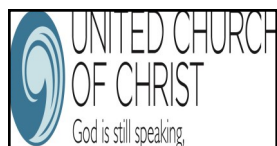


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United Church News

PASTOR'S POST

Easter Season Greetings,

Late last year I bought an air fryer. I love it! I had been thinking about one for some time, ran across a good deal, and decided to try it. I am so glad I did. I use it multiple times a week. One of my favorite "recipes" is pork loin and brussels sprouts. There are other favorites, too. But some of what I like in the air fryer I shouldn't put in writing in case my trainer happens to see this letter.

It's kind of hard to describe exactly how the air fryer works. It is a type of convection heat, which has been in use since the mid 1940's, but also includes rapid air technology. All I know is that my air fryer provides a crispness to my food that I enjoy and that I don't find with my George Foreman grill. Not to mention the air fryer makes much more sense to use in our Arizona summers than trying to warm up the oven.

I mention about my new air fryer because we find ourselves in the Easter Season (the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost) when we continue to highlight and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and lift up God's spirit of newness moving through our lives. Sometimes new things happen in unexpected ways. Sometimes they happen by choice. Regardless, I appreciate how new opportunities can add an adventurous element to life during this Easter Season or anytime.

What new undertakings have you experienced? The pandemic has caused all of us, and the church, to look at life in a whole new way. As I said on Easter Sunday, things are not the same in worship compared to before the pandemic and they won't be the same for a while. Some things won't ever be the same again. And that is OK for amid all the changes and the newness of our experiences, our reason for gathering on Sunday morning stays the same and that is the worship and praise of God by the people of God. May we never again take it for granted again.

Blessings for this Easter Season,

Pastor Brady



50 days after Firstfruits



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Greetings from our Music Ministry!



What an answer to prayer, to be worshipping LIVE together again! I certainly hope that everyone who wants to be in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings has been able to attend, even though I know only a certain number of people can be permitted at one time. It is such a blessing for us musicians, to finally be performing for all those (masked) smiling faces in our congregation. I consider it an even greater blessing that our church genuinely VALUES Music and our efforts to do our best with the talents God has given us each week.

A new weekly feature that I think you're going to love, is an instrumental solo by Floyd Ellison on piano! As a singer, I may have been prejudiced against instrumental music in church ("There's no lyrics?!") but in my former church, Community Church of Joy, my lovely friend named Marcia Andrews, started playing piano solos, and I realized it was a wonderful opportunity to meditate on an old hymn tune and to pray. Here's your chance to bring your most private or even painful prayers for a conversation with God, and to be surrounded by other prayer warriors asking God for help in so many different ways, all in the same place at the same time, with beautiful sacred music enhancing your worship experience!

Floyd is as humble as he is talented: he would like no applause ... just the silence after his solos for you to say your 'Amens' to yourself.

We were visited twice in April by two experts in sound engineering, Don Nelson, and Tom Leander, who have repaired a lot of "quirks" in our sound system. We're very grateful! Next, our organ is needing some TLC, and help is being arranged to have it filling our sanctuary with beautiful music again very soon!

Regular Sunday morning choir rehearsals will begin in September! Whether you're a veteran choir member here, or brand new to our church, please know that you are welcome to join us. I'll certainly keep you posted.

Singing Praises to His Holy Name,

Alan Paulson

Minister of Music





Greetings from your Parish Nurse!

How wonderful it is to be able to worship together again on Sundays. It is a bit different as we continue to follow CDC recommended guidelines in meeting together as we want all to feel safe as well as welcome. The good news is that the positivity rate for Maricopa County continues to hover at about 5%. Also, the vaccinations continue to be given to every adult age group now. Sun City in the 85351-zip code is recorded as having over 20,000 vaccinations which is close to 75% of the residents. This is great news for those living in our area.

I know that many of you have had vaccinations. And there are often two responses to the progress being made. One is wanting to tear off the masks and get on with life. The other is feeling that things are not "safe enough" yet to return to "normal" especially with variants on the horizon.

I can understand both feelings! In a situation like this, as a body of believers, I think we must find a way to meet somewhere in the middle. We need to allow for freedom to meet and connect, while at the same time, providing concern and safety for all.

Bear with us and with each other as we continue to put the overriding principle of loving our brothers and sisters into practice.

Lisa Dunbar

Lisa and her walking group



**COMMUNION at
United Church**
is the 1st Sunday of each month
Bring your own elements
Suggestion: grape & cracker

Are you in need of pastoral care?

If so, please contact the church

Office at 623-933-0058.

Office Hours: Monday through
Thursday,

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Memorial Day - USA

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DECORATION DAY
DINNER ON THE GROUND
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May Birthdays

David Nelson	05/05
Ruth Little	05/09
Ellyn Mae Ullman	05/09
Sue Stryker	05/10
Steve Halasz	05/12
Verna McDonald	05/14
Marj Karstens	05/15
Ron Wiebold	05/16
Debbie Still	05/19
Brenda Gunther	05/20
Martha McBroom	05/21
Jean Conquest	05/27
Char Niederhauser	05/28
Tim Burke	05/31
Audrey Goudy	05/31

May Anniversaries



Gregg & Mindy Ochoa 5/20

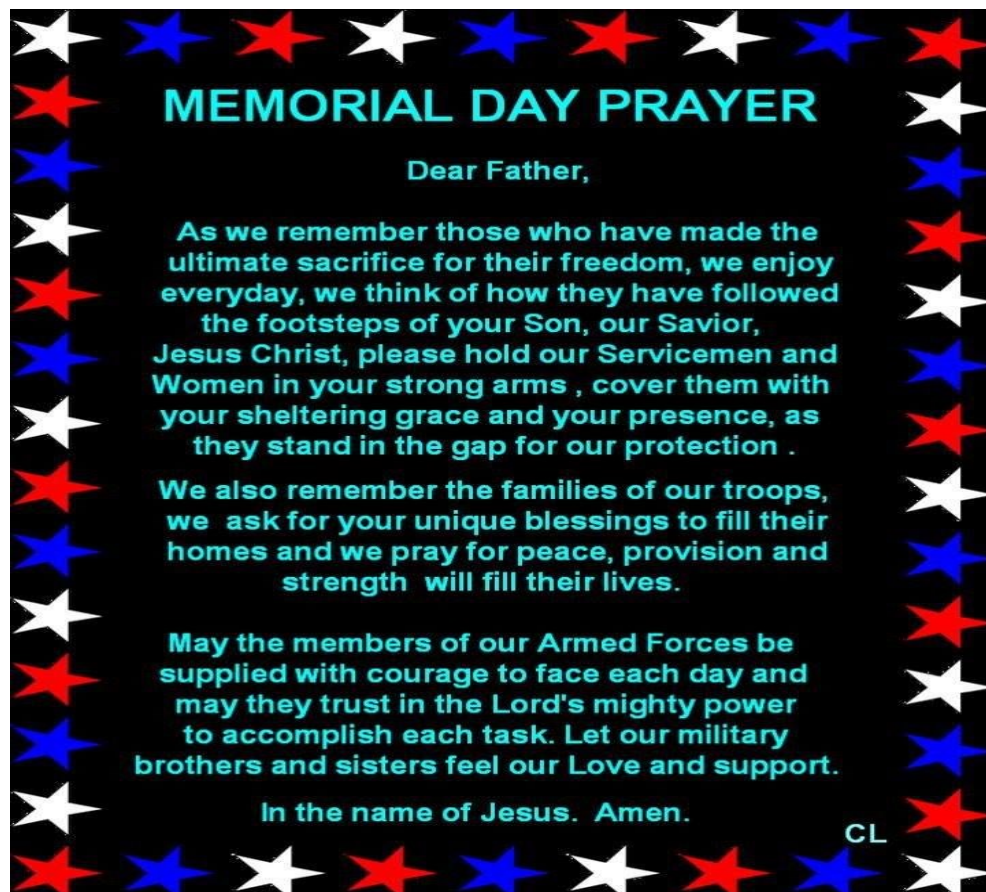
Valley View Food Bank

Jesse Ramirez, Valley View Director, is so appreciative of all donations from United Church throughout the years. Your generosity helps so many families in need in our community. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can mail it to:

Jesse Ramirez
Director, Valley View Food Bank
12321 NW Grand Ave

El Mirage AZ Mirage, AZ 85335

Jesse is in need of plastic bags for the thrift store. You can bring them to him at the address above.



Welcome our New Members!



Barrett & Barbara Rainey

ACTIVITIES AND FELLOWSHIP BOARD

Would like to invite you to *Paulie's Little Bite of Italy* for a Ladies Luncheon on May 11, 2021 at 12:30. It will be held on the Patio and seating is limited to 12 people. Please call the church office early for your reservations.

Stop by and take a look at our new pergola in the Memorial Garden



THE OLD GAZEBO IS NOW:



A NEW PERGOLA

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY OUR 9TH YEAR. IT JUST GETS BETTER!



Susan Aurich & Sara Shryock Naughty & Nice which is which?



Sharon Bargrain - Love the cap.



Roy & Dale? No, our very own Pat and Colonel Dilmore.



Donna Halasz and her Steampunk hat and mask.



Nancy Westcott in her Poodle Skirt.

WELCOME BACK TO UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021



PASTOR BRADY GREETING PEOPLE



PASTOR GIVING HIS SERMON



TAKING TEMPERATURES



SOLOISTS WITH THE MINISTER OF MUSIC ALAN PAULSON




USHERS HELPING PEOPLE TO THEIR SEATS



CONGREGATION ENJOYING THE SERVICE & MUSIC

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>THANK YOU !</p>					OFFICE CLOSED	1 OFFICE CLOSED
2 Worship 10:00 am Worship online after service Communion bring your own ele- ments Fifth Sunday of Easter	3 Walking group 1pm	4 Small Group Book Study in Grace Chapel 1:30pm	5 Walking group 1pm	6	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 OFFICE CLOSED
9 Worship 10:00 am Worship online after service Sixth Sunday of Easter	10 Walking group 1pm	11 Ladies Luncheon 12:30 Small Group Book Study in Grace Chapel 1:30pm	12 Walking group 1pm	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 OFFICE CLOSED
16 Worship 10:00 am Worship online after service Seventh Sunday of Easter Mental Health Sunday	17 Walking group 1pm	18 Small Group Book Study in Grace Chapel 1:30pm	19 Walking group 1pm	20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 OFFICE CLOSED
23 Worship 10:00 am Worship online after service Pentecost Sunday	24 Walking group 1pm	25 Small Group Book Study in Grace Chapel 1:30pm	26 Walking group 1pm	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED
30 Worship 10:00 am Worship online after service Trinity Sunday	31 Walking group 1pm Memorial Day 				 <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	

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Rev.Brady Abel, Senior Pastor

Bill Zimmer, Moderator

Alan Paulson, Minister of Music

Soloists: Craig Zimmerman, Caryl Leander & Kira Kadel

Beverly Fletcher, Organist

Mindy Ochoa, Administrative Assistant

Donna Halasz, Office Assistant

Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse

Steve Halasz, Custodian

Robin Lemkuil, Media

All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News

Office Hours 9:00am to 12:00pm—Monday through Thursday

The office is closed on Friday and Major Holidays

Sunday Worship Service 10am Sanctuary

Also online

Coffee Fellowship—Suspended until further notice

Communion the 1st Sunday of each Month bring your own elements

Choir rehearsal—Suspended until further notice

Bible Study—Email each week

Healing Service: Suspended until further notice