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A Letter From Paul

Sue Bender, in her book *Everyday Sacred*, describes how she began to develop an attitude of gratitude. It had, she says, something to do with an **exploding turkey!**



I invite you to get a piece of paper and something with which to write. *Students, I've got an assignment for you!*

A couple of years ago I asked you to go back over the years and think of the people who have made a difference in your life. This time, I want you to deal with the present. **Your assignment:**

Take a few minutes right now and think of the people in your life (those folks right beside you everyday or across the aisle at work or church) who currently are a healing, calming presence in your life—people who are inspiring to you right here—right now. Maybe it's a someone who is always there to listen to you, someone who is constantly there for you come rain or shine, a person whose attitude is an inspiration, a friend whose insights are challenging and informative. Come up with at least five names.

Now, please do a couple of things:

She writes: "Last month my husband Richard and I decided, at age 60 and 63, it was finally time to be grown-up and responsible. Neither of us is practical about business or financial matters. We went to a lawyer and started the process of making a will and a living trust for our sons.

"What would you like to do in case there's an 'exploding turkey?'" the lawyer asked.

"Exploding turkey?" I asked. "What if the whole family was together at Thanksgiving and the turkey exploded?" he asked. "If the four of you were killed at that moment, who would you want to have your worldly goods?"

That turned out to be a terrific assignment.

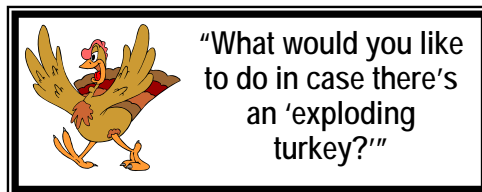
"It was a chance to think about the people in our lives, a chance to be grateful and express our gratitude.

"I decided to create a new ritual. I would stop at the end of the day, even a particularly difficult day, and make a list:

"A gratitude list."

Reading about that made me think:

For whom or for what are we grateful?



- Write the names of these people on your piece of paper.

- Then, think of the challenge, joy, and wholeness these people bring to your life and then express your gratitude for them.

- That means, covenant with God to contact these folks **this week** and share your thoughts—a note, a call or in person.

Give thanks for all of the blessings in your life, *even strange assignments like this one!*

Shalom, Paul

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Paz de Cristo Report

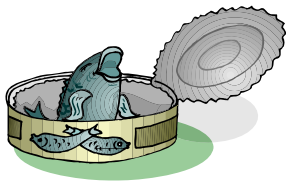
We served spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, fruit salad, buttered rolls, pastries and PBJ's and four drinks. We had lots of help. Thanks to: Joanne, Verlin, Laurel, Joyce, Don & Jim, Jim D., Kathie, Mary W., Wendy, Paul & Ruthie, Sarah, Michael, Silvia, Abigail, Esther, Warners x 2, Chris & Eric, , and me. Love, Jean

Our Next Opportunity to serve at Paz is **SUNDAY, November 6!!**

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

Food Donation for Month of November

TUNA



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 to 2pm.

This month, they need us to bring tuna.



CROP WALK ,
Sunday,
November 13th

At 1:30pm See Pastor Paul if you are interested in participating.

Need Help????

- ◆ In need of housing help, check out this webpage. It has really helpful stuff: www.azforeclosureprevention.org 1-877-448-1211.
- ◆ Also, a favorite jobs hunting spot for many is: www.JobHuntersBible.com

Desert Heritage Women

Desert Heritage Women would like to thank everyone who baked and bought items from their bake sale: \$145 was raised which will help with their prayer quilt ministry and cover the nursery for the church. Our next bake sale will be Dec. 11th. 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, Nov. 8th.**

Men's Group

Our next meeting will be **Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8:00am** where **Breakfast will be served.** Let Don Pew know if you are coming so he can catch enough chickens & gather enough eggs.



Bible Study:

"In the Eye of the Storm" by Max Lucado.

Our Wednesday night Bible Study has been a huge success. **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!

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

Isaiah 1:17

All Church—Clean-Up Day Saturday, Nov. 12th



Inside, outside, and everywhere in between is going to get cleaned, fixed, straightened. Do you have a particular talent? Is there a spot in the church that you think really needs attention? Come and participate. Come as little or as much as you can. **We'll start at 8:00am on Saturday, Nov. 5th** and keep going until folks get tired and go home! Thanks.



Peace and Justice Ministry

The next Peace and Justice ministry will be held at **6:00pm on Monday, Nov. 21st at Silke's**. Silke's is located on the NW corner of McKellips and Gilbert Rd. You are invited



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:



Myana Albin, Pat Casey, Gerry Dillman, Dan Dugan, Ed Hook, Terese Hovan, Skip Hughes, Art Gilmore, Jean McColgin, Bob Montgomery, Dennis Pestel, Don Pew, Camille Pietz, 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.

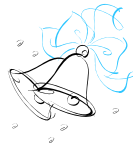


Welcome to our Newest Members... Welcome to Michael and Sarah Christenson (and their daughters, Silvia, Abigail, and Esther). They live at ADDRESS and PHONE number. That brings the total to 22 in 2011! Wow! Give them a warm welcome!



Congratulations to Joyce and Felix!

Joyce Lowe and Felix Arritola have announced their plans to get married at DHC on Friday, November 11, at 6:00pm. And you are invited. Please RSVP to Joyce if you are planning to attend.



Congratulations to our newest Elder! Karen Kirkland was ordained as a new Elder on October 9th. She brings a wealth of leadership and ability with her into that position. Thanks, Karen for being willing to serve.



Timothy Installed! What joy it was to install Ryan Dugan officially as a Timothy of this congregation. A "Timothy" is a young person who is training for ministry. Ryan is a Religious Studies major at Scottsdale Community College. **We're proud of you, 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 as of Oct.23rd

Sept 25:	84	Rec.:	\$	The financials were not available when we went to print.
Oct. 2:	87	Exp.:	\$	
Oct. 9:	79	Bud.:	\$	
Oct. 16:	98			
Oct. 23:	106			



**East Side Patio: New Slab—\$4,000
Received:\$1,950**

We'll need tables and chairs and a cover—this is above and beyond the slab—make a donation today!

Our Mission:



To live God's grace, justice, and inclusiveness.

Our Stewardship Campaign will be Nov. 6, 13, & 20, 2011. Mailings will go out the first week of November. Please prayerfully, make a pledge to our 2012 ministry budget.

The healing that you need.

Why is it so important to address grief? The answer is quite simple. Grief, especially severe grief, can negatively affect virtually every aspect of your life.

- ◆ It can restrict your ability to function properly at work.
- ◆ It can sour your family and personal relationships.
- ◆ It can virtually eliminate your enjoyment of leisure.
- ◆ It can negatively affect your health and well being.

In January, we'll be the grief program, *Journey to Joy*. This program offers a starting point for healing to those whose lives are negatively affected by the death of a loved one, whether the death occurred recently or many years ago. **Contact Anita Joy** if you are interested in participating. We invite you to regain life's joy.

Diaper Drive for the Anders!



Brandon and Avril Anders are expecting their third child (a girl) this December and the church is sponsoring a diaper drive for them. *Rather than a baby shower, we are inviting you to bring a package of diapers with you any of the Sundays in November* and place them in the laundry basket in the narthex.

Stewardship Drive 2012: *This Train is Bound for Glory*

This Train is Bound for Glory!

All Aboard!

Our 2012 stewardship campaign begins Sunday, November 6th. Our theme this year is *"This Train is Bound for Glory!"* And everyone is invited to **hop on board.**

As we travel on our stewardship journey, we invite everyone to prayerfully consider your own commitment of **time, talent & treasure.**

God is our engineer and will help us see some wonderful sights on this trip! The destination stops are as follows:

◆ Sunday, November 6th—The worship service will focus on stewardship;

◆ Sunday, November 13th—The worship service will focus on stewardship;

◆ Sunday, November 20th—Destination Sunday! Turn in your "destination ticket" (commitment card) on this Sunday and join us after church for our destination **potluck.**

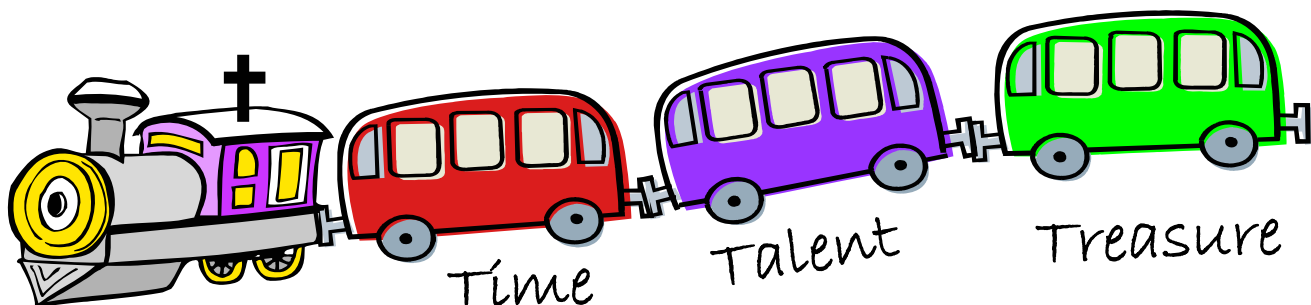


If you can't make it on November 20th to turn in your



ticket, **please drop off your destination ticket early by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office.** With each commitment or destination ticket, your picture will be added inside a railcar that will circle the sanctuary.

Join us on a trip of a lifetime!



Thanksgiving Dinner Invite— Nov. 24th



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 (there even was a game in
the back yard last year with a last minute
rally), 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!

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CELEBRATING OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE



In three short years, we will be
celebrating the 25th Anniversary of
Desert Heritage Church. This celebration will also
include, our birth churches, *Shepherd of the Desert Church*
and *Christian Heritage Church*.

A Historical Society is being formed. Members of the
Historical Society include:

Dan Dugan, Jean McColgin, Verlin and Camille Pietz,
Maynard and Nancy Schneck, Joanne Spotten, Fran
Williams, Joan Dellar and Susan Smith—Consultants
Krystal Reece—Facilitator

The Historical Society will assist the celebration committee
with any church history they might need. In the process,
we will begin to preserve the current collection. If you have
anything in your home that you feel should be included, in
the archives, please bring it to the church office. Thanks!

New Patio on East Side

We have a problem...a good problem!

The number of people staying for fellowship is greater
than our space can handle so...

We are planning a new patio on the East side of our
building (inside the area where the new trees were
planted).



- ◆ Imagine being able to walk around
the tables and chairs with plenty of
room—inside and outside!
- ◆ Imagine wide aisles and clear walk-
ways!
- ◆ Soon we will have a new patio *and*
you can help bring about that reality.

We need the slab, tables and seating, and a cover!
The slab alone will cost \$4,000. We're starting there
and we're about half way through our fund raising for that.
Seating and a cover will cost more (talk to Verlin about
specifics on these items).

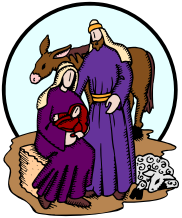
Please donate generously to our patio fund.

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/>



Worship Events and News

The Worship Ministry will be sponsoring a

Nativity Sets Display

on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:00pm & Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 10am to 1pm

Do you have a favorite one, two or three nativity sets you'd like to share? We want ones from around the world, fancy ones, simple ones, sentimental ones, all types (last year there was even a dinosaur one)! A Crèche café, aka, "Holy Grounds" will be serving fancy coffee where bake sale items may also be purchased. All money donated will go into our camp fund. The entrance fee to see all of the Nativity sets is a canned good for Paz de Cristo or a donation to the camp fund. For more information contact Rebecca Robinaugh.



Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!

The worship ministry has requested that announcements be written down. *This will enable every announcement to be said over the microphone and thus be heard.*

Communion Bread Makers Needed

If you are interested in providing communion bread for us either by purchasing it or making it yourself, contact the church office & sign up!

Communion Wear Dedicated

We have two new chalices and two matching plates for our communion table. While identical in style, they are hand made, and are distinctly unique as well—just like you and me. The worship ministry would like to thank our generous donor for this special gift.



Advent Begins Nov. 27th

The Worship will mark the beginning of Advent with our 3rd Annual Healing Service at 6:00pm on Sunday, November 27th in the sanctuary. It will be a time of prayer, songs, scripture and brief meditations. It's a great way to begin the holidays.

All-Church Potluck:

Sunday, Nov. 20 after worship!

- Celebrating our conclusion of our Stewardship Drive.
- Officially welcoming back our Winter Friends.
- Decorate / Prepare Sanctuary and church for the seasons of Advent and Christmas! This is always a lot of fun!

Staff Changes at DHC

Cleaning Team Changes

We have been blessed for many years by the cleaning services provided by Andre Brice and his family. It has become a regular part of Sunday morning for those who like to arrive super early to see Andre and the kids hustling around cleaning. We are grateful for their years of faithful service to the church and wish them the very best in the future.

Our temporary solution to finding a replacement is that a member of DHC has volunteered to clean if the church puts the money we would normally spend on such cleaning into our "East Side—Patio Project." (See article on page 5 for more information on this).

New Secretary

We have been blessed with the presence of Susie Anderson as our church secretary for 6 years. She has served the church so wonderfully. We are grateful for her time, her patience, her skills, her friendly welcome in our office. Susie has gone on to work fulltime in the Gilbert School District. We are sad to see her leave us but we are excited for all of the possibilities this new opportunity holds out for her and her family.

Katy Messare is our new Administrative Assistant. Yay! She brings a wealth of skills and a warm and friendly personality to the position. She is married to Jonathan Messare and together they have a five year old daughter and 3 year old son. Give her a warm welcome. And give her time to get to know the congregation and the job.

November is Wear Your Name Tag Month! You are important and we want to call you by name. It is especially meaningful during communion for the elders to be able to call you by name. Plus, it also helps our newest members, visitors and our returning winter friends remember names. Thanks!





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 10:00am Worship & Children's Church

Return Address Requested

November Youth

East Valley Youth Groups

(From **Community Christian** in Tempe,
Chalice Christian in Gilbert, **FCC** in Mesa
 and **Desert Heritage!**)

- ◆ **CCF (3rd-5th) Nov. 5-6: Retreat at Capilla Del Sol CC in Tucson.**
- ◆ **Chi-Rho (6th-8th) will meet Sunday, November 6 from 5-7pm at Community Christian (1701 S. College Ave., Tempe, 85281). *Plus, we encourage our youth to go on the CROP walk, Nov. 13th.***
- ◆ **CYF (9th-12th) will meet Sunday, November 6 from 5-7pm at Community Christian (1701 S. College Ave., Tempe, 85281). *Plus, we encourage our youth to go on the CROP walk, Nov. 13th.***

Kids and Youth Gather at 9:00am for Sunday School Every Sunday Morning!

Laurel North is gathering with kids at 9:00am for a time of sharing and exploration of scripture. So, come early and learn.



If you are interested in helping with our church school program (during worship) or with our youth activities, contact Laurel North at alisgranny02@yahoo.com



We need all our kids and all of our youth and parents to help out with our Christmas program. If you are interested in helping, contact Laurel North.



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!