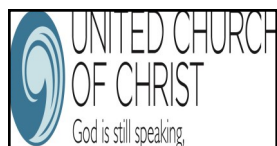


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United Church News

PASTOR'S POST

Greetings,

I had the strangest feeling three weeks back doing something I hadn't done in over a year. I went into a grocery store not wearing a mask. As you know most, if not all our area grocery companies, and other retailers, have transitioned to masks only for those unvaccinated. Fully vaccinated are still welcome to wear a mask, but not required. That's the same guideline we now follow at United Church.

Anyway, I went into Sprouts and didn't wear a mask. I felt like something was missing just like when I don't have my phone. As I walked around the store, I noticed about forty percent of the people in the store not wearing a mask (just an estimate). For those still wearing a mask, except for the employees, I wondered if they were fully vaccinated and still thought a mask was a good idea or if they were unvaccinated. For those not wearing a mask, I wondered if they were fully vaccinated or perhaps pretending to be. I felt like people looking at me were wondering the same thing.

I shouldn't be surprised that masks have been such a hot topic. I wasn't fond of the idea of wearing a mask when it was first introduced. But after coming to the realization that my mask might help protect me and protect those around me, it was no longer a question. I went out and bought masks to wear.

I have also found it intriguing to think about the fact that all of us, even folk who have fought so hard against Covid masks, wear various masks every day, like the "I'm fine," mask; "I don't need any help," mask; or "I'm listening to every word you say," mask. Very seldom do we take off our masks and truly reveal ourselves to others. And these masks aren't mandatory other than we require them for ourselves.

Friends, God knows us fully and completely, even underneath the masks we wear; those masks we refuse to remove. There's no hiding from God. Regardless, at United Church of Sun City, all masks are welcome!

Unmasked Before the Lord,

Pastor Brady



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Greetings from our Music Ministry!



Very “warm” greetings from your Music Ministry!

Assuming you are reading this before Sunday, July 4th, I hope you invite some friends and family to church for some spectacular All-American music that day. We have so much to thank God for, haven't we? And remember to wear all of your red white and blue bling!

Our Praise Team continues to do our best to provide truly inspiring Music each week, even though there are variations in the summertime:

Kira just returned from a three week honeymoon in Hawaii! Craig is off to visit friends and relatives in his home state of Wisconsin, and Caryl is headed to Oregon to spend some time with her daughter, who I met as a child in one of my choirs, before I even met Caryl!

You will be getting to know Kira's sister, Kendra, who is joining us as a guest alto in the coming weeks, dropping the average age of us quartet members considerably!

Special thanks to our guest soloists who blessed us with their talents in June: Grace Fisher, Laurie Schragge, and Tom Leander and his euphonium.

And are you loving Floyd Ellison's piano meditations each Sunday after The Lord's Prayer? (Remember that it's a response to prayer and he prefers that we DON'T applaud.)

We know some people leave the Valley during the summer heat, so we THANK YOU, those of you who keep showing up, and those watching online!

Yours for a Song,

Alan Paulson

Minister of Music

P.S. Don't forget about possibly joining our CHOIR in September!!





Greetings from your Parish Nurse.

It has been so good to see so many of you in the church services. I have certainly missed seeing your smiling faces during this pandemic.

How are you doing at getting back to some of your normal activities? Are you finding yourself slower and weaker than you remember being? That may mean that you need to “recondition” after this year of being shut in. Please know that you are welcome to join our walking group on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 pm if you would like a place to “ease into” more exercise and walking. Everyone walks at their own pace, but we have a chance to share a bit and to encourage each other in our progress! We sometimes even have piano music in the background as Floyd practices his music. Please join us.

Do you have questions about Covid 19 and especially about the variants that are being talked about? The video being posted on July 6th will address Covid and some of the facts about the variants and vaccines. Listen by going to our Church’s Web Page and clicking on the latest Video from the Spiritual Nursing Ministry.

For some, there may be some anxiety in getting out and with people again. This has become a common experience since Covid 19. It is a type of stress reaction to all the trauma and loss of the last year. This fall, we will be having a speaker talk about some of the common responses, and what we can do to be safe and to move forward. Watch for further information and plan to join us for our Speaker Series beginning in September.

Lisa Dunbar

**COMMUNION at
United Church
is the 1st Sunday of each month
Bring your own elements**

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.



4TH OF JULY WORD SEARCH

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America

Blue

Britain

Celebrate

Declaration

Fireworks

Flag

Fourth

Freedom

Holiday

Independence

July

Liberty

Parade

Picnic

Red

Sparklers

Stars

Stripes

Summer

United

White



July Birthdays

Barbara Snyder	07/03
Brady Abel	07/08
Clayton Blom	07/09
Joyce Hill	07/16
Michelle Wruck	07/18
Betty Abel	07/23
Lois Hunt	07/24
Jim Fredette	07/31

July Anniversaries



Joe & Sue Johnson	7/27
Kay & Irvin Kay	7/27

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

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

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

Peanut butter and jelly

Canned spaghetti, or canned meat.

Box mac and cheese.



Treasures



Teachers

Journal making resumes the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Beehive from 1pm to 3pm. First meeting is July 20th. Mark your calendars.

Hedy Hall,

Mission Board-Chairperson

Lunch With Girlfriends

By Kathy O'Malley

Elaine's vertigo has never been worse
Kay can't recall where she left her purse
Rhonda's about to replace her knees
Linda's breathing is tinged with a wheeze
Donna's left boob has a troublesome lump
Diane's on her third trip to take a dump
Lorraine's husband can't remember a thing
Nine years a widow, Marge still wears her ring
Marlene is dealing with another UTI
Sally's giving a hearing aid another try
Marie has decided she can't drive at night
Sharon still wears clothes two sizes too tight
They've been through divorces and babies and wakes
They do for each other whatever it takes
They've already buried Marcia and Kate
And truthfully, Lizzie's not looking so great
So whenever they can, they get out to eat
Open bottles of wine and forget their sore feet
There's laughing and crying and letting down guards
And when the bill comes, there's ten credit cards
So here's to the waiters who keep orders straight
And to the places that let lunches run three hours late
And here's to the girlfriends, those near and those far
Here's to the girlfriends, you know who you are!!!

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Missing man table




Placing the wreath by Susan Aurich, Jean Cross & Steve Halasz



Fathers Day candy bars are given out by the **Activities & Fellowship** Boards

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 OFFICE CLOSED
4 Independence Day Worship 10:00 am Worship online after service Communion bring your own ele- ments 6th Sunday after Pentecost	5 Walking group 1pm	6 Small Group Book Study in Grace Chapel 1:30pm	7 Walking group 1pm	8	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 OFFICE CLOSED
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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