

SEPTEMBER

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UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

United Church News

PASTOR'S POST

"And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God" (Luke 12:20b-21, NRSV).



Greetings,

If you aren't attending our United Church Bible study, you are missing out. We meet at 11:00 a.m. Thursday morning in the Pastor's Study during summer and now that September has arrived, we'll be back in Grace Chapel. It's a Lectionary Bible study and so we look at the lectionary passage that I will be preaching from the following Sunday. We have thoughtful and fun conversations. Sometimes we get off topic, but we always find our way back to scripture.

We recently had a detailed discussion about, "The Parable of the Rich Fool." You may recall that this is the man who has land producing abundantly and so he pulls down his barns and builds larger ones. He stores up his grain and his goods with the mistaken belief that he is set for years. He proclaims that he will, "relax, eat, drink, be merry" (Luke 12:19b, NRSV).

We talked about this passage being an example of greed. We talked about it in terms of being discontent with what we have. But we finally settled on the idea that this passage is mostly about a false sense of security. The man was placing a great deal of security in what he had stored up and how all would be good for many years to come. What he didn't realize was he didn't have many years left; he didn't even have any days left.

Where do we place our security; in bank accounts, or the stock market, or with our possessions, or perhaps our favorite political leaders? I believe with all my heart we have no real security apart from our relationship with the Lord. I hope that's not a surprise. I don't want it to be disappointing. In fact I shared in worship and do so once again as good news. We belong to God. What could be better? Come to Bible study and let's discuss.

Safe with the Lord,
Pastor Brady

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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)



Word Search

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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| 1. LABOR | 5. WORK | 9. SUMMER | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY | 6. LONG | 10. NATIONAL | 14. MONDAY |
| 3. HOLIDAY | 7. WEEKEND | 11. USA | 15. DAY |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 8. ENDING | 12. TRAVEL | 16. OFF |

MISSION BOARD

Investing time, talent and treasure in the work of ministry and mission on the behalf of others benefits us with a sense of being part of something that is larger than ourselves, and encourages others to do the same. Our pledge improves the quality of life in our community and has long term consequences.

The Mission Board's autumn projects include Blanket Drive-October, Harvest Table-November, Christmas Angels-December, continued collection of Treasures4Teachers, and assembling journals (3rd Tuesday of each month). I am writing today to personally thank you and to ask for your renewed support.

Hedy Hall, Chairperson, Mission Board



Treasures  Teachers



UCSC members Bud and Mary Sue Andreason had an amazing experience when they stopped in Benson, AZ for lunch. Bud found a trinket and some money when they were walking into the restaurant, and he gave it to the waitress to see if she knew who it belonged to. She did. It was only \$7.00 but the gentleman who lost it was very grateful. Bud and Mary Sue finished their lunch and when they went to pay for it, the waitress informed them that their bill was taken care of—the gentleman had paid for their lunch, which was more than the \$7.00 Bud found. Just goes to show that there are good people and we need to believe!



From Ivy Glinski (Banner Olive Branch)

6/24/2019

Dear Rev. Brady and Leadership Team!

Thank you so much for the gift certificates—I love them and will put them to good use!!

I have so enjoyed our partnership and will truly miss it!

Warmest regards,

Ivy



Are you in need pastoral care?

If so, please contact the church office

Monday through Thursday,

From 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

at

623-933-0058.

**COMMUNION at
United Church
is the 1st Sunday
of each month.**



Healing Service

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.

The National 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. They 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.

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.

Boards & Council meet Thursday, September 12th



**Boards meet
at 9:00 a.m.**

**Council meets
at 10:00 a.m.**

From Our Daily Bread, Thursday, July 18th:

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Dear Brothers, honor the officers of your church who work hard among you and warn you against all that is wrong. Think highly of them and give them your wholehearted love because they are straining to help you. And remember no quarreling among yourselves.

Dear Brothers, warn those who are lazy; comfort those who are frightened, take tender care of those who are weak; and be patient with everyone. See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to everyone else. Always be joyful. Always keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.



TRANSPORTATION TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND MORE

NORTHWEST VALLEY CONNECT—Volunteers provide free rides to many types of appointments and services. Services are free, however, donations based on ability to give are encouraged and welcomed.

Several days advanced notice is usually required. Call 623-282-9300 for information and to make appointments.

DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM—Through Valley Metro (Must be ADA Disabled). Appointments anywhere in Maricopa County. There is a fee—call for qualifying and fee information. 602-716-2100

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS IN SUN CITY—Must be a Sun City resident, 65 years of age or older. This is also through Valley Metro but you can apply at Sun City Assistance Network (SC CAN) 10195 W. Coggins Drive, 623-933-7530. Monthly income must be less than \$2,024 for a single person or \$2,744 for two person household. Benefit: \$50 worth of FREE Dial-A-Ride tickets 4 times a year.

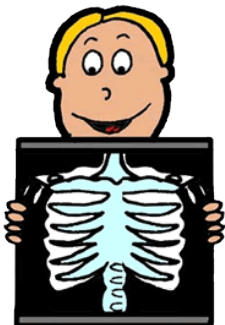


Are you interested in becoming a part of United Church of Sun City? Or, would you just like to get more information about us?

We will be holding a New Members Class on Sunday, September 22nd, right after Worship at 11:15 a.m. in Grace Chapel.

Everyone is invited to join us !*

* New Members will be received at worship on Sunday 29, 2019.



Harmony Medical's Mobile Units will be back at United Church on September 3, 4, and 5! If you have not had the opportunity to take advantage of this whole-body assessment, be sure to call them for your appointment! September session full? Don't despair. They will be back on October 2nd and 3rd. Sessions fill up very quickly so don't delay. Call (480) 664-3840 for your appointment. *

*Most insurances are accepted. Call for information.



September Birthdays

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| Margie Burton | 09/05 |
| Maria Coesens-Kelsall | 09/05 |
| Judy Palmer | 09/06 |
| Kari Nagle | 09/08 |
| Diana Graettinger | 09/09 |
| Nancy Nay | 09/12 |
| George Hallam | 09/17 |
| Joni Babbitt | 09/18 |
| Grey Pohl | 09/18 |
| Donna Halasz | 09/19 |
| Phyllis Hale | 09/21 |
| Barbara Norton | 09/21 |
| June Stampfl | 09/23 |
| Dan Wruck | 09/27 |
| Bill Hill | 09/28 |
| Sally Schwenker | 09/30 |



September Anniversaries

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| Peter & Liz Scriven | 09/05 | 56yrs. |
| Colonel & Pat Dilmore | 09/07 | 62 yrs. |
| Randy & Sue Skanes | 09/09 | 30 yrs. |
| Dick & Lilly Trethric | 09/20 | 39 yrs. |
| Byron & Sandy Gettle | 09/22 | 57 yrs. |
| Maurice & Maria Kelsall | 09/26 | 22 yrs. |

Valley View Food Bank

Jesse Ramirez, Valley View Director, is so appreciative of all donations from United Church throughout 2017 and many previous years. The food bank is currently in need of funds to buy macaroni and rice in bulk. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can mail it to:

Jesse Ramirez
Director, Valley View Food Bank
12321 NW El Mirage Ave.
El Mirage, AZ 85335

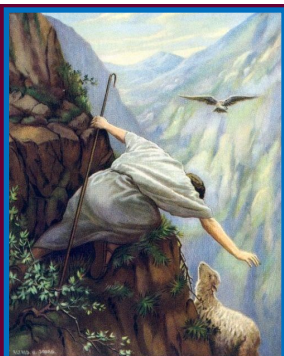
You may also place a donation in the offering plate at church on Sunday and the church will mail the checks to Jesse. Thanks again for your continued support.



Fry's Rewards Program: If you have an email address, you can sign up so the church can receive donations from Fry's from your purchases. **Call the church office, and we will email you the directions to sign up.** You will need your email address, Fry's V.I.P. shopper's card number, plus the church's organization code: **62679**.

If you have difficulty registering, Fry's will walk you through the process (1-866-221-4141).

We currently have 22 households who shop at Fry's.



In Memory

United Church member Bill Frick was called home to the Lord on Saturday, July 27th. Please keep Lynne and the family in your prayers.

Music Notes.....



I welcome September for several reasons: the promise it will cool off soon; choir practice resumes; Jubilee bells rehearsal begins and snowbirds begin returning.

New music has been purchased and I am excited to present it to our choir members. Some of the pieces I had the pleasure of performing with the Sounds of the Southwest Singers and Joseph M. Martin on the Alaskan cruise we took in June. What a beautiful trip it was and the crowning glory was singing Joe's music under his direction! What an inspiring man he is! Such a talented composer, gifted pianist and someone filled with the glory and grace of God.

All are welcome to join the choir and we could use a few more bell ringers too. Please come to the choir room on Sunday September 8th at 8:30am to begin our musical faith journey. Bell rehearsal start to be determined.

We will begin rehearsing our cantata as well. This one is entitled: The Mystery and the Majesty written by Joseph M. Martin. (Can you tell he is one of my favorite composers?) I told Joe on the cruise we were presenting that cantata and he said it is one of his favorites and calls it "M & M"! Mark your calendars for December 8th. Phoenix Symphony members will join us for this inspiring cantata.

I have planned and booked some really good performers for our season of ice cream concerts. Our September 19th concert will be presented by "One Eyed Ford". This is a unique trio comprised of Jenn Steege on the Native American flute, Bill Burkett on mandolin, and Eric Laubach on guitar, vocals and blues harmonica. Their music often references the Native American culture in Arizona and features mostly original musical works. I heard this group last spring and fell in love with them. I'm sure you will be entertained as well.

The band was christened "One Eyed Ford" by a previous member, Loren Russell, who was an enrolled member of the Gila River tribe. The name comes from a Native American conversational phrase meaning a pick-up truck on the reservation with one headlight not working.

See you in church!!
Ginni Summers, Minister of Music



Musings from Pastor Susan Aurich

Church Humor

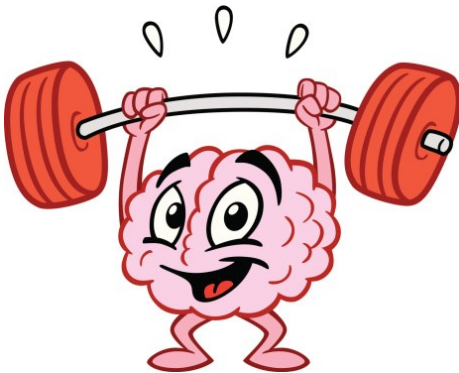
People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

One beautiful Sunday morning, the pastor announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a \$1000 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$500 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$100 sermon that lasts a full hour. "Now, we'll take the collection and see which one you have chosen."

A man asked his son if he knew what God's name was. "Oh, that's easy," said the boy. "His name is Andy." "What makes you think his name is Andy?" his father asked incredulously. "Well, at church we always sing that song 'Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me.'"

Blessings, Pastor Susan



Want to stay fit? United Church offers you two ways to help. Join Bill Zimmer every Monday at 7:30 a.m. in the Beehive for Tai Chi. Tai Chi is a wonderful way to stay fit and improve your balance. There is no cost for the class!

On Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. you are invited to join Parish Nurse, Lisa Dunbar, for her indoor walking group. All levels of fitness are welcomed and encouraged to join the group. Blood pressures

are also taken by Lisa. All are invited!

And speaking of health.....Harmony Medical will have their Mobile Clinic units on site here at UCSC on September 3, 4 and 5. They offer a whole-body health assessment and the response to this service has been outstanding. Medicare and most insurances are accepted. Call (480) 664-3840 to schedule an appointment and get more information. Sessions fill up very fast, so don't delay. If you wish to take advantage of the service and could not get an appointment for the September sessions, they will be back at United Church in early October so make your appointment now! This service is for folks of all ages—even children—so feel free tell your relatives and friends about it!

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 10:00 Worship & Communion 11:00 Coffee Fellowship | 2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED  | 3 Harmony Medical Mobil Clinic | 4 Harmony Medical Mobil Clinic 1:00 Walking Grp | 5 Harmony Medical Mobil Clinic 11:00 Bible Study | 6 OFFICE CLOSED | 7 |
| 8 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 8:45 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship (Bdays/Anniver) 11:00 Coffee Fellowship | 9 7:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Coloring Group Meets 1:00 Walking Grp 3:30 Allstar Band Practice | 10 | 11 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Royal Café 1:00 Walking Grp | 12 9:00 Boards 10:00 Council 11:00 Bible Study | 13 OFFICE CLOSED | 14 |
| 15 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship 11:15 Healing Service Grace Chapel | 16 7:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Coloring Group Meets 1:00 Walking Grp 3:30 Allstar Band Practice | 17 12:00 Jubilee Bells 1:00 Treasures 4 Teachers Journal Making | 18 11:00 Movie "Red Skelton Classic Comedy" 1:00 Walking Grp <i>Oct. Newsletter Articles Due</i> | 19 9:00 Boards Meet 10:00 Council Meets 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Ice Cream Concert—One Eyed Ford | 20 OFFICE CLOSED | 21 |
| 22 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Fellowship 11:15 New Member Class in Grace Chapel | 23 7:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Coloring Group Meets 1:00 Walking Grp 3:30 Allstar Band Practice | 24 12:00 Jubilee Bells | 25 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Royal Café 1:00 Walking Grp | 26 11:00 Bible Study | 27 OFFICE CLOSED | 28 |
| 29 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship - New Member Reception (Love Offering) 11:00 Coffee Fellowship | 30 7:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Coloring Group Meets 1:00 Walking Grp 3:30 Allstar Band Practice | | | | | |

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

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**Healing Service: 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:15 a.m. in Grace Chapel
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