

SEPTEMBER

2018



## PASTOR'S POST



I shared a story in worship recently connected to thoughts about the will of God. I have received feedback about the illustration and decided to share a portion of it here. It goes like this:

Once upon a time . . . in the heart of an ancient Kingdom, there was a beautiful garden. And there, in the cool of the day, the Great Gardener would walk. Of all the plants of the garden, the most beautiful and most beloved was the gracious and noble bamboo. Year after year, bamboo grew yet more noble and gracious, aware of his Master's love and watchful delight, but always modest and gentle.

One day the Gardener drew near to Bamboo. And Bamboo, in a passion of adoration, bowed his head to the ground in greeting.

The Gardener spoke: "Bamboo, Bamboo, I would use you."

Bamboo flung his head to the sky in delight. His voice came low: "Master, I'm ready.

Use me as you wish."

"Bamboo," The Gardener's voice was grave, "I would have to take you and cut you down!"

A trembling of horror shook Bamboo, "Cut . . . me . . . down? Me . . . whom you, Master, has made the most beautiful in the Garden! Not that. Use me for the joy, use me for the glory, but oh Master, do not cut me down!"

"Beloved Bamboo," The Gardener's voice grew graver still, "If I do not cut you down, I cannot use you."

Bamboo slowly bent his proud and glorious head. There was a whisper: "Master, if you cannot use me other than to cut me down . . . then your will be done and cut away."

"Bamboo, beloved Bamboo, I would strip your leaves and branches from you also."

"Master spare me. Cut me down and lay my beauty in the dust; but would you also have to take from me my leaves and branches too?"

"Bamboo, if I do not strip them away, I cannot use you."

Bamboo shivered in slow acceptance, whispering low: "Master, strip away."

"Bamboo, Bamboo, I would yet . . . split you in two, for if I do not, I cannot use you."

Then Bamboo bowed to the ground: "Master, Master . . . split away."

So the Gardener took Bamboo . . . and cut him down . . . and hacked off his branches . . . and stripped off his leaves . . . and split him in two.

And lifting him gently, the Gardener carried Bamboo to where there was a spring of fresh sparkling water amid barren fields. The Gardener put one end of the broken Bamboo in the spring and the other end into the dry water channel . . . And the spring sang welcome, and the clear sparkling waters raced joyously down the channel of bamboo's torn body into the waiting, wasting fields. Then the rice was planted, and the days went by, and the shoots grew, and the harvest came, and the hungry were fed, and life thrived.

In that day Bamboo, once so glorious in stately beauty, was yet even more glorious in brokenness and humility serving his Master and the world (Unknown Author; [www.storiesforpreaching.com](http://www.storiesforpreaching.com)).

Friends, what God has in store for us goes far beyond what we can ever imagine. Still, at all times and pertaining to all things, prayerfully contemplate the will of the Lord and how we might help fulfill the Lord's purpose and plans.

*Pastor Brady*

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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)

### Varieties of Trees

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Ash	Oak
Birch	Orange
Cherry	Pine
Coniferous	Plum
Deciduous	Poplar
Dogwood	Rosewood
Elm	Spruce
Evergreen	Sycamore
Magnolia	Tamarac
Maple	Teak



### Boards & Council

meet Thursday,  
September 13th  
Boards meet  
at 9:00 a.m.  
Council meets  
at 10:00 a.m.

### Note from the Office.....

Thank you to everyone who filled out a "Getting To Know You" sheet for our bio project. It is such a pleasure to get to know our church family a little better through the information they share with us. If you didn't have the opportunity to get the bio sheet that was in the bulletin, please let me know and I will be happy to send or email you one to fill out.

Blessings,  
Caroline



### Sun Valley Lodge Senior Center

Want to make new friends (distribute mail), share stories, play games (call bingo), smile and laugh? It's all free.....just volunteer your time at Sun Valley Lodge Senior Center. SVL was the creation of Sun City Community Church ("SCCC") now United Church of Sun City. SCCC formed a corporation in 1962 to build the first retirement center (Sun Valley Lodge) in Sun City. Call Kathy Thornton, Director of Activities, 623-933-0137 ext. 120 for volunteer information.

**Pastor Brady and Beverly Fletcher continue to lead worship at Sun Valley Lodge each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.**



## *Cruisin' with Kelly,*

Welcome aboard! You won't want to miss any of the great events we have scheduled for September.

September 10, 17 and 24 - 7:30 a.m. *Tai Chi in the Bee Hive*

September 11- 5:00 p.m. Restaurant Night at *T&J Asian Cuisine, Olive Ave. and 107th Ave.*

September 19 - 11:00 a.m. Brown Bag Movie, "*The Long, Long Trailer.*"

September 27—*Whistlin' Porch Classic Country Music Concert* followed by Ice Cream Sundaes! Free will offering will be taken.

Kelly

## 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.



To everyone who helps make this Mission such a great success,

THANK YOU!

## Treasures 4 Teachers

### Accepted Donation List



We are looking for clean, safe and interesting donations that will support our local teachers and students while at the same time preserving our environment.

#### Arts & Crafts/School Supplies

Art supplies (new and used)  
Books (all kinds, not just teaching)  
Craft books and craft magazines  
Craft kits and misc. crafting items  
Fabric (scrap or full pieces)  
Ink/Toner (new or used)  
Jewelry, beads (broken is ok)  
Paper of all kinds (including wrapping, matte and foam board)  
School supplies (pencils, pens, markers, crayons, paper, paint, etc.)  
Sewing notions (ribbon, trim, rickrack, yarn, thread, zippers etc.)  
Spools and cores (empty or with thread)  
Buttons  
Office Supplies (file trays, binders, staplers, tape, etc.)  
Vinyl, leather pieces and scraps

#### Containers/Bags

35mm film containers  
Baby food and Mason jars  
CDs, and their cases (new and used)  
Coffee cans (clean, with lids only)  
Oatmeal containers (clean, with lids only)  
Pringles cans (clean, with lids only)  
Shoe boxes with lids only  
Tissue Boxes  
Ziploc bags all sizes (new or used)  
Reusable bags (brown paper bags, canvas bags)

#### Electronics/Industrial

CDs, and their cases (new and used)  
Electronics (flat screen monitors, cords, mice, keyboards, CPUs)  
Lab equipment (beakers, flasks, test tubes, funnels, microscopes, petri dishes, pipettes, tips and trays, vials, gloves)  
Discontinued items, overruns and surplus materials  
PVC pipe  
Telephone wire and any wire  
Washers, hardware, nuts and bolts  
Tools  
Wood pieces and wood trimmings (small)

#### Household Items

Bottle caps of all kinds and sizes (must be clean)  
Cardboard tubes & plastic tubes all sizes  
Clothes pins  
Corks  
Cups, plates and straws new only (paper and plastic, NO GLASS)  
Egg cartons (not flats)  
Frames (picture or cardboard)  
Greeting cards (new or used)  
Keys  
Magazines  
Metal lids from frozen juice  
Paper towel and toilet paper rolls  
Photographs  
Records  
Calendars with pictures

#### Toys

Toys  
Tennis balls and their empty containers  
Stuffed animals (must be clean and in good repair)  
Jigsaw puzzles (missing pieces are OK)  
Games (missing pieces are OK)  
Golf balls, tees and pencils

#### Miscellaneous

Cardboard fabric bolts  
Magnets  
Packing material - peanuts, bubble wrap, foam, square pieces of Styrofoam (not large unusable shaped sizes of Styrofoam)  
Promotional items  
Rock and shell collections  
Tile (small pieces only, not broken)  
Small furniture (chairs, tables, desks, file cabinets, easels, bulletin boards, book shelves etc.)  
Sandpaper (new only)  
Samples and sample books of any kind (wallpaper, carpet, fabric)

*We are unable to pick up from private residences, but welcome you to drop off your donations at our location Tuesday-Saturday from 10-5. We can provide a tax deductible donation receipt*

3025 South 48th Street, Suite 101 Tempe, AZ 85282 | 480.751.1122 | [treasures4teachers.org](http://treasures4teachers.org)



**PLEASE!!**  
**NO**  
**PILL BOTTLES**  
**PLASTIC OR GLASS**  
**FOOD CONTAINERS**



**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.

**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.**



**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.

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**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.

### **Called Home to The Lord Over the Summer**

**Delores (Dee ) Weiland on 4/8/18**

**Frank Adams on 8/19/18**

**Doris Flessner on 4/18/18**

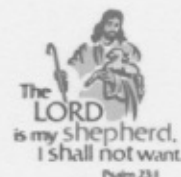
**Ben Hale on 5/29/18**

**Tressie Holgate on 5/25/18**

**Clarice Buchholz on 5/29/18**

**Jo Berg on 6/11/18**

**Connie Burke on 7/1/18**



***Do You Have a Favorite Poem , 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 Caroline by the 15th.*



## September Birthdays

Janet Vanderbilt	09/02
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
Maxine Bell	09/15
Dessie Ernsperger	09/16
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

Austin & Janet Vanderbilt	09/03	29 yrs.
Tim & Lynne Burke	09/05	48 yrs.
Peter & Liz Scriven	09/05	55 yrs.
Colonel & Pat Dilmore	09/07	61 yrs.
Randy & Sue Skanes	09/09	29 yrs.
Dick & Lilly Trethric	09/20	38 yrs.
Byron & Sandy Gettle	09/22	56 yrs.
Maurice & Maria Kelsall	09/26	21 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.

## AmazonSmile Program

*Do you shop Amazon?*

*If so, your eligible shopping on Amazon can benefit United Church of Sun City. For more information and to sign up use*  
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0181903>.



## Music Notes.....



How can it be September? Where did the first eight months go? Believe it or not, it's time for choir rehearsals to begin. I would like to start Jubilee Bells in September as well with a cleaning rehearsal to spiff up the bells for our first special music in either October or November.

Choir rehearsal will begin on Sunday morning, September 9 at 8:45am in the music room. New music will be distributed and we will become acquainted again and start to get our anthems in shape for our first anthem in the October 7th worship service. New members are always welcome. We need singers in each section, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. Please consider joining us as we begin preparations for our fabulous Christmas Cantata which will be performed on December 9 with Phoenix Symphony instrumentalists.

Would like Jubilee Bell ringers to get together Tuesday, September 18 at 11:00am for our cleaning "party". We also need people to join the bell ringers. All are welcome. You do not need to read music to play bells. A sense of rhythm is helpful. Watch for reminders in the bulletin.

Our September Ice Cream Concert is "Whistlin' Porch" which features a group of seasoned musicians performing the music of the artists who were the foundation of Country music like Merle Haggard, Mel Tillis, Ray Price, Chet Atkins, Johnny Cash and Roger Miller to name a few. Lead singer is Steve Christiansen who presented his Johnny Cash tribute show for us last February. Don't miss it on Thursday, September 27 at 7pm.

Blessings to all,  
Ginni Summers  
Minister of Music

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### MISSION BOARD

August 2018 marked the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year that United Church of Sun City has been a supporter of Treasures4Teachers (T4T). A backward glance: Our new pastor was looking for a mission project for the members. Irene Lincoln, a long time UCSC member, suggested that we talk to Pastor Brady about Treasures4Teachers. The three of us met with the founder/CEO, Barbara Blalock. We toured the Tempe facility. Barb was invited to be the guest speaker at our potluck dinner. That was the beginning of a "three month test" project. During the "test" phase, donations were collected in a large box (appliance size) which was placed in the sanctuary.

The project was well received and a monthly pick up schedule established. A much larger box was placed in the Beehive. Currently, four boxes are filled each month.

Members have carpooled and toured the facility.

A volunteer day at Treasures4Teachers was attended by several members to make journals. Now volunteers meet throughout the year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, in the Beehive from 1pm to 3pm. Check the Church calendar for exact dates.

A big **THANK YOU HUG** to all United Church of Sun City members, family and friends for making this "test" mission project such a success.

Hedy Hall, Mission Board Chairperson

Treasures  Teachers

## Musings from Pastor Susan Aurich

### Do You Remember?

1. Blackjack chewing gum.
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water.
3. Candy cigarettes.
4. Home delivered milk in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers.
5. Party lines on the telephone.
6. Newsreels before the movie.
7. Metal ice-cube trays with a lever.
8. S&H green stamps.
9. Butch wax.
10. TV test patterns came on after the last show (around 10 P.M.) and stayed on until the TV shows started again in the morning.



If you remember these things, you are older than dirt (ME TOO!)

Blessings, Susan



**Let's get to know each other better!** Each month we hope to spotlight a member or regular attendee of United Church of Sun City. What a great way to get to know each other a little bit better and, perhaps, form some new friendships. These are "our stories" as told by ourselves. So, without further ado, meet Sally Schwenker.

I was born in St. Paul, MN. My family consisted of my mom and dad, one older brother and two younger sisters. I attended Alexander Ramsey H.S. in Roseville, MN and Dana College and Winona State University where I received a B.S. in Education. I also attended Northern Arizona University and received a Master's in Education/Reading Specialist.

Husband = still looking for that special red head. 😊

I lived in Gila Bend and had been searching for a UCC Church, as I was born and raised UCC. I attended many churches and settled in with United Church of Sun City. I am a year round resident. My roommate is Nancy Wohlhuter.

My favorite Scripture is the one where God loves you no matter what your faults are – Romans 5:2-5. The hymns that are my favorites are "Amazing Grace," "In The Garden," and "How Great Thou Art."

I would say my most notable talent is that I'm artistic. I also enjoy reading – especially suspenseful murder mysteries. I enjoy watching and attending sporting events and I like to watch TV.

If I had to describe myself in 20 words or less, I would say I am creative, passionate, caring, a perfectionist, organized – try to be, and a little OCD.

Here is something else I'd like to share with you. I love taking care of others – to put others ahead of me.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 Worship & Communion 11:00 Coffee Fellowship	3 LABOR DAY  OFFICE CLOSED	4	5	6 11:00 Bible Study	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 8:45 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship (Bdays/Anniver) 11:00 Coffee Fellowship	10 7:30 Tai Chi 9:00 VIP 10:00 Coloring Group Meets 3:30 Allstar Band Practice	11 5:00 Restaurant Night at T&J Asian Cuisine	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast at Royal Café	13 9:00 Boards Meet 10:00 Council Meets 11:00 Bible Study	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15
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30 8:45 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship (Love Offering) 11:00 Coffee Fellowship						