

NOVEMBER

2017

# PASTOR'S POST



## UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY United Church News

This month a little bit about a lot of things:

United Church was thrilled to host the Service of Installation for Reverend Dr. Bill Lyons as Conference Minister for the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ on Sunday October 15 at 3:00 p.m. A great big thank you goes out to all who helped with this service. It was a beautiful and moving service and a wonderful Sunday.

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Our faith community is constantly changing. People move in and out of our lives. It is important and good for us to take time and recognize these changes. Within the past few weeks we have welcomed Kelly Landis as our Interim Social Director. Please take time to greet Kelly if you haven't already had that chance. Welcome, Kelly!

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We recently said goodbye to Bob and Elsie Keep as they have moved to Missouri to be close to family. Bob served as United Church Custodian for many years. Best wishes Bob and Elsie. We will miss you.

Our concert season is underway at United Church. It started on Sunday September 17 with the All Star Band and featured songs by our soloists. The Sounds of the Southwest Singers will be here Sunday October 29 at 3:00 p.m. Sunday November 12 will be the fundraising concert and silent auction for the Tremble Clefs (3:00 p.m.). The Wind Ensemble will present the Christmas Concert on Thursday November 30 at 6:00 p.m. Please check out the church calendar, found in this newsletter, for all upcoming activities. Or check the bulletin when in worship (hint, hint, come to worship).

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I wish everyone a very Blessed Thanksgiving. Even in a world with trials and troubles, there is still much for which we can give thanks. This United Church family is one such gift.

God Bless,

*Pastor Brady*



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Office Hours 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday  
The office is closed on Fridays  
Sunday Worship Service—10 a.m. – Sanctuary  
Coffee Fellowship —11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary Communion the 1st Sunday of each Month  
Choir Rehearsal—Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (unless otherwise specified)  
Jubilee Bell Rehearsal—Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.  
Bible Study—Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel  
Healing Service: 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:15 a.m. in Grace Chapel

## What Does Love Mean? (Part 2)



A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8-year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think.

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6  
(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day." Noelle - age 7

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." Cindy - age 8

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 4

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." (what an image) Karen - age 7

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

Love and Blessings,



*Pastor Susan*



**Thank You** for your thoughtful gift and your support all these years. We love all of you and will miss everyone!  
Love,

**Bob & Elsie Keep**

**Our New ADDRESS**



To:

**Donna Walter, Moderator; Norm Still, Vice Moderator; United Church Council and Congregation:**

**Thank you!** Pastor Susan and I are truly touched by the recognition shown to us for Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 8. All the warm wishes, including the beautiful cards, kind words, and gifts, truly touched our hearts. We appreciate the opportunity to serve this congregation.

Once again, thank you,

*Pastor Brady & Pastor Susan*



**Congratulations to Pastor Susan Aurich upon receiving the "Special Care Giver of the Month Award" from Banner Boswell Hospital. Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Susan for all she does at United Church and everywhere she goes.**

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**The Friendship Line**

(1-800-971-0016)

The Friendship Line is a phone number for seniors (60 years of age and older) who can call once a day, every day, if they would like social interaction or ask health questions.

You can even request a volunteer to make an outgoing call directly to a loved one who might be in need but is reluctant to reach out. Trained volunteers are available to take the calls, and each year they make and/or receive 100,000 phone calls with seniors. Founded in 1985, The Friendship Line is sponsored by the Institute of Aging (IOA). This service is FREE.

**2018 PLEDGES:** Pledge cards have been mailed. If you have not returned your United Church pledge for 2018, please consider placing your pledge card in the offering plate or mailing it in. If you'd like to receive one, you will find them on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Remember this is your best estimate of your giving to the church programs. If your circumstances change, any changes in giving will not be questioned by the church and your giving is kept confidential.

**National Suicide Prevention Hotline**

1-800-273-8255

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.



Christmas Decorating will be Friday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us as we beautify the church for Christmas.

**Special Request from your Tellers:**

It would help the tellers if, when you put your offering in the collection plate, you could add a stick-on label with your name and address on your envelope. If you don't have labels, please write your first and last name and address.

**Offering Envelopes**



This will help ensure the correct person gets credit for their offering. It also helps the tellers' work go a little faster! Thanks so much.

P.S. – If you'd like to have numbered envelopes, please contact Nancy in the church office at 623-933-0058.

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 ☆ My project this year with the kids at the Dysart Community Center is to study the good old USA. If you are able, please bring me a postcard from your state to put on the wall. Thanks, *Pat Koopmans*  
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**Healing Service—November 19:**

On the third Sunday of each month after the worship service, you are invited to gather for a brief (15-minute) healing service in Grace Chapel. You may offer prayers of healing for yourself or others. We will offer anointing with oil and the laying on of hands.



## And God Said....

I said, "God, I hurt."  
And God said, I know."

I said, "God, I cry a lot."  
And God said, "That is why I gave you tears."

I said, "God, I am so depressed."  
And God said, "That is why I gave you Sunshine."

I said, "God, life is so hard."  
And God said, "That is why I gave you loved ones."

I said, "God, my loved one died."  
And God said, "So did mine."

I said, "God, it is such a loss."  
And God said, I saw mine nailed to a cross."

I said, "God, but your loved one lives."  
And God said, "So does yours."

I said, "God, where are they now?"  
And God said, "Mine is on My right and yours is in the Light."

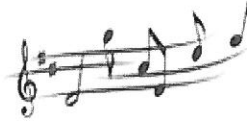
I said, "God, it hurts."  
And God said, "I know."

~~Posted on the wall at the Oklahoma City bombing site.

Written by:  
K.C. and Myke Kuzmic



*Won't you come home  
**Silver Ladle,**  
Won't you  
come home.*



*Remember that 2017  
Souper Bowl of Caring  
Campaign*

*Which took you away  
We moaned the whole year  
long.....*

***Silver Ladle** won't you  
come home.  
Won't you please come  
home!!*

2018 Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign begins Sunday, January 7, 2018, and ends February 4, 2018. All donations will be given to Valley View Food Bank.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Hedy Hall**  
Mission Board Chair



Effective November 4, 2017:

Matt & Barb Kolacki  
10841 W. Santa Fe Dr.  
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## Bountiful Harvest

We will receive a Bountiful Harvest benefiting the Olive Branch Senior Center on Sunday, **November 19.**



Please bring fresh fruit and vegetables to place on the altar before the worship service.

TREASURES-4-TEACHERS is an ongoing mission at United Church. If you want to donate and need a list of items, you will find flyers in the rotating literature rack in the sanctuary and the table beside the T4T black bin in the Beehive. The flyers are two-sided. Please be mindful of the items they **cannot use**. Those items are listed as **UNACCEPTABLE** on the blue flyer. I want to thank everyone who has donated items to support our local teachers and students.  
**Hedy Hall, Mission Board**



**Remember**  
If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 623-933-0058.

Happy Thanksgiving

November 23



***Do You Have a Favorite Poem or Story or a Blessing you'd like to share?***

*We would like to hear from you in the Sharing Faith section in the United Church News monthly newsletter and invite you to submit something each month. Any submissions should be emailed to Nancy by the 15th of the month.*

**A Dieter's Prayer for the Holidays**

*Lord, grant me the strength  
that I may not fall —  
Into the clutches of cholesterol.  
At polyunsaturates, I'll never mutter,  
For the road to hell is paved with butter.  
And cake is cursed and cream is awful,  
And Satan is hiding in every waffle.  
Beelzebub is a chocolate drop,  
And Lucifer is a lollipop.  
Teach me the evils of hollandaise,  
Of pasta and gobs of mayonnaise.  
And crisp friend chicken  
from the South—  
Lord, if you love me, shut my mouth.*

—Quoted by Stephen A. Pickert, MD



*Used by permission.*

**Who's Who for November...**

- Head Usher:** Debbie Still
- Assistant Head Usher:** Randy Skanes
- Ushers:** Marj & Jim Karstens, Nora & Chuck Cline
- Head Teller:** Mary Sue Andreason
- Greeters:** Sue Stryker, Nora Cline
- Candle Lighters:** Ed White, Jonathan Foote, Ed Cross, Dan Wruck
- Tellers:** Dan Wruck, Don Stark, Nancy Nay
- Fellowship Coordinator:** Jean Cross
- Fellowship Servers:** Nancy Westcott, Barb Norton
- Communion Preparers:** Pat Dilmore & Audrey Goudy



**Media:** Rodney Aurich & Jerry Walter  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST** meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Royal Café, 10793 W. Grand Ave., Sun City. All men are invited to attend this casual gathering of conversation and breakfast.

**Snowbirds Are Returning!**

It's so good to see them again!  
We have really missed you.  
Don't forget to let the church office know when you change your mailing address back to Arizona. Please let us know a few weeks ahead of your arrival so we may change our records and not send further mail to your out-of-town address. Thanks!



**PLEASE  
NOTE..**

## Boards & Council

meet November 9.

Boards meet at

9:00 a.m. and

Council meets at 10:00 a.m.

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### Church Meetings & Minutes

After a break from meeting this summer, we are in full swing again with monthly meetings.

On the second Thursday of each month, all members of the church boards and members of the Council meet to discuss the business of United



Church. There is a secretary for each Board who takes minutes of each meeting. The minutes are posted in the hallway of the church office on the bulletin board. You may review the minutes at any time or have a copy. You may also have a copy of the list of members of each board and council. Just ask Nancy in the church office.

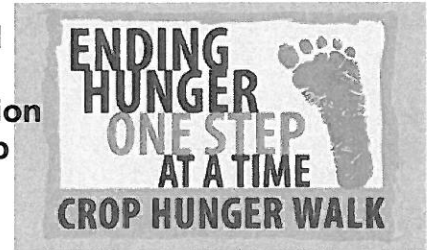
If you have any questions about what it means to be on a board and/or council, just contact Pastor Brady or Moderator Donna Walter and they will be happy to explain the business of United Church!

Lastly, anyone may sit in on any of the meetings as a guest. If you have any specific questions, let Pastor Brady or Donna know before the meeting and you will be included on the agenda for the meeting. Just call the church office for times and locations.



Let us not only be thankful one day a year but celebrate the greatness of our God with thanks everyday!

United Church will receive a special CROP Walk donation during the worship service on November 5.



When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today, CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## Greetings,

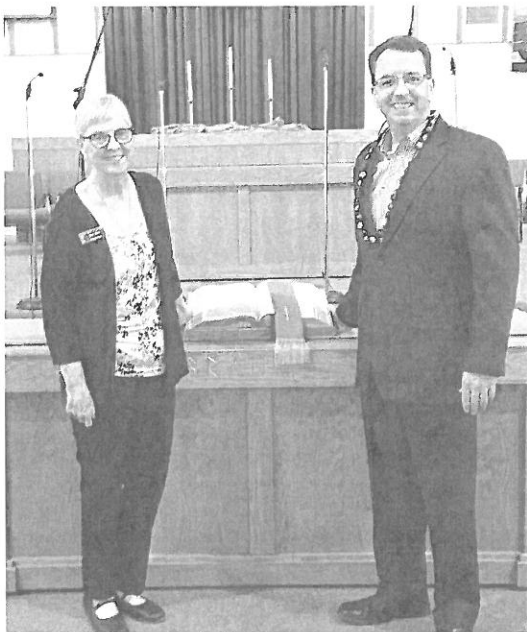
It's hard to believe, but it's that time of year again. The snowbirds are returning, and the holidays are fast approaching. Please mark your calendars as to not miss these wonderful November events:

- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>      9:30 a.m.      Mill Avenue Chamber concert with pastries and coffee
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>      4:00 p.m.      Restaurant Night at Rio Mirage Mexican Cafe
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>    3:00 p.m.      Treble Clefs Fundraising concert and ice cream social
- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>    6:00 p.m.      Wind Ensemble Christmas concert and ice cream social

I'm interested in your suggestions/ideas for activities you'd like to see be part of our social program. Please put your suggestions/ideas in the suggestion box in the Beehive.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving,

Kelly Landis  
Interim Social Director



*Pastor Appreciation Sunday was October 8. We honored Pastor Susan and Pastor Brady. We are very blessed to have their leadership.*

### **"...and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13**

There may be no greater need today than the need to love - love of neighbors, love of children, love of creation.

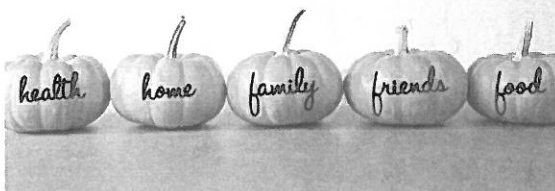
As the United Church of Christ introduced at General Synod recently, our church is being asked to be a partner in the UCC's "3 Great Loves" initiative - an initiative that focuses on Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation. This effort begins with the Love of Neighbor effort.

Love of Neighbor is part of a denomination-wide effort that is about engaging the UCC to take action and to show the impact of our congregation, and the UCC, working together as one church, with one voice and one vision - a vision of A Just World for All.



Love of Neighbor can be expressed in many ways. Please visit [3greatloves.org](http://3greatloves.org) to see the many easy and important ways to show Love of Neighbor. As a congregation, we are the hands and feet of the Church. Let's be a model in our church and in our community, to live out the purpose of the UCC: to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. (Matthew 22)

## What are YOU Thankful For?



**Would you like a name tag?** We'd sure like to know who you are. Fill out the form on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and provide us with your contact information so that we may order a name tag for you. If you need a new one, let us know.

**The Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Bill Lyons held Sunday, October 15, 2017 was a joyful occasion as we received him as our Southwest Conference Minister!**





# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:30 Mill Ave Ch. Concert w/pastries & coffee	<b>2</b> 11am Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 Choir 10am Worship & Communion 11am Coffee Hr	<b>6</b> 9 Tai Chi 9:30 VIP	<b>7</b> 9am Friendly Serv. 4pm Restaurant Night at Rio Mirage	<b>8</b> 8am Men's Breakfast	<b>9</b> 9am Board Mtgs. 10am Council Mtg. 11am Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 Choir 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hr 3pm Tremble Clefs Concert & Ice Cream Social	<b>13</b> 9 Tai Chi 9:30 VIP	<b>14</b> 9am Friendly Serv.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 11am Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 Choir 10am Worship (United Church Thanksgiving Offering) (annivs. & bdays) 11am Coffee Hr Bountiful Harvest	<b>20</b> 9 Tai Chi 9:30 VIP	<b>21</b> 9am Friendly Serv.	<b>22</b> 8am Men's Breakfast	<b>23</b> Office Closed  <b>HAPPY            THANKSGIVING!</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9am TJ Travel
<b>26</b> 8:30 Choir 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hr	<b>27</b> 9 Tai Chi 9:30 VIP	<b>28</b> 9am Friendly Serv. Decorators will put up wreaths & poinsettias on tables	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 11am Bible Study 6pm Wind Ensemble Christ- mas Concert & Ice Cream		

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**Sara Shryock, Financial Administrator**

**Jozalyn Hamilton, Custodian**

**Steve Halasz, Sunday Custodian**

**Bill Lemkuil, Assistant Custodian**

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

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**The office is closed on Fridays**

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