

June
2021



United Church News

PASTOR'S POST

Greetings,

I enjoy listening to "Marketplace" on NPR. It is a show focusing on business, the economy, and current events that impact the financial world. It is hosted by Kai Ryssdal and showcases regular features and commentators.

Recently Kai interviewed a camp director. This camp director has served the same camp for forty years. This is his final year before he retires. It will also be the most challenging year. They will have record attendance because people are ready to get back to camp after missing the 2020 season. They will have less counselors than typical because many of the counselors come from other countries and there are still travel restrictions. And the camp will have more protocols in place for campers and employees to follow. The director was hoping for an easy year prior to retirement. He is getting anything but easy thanks to Covid.

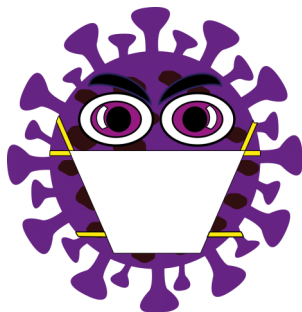
I mention this because the camp director's challenges remind me that as the church, we are not alone in the challenges we face getting back to in person worship during a pandemic. We too have been dealing with big changes and more safety protocols. I have to say that everyone has been supportive and cooperative of all the guidelines. Thank you! And as those continue to change, as recently announced by the CDC, we'll do our best to adjust in a safe, timely, and appropriate fashion. Please, continue to be patient.

Friends, we are not alone. I recently preached on the power of prayer and made the point that prayer connects us to Jesus. During all the significant events of Jesus' life, Jesus turned to prayer; the Transfiguration, in the garden, and hanging on the cross, just to mention three. Consistently, Jesus prayed. We share this gift of prayer with Jesus. We too can turn to prayer during the significant events in our life and if prayer doesn't do anything else (and I believe it does a lot else) it should remind us, no matter what we face - as people of faith, as children of God, as followers of Christ - we are never alone.

Best wishes to the camp director and to all of us still living with Covid-19 challenges. We are not alone.

Prayerfully,

Pastor Brady



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Greetings from our Music Ministry!



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If you've been at our Sunday morning services or watching online, you know that God has certainly blessed me with talented coworkers, hasn't he? (I was moved to tears WHILE I was singing "Here I Am, Lord" with Kira, Caryl, Craig, and Beverly!)

Some people in our congregation are very surprised that we only rehearse together on Sunday mornings, before the service begins!

Summer will bring some lighter music, smaller groups, special guest musicians, and a very "splashy" Fourth of July service, since it lands on a Sunday this year! Please invite your friends! Wear all of your red, white, and blue.

I hope you have enjoyed our "Piano Meditation" time by Floyd Ellison each week. If you don't have a problem to bring to The Lord at that time, I'm sure, like me, you'll think of some blessings to THANK HIM for!

If you're lucky enough to go somewhere cooler for the summer, please check out our Sunday morning offerings online, on Facebook, and under my name on YouTube.

And invite a friend to come and try our CHOIR with you in September!

Making a joyful noise,

Alan Paulson

Minister of Music

United Church of Sun City





Greetings from your Parish Nurse!

It's June already, and we are entering the hottest and most challenging time of the year here in Arizona. I hope that you are already anticipating ways of reducing the stress of the summer months and temperature on your body.

I want to share a few ideas:

Plan your most demanding activities for early morning, or late in the evening when the temperatures drop a bit. Whether it is lawn work, housecleaning or walking, plan it when it is cool.

Drink plenty of water—you will need to continually replace fluids in your system when the temperature is over 100. Soda, coffee, alcohol, or fruit juices just won't do the job of keeping you hydrated! These fluids all have some properties that work to dehydrate you by acting on your kidneys to put out more water. Stick with water - either iced or room temperature. If you can't tolerate straight water, put in just a splash of a fruit juice or lemonade. It makes it much more tolerable.

Try a new activity in the water. We have such a great opportunity with our recreation centers to enjoy a swimming pool. The water is kept warm, but it is still cooler than body temperature. Staying in the water not only cools you for the moment, but it actually lowers your core temperature and keeps you cooler for a time up to several hours after the activity. You don't have to be able to swim. There are walking pools, or just find a spot to float while staying in the water. It goes a long way to helping you cool down. I find that even the area around the pool at Fairway Rec Center stays at least 10 degrees cooler than the outdoor temperature. Some people "hang out" and read or play cards and enjoy the break in the heat.

I hope you will share more ideas with me as we face this hot summer! Enjoy and be safe!

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.



FATHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH



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May Birthdays

Jo Ann Lightfoot	06/03
Vern Peterson	06/03
Jean Beidler	06/04
Lois Menefee	06/05
Dwight Brown	06/07
Wilma Conley	06/07
Margo Bacon	06/11
Liz Scriven	06/11
Maurice Kelsall	06/12
Janice Pendley	06/12
June Haines	06/14
Bill Lemkuil	06/21
Ruthanne Kern	06/23
Bud Andreason	06/25
Joe Johnson	06/25
Kayla Wiebold	06/26
Jean Cross	06/28
David Wirth	06/29
Norm Still	06/30

May Anniversaries



Joyce & Bill Hill	6/9
Brenda & Bob Gunther	6/11
Gail & Marris Warmath	6/29

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.





We received a thank you letter from Dysart Community Center for our donations to help replace the computers, play stations and children's tablets that were stolen when they had a break in at their facility. Missions gave \$500.00 and the congregation gave another \$500.00 for a total of \$1000.00 to help with the recovery. We want to thank everyone who gave a donation to make this possible.



Dear God,

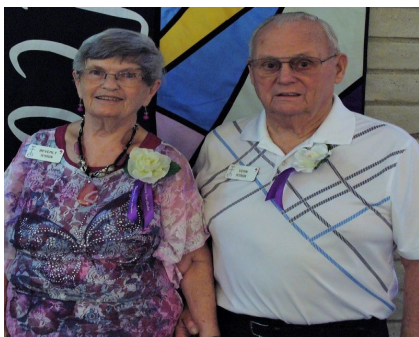
Help me log on without fretting.
Guide me, as I am interneting.
Bless my downloading and uploading.
Keep my browser from exploding.
May my website be protected?
Let not my password be rejected.
Keep my line always connected.
And all my inputs be accepted.
Please keep my entire program alive.
And may I remember to back up my hard drive.
Prayers for all those who aren't connected.

Amen



Geneva Marie Meiners Renk

There will be a memorial service for Geneva Renk on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 2:00 PM (cst) at St. John's United Church of Christ (Wheatland), New Albin, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Geneva's memory to St John's United Church of Christ or New Albin, Iowa or United Church of Sun City, Sun City Arizona. There will be flowers at United Church on Sunday June 27th in memory of Geneva.



We want to thank Beverly and Vern Peterson for making the beautiful baskets that were given out on Mother's Day. How wonderful to have such talented and generous church members.

RECENT REPAIRS AND UPDATES TO THE CAMPUS

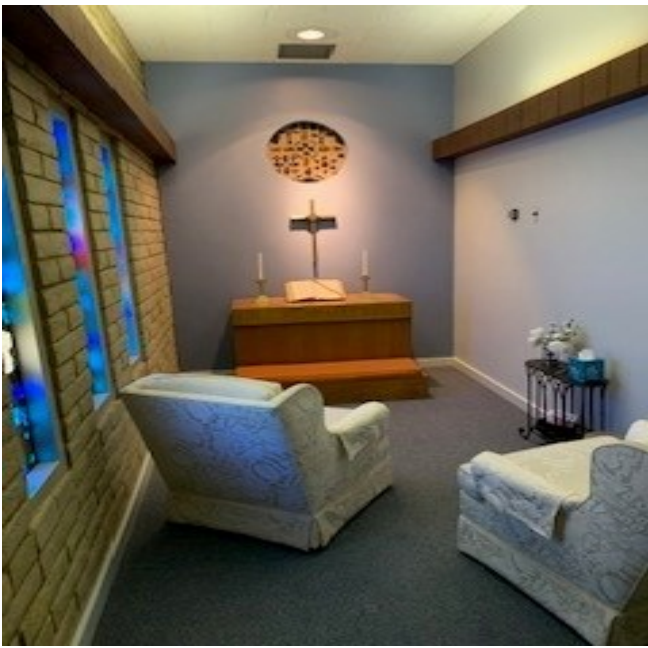


THE OLD GAZEBO WOOD WAS ROTTED AND NOT SAFE. IT CAME DOWN QUICKLY.



THE NEW FINISHED PRODUCT

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DeCoursey Chapel was painted.
Perfect for private prayer & devotion.



Pastor Susan's old office is now the new meeting room. The walls and cabinets have been painted and a new Meeting Room sign was installed

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED
6 Worship 10:00 am Membership meeting after service. Worship online after service Communion bring your own elements 2nd Sunday after	7 Walking group 1pm	8 Small Group Book Study in Grace Chapel 1:30pm	9 Walking group 1pm	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 OFFICE CLOSED
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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