather than settle for 15 second sound bite answers,

I want us to wrestle with these questions. I want us to think about them on our commute to work. I want us to pray about them when we close our eyes at night in prayer.

I want you to have the opportunity to answers these questions. Thus, we will be gathering in the coming months in "house meetings" to discuss these items.

We will discuss and listen to

How about **God's justice**—what's that all about?

one another and to God. And together we will live God's grace, justice, and inclusiveness in 2012 and beyond.

Thanks be to God! Shalom, Paul

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## Paz de Cristo Report

I think we broke a record on the number of helpers—29! Wow! Thank you to:

Jim & Pam (and her dad), 3 Albins,  
5 Whitlocks, 5 Chistensons, Nancy,  
Will & Katherine, Laurel & Ali, Kathy,  
2 Warners, Mary W., and 3 Schnecks.

We served 260+ meals—over 60 more than what was expected. We ran out of everything! So, our crew blessed and multiplied what we could find in the kitchen and came up with some BBQ beef sandwiches. And, when that ran out, they cooked up hot dogs. No one went away hungry! Thanks be to God! Good job, servants!

Our Next Opportunity to serve at Paz is **SUNDAY, February 5!**

Make it a super Sunday, serve at Paz!

The Health Department is requiring that volunteers at Paz be 10 years or older

## Food Donation for Month of February



### "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. Just bring a piece of mail (current) showing you have a place to live and your personal ID. The hours are from 10am - 2pm.

## DHW Garage Sale is Coming! March 16-17

It's that time again! Yes, our sale will be here on March 16th & 17th. So, bring your outgrown clothes, household appliances, furniture—almost anything except we do not accept unwanted spouses or partners—you must get rid of those on your own! Please save large donated items until the week of the sale.

We need **LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ORGANIZE AND SORT AND SET-UP.** Contact Fran Williams, DHW President, for more information.



## Desert Heritage Women

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 14th at noon at church. Bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Mary Thomas and the lesson will be led by Lauri Moser.

The next Bake Sale will be Sunday, February 19. If you know of anyone who needs a prayer quilt, please let us know.

## Women's Renewal

What: A one day renewal for women right here in Mesa

Theme: Discovering our Ministry

Date: Sat. Feb. 25th

Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Place: Wendy Whitlock's (1911 E. Fountain St., Mesa)

Cost: \$5.00

Info: Contact Krystal Reece [greece@cox.net](mailto:greece@cox.net) or Anita Joy [joyjoy57@cox.net](mailto:joyjoy57@cox.net)

## Men's Group



Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 18 at 8:00am where donuts will be served. Let Don Pew know if you are coming. The tailgate party will be Sunday, March 18. See the tailgate article on page 4 for more information.

Bible Study: We meet in our conference area in the narthex from 6 to 7pm on Wednesdays. See Mary Whitlock for a book. Walk-ins are welcomed!

Interested in being a Liturgist or Scripture Reader? Talk with Pastor Paul.

## For those who like to plan way out ahead...

The 26th annual weekend women's retreat will be held in Payson on June 8th, 9th, and 10th. The theme is "ARE YOU A FAN OR A FOLLOWER?" Cost is \$80.00. Partial scholarships are available. Everyone is invited to a weekend of spiritual growth, fun and enrichment. See Mary Whitlock or Anita Joy for details.

"Blessed are the peacemakers..."

Matthew 5:9

To be the church God calls us to be we've got to have a heart, a brain and some courage; sometimes 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, Dan Dugan, Carol Eagan, Ed Hook, Terese Hovan, Skip Hughes, Jean McColgin, Bob Montgomery, Dennis Pestel, Don Pew, Camille Pietz, Rich Richardson, Margie Sanders, Maynard Schneck, Mary Short, Paul Whitlock, Our Timothy's: Michael Whitlock & Ryan Dugan, UCC Conference Minister John Dorhauer, DOC Regional Minister Denny Williams**

**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. The congregation is invited to join anytime.

♥ We express our sympathy to the family and friends of **Gerry Dillman** who died on January 1, 2012. Services were held on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

♥ We welcome **Richard and Myana Albin** (and their daughters, **Cassidy and Kiah** and granddaughter, **Kloe**). They joined on January 1, 2012—a great way to start the new year. They live at 205 W. McKellips Dr., Mesa, AZ 480-217-8774. *Give them a warm welcome!*

♥ Last year we had **25 new members join**, how many will we have this year? Can we beat the total from last year? **Pray it so!**

♥ Congratulations to **Tiffany Davis and Keely Hughes** who celebrated their anniversary and became officially **Tiffany and Keely Hughes!**

♥ Congratulations to **Paige Nyland and Leslie Ann Nancy** who were married in our sanctuary on January 21. Photos are on Desert Heritage Church's **facebook page**.

♥ Congratulations to **Don Teply and Dave Hamdan** whose prayer was answered and are adopting **Aaron and Ryan**.

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

Rec.: \$ 125,766.67

Exp.: \$ 123,105.98

Bud.: \$ 112,510.00

The "received" and "expenses" for 2011 includes special outreach offerings and projects like the patio.

**Avg. Attendance: 95. 25 new members in 2011!**  
**Wow! God things are happening!**

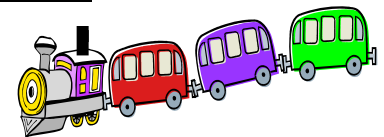
### Report through 01/22/2012

Jan. 1: 92

Jan. 8: 105

Jan. 15: 113

Jan. 22: 107



Rec: \$12,746.04 Exp: \$6,826.64 Bud: \$12,562.92

*Historically, we need to receive 9.6% of our budget in January. Thus far, we have received 10.5%.*

*Most of our bigger bills come at the end of the month and have not yet posted.*

*At the Congregation Meeting on January 15, 2012 the congregation passed the ministry budget of \$120,604. Thank you to all who made a pledge for 2012.*

**Monday, February 13,  
3:00pm at the church...**

**"What happens  
after you call 911?"**

Presented by our Grief Group—Contact  
Krystal Reece for more information.

## Congregational Safety Policy

*The DHC Board is continuing their discussing an over-all policy that will protect and insure the safety of congregants at all times.* Central to this policy is that we will make sure that no adult is alone with children. This will provide safety for the kids and for the adults. **That means parents of kids will need to step up and volunteer for kids' programs, including Sunday school and our nursery time. Contact Laurel North to help out.** If you have any questions about this matter, Talk with Pastor Paul or Verlin Pietz.

# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME ON MARCH 18TH

**WHAT:** The annual All Church Tailgate Party.  
(Hamburgers, Bratwurst, drinks, and side dishes.)  
and Cubs Ball game: Cubs vs. the White Sox.

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 18 after worship. Pre-game  
lunch at Hohokam Field.

**FOLLOWED BY:** The Cubs vs. the White Sox at 1:05  
p.m. first come—first served will get shaded seats!

**WHERE:** Hohokam Stadium (1235 N. Center Street,  
Mesa). Under trees and Statue of Chief Hohokam on  
North Center Street.

**HOW:** Plan on sharing rides after Sunday  
worship...remember it costs each car that enters the  
stadium grounds a parking fee...so ride together.

**RESERVATIONS FOR THE GAME** will be taken starting  
on Sunday, January 29th at church or contact

**Don Riemer 847-309-1523**

**Don Pew 480-497-6047 or**

**Richard Hicks at 480-250-2460**

**COST FOR THE TAILGATE & TICKET—  
\$30 per person. \$24 = ticket; \$6 = tailgate.**  
All Money due at church on /or BEFORE MARCH  
4TH.



If you can help with  
the tailgate party  
contact **Richard Hicks**  
at 480-250-2460.

For more information about the UCC, look up the website: <http://www.ucc.org>  
or go to the Southwest Conference's site: <http://www.uccswc.org/>

For more information about the Disciples of Christ, look up their website: <http://www.disciples.org>  
or go to the Arizona Region's site: <http://www.arizonadisciples.com/>

If you would like to be added to the UCC Conference or the Disciple Regional  
email listings, contact the DHC office.



## Lent Begins Wed., Feb. 22, 2012



Q: Why is it important to remember the  
season of Lent?

A: **The season of Lent is**, to my mind, *the most unusual  
season of all.* **Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany** are filled  
with **expectation, warmth, and wonder.** **Easter** is full of  
**joy.** The **Day of Pentecost** is filled with **excitement.**  
**Ordinary Time** (the time between Pentecost Sunday and  
Advent) **describes much of my life**—ordinary.

When we gather for  
worship in Lent,  
the sanctuary  
will be in  
the round.

Worship in the round

But Lent is different; it's a paradox. On the one hand it is  
a quieter, more subdued season. The music is softer, the  
words are measured, the faces are reflective, the ashes  
linger. On the other hand, the time between Ash  
Wednesday and Easter is the most intense Christian time of  
all as we explore deep questions like,

- What does it mean to be me?
- What does God want me to do with my life?
- How do I become a better person?

Lent is also a time for the church to meditate upon the  
meaning of the cross in Christian faith and life. **The height  
and depth of Easter joy is directly proportional to the  
intensity of our awareness of the cross.**

### **Lent Begins on Wed., Feb. 22**

We will gather with our sister churches at  
**First Christian Church** (805 N. Country Club  
Drive, Mesa) at **7:00pm, Feb. 22nd** for worship.  
One highlight will be the **combined choirs** of  
all churches **singing an awesome anthem.**





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

Return Address Requested

## FeBRuary Youth

February 5, join us at Paz from 4 to 7pm.

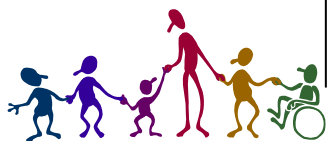


Thank you to everyone who made the Silent Auction a success! We raised over \$600 for camp. Good Job DHC!

Camp is July 1st—July 6th in Prescott.

Chi-Rho & CYF will meet on Feb. 5th at 5:00pm at First Christian Church (805 N. Country Club Dr., Mesa).

Wed., Feb. 22nd at 7:00pm  
 ASH WEDNESDAY service  
 At First Christian.



### Confirmation & Pastor's Class



Here at DHC, we have unique opportunities to explore our faith: Baptism may occur for people of any age—from infant on up!

For those who were baptized as small children (sprinkled), a Confirmation Class is offered when they are old enough to formally make their decision to follow Christ.

For those who want to wait for a believer's baptism (immersion), a Pastor's Class is also offered.

**The Confirmations & the Baptisms will take place on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012!**

**Pastor Paul will be leading a class for those seeking Confirmation or a believer's Baptism during Lent.**

Contact him for more information.



Help us with our Cookie Ministry! We hand out cookies to Kino students on Wednesdays. Contact our "Cookie Lady" Janet Reeves, or sign-up in the Heritage room. We need helpers and cookies! Thank you!