

September
2021



United Church News

PASTOR'S POST

Greetings,

This month, a little about a few things:

*As a follow up to last's month's Pastor's Post, it seems that we can definitely call this a monsoon year rather than non-soon year. It is the most rain during the monsoon season since 2014 and from what I understand, we are running ahead of the average rain totals for the season. And that's all great! We always need the rain in the desert and especially now with a water shortage being declared on the Colorado River which will impact farmers in Southern Arizona.

*There will be more details in the next weeks, but I am very excited about the blood drive that has been scheduled at United Church on Monday November 22. The exact time will be announced. As you may know, I became a blood donor for the first-time last Spring. After testing positive for Covid in January, and positive for the antibodies in February, I gave blood to help with the plasma needed for Covid treatment. I made another donation in June and will again soon. It feels great to give. And for those unable to donate, you can help by recruiting others to donate and volunteer to help at the drive. Stay tuned for the details.

*More activities are being planned for this fall so watch the bulletin and the newsletter for all the happenings.

*As everyone knows, Covid is still an issue. We all need to do what we can to stay healthy and safe. I recommend getting vaccinated! Keep your hands washed. Wear a mask if you choose. Please know masks are always welcome – and available - at United Church. They are still required if you are unvaccinated. We will continue to practice social distancing at all events. Thanks to our Safety Team that meets regularly to review our procedures and practices. The next meeting is September 7.

*The parking lot project is complete, and many have commented that it looks good. Thanks to Don Stampf for coordinating the project and to the congregation for your support.

*Join me in keeping all students, teachers, and school staff in our prayers with all they face because of Covid.

Happy September and Autumn's Arrival. With hope for what is ahead,

Pastor Brady



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Greetings from our Music Ministry!



Greetings from Your Music Ministry!

We've had a wonderful month of Worship-filled Music, beginning on August first with absolutely beautiful solo "Pie Jesu" by our talented guest soloist, SunJoo Lee! (If you missed it, find it on YouTube under my name). And I'm sure you've been blessed and impressed with the addition of our summer alto, Kendra Goodenberger; an incredibly talented 16 year old!

We are still hoping to begin our CHOIR season sometime in September... depending on the ruling of the CDC and the recommendation of our own Safety Team. We will probably have a couple of Sunday 8:30 am rehearsals before we actually sing at a church service.

RETURNING MEMBERS AND those of you who are interested in joining our choir, please email me or text me soon so we can arrange safe spacing of chairs, etc. I'm hoping for a bigger and better choir experience than we've ever had, because I've already ordered our Christmas Cantata! Spread the word! Invite your friends!

For His Glory,

Alan Paulson

Minister of Music

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*Sounds
of The
Season*



Greetings from your Parish Nurse!

It's fall! And what a blessing to have had so much rain in August. Everything looks so green! I heard of a young girl visiting her grandmother from out of state. She looked out the window and said "Look Grandma, the mountains are covered with moss!"

I know that many are still wondering how effective the Covid Vaccination will be against the Delta Strain. We have recently had several of our members in the hospital with illnesses, some of them respiratory illnesses. All were tested and watched closely for Covid 19 due to the recent increase of cases. But in those who had been vaccinated they tested negative for the Covid Virus. I am so thankful for this victory and for the protection the vaccine has given them even when other defenses were low. We hear frequently about the "breakthrough" cases to the vaccinated, but not often about the millions that have been successfully protected from Covid and even the Delta virus.

Our monthly Speaker Series is starting up again on the 2nd Tuesday afternoon of each month. September's presentation will be "Recovering from the Impact of Covid 19". Our Speaker, Kate Sawert will discuss the common physical, mental, emotional and spiritual changes that have taken place as a result of the pandemic. She will also address the chronic stress and grieving that many have experienced in this last 18 months. She will highlight coping mechanisms as well as community resources that can help us to take the next steps forward.

Join us on Tuesday, September 14th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Beehive for this informative and interactive presentation. Invite friends or neighbors as all are welcome.

Our Fall Book Study will also be starting right after Labor Day, on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:30 am in Grace Chapel and will meet weekly. We will be reading and discussing "Choosing Gratitude" written by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. Join us in discovering the place of gratitude even in the midst of these trying times. All are welcome.

Lisa Dunbar



**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.



United Church of Sun City received a \$5,000 grant from UCC's Southwest Conference. UCSC will use the grant to upgrade microphones and purchase a new camera and controller, and other computer equipment which will be used for video streaming. This equipment will allow the church to expand its current online worship options to reach as many people as possible, retain our present congregation, and generate interest of new members. Thank you to the Conference for this grant opportunity.

Gregg Ochoa, Chair of the Grant Committee

PARKING LOT REPAIRS



BEFORE



AFTER

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Nancy and Sally want to thank everyone for all the wonderful school supplies.



Nancy Wohlhuter & Sally Schwenker

Pastor Brady blessing the school supplies.



The bookshelves in the Friendship Center and Beehive are brimming with all kinds of books (some with large print.)

It's a good time to browse the shelves and take several books home to read. You may find your favorite author, choose a first edition, fiction, non-fiction, biography, devotional, self-help and classic.

There is no time limit on these books. Please just return them on the designated shelf in the Beehive.

Thanks and happy reading!



Name: _____

September Word Search



SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL
ACORN
SUNFLOWER
CLASSROOM

LABOR DAY
FALL
AUTUMN
HARVEST
SAPPHIRE

MORNING GLORY
EQUINOX
PATRIOT DAY
CONSTITUTION DAY
ASTER

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Ladies Monthly Luncheon



Donna Walter was chosen as the “Mad Hatter” at the August Ladies Luncheon that was held at George’s Café on Thunderbird Blvd in Sun City. She won the door prize and \$5.00 (Mad Hatter money.)



Please welcome and congratulate Diana Graettinger who has agreed to serve as United Church Vice-Moderator. She has been a member since 2015.

Note from Pam Pisca (sister of Jackie Middendorp)

Thank you for all your help in Jackie’s end of life journey.

I don’t know what I would have done without your help and guidance. I am so glad she connected with your church and met such good people.

Blessing to you all,

Pam Pisca



Jackie Middendorp



September Birthdays

Margie Burton	9/05
Maria Coesens-Kelsall	9/05
Judy Palmer	9/06
Diana Graettinger	9/09
Nancy Nay	9/12
George Hallam	9/17
Joni Babbitt	9/18
Donna Halasz	9/19
Barb Norton	9/21
June Stampfl	9/23
Dan Wruck	9/27
Bill Hill	9/28
Sally Schwenker	9/30

September Anniversaries



Pat & Colonel Dilmore	9/07
Joni & Rusty Babbitt	9/08
Sue & Randy Skanes	9/09
Robin & Bill Lemkuil	9/16
Maria & Maurice Kelsall	9/26

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. We are again collecting food items for the food bank. See the list below of the items Jesse needs.

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

El Mirage AZ Mirage, AZ 85335

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna fish or canned chicken.

Peanut butter and jelly

Canned spaghetti, or canned meat or box mac and cheese.



9/11 MEMORIAL PRAYER

**Living, Loving Spirit of All Life,
we pray to you for all the 9/11
victims and their loved ones.
We pray for all those whom we love
but see no longer. In Your love,
grant them eternal rest. Let light
perpetual shine upon them. May
their souls and the souls of all the
departed, through Your mercy,
rest in peace. Amen.**

~ Rev. Kebba Buckley Button

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Treasures




Teachers

Journal making resumes the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Beehive from 1pm to 3pm.

Hedy Hall,

Mission Board-Chairperson

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED AA meeting in meeting room 7-8 pm	4 OFFICE CLOSED
5 Worship 10:00 am Worship online after service Communion bring your own elements	6 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	7 Safety Meeting 2pm meeting room AA meeting in meeting room 7-8 pm	8 Book Study at 10:30 am Grace Chapel Walking group 1pm AA meeting in meeting room 7-8 pm	9 Ladies Lunch 1pm at Georges Café Lakeview Lane Council meet- ing 10am meet- ing room	10 OFFICE CLOSED AA meeting in meeting room 7-8 pm	11 OFFICE CLOSED Patriot Day 
12 Worship 10:00 am Worship online after service Special offering Mission Fund	13 Walking group 1pm	14 Kate Sawert to speak at 1:30 pm in Beehive on new variant of Covid 19 AA meeting in meeting room 7-8 pm	15 Book Study at 10:30 am Grace Chapel Walking group 1pm AA meeting in meeting room 7-8 pm	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED AA meeting in meeting room 7-8 pm	18 OFFICE CLOSED
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STAFF:

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

Greg Yagi, Video Tech

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 in the Sanctuary and also online.

Coffee Fellowship—Suspended until further notice

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

Choir rehearsal—Suspended until September

Bible Study—Email each week

Healing Service: Suspended until further notice