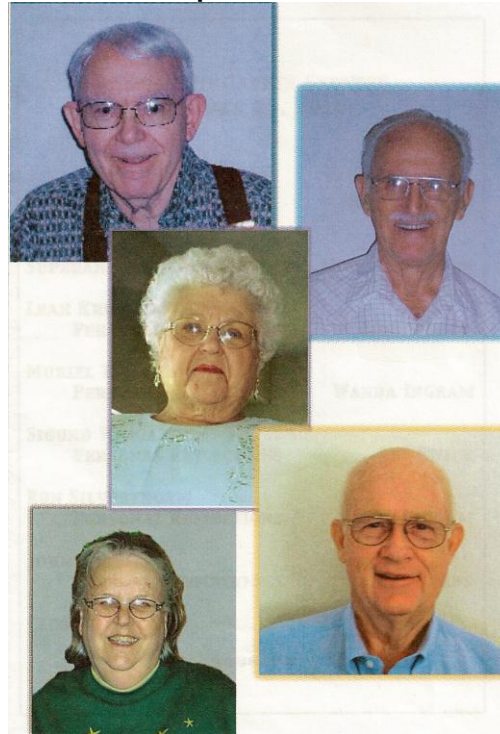




Thunderbird West Congregational News

Five Superannuations



John Decker, Sigurd Wingard, Muriel Talcott, Leah Krueger & Ron Silverthorn



Wait Staff: Left to right back to front

Diane Sloan, Eldora Engebretson, Brenda Jones, Jared Ingram, Evan Sloan, Kyle Brittan, Dawn Garlock, Wanda Ingram, Carla Brittan, Alyssa Brittan, Rylee Garlock, Victoria Stafford

Five Superannuations by Wanda Ingram

Saturday evening, October 23rd will long be remembered by everyone who attended the Superannuation festivities held here at Thunderbird West. The evening was a smashing success!

Superannuation is always a celebratory time because it allows friends and family to honor a priesthood member who has given years of long and faithful service. Recently, five priesthood members, here at TBW, found their life circumstances had limited their ability to fully function in their particular priesthood offices. The honor of superannuation was the appropriate action for them to take. This meant a congregational event, needed to be planned, where each person would receive a certificate of superannuation for the ministry he or she had given so selflessly. Those five were: John Decker, Leah Krueger, Ron Silverthorn, Muriel Talcott and Sigurd Wingard.

Planning began at the October commissioners' meeting when the question was asked: How could just one event, be planned, that would make it a meaningful experience for each of the five? It isn't often that a congregation has the opportunity, or challenge, to plan a single activity that could show their gratitude to so many members of the priesthood. Everyone agreed that whatever was planned needed to be very, very special. It was decided that a dinner, with a suitable program afterward, would be that special event.

Eldora Engebretson and Scott Sloan graciously consented to act as co-chairs and for the next several weeks these two put in countless hours so this occasion would be special for everyone. Some of the beforehand tasks for the dinner included: purchasing and preparing the food, setting up and decorating the tables, volunteers who waited on the tables, as well as the kitchen helpers, who also acted as the cleanup crew.

Preparing a nice program for the honorees also involved a number of different people. Each honoree was asked to prepare a brief summary of his or her life. Out of this information a Power Point tribute was prepared for each of the five and a family member or good friend was asked to provide some additional personal reflections about each honoree,

The day of the Big Event arrived. All the above preparations had been made and the festivities were about to begin. As people entered the church, they were greeted with the pleasant aroma of good food, along with the smiling faces of Alyssa Brittan, Rylee Garlock and Victoria Stafford who extended a welcome and trays of cheese to each individual.

The usual all-purpose room had magically turned into a place for fine dining. The three girls, AND our own nearly six foot tall Evan Sloan, along with a few somewhat older waiters and waitresses, served each table with great finesse. It was noted by a number of diners, that instructions to serve from the left and take away from the right had been strictly adhered to.

After dinner, while the dedicated kitchen crew did the cleaning up, the rest of us retired to the sanctuary where the program of recognition took place. The Arizona Mission Center President, Mike Hoffman, spoke briefly about the priesthood category of superannuation.

The rest of the evening focused on each of the five in a more personal way. The Power Point presentation about each honoree was very interesting. Everyone appreciated learning more about what these people had done during their working years, and their years serving our Lord. After the Power Point presentation, the family member, or friend, recalled some more special, as well as a few, rather humorous incidents about each honoree.

Each was given a Certificate of Superannuation, signed by the President of the Community of Christ. Then a final prayer of thanksgiving and celebration was offered by our pastor Mike Alexander and a truly memorable evening ended.

Pastor's Corner

It's always great to get through the summer and see our winter visitors return to the Valley of the Sun and together we can enjoy the beautiful winters we have in Arizona. I've been in this valley for ten years and it still seems unnatural to think of winters as being beautiful, but they are. I will always treasure the memories of growing up in Michigan and how the cool, crisp and colorful days of fall made me want to be outside. Even after a fresh snowfall and the scene was clean and white. Looking out the window at the beautiful winter scenes will always be important to me. Here, we can have the same feelings without all of the cold and work.

We have had good times and wonderful worship experiences throughout the summer as well as great disappointments and losses. The danger is in allowing the obstacles that jump into our paths seem larger than our ability to cope. Going into the fall season we can't help but look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. The memories of the fall holiday period are some of my most precious. These memories cause us to be thankful for what we have, but also should remind us that the security and joy that we experience as Americans and Christians were purchased at a high price by those that led the way before us. They believed in the possibilities of staying the course.

During the exodus from Egypt, Moses had trouble keeping the ex-slaves focused on the promise of a good life in a land they would be led into. He had several thousand people in tow as they crossed the Sinai wilderness marching toward freedom and a better life. At God's command, Moses sent twelve spies ahead into Canaan to check the conditions in the land of their inheritance. When they returned, ten spies reported seeing people who were too powerful. These doubters thought it would be impossible to occupy the land and advocated retreat. Some wanted to go back to Egypt. The remaining spies, Joshua and Caleb reported seeing a "land flowing with milk and honey" and stressed claiming the land as God had promised. Unfortunately, the people would not believe what Moses said were the promises of God. Caleb and Joshua experienced the same wilderness sufferings as their countrymen. They had a different view of the same hard circumstances. Their beliefs in God's promises were stronger than their fears of any dangers they might face along the way. How did God reward Caleb? He said, "I will bring him into the land." (Numbers 14:24) The result for Joshua was that he, Caleb and the younger generation, under 20 years of age, would be the only ones to go into the Promised Land.

I want us to have a better track record than Moses did. Jesus has freed us, but it is still easy to grow weary as our faith is tested. When trouble strikes, we are reminded that along with the promises, there can be great burdens. With faith in the promises God has made, it's possible to reach the destination that He has set before us.

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Community Outreach

November 2nd, Tuesday, Thunderbird West will be utilized as the polling location for the Phelps precinct. Awilda Thomas, Eilene, & Leonard Speer will be among those who help to hold the church open to voters in the area. Be sure to vote on Election Day in your own precinct, an important privilege we have as Americans.

November 26 to December 24: Angel Christmas Tree at the Arrowhead Shopping Center, sponsored by the Salvation Army. Thunderbird West is scheduled on 29 & 30 November. Please watch for sign-up sheets to be posted in the fellowship hall either late October or early November. We will need volunteers for 2 days. This is a good time to wear the blue Community of Christ polo shirts a few of us purchased, three or four years ago, just for this purpose.

A big thank you to Carla & Kyle Brittan, and all of you who helped make the Halloween Rest Stop on Sunday, October 31st a success.

Eilene Speer, Community Outreach Commissioner

Thunderbird West (TBW) Congregation Facilities Committee

Goal: Proactively maintain and improve the TBW facility and grounds.

Please look at Awning Donation Progress Chart that was put up in the Fellowship Hall after the congregational business meeting. The congregation voted to add awnings over the play area and to protect the front doors from the hot sun of summer. The awnings will be purchased as soon as we have enough funds donated.

The rubber mulch is in the play area by the children to classroom.

The asphalt and new sidewalk ramps will be done after the Nov 2nd Election and finished before the craft fair and live nativity.

The Facilities Committee wants to thank the congregation for supporting the projects that were presented at the business meeting.

Eldora Engebretson, Committee Chair.

The Ten Cannots from Dan Edwards

This is the 94th anniversary a famous pamphlet published in 1916 by William J. H. Boetcker. He entitled his tract "The Ten Cannots,"

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they will not do for themselves."

Pastoral Care Note:



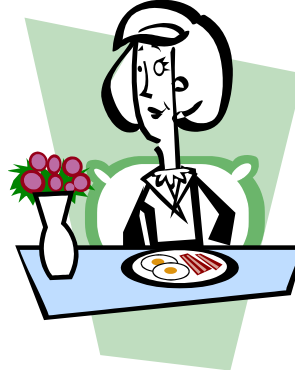
Thank You

We would like to thank all of the caring people that we have at Thunderbird Congregation and our Pastoral Care team. So many of you have offered caring ministry in this tough year.

Thanks to the visiting team who especially visits our shut ins and Frail elderly. Hospital ministry, caring meals, reception helps, blood Pressure clinics, communion to the home bound and celebrating good news and events. Thanks to you all we have felt comfort, love and pain relieved.

On a different note:

The Health Ministries team is exploring a weight loss support group. We need to know how many of our Ladies are interested. It would be a 10 week group. If we have enough interest it would be after the holiday's.



Contact Brenda Jones or Diane Sloan.

There is very little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative

Clement Stone

Blessed is he who has learned to laugh at himself, for he shall never cease to be entertained

John Boswell

Kermit Kenneth Davids

4 September 1934 – 2 July 2010



Kermit was the first born son of Kenneth Davids and Minerva (Miller) Davids.

Kermit Davids was a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Indian Band of the Mohican Indian Nation. He was raised on the reservation in Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin receiving a degree in Electrical Engineering. Kermit served in the Army and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska where he first experienced a Community of Christ congregation. Kermit and his family moved to Mt. Prospect, Illinois where he worked for General Telephone and Electrics. He was active in the church congregation as a Sunday School teacher and Zion's League leader.

Finally, after 20 years of church service, he decided to be baptized and was ordained a priest. In 1980, his company moved the research and development section to Phoenix. Kermit continued to serve on camping staff, directed reunions for three years, and went with the teenagers to Spec. Kermit's favorite recreational pastime was golfing. One of his golfing buddies shared that Kermit was the only person he ever knew who could skip a golf ball across the top of a body of water and that he had seen him do it several times. By 2005, Kermit was in failing health with congestive heart failure and joined a new study for a left ventricular heart device at the Mayo Clinic Hospital. The Heartmate II was implanted in his chest and was run by a small computer device that he wore on his belt, powered by two large batteries he wore in holsters. Kermit was thankful each day for the extra four years of quality time it gave him with his grandchildren.

Kermit passed away on July 2, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sharon (Doty) Davids, and his three natural children and one adopted son. Brent and his wife Ann are music and film composers. Stacy is a child psychiatrist in private practice and has a son, Matt, who is in college. Sue and her husband Jaymes are computer science engineers, but, as their children got to be school age, Sue changed careers and is teaching gifted first grade. Their children are Josh and Kiley. The Davids' Menomonie son, Darwin has a son, Dave. Darwin and his wife Ginger live in Winslow.

Kermit's ashes will be interred in the Indian Cemetery in Wisconsin. Memorial gifts may be sent to Mayo Clinic or to Outreach International.

See Sharon's personal testimony on the next page

Kermit Kenneth Davids story cont.

Sharon's personal testimony: Kermit always told me that it was love at first sight for him and within the first five minutes of meeting him, he stole my heart. I was with a group of nursing students who went to the USO Club at the YWCA in St. Louis to help out if we had a week end night off. I was teaching jitterbug on the roof and Kermit heard the music. He was on a week end pass from Fort Leonard Wood. Of course there were complications that had to be sorted out. Kermit was shipping out the next week for Alaska and I had nurses training to finish at the San. But these were mere details in serendipity's match-making plans that surprisingly brought us to the same place at the same time. Two people from different worlds and no logical reason to meet, and yet here we were locking eyes across a crowded room like a scene from a Jane Austen novel. There was something fateful about that first meeting. It felt like the beginning of a grand adventure. We did not know the details, nor did we ever imagine the challenges. There is a description from the book the Alchemist that resonated with us through the years: "When two such people encounter each other, the past and the future become unimportant. There is only that moment, and the incredible certainty that everything under the sun has been written by one hand only. It is the hand that evokes love, and creates a twin soul for every person in the world. Without such love, one's dreams would have no meaning." Kermit came home from Alaska 14 months later and we were married that week end in the church in Council Bluffs, Iowa by my uncle, Harry Doty. Kermit lived his life authentically and with joy. And I was blessed with my twin soul.

Fellowship & Games

Join us at the church on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 6:30 PM. There are games available for all ages so please bring the whole family and join in the fun and fellowship.



Ruth Anderson, Genie Perigo, Eldora Engebretson & Sharon Davids playing Fast Track

Cliff & Sue Praast's Sun City address

Welcome back to the Valley of the Sun & Thunderbird West.

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Now this is the Living Bible:

His name is Tim. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college.

He is brilliant, kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Tim decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Tim starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything.

Tim gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet.

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Tim.

Now the deacon is in his eighties, he has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. He is a godly man, very elegant, very dignified and very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do.

How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy.

The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do.

And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Tim and worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion...

When the minister gains control, he says, "what I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you just have witnessed, you will never forget."

Let us be of good cheer, however, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.

James Russell Lowell

God is so Awesome!

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God ordered that this animal would have a huge body, and for this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of fruit, vegetable, and grain seed sections and segments, as well as in the number of seeds/grains.

-Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

-Each orange has an even number of segments.

-Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

-Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

-Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

-The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundredfold - all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence. Only the God-planned safe life is successful. Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is fulfilled.

The lives of each of us are ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our lives. If you try to regulate your own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One Who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide us to a Glorious and eternal end.



Quiet Love

Snack Lunches

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought.

Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation.

'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. 'Petawawa. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan.'

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time...

As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks.'

'I'll wait till we get to base.'

His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.' She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq ; it's almost like you are doing it for him.'

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best - beef or chicken?' 'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class.

'This is your thanks.'

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars.

Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand and said, 'I want to shake your hand.' Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, 'I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm.

When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base.'

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It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.' Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers.

As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America ' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.

That is Honor!

COLOR IS GOOD

Yesterday I went to the doctor
for my yearly physical.
My blood pressure was high.
My cholesterol was high.
I'd gained some weight,
and I didn't feel so hot.
My doctor said eating right
doesn't have to be complicated and
it would solve my physical problems.

He said:

Just think in colors.
Fill your plate with bright colors.
Try some greens, oranges, reds,
maybe something yellow, etc.
So I went right home
and ate an entire bowl of
bright colors...



The Birth of the Song 'Precious Lord'...

Tommy Dorsey the composer of "Precious Lord Take My Hand" was a jazz pianist and composer was born in 1899 and died in 1993.

He is regarded by many as the father of gospel music.

After a successful career as a blues musician, he switched to gospel music.

For more than 40 years, he was the choir director Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist Church.

In an account in his own words written for Guideposts Magazine, Thomas Andrew Dorsey said he was actually scheduled to be in St. Louis to sing for a revival.

He had anxiety about going because his wife was in her 9th month of pregnancy

When he left his home to head for St. Louis, he realized that he had forgotten his music case, so he returned to get it and found his wife sleeping.

He stood next to her and felt that something was telling him to stay home.

He decided to leave and headed back to his car for the drive to the meetings.

The next night at the revival and after he had finished singing, a telegram was handed to him that said his wife had just died.

He returned home to learn that his wife had given birth to a baby boy before she died.

Before the night was over, the baby had died as well.

Dorsey went through a difficult period after that.

He said he wanted to give up serving the Lord and go back to jazz.

One of the thoughts that haunted him was whether his reluctance to leave his pregnant wife had been a leading from God and whether he had been disobedient by ignoring it.

He vowed that he would never be insensitive to such a leading again.

It was during a subsequent visit to a friend that he sat down at a piano and found himself at peace and a melody being played.

That became the song "Precious Lord Take My Hand."

Dorsey wrote, "As the Lord gave me these words and melody, He also healed my spirit. I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, and when we are most open to His restoring power. And so I go on living for God willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home."

There have been many emails and printed references to this story and connected it to the great American band leader, Tommy Dorsey.

But the classic gospel song "Precious Lord Take My Hand" was actually written by a different man with the same name. Thomas Andrew Dorsey.

The trombonist and band leader named Tommy Dorsey was born in 1905 and died in 1956

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for there will always be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Desiderata

2011 Arizona Mission Center Calendar

January 2011

1	New Year's Day – Church Offices Closed	
1-2	Youth Yuletide Retreat (Dec 31, 2010-Jan 2)	Whispering Pines
6	Epiphany	PC
16	Racial Justice Sunday	
17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Church Offices Closed	
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration*‡	TBD/Multiple Locations

February 2011

4-6	DiscipleshipNOW	Phoenix Central PC
13	Youth Ministry Day	
20-25	Winter Reunion [David and Carolyn Brock]	Phoenix Central PC
21	President's Day – Church Offices Closed	

March 2011

5	Ministry & Leadership Institute‡ [Tony/Charmaine Chvala-Smith]	Phoenix Central PC
6	World Hunger Emphasis Day	
9	Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins	
12	Adult Ministry Team	Phoenix Central
18-20	Young Adult Retreat	Whispering Pines PC WP

April 2011

6	Church Organization Anniversary	PC
9	Personal Finances Workshop for Senior High/Young Adults	Phoenix Central
17	Palm/Passion Sunday	
21	Maundy Thursday Service†	TBD/Multiple Locations
22	Good Friday Service†	TBD/Multiple Locations
24	Easter Sunday	
29	Discipleship NOW (through May 1)	Phoenix Central PC

May 2011

6-8	Senior High Retreat	TBD
13-15	Campground Work Day 1	Whispering Pines WP PC
30	Memorial Day – Church Offices Closed	

June 2011

12	Pentecost/Endowment Day	PC
11-15	Junior Camp	Whispering Pines WP
11-17	Senior High Camp	Whispering Pines WP
20-24	Vacation Bible School	Phoenix Central

July 2011

1-7	Junior High Camp	Whispering Pines
4	Independence Day – Church Offices Closed	
8-13	Summer Reunion	Whispering Pines
13-15	Family Camp/Grad Camp*	Whispering Pines WP
23-30	Spectacular	Graceland University GU

2011 Arizona Mission Center Calendar

August 2011

13	Ministry & Leadership Institute*‡	TBD
19-21	Spiritual Growth Retreat	Whispering Pines WP
27	Youth Ministry Team	Phoenix Central PC

September 2011

4	World Hunger Emphasis Day	
5	Labor Day – Church Offices Closed	
16-18	Women’s Retreat	Whispering Pines WP
18	Heritage Day Evening Celebration* ‡	TBD (multiple sites)
23-25	Women’s Retreat	Whispering Pines
30	Discipleship NOW (through October 2)	Phoenix Central

October 2011

8	Health and Spirituality Workshop	TBD
16	Children’s Sabbath	
21-23	Peace Colloquy/Senior High Trip to Colloquy	International Headquarters
29-30	Youth Retreat (Junior/Junior High)	Phoenix Central

November 2011

4-6	Whispering Pines Work Weekend 2	Whispering Pines WP
12	Ministry & Leadership Institute: Scripture Class‡	Thunderbird West PC
24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday – Church Offices Closed	
27	First Sunday of Advent	

December 2011

2-3	Mission Center Conference‡	Tucson Central
4	Temple Advent Service	International Headquarters IHQ
24	Christmas Holiday – Church Offices Closed (through January 2, 2012)	
31	Youth Yuletide Retreat (through January 2, 2012)	Whispering Pines

*New or Changed Events

**Requires Decisions—alternates available

†Potential for Congregations coordinating together

‡Childcare provided

Mission Center Conference Includes Advent Music Celebration, 4 December 2010

Plan now to attend the Arizona Mission Center Conference, beginning 10 a.m., Saturday, December 4, at the Mesa congregation, 150 N. Sulleys Drive, Mesa. The conference will include an invitation to congregations to have groups share in music to celebrate Advent with Sharon Davids coordinating. Apostle Scott Murphy will bring a homily. The theme is “Celebrate Messiah!” The agenda includes the 2011 budget, special recognitions for former employees, CPI pastors, and others. Reports will include a design from the Sustainable Youth Ministry initiative team. The conference will be electing two persons to the 2012 National Conference Advisory Team. Lunch will be provided by youth and youth leaders as a fundraiser for 2011 Spectacular.

Dates Announced for President's Annual Address to the Church

During special worship services at the Temple in Independence, Missouri, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2011, and Sunday, April 15, 2012, Prophet-President Stephen M. Veazey will talk about critical issues and opportunities facing our worldwide church as we pursue God's mission. All who can attend in person are encouraged to come to the Temple.

Website Offers Information on 2012 USA National Conference

Visit www.CofChrist.org/USACConf/ for new and background information about the July 2010 conference. Watch the video interview in which USA Apostle Team members Linda Booth and Ron Harmon discuss the work of the visioning team and hopes for the event. Check this page often for event updates.

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Thunderbird West

13 Nov (Sat) - Dale Luffman class at Thunderbird West from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served. A fee of \$15.00 per person will be collected at the door. To reserve your place at the Book of Mormon Seminar RSVP to Mike Alexander. We need a head count to plan for the lunch. Dale will be speaking at the Worship Service on Sunday morning.

21 Nov Thanksgiving Dinner after the Worship Service. Signup sheets will be posted next Sunday for those wanting to help cook. Tickets will be available from Eldora Engebretson.

November/December - Angel Christmas Tree at the Arrowhead Shopping Center. Watch for sign-up sheets to be posted in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed. This is a good time to wear your blue C of C polo shirts purchased a few years back.

November 28 - Congregational Budget Meeting will be during the Church School hour.

Old Farmer's Advice

Some ponderings from the old tractor seat in Boone Co. Indiana. Darn good ones too!

“Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.”

“Keep skunks and bankers at a distance”

“Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.”

“A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.”

“Words that soak into your ears are whispered.....not yelled.”

“Meanness don't just happen overnight.”

“Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.”

“Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.”

“It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.”

“You cannot unsay a cruel word.”

“Every path has a few puddles.”

“When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.”

“The best sermons are lived, not preached.”

“Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway.”

“Don't judge folks by their relatives.

“Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.”

“Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.”

“Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.”

“Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.”

“If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.”

“Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

“The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.”

“Always drink upstream from the herd.”

“Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.”

“Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.”

“If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.”

“Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.”

November/December Schedule

November

7 - "Seek God's Peace"

Communion Service

P/P	Mike Alexander/Scott Sloan
Speaker	Carol Nicholls
Pianist	Heather Featherstone
Deaconing	Judy Bradish & Merilee DuFault
PA	Tom Bradish
Greeters	Suellen Dolson & Betty Nunn
Hall Monitor	

14 - "Rejoice in God's New Creation"

P/P	Bob Ballew
Speaker	Dale Luffman
Pianist	Brenda Jones
Deaconing	Vicki Alexander & Kyle Brittan
PA	Eldora Engebretson
Greeters	Clyde & Lee Swick
Hall Monitor	

21 - "God's Chosen One"

P/P	Kyle Brittan
Speaker	Beth Richardson
Pianist	Genie Perigo
Deaconing	Ken & Awilda Thomas
PA	Kyle Brittan
Greeters	Howard & Darlene Baldwin
Hall Monitor	

28 - "Swords into Plowshares (Peace)"

P/P	Phil & Mary Dachenhausen
Speaker	Wanda Ingram
Pianist	Heather Featherstone
Deaconing	Kyle Brittan & Josh Greenwalt
PA	Vicki Alexander
Greeters	Ken & Awilda Thomas
Hall Monitor	

Schedulers:

Worship	Mike Alexander
Piano/Organ	Heather Featherstone
Choir, Solos & Choral Groups	Connie Denton
Deaconing & PA	Eldora Engebretson
Greeters	Irene Clark
Hall Monitor	Judi Walton

December

5 - "A Child Shall Lead (Hope)"

Communion Service

P/P	Lois Nelson
Speaker	John Walton
Pianist	Brenda Jones
Deaconing	Merilee DuFault & Carrol McCans
PA	Eldora Engebretson
Greeters	Phil & Mary Dachenhausen
Hall Monitor	

12 - "Rejoice (Joy)"

P/P	Dena Perrine
Speaker	Dulcy Silverthorn
Pianist	Sue Galvin
Deaconing	Kyle Brittan & Evan Sloan
PA	Vicki Alexander
Greeters	Lloyd & Leila Bierer
Hall Monitor	

19 - "Emmanuel – God with Us (Love)"

P/P	Beth Richardson
Speaker	Mike Alexander
Pianist	Mark Bradish
Deaconing	Vicki Alexander & Amber Sloan
PA	Kyle Brittan
Greeters	Jim Rasmussen
Hall Monitor	

26 - "God with God"

P/P	TBD
Speaker	Sharon Davids
Pianist	Brenda Jones
Deaconing	Ken & Awilda Thomas
PA	Tom Bradish
Greeters	David Elrod
Hall Monitor	

Abbreviations:

PA: Sound System	P/P: Planner/Presider
TBA: To Be Announced	

Rhubarb Jell-O Dessert

The challenge is to find rhubarb in Arizona

1 cup sifted flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 egg (beaten)
1/4 tsp salt
2 Tbls butter
2 Tbl milk

Filling

1 pkg red Jell-O (any flavor)
3 cups rhubarb (cut in 1/2 inch pieces)

Streusel Topping

1 cup sugar
1/3 cup butter

Combine flour, baking powder, salt and butter. Mix as pie crust. Add beaten egg and milk. Pat in bottom and sides of 9 inch pan. Put rhubarb in crust. Sprinkle Jell-O over rhubarb. Over this sprinkle streusel topping and Bake at 350° for 45 minutes



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