

SEPTEMBER

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UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY  
**United Church News**

# PASTOR'S POST

Greetings,

Recently, while on vacation, I had the opportunity to attend the Steve Martin / Martin Short Show, "A Night You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Life" at Comerica Theater in Phoenix. I have been a fan of both men for several years and currently take an online comedy class with Steve Martin. So I had to see this show.

And I am so glad I did. It was a fun-filled evening! I didn't have the best seats but that didn't matter as the laughter reached all the way to the rafters. I laughed so hard I cried during the first five minutes and Steve and Marty hadn't even taken the stage yet (the first five minutes were some of their famous and funny movie clips). Steve Martin's opening line was even a shout out to Sun City – sort of. I still find myself chuckling as I recall the show's hilarity.

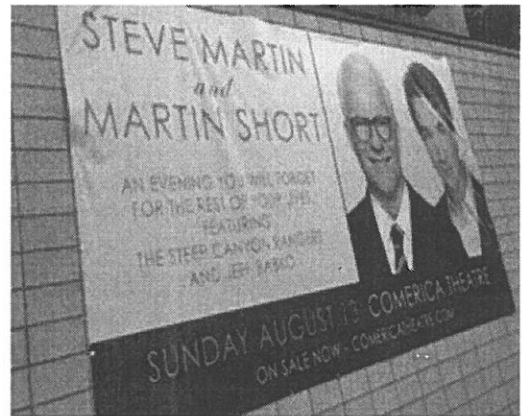
I have said before that we cannot laugh our troubles away, but we can laugh in the midst of our troubles. The show was the Sunday evening following the white supremacy rally and senseless violence in Charlottesville, VA. I found it strangely comforting, and reassuring, to be able to laugh along with 5,000 other people knowing full well that all of us gathered in that theater had differing views and

beliefs. Humor can help to overcome differences, if only for an evening.

I am grateful for that Sunday night. However, it only took a few more hours to be reminded that we still have plenty of troubles to address as a nation. But I have felt better in thinking about those challenges and the role I play in facing those difficulties. And while I am always grateful for my faith and the difference all the accompanying faith practices make in my life, I credit one two-hour comedy show – and some crazy good music, too – for lifting my spirits in just the way I needed right when I needed it.

Once again, here's to the blessed gift of laughter,

*Pastor Brady*



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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 1)

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.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca- age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - age 7.

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare - age 6

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine-age 5

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris - age 7

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age 4

And finally, there was a four-year-old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Blessings,

*Pastor Susan*

## Sun Valley Lodge

*Pastor Brady leads worship at Sun Valley Lodge on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. Beverly Fletcher is the pianist. If you miss worship at United Church, join us at Sun Valley Lodge. It is a beautiful chapel with wonderful residents. Prior to the service, enjoy a SVL Sunday dinner at noon. You may purchase a full dinner including beverage and desert for \$12.00. Cash (please have the correct amount) or check are accepted.*

**HELPERS HIGH.....**a spirit of unselfish giving can bring major health benefits to you, mentally and physically. Being of service reduces stress, lower rates of depression, and you may even live longer according to some studies. It's important to pitch in locally. Whether you provide essentials needed for classrooms, food banks, or set aside time each week to volunteer your donations of time and treasure make a difference in amazing ways. The United Church of Sun City Mission Board outreach funds are given to local community organizations and agencies that address the challenges faced by those in need of help. The Mission Board asks for your continued support in upcoming events. Events will be published in the monthly newsletters and Sunday bulletins.

*Hedy Hall, Mission Board Chair*

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## Church Meetings & Minutes

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.

***(Please note: In September boards and council meet on September 7.)***

**UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY MEMBER**

**RUTH GLENN LITTLE**

Ruth is showing 28 pieces of her artwork at the Lord of Life Church in Sun City West in the Social Room. The address is 13724 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375 (623) 584-2000. The show will hang through Oct. 29 and is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thank you, Ruth, for sharing your amazing talent!



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***Hello from your Moderator!***

Seems like summer has gone on forever, but here it is September! Here is an uplifting prayer for your consideration:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13). The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends, red lights called enemies, caution lights called family. You will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called determination, an engine called perseverance, insurance called faith and a driver named Jesus—you will make it to a place called success."  
 Author Unknown

For with God nothing will be impossible (Luke 1:37).

Peace be with you,  
*Donna Walter*



**NEXT HEALING SERVICE**  
 will be Sunday, September 17  
 following the 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service.

You may offer prayers of healing for yourself or others. We will offer anointing with oil and the laying on of hands.

You are invited to attend the Service of Installation for Rev. Dr. Bill Lyons as Conference Minister of the Southwest Conference United Church of Christ

October 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.  
 United Church of Sun City  
 11250 N. 107th Ave.  
 Sun City, AZ 85351

Reception following the service in the Friendship Center

## Sharing Faith

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.

## What God is Like

God is like Coca-Cola  
He's the real thing.  
God is like General Electric  
He lights your path.  
God is like Bayer Aspirin  
He works wonders.  
God is like Tide  
He gets the stains out that others leave behind.  
God is like Alka Seltzer  
Oh, what a relief He is.  
God is like the American Express card  
Don't leave home without him.  
God is like Hallmark  
He cared enough to send the very best.

*Author Unknown*

## FAREWELL

We bade farewell to Social Director, Joanne Gayan; Sunday Custodian, Joe Gayan; and Soloist, Erin Lewis Schmitz, on July 23, 2017.

Thank you to them for their faithful service to United Church for many years. They will be greatly missed.

Please keep them in your prayers as they move on to the next chapter of their lives!

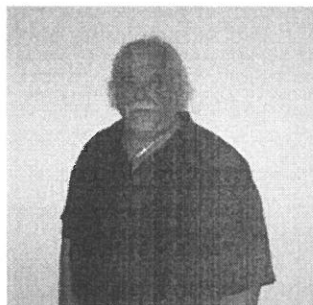
## Meet our new members as of June 4, 2017



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**New soloist, Kira Kadel,**  
began at United Church on  
August 6, 2017.

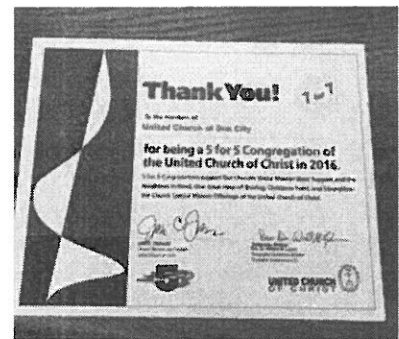


**New Sunday Custodian**  
Meet Steve Halasz who began as our Sunday Custodian on July 30, 2017



## School Supply Drive

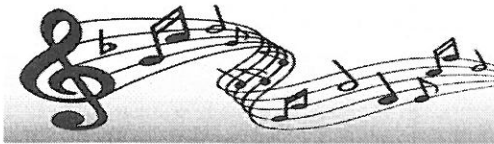
Thank you so much for all the donated items! Your donations were very much appreciated and needed.



## United Church is once again a "7 for 7" church!

United Church of Sun City is a "7 for 7" congregation which means it is recognized as a leadership church in the United Church of Christ. To be a "7 for 7" congregation, the church must participate in (1) Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support, (2) One Great Hour of Sharing, (3) Strengthen the Church, (4) Neighbors in Need, (5) Veterans of the Cross Christmas Fund, (6) Sow the Seed, and (7) Spread the Word. These 7 offerings are spread out over the course of the year and each one is explained so that you may choose which offering(s) you would like to support. Thank you for your faithfulness to the ministries of the South West Conference and the United Church of Christ!!





## MUSIC NOTES

September?! How is it possible?

Thank you all for your prayers while I was gone.

I am thrilled to introduce the congregation to our newest soloist, Kira Kadel. What a talented young woman she is! She comes to us with many years of singing behind her. She has appeared on stage several times at Theater Works in Peoria and other theaters in the valley. She shared with me her favorite role was Eponine in Les Miserables. I was fortunate to see her perform. She is currently a student at ASU. When I returned from vacation I asked her how things were going; she said she loves it here at UCSC because the people are so welcoming and friendly. It's wonderful to sing with her, and I look forward to the future with our current slate of soloists: Ron Cammel, bass; Nick Pullin, tenor; Kira Kadel, soprano; and me! We did have to say goodbye to Erin Lewis Schmitz. She sang with us for seven years. What a gift she has. We wish her and her husband, David, well on their new move to Portland, Oregon.

Choir practice begins September 10, the Sunday after Labor Day at 8:45 a.m. in the music room, which is down the hall toward the memorial garden from the office. I have new anthems to pass out and am excited to welcome some new singers to the choir. Please know you are all welcome. I would love to have all of you up on the altar with me. There is nothing like singing to the Lord.

Mark your calendars for our first Ice Cream Concert Kickoff for the 2017/18 season. It will be on September 17, Sunday, at 3:00 p.m. We will have the fabulous All Star Band and our soloists will perform as well. The All Star Band performed this summer at Mountain View Rec Center for an audience of 700! I was excited to sing with them then and am equally excited for this upcoming event. Bring your friends and neighbors.

What an exciting year we have ahead of us at UCSC. Watch future newsletters for information.

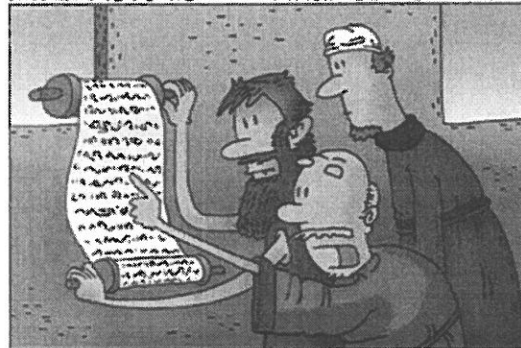
Blessings to all,

*Ginni Summers*, Minister of Music



Janet Vanderbilt	9/2
Margie Burton	9/5
Maria Coesens-Kelsall	9/5
Diana Graettinger	9/9
Nancy Nay	9/12
Maxine Bell	9/15
Dessie Ernspiker	9/16
Tressie Holgate	9/16
George Hallam	9/17
Jean Petersen	9/17
Grey Pohl	9/18
Phyllis Hale	9/21
Jozalyn Hamilton	9/21
Barbara Norton	9/21
June Stampfl	9/23
Dan Wruck	9/27
Bill Hill	9/28
Sally Schwenker	9/30

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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

**In observance of Labor Day,  
the church office will be closed  
Monday, September 4.**

**Remember. . . . .**

If in need of pastoral care,  
please contact the church office  
at 623-933-0058.

**Who's Who for September**

Head Usher: Debbie Still

Assistant Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Ushers: Jack Fett, Bea Parisi,  
Maurice Kelsall, Maria Kelsall

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Don Stark, Dan Wruck

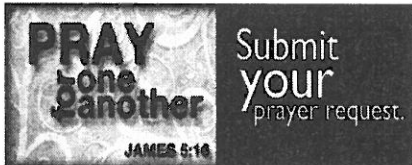
Fellowship Coordinator: Jean Cross

Fellowship Servers: Sharon Wachs,  
Pat Koopmans, Sue Stryker, Nancy Bain

Greeters: Jackie Middendorp, Loretta Chapman

Communion Preparers: Pat Dilmore &  
Audrey Goudy

Media: Rodney Aurich & Jerry Walter



Sharon Herth and family, Laura Carey, Jackie Middendorp, Carol Archer, Colonel Dilmore's Aunt Jean Coffield, EllynMae Ullman family Brian and Trent, Shirley Ezell and family, Pastor Susan Aurich, Phyllis Hale, Wes and Sandy Krahn, Kathy & Daryl Palmer, Marsha Thomsen, Norm Still, Steve Halasz, Philip Atem, Edith Brozka, Ryan Brown, Bryon Gettle, Shirley Lindquist, Nicole Kulbashian, Bob and Joan Herzog, Clarice Buchholz, Bill Oberstadt, Jean Petersen, Anna Kruke, Bob Gilbert, Rex Mayberry, Rick and Bonnie Houston and Bob Pendley.

**Board & Council Meetings**

The next meeting of all Boards and Council\*\* is  
Thursday, September 7 as follows:

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

Diaconate	Friendship Center – north side
Trustees	Friendship Center – south side
Finance	Pastor Brady's Office
Music	Choir Room
Membership	Social Director/Media Office
Missions	Grace Chapel

**\*\*Council meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Beehive**

**Don't Miss This!**

**Sunday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m. All Star Band Concert  
and Ice Cream Social**

**HELLO TO OUR SNOWBIRDS**

We hope you had a great summer. 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!

*In Memoriam*

**Always in our hearts**

*Dear friends we lost  
this summer:*

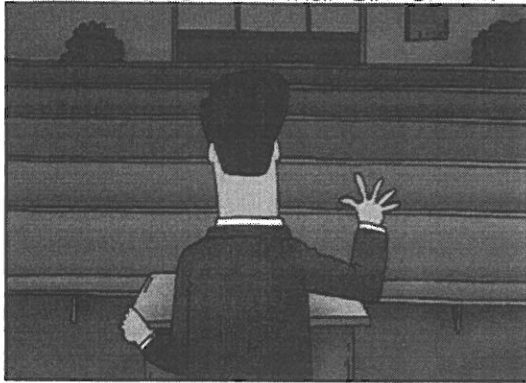
*6/5/17 Marie Lamberti*

*6/21/17 Victor Sibilla*

*7/17/17 Don Thomson*

*7/27/17 Erma Bugher*

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FIRST OFF, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES ONLINE ...

### **Friendly Service Begins Again Tuesday, October 3**

*Friendly Service meets every Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Beehive. We work as a group to create, organize, and complete baby layettes for the Salvation Army and Del Webb Hospital. The completed layettes contain quilts, afghans, receiving blankets, crib sheets, bibs, sacques, sweater sets and a baby cap. We are a donation-only group and can use fabric, yarn, clean, slightly-used sheets, and monetary contributions. If you sew, knit or crochet, you would be very welcome to our friendly group or be a member of the Prayer Shawl group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at the same times. Any questions? Call Pat Graham 623-875-6135.*

### **United Church of Sun City Website**

Don't forget United Church has a website located at: [uccsc.com](http://uccsc.com). You may listen to sermons. Just click on Resources and then click on Sermons. You may also view newsletters, pictures and the monthly calendar of events.

### **Southwest Conference Website:**

The Southwest Conference invites you to subscribe to their on-line publications. They have a monthly newsletter, daily devotional and many articles and conference information. Just visit their website at [www.uccswc.org](http://www.uccswc.org)

**DIGITAL SIGN UPDATE:** We've received 7,085.00!! Thank you so much for all the donations. The variance has been approved and now we go to permitting. The donations collected will help offset the cost of the sign which will cost approximately \$40,000.00. If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the sign, make your check to United Church of Sun City and mark "New Church Sign" in the memo line of the check.\* Drop your check in the mail, offering plate, or bring it by the church office. Thanks in advance. \*If possible, please make a separate check from your pledge or general offering. Thanks.

**Did You Know** you can easily access the latest local, regional and national UCC news? The biweekly In the Loop e-newsletter is posted in PDF format and is located at:

[www.uccswc.org/In\\_the\\_Loop.pdf](http://www.uccswc.org/In_the_Loop.pdf)

## Happy Anniversary

Austin & Janet Vanderbilt	9/3
Don & Jo Berg	9/3
Tim & Lynn Burke	9/5
Peter & Liz Scriven	9/5
Colonel & Pat Dilmore	9/7
Randy & Sue Skanes	9/9
Byron & Sandy Gettle	9/22
Maurice & Maria Kelsall	9/26

# United Church Missions



## Treasures Teachers

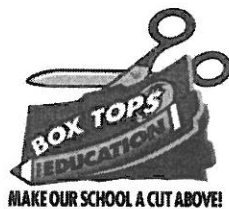
Treasures-4-Teachers is an ongoing program at United Church. Thank you to everyone who has donated household items for teachers to use in their classes. If you need a list of items, you will find flyers on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or call the church office.

### **How To Have Your Purchases Result In A Donation To United Church!**

If you purchase items on Amazon, you can now go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select United Church of Sun City as an eligible charitable organization. On your first visit to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com), you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation. AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of the purchase price to United Church!! Contact the church office if you have any questions.

### **Box Tops for Our Teachers at United Church**

Please save box tops for our teachers. You will find them on participating products such as General Mills or Pillsbury). Each one is worth 10¢ when schools redeem them from Box Tops for Education. Drop them in the specially designated can on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



In addition to eye glasses, the Lions Club will also collect hearing aids.

**JULY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:** Thank you so much for the amazing amount of donations!! Our bounty collected will go to our school teachers, Nancy Wohlhuter and Sally Schwenker and also to the Dysart Community Center.

### **Penny Power!**

Don't forget our Penny Power fund to help Dysart Community Center children with school supplies and other needed items. So save your pennies and drop them in the big water bottle on the information table in the sanctuary.



### **Valley View Food Bank**

United Church is an ongoing supporter of the Valley View Food Bank. They are so appreciative of anything you can give. Donations may be placed on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support.

**WATER DONATION:** In July, fifteen cases of water were delivered to the Food Bank! Thank you for your donations!!



### **Fry's Community Rewards Program**

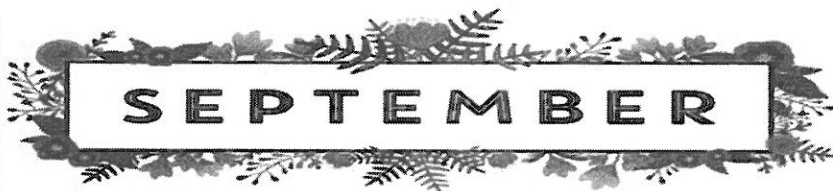
ATTENTION ALL FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM MEMBERS:

If you shop at Fry's, please consider enrolling and select United Church to receive donations from your purchases. It's easy and quick to do it on-line at: [www.FrysCommunityRewards.com](http://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com). Please call the church office for instructions. You must have a Fry's card and an email address to enroll.

The last quarter we received **\$53.30**. That was from 22 supporters. So you can see what it would be if we have more folks sign up.

**NOTE TO CURRENT PARTICIPANTS:** Beginning September 1st current participants will not need to reenroll. You will automatically be enrolled for the 2017-2018 program.





# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 10am Worship & Communion 11am Coffee Hr	<b>4</b> 9:00 Tai Chi  <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9am Board Mtgs 10am Council 11am Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:45 Choir 10am Worship (birthdays & anniversaries) 11am Coffee Hr	<b>11</b> 9 Tai Chi 9:30 VIP	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8 Men's Breakfast, Royal Cafe	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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**Beverly Fletcher, Organist**

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**Office Hours 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday**

**The office is closed on Fridays**

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