

# THE HERITAGE HERALD

Our Mission: To live God's grace, justice, and inclusiveness.

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## A Letter From Paul

"No Excuse Sunday."



In order to make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we're planning a special no-excuse Sunday.

**No Excuse Sunday!**

**Cots** will be placed in the Narthex for those who say, "Sunday is my only day for sleeping."

**Eye drops** will be available for those whose eyes are tired from staying up too late on Saturday.

We'll have **steel helmets** for those who believe the roof will cave in if they show up for church.

**Blankets** will be furnished for those too cold; **fans** for those who say the church is too hot.

We'll have **hearing aids** for those who say, "The pastor doesn't talk loud enough." There will be **cotton** for those who say, "The pastor talks too loud."

**For those who see Jesus in grilled cheese sandwiches, snacks will be provided after worship.**

**Score cards** will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.

We guarantee that a **relative** will be present

for those who like to go visit family on Sunday.

There will be **TV dinners** available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner, too.

One section of the church will have some **trees and grass** for those who see God in nature, especially on the lake or the golf courses.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas **poinsettias** and Easter **lilies** for those who have never seen the church without them.

"No excuse Sunday" sounds kind of funny, but it wouldn't work. **For those who want to be at worship, almost nothing can keep them away.**

And for those who don't want to worship, any excuse will do. *In which group do you fall?* Let's remember the Sabbath and not make excuses.

I realize you have many choices of where to go and what to do on Sunday.

**I invite you to come and join in the excitement that God is bringing about at Desert Heritage!**

Shalom, Paul

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# News to Share from the Sanctuary Chair



## Paz de Cristo Report

Another hot night but everyone got served: 156 people and 195 plates. Thanks to: Laurel, Jill, Jim F., Christenson 5, Whitlock 4, Mary W., Kathie, Warners, Chris & Eric, Jim & Pam, Joyce and me.

We served Fritos rice, chili, cheese, tossed salad, fruit salad, pastries, bread & butter, PBJs & 3 drinks. It was a holiday weekend, but we had great help. Thanks to all. Bless you. Love, Jean

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**Our Next Opportunity to serve at Paz is SUNDAY, Oct. 2nd!!**  
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The Health Department is requiring that volunteers at Paz be 10 years or older

## Food Donation for Month of October

### Hamburger Helper



(They STILL need them—so we're doing the same thing again). 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 be good helpers and bring some helper.*

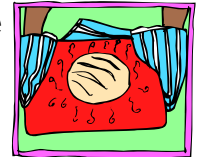
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**CROP WALK , Sunday, November 13th**  
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*The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 8th election is October 10th. If you are not registered, we encourage you to do so. Talk with Wayne Manske and he'll help you register for which ever party you want.*

## Desert Heritage Women

Desert Heritage Women have met 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. We will also be having a few bake sales this next year to help finance our ministry.

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, Oct. 11th.**

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**Men's Group**

9 men gathered at our last meeting, several of which had just finished the lawn work. Thanks to Richard and Art who helped cook the breakfast! Good job, guys! At the meeting we discussed upcoming events and told wild stories. It was a very entertaining event. **Our next meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 15 at 7:30am where Breakfast will be served.**



Let Don Pew know if you are coming so he can catch enough chickens & gather enough eggs.

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**Bible Study: "In the Eye of the Storm" by Max Lucado.**

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.** Books are available at the cost of \$6.00, payable to the church. This promises to be an inspiring study, with a group of involved and friendly folks. Everyone is welcome: come join us! See Mary Whitlock for a book. Walk-ins are welcomed!

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**A Christian Perspective on Disabilities Ministry**

**Oct. 27th 4:00pm-5:00pm**

**Point of contact: Dennis Pestel 480-580-5612**

This will be our first meeting and we are welcoming ALL... Physically/mentally/or emotionally disabled does not matter—a Caretaker for someone with a disability—or a Family member who has a person who is disabled in their family. A calendar will be presented, and many informative handout will be available. It is important to make everyone feel welcome and included.

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:



**Myana Albin, Pat Casey, Gerry Dillman, Dan Dugan, Ed Hook, Skip Hughes, Art Gilmore, Bob Montgomery, Dennis Pestel, Don Pew, Camille Pietz, Margie Sanders, Maynard Schneck, Mary Short, Joanne Spotten, Paul Whitlock, Our Timothys: 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. 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 Grief Ministry Team...

Connecting with people is always important. It is especially crucial when people are dealing with issues with grief: death, loss of job, loss of housing, relationship break-ups, illness, death of a dream. **The Grief Ministry Team would like for you to consider making a donation of stamps to help with this vital ministry.** We continue to send cards and notes as a follow-up for a year after a death and also sends cards and notes in response to the Joys & Concerns. Can you help us with our stamps? Talk with Susan Dillman or Paul Whitlock if you can help.



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*"I want to thank you for your cards, notes and prayers in my battle with Parkinsons. They are welcome and appreciated. Love to all and our fine church--of which I am most proud. Ed Hook*

**Have you had a pet die?** Ever not known what to say? Ever felt "guilty" about feeling bad when "just a pet" died? Pets are part of creation and can quickly part of our families. Of course we grieve when they die. **Rev. Jill Borden has put together some information to know what to say when our pets die.** Contact Jill or the church office for help.



I'm beginning to believe that kindness is the answer to all questions ever asked...that generosity is the cure for all that ails us...that giving is the meaning of life. Amy Wink Krebs

Christians stewardship begins with God's love, affirms God's ownership, and then celebrates God's partnership. There is nothing we do by ourselves. Donal W. Joiner

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 Sept. 18th

Aug. 28:	76	Rec.:	\$ 88,845.60
Sept. 4:	85	Exp.:	\$ 80,319.65
Sept. 11:	105	Bud.:	\$ 86,095.22
Sept. 18:	81		

Our Camp fund sits at 1444.12

Vending Machine revenue: \$ 171



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# The World Comes to the Lord's Table



Each year, Christians around the world mark the first Sunday in October by coming together and gathering around the Lord's Table for communion.

This year, World Communion Sunday falls on October 2, 2011. And, as described in Luke 13:29, "The people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God."

As members of Desert Heritage Church our worship on World Communion Sunday rejoices in our unity given in Christ, which transcends our brokenness and division.

In a world that places a strict litmus test on who is welcomed and who is not, this is our mission:

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

Our unity is fully expressed in communion, which reminds us that we welcome one another at the table as Christ welcomed us. There is enough room at Christ's table for everyone...you, me, all the world.

From our website:

**"The table is set for sinners, dancers, and dreamers.**

**The table is set for the dying, divorced, suffering and fearful.**

**The table is set for the excluded, the joyful and thankful.**

The table is set for you and me."



Come and celebrate this holy meal with your brothers and sisters at Desert Heritage Church and your brothers and sisters from around the world.

We will have bread from around the world from which you can choose. We will celebrate in worship, also, with the chairs "in the round". They will then remain that way until Advent when they will be turned and face the tradition way.

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**World Communion Sunday is October 2, 2011**

## October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

Some things to be aware of: Does your partner: *Embarrass you with bad names & put-downs? Control what you do, who you see, or where you go? Take your money or refuse to give you money? Tell you that you are a bad parent? Destroy property or threaten you? Push, slap or hit you? Threaten to commit suicide? Act like the abuse is no big deal, or your fault?* **Important numbers: National Hotline 1-800-799-7233**

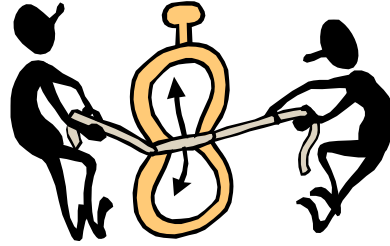
**Maricopa Co. Contacts: Shelter Hotline 1-800-799-7739**

**Sojourner Center 602-244-0089**

# DHC...One Church; Two Denominations

## The United Church of Christ in a Minute

From the book, *"You Might Be a UCCer if..."*



- ♥ You know that B.C.E. does not stand for "Before Cleveland Era";
- ♥ You begin the Lord's Prayer with the words "Our Parent who art in heaven...";
- ♥ You know that E & R is not a railroad in Monopoly;
- ♥ Your primary theological statement begins with, "It seems to me...";
- ♥ When you only have one preset left on the car radio, it does not take you more than 4 nanoseconds to choose between NPR and Rush Limbaugh;
- ♥ When you hear the word "Plymouth," the first image that comes to mind is not a car;
- ♥ Potluck Sunday features tofu and organic veggies, but a full range of decadent dessert;
- ♥ Your worship bulletin consistently reads: "Untied Church of Christ";
- ♥ The Peace and Justice Task Force meeting in your church has been preempted by a neighborhood self-defense course;
- ♥ You wrote letters to the hymnal committee thanking them for revising the lyrics to your favorite Christmas carols.

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)

## Sixty Seconds with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

From the book, *"You Might Be a Disciple if..."*

- ♥ Your airplane seatmate sees your chalice lapel pin and asks you why you're against drinking;
- ♥ You pastor owns a pair of waders and doesn't fish;
- ♥ Your four-year-old thinks the Last Supper surely must have been a potluck;
- ♥ You worship in a different Disciples congregation and discover yet another way to have communion;
- ♥ You show up for Bible study without one;
- ♥ You consider yourself evangelistically challenged;
- ♥ When asked if your congregation is pro or con on any social issue you answer, "yes";
- ♥ Your elder prays about wine, but the deacon serves you grape juice;
- ♥ You don't want the sermon to last more than twenty minutes so you can beat the Methodists to the restaurants;
- ♥ You think churchwide planning is an oxymoron;
- ♥ Your baptismal candidates learn about faith, prayer, and breath control.



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)

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



The Worship Ministry will be sponsoring a

## Nativity Sets Display

on Friday, Dec. 2nd & Saturday, Dec. 3rd.

Do you have a favorite one you'd like to show off?

Contact Rebecca Robinaugh.

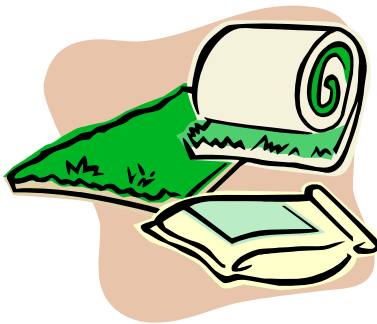
## Announcements, Announcements, Annnnnnnouncements!

The worship ministry has requested that announcements be written down and Pastor Paul will give them. **This will enable every announcement to be said over the microphone and thus be heard.** Help us out by providing writing out the announcements ahead of time.

## Time to re-seed the church lawn!

Oct. 1, Saturday,  
7:00am

We will be preparing our playground lawn as well as the three small lawns on the south side of the church to be seeded with winter rye grass. This is a BIG job. We need all available help. Contact Verlin Pietz if you can help out.



It's not too late to join Choir! We're practicing on Wednesday, October 5 and Wednesday, October 19!

## Time To Get It Together: So You're Family Won't Have To! Twenty-five 'Death' Papers You May Need

1. Marriage license
2. Divorce papers
3. Personal and family medical history
4. Durable health care power of attorney
5. Authorization to release health-care information
6. Living will
7. Do-not-resuscitate order (DNR)
8. Housing, land and cemetery deeds
9. Escrow mortgage accounts
10. Proof of loans made and debts owed
11. Vehicle titles
12. Stock certificates, savings bonds and brokerage accounts
13. Partnership and corporate operating agreements
14. Tax returns (3 years)
15. Life-insurance policies
16. IRA's
17. 401 (K) accounts
18. Pension documents
19. Annuity contracts
20. List of bank accounts
21. List of all user names and passwords
22. List of safe-deposit boxes
23. Will
24. Letter of instruction
25. Trust documents

Live holy!

Laugh often!

And Love with flair

and extravagance.

Linda H. Hollies

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

Return Address Requested

## October Youth

### East Valley Youth Groups

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

- ◆ **CCF (3rd-5th)** will meet **Sunday, October 21st** from 5:30-7:30pm at **Bill and Mary Jacobs' home**: (1821 E. Carver Rd., Tempe, 480-755-7554).
- ◆ **Chi-Rho (6th-8th)** will meet **Sunday, October 2** from 5-7pm at **Chalice** (15303 S. Gilbert Road, Gilbert). *Plus, there will be an gathering on October 16 in which the time and place and event will be determined later.*
- ◆ **CYF (9th-12th)** will meet **Sunday, October 2** from 5-7pm at **Chalice** (15303 S. Gilbert Road, Gilbert). *Plus, there will be an gathering on October 16 in which the time and place and event will be determined later.*

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](mailto:alisgranny02@yahoo.com)



Friday, Oct. 21 at 6:00pm will be our next family game night. It is a great chance to for your family to get together with other families and share fun times, fellowship and laughs!



**Our Cookie Ministry has begun again.** Yeah! Want to help? We hand out cookies to Kino students on Wednesdays. Contact our "Cookie Lady" **Janet Reeves**, or **sign-up in the Heritage room**. Thank you!