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## FROM OUR PASTOR

Moving day. What fun. (Not.) Now imagine spreading it out over months. What a mess. However, things are starting to come together for your new pastor.

My office is not finished yet, but most of my books are on the shelves and personal items are getting hung. I am slowly finding furniture. Meanwhile, I have bragged to my family: I went to

the hospital today, I called a member to follow-up on a prayer request, I had my first Trustees meeting, etc. And now, here I am, writing my first column for the newsletter. Meanwhile, my calendar is beginning to fill up. Yes, I actually am beginning to feel like your pastor.

I want you to know I really appreciate how welcome you have made me feel. Not every church is like that. You have been kind and helpful. You are trying to teach me about the church and about Yuma. I have discovered where The Chili Pepper is located. By the time you read this, I will have met with worship and started discussing the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season. Did you know that time of the Christian year is called the season of Hope and Joy? I bet you haven't heard that before. Don't we have a lot to learn from each other?

It is hard, this constantly learning new stuff. Right now, you and I are learning about grief. I know this congregation has lost several members recently. Some of you might say you have lost too many members in recent years. That does happen with an aging church, but it is hard. Me? I am grieving my kids and my home. Right now, I have a four-bedroom house in Surprise with two bedrooms filled with boxes and a bed each. Those two beds are all that are left of my two younger children's bedrooms. My oldest son's bedroom was turned into a guest room years ago. Yep, I now have to adjust to being an empty nester. My father-in-law is on hospice. Grief is on the horizon in Texas. It seems every new beginning starts with endings of various kinds and some form of grief. We

may have to work together to deal with all we are going through, individually and as a church family. But we have all survived before, and we will again.

As the calendar fills and we rush headfirst towards the holidays, we will all be learning a new normal. God bless you all as we work together for God's glory here in Yuma.

*Pastor Galene*



*Look for details in this newsletter for exciting new ministry opportunities*

### Monday Book Study

Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Barnes and Noble – 1:30

### New Member Class

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – 11:20 AM

### Tuesday Bible Study

Beginning September 18<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:00 PM**

### *Annual Church Conference*

with our new West District Missional Strategist and Superintendent *Rev. Nancy Cushman*



### **Holy Huddle with Bishop Bob for Lay and Clergy**

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Gila Mountain United Methodist Church  
12716 N. Frontage Rd., Yuma.



## Our September Birthdays

1.....	Pat Jones	10.....	Jerry Walker
3.....	Jeff Irick	11.....	Betty Johanson
6.....	Julie Brooks	13.....	Lisa Rammelt
7.....	Roy Cooper	17.....	Travis Hurt
8.....	Wacel Harvick	18.....	Judy Raas
10.....	Rachel Jarvis	29.....	Terry Hurt

*Join us on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> for Birthday Cake following the service!*



The Constance Stone Circle will meet at 10:00am on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, in the Muriel Freeman Library. Please bring your homework "Digging a Little Deeper" from pages 30-31 of our study book, and the Books of the Bible quiz. We will also begin our review of

Chapter 2, "Sarah" in our study book. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

*Carmen Hawk, Circle Coordinator*



Here it is September, time to resume Trinity Men's Ministry. We gather the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 AM in Freeman Library for food, fellowship, and faith adventure. All men are welcome. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>!

*Dick Lueck*

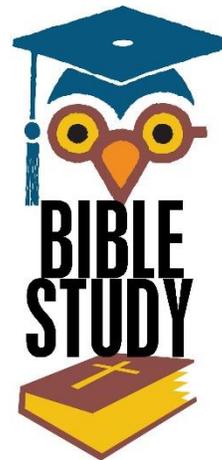
### **FROGs Friends Relying on God and Youth Gather**



Frogs and Youth will be starting back up on Sunday, September 16, 2018 from 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM. We will be playing games and eating snacks.

Please come and join us for some FUN!!!

*Sarah Akins*



During September/October, Pastor Galene will be offering a Bible Study in the mornings and evenings, to coincide with a sermon series she will be preaching. The study, "Not A Sunday School Story" will be offered at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM on Tuesdays, from September 18th to October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Room 106. The study is loosely based on the Old Testament Lectionary readings

for this fall, but will concentrate on the perspective of the women involved. Each morning and evening class will cover the same material, though the discussions will depend on those attending. As there will not be enough time to read every passage in class, it is recommended that the readings be done beforehand. The schedule will be:

#### **September 18**

Sarah & Hagar

#### **Power and Privileges**

*Genesis 16:1-16, 21:1-21*

#### **September 25**

Ruth & Naomi

#### **Economic Survival**

*Ruth 1-4*

#### **October 2**

Vashti & Esther

#### **Models of Resistance**

*Esther 1-10*

#### **October 9**

Bathsheba

Michal

#### **In the Eye of the Beholder**

*2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Kings 1-2*

*1 Samuel 18:20-29, 19:8-17, 25:44*

*2 Samuel 3:12-16, 6:16-23*

*1 Samuel 25:2-42*

Abigail

#### **October 16**

Gomer

#### **Who Betrayed Whom?**

*Hosea 1-3*

#### **October 23**

The Good Wife

#### **Who Is a Worthy Woman?**

*Proverbs 31:10-31*



## Are You Interested In Joining Trinity UMC?

A new member class has been scheduled for **September 16th** following worship. If you are interested in joining the Trinity UMC family, please contact the church office at 928-344-3013. If you need to reserve child care, please let us know the number and ages of the children so we can make arrangements. After getting any refreshments you want from the fellowship time, please gather in the Serendipity Class Room, near the restrooms in Morris Hall. The pastor will lead the class, beginning at approximately 11:20 AM. The class will last about an hour.



**A big THANK YOU** to all of you that helped with supplies for the students at Palmcroft. A really BIG Thank You to

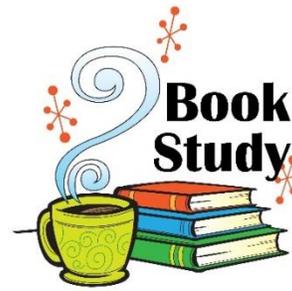
Pam Young-Walker who did all the slips and deliveries!! This time of year, that is one HOT job!!

The annual Book Fair will be coming up the week of October 8. I will be getting back to you for volunteers to help at the Book Fair.



Ahh, August! Fall is just around the corner with its cooler temperatures. The kiddos are back in school and there's FOOTBALL to look forward to. With summer activities

winding down, a friendly Hello, a silent prayer, or a truly listening ear are ways we show others we care. Our Parish Nurse, Sharon Felty, takes blood pressures each fourth Sunday after services. Just follow the colored footprints in the fellowship hall to have yours checked. Since there's often a line, you're welcome to bring your cake & coffee with you, take a seat and you'll be next. Hope to see you there!



The Book Study at Barnes and Noble will resume on Monday, September 10 at 1:30 pm. Please note the change of day of the week. This is to accommodate the new Bible Study on Tuesday mornings and evenings, as Pastor Galene is leading the

Bible study as well as the book study.

Our first book will be "Orphan Train", a novel by Christina Baker Kline based on actual historical events of the early 20th century here in the United States. Our tentative schedule of readings is listed below. If we discover the passages are too short, we will speed up the timetable. The page numbers may not match your edition of the book, but we will basically read the current storyline followed by the past storyline each week, which should help you follow the readings.

### Prologue – Union Station Chicago 1929

Page 1-45

### Spruce Harbor, Maine, 2011 – Albans, Minnesota, 1929

Pages 47-82

### Spruce Harbor, Maine, 2011 – Hemingford County, Minnesota, 1930

Pages 83-126

### Spruce Harbor, Maine, 2011 – Hemingford, Minnesota, 1930

Pages 127-167

### Spruce Harbor, Maine, 2011 – Hemingford, Minnesota, 1935-1939

Pages 169-205

### Spruce Harbor, Maine, 2011

Pages 249-273

## *Welcome Nancy Cushman*

*District Superintendent & Missional Strategist*

*West District Laity and Clergy: Join us as we welcome and celebrate the appointment of Rev. Nancy Cushman.*

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Covenant Ceremony at 4:00 PM

Fellowship 4:30 to 6:00 PM

**Lakeview United Methodist Church**

10298 W Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City

A time of fellowship, covenant and goodies!

Please call the office (928-344-3013) and let us know if you are planning to attend.



It is that time of year to start thinking about Relay for Life. I know what you are saying, “But the Relay is not until April!” You are right, but we need to work on money making all year long!!

The Relay year goes from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. At this point Team Trinity is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with around \$13,000 in donations. The top team is at about \$16,000. So our goal, as always, is to be #1. We will be working hard and begging a lot! Keep watching for upcoming events.

Our kick-off will be in October. Cake and birthdays!!

The first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM in the Music Room. Anyone can be on the team, so please come join us!!

*Karen Conde, Team Captain*

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



**Thanks** to members of the **Serving Ministry Team** who hosted our Fellowship Time in July, and our **Caring Ministry Team** who hosted in August.

Some people have asked who is on the various teams that host this fellowship time. We are beginning to post the names of the team as well as the team members so that you might know who they are.

**September Coffee Fellowship Hosts – Learning Ministry Team** – Sherrie Kelley and Nancy Blitz, Team Leader – Pastor Galene, Sarah Akins, AnnaMarie Sollars, Greg Ferguson, Roger Smith, Marilyn Young, Lisa Rammelt, Laurie Lineberry, Carmen Hawk, Mike Shelton and Dick Lueck

**October Coffee Fellowship Hosts – Worshiping Ministry Team** – Karen Conde and Pastor Galene, Team Leader – Dick Lueck, Jackie Spear, Johnna Dupstadt, Marilyn Young, Peggy Eskew, Ruth Ann Carroll, Pam Young-Walker, AnnaMarie Sollars and Sarah Akins

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**Please note:** Thank you Dick Lueck for setting up Coffee Fellowship EACH week regardless of the Team assigned!!!! And again, you see many of the same names on each of these Teams!!! So... as you enjoy your coffee and cookies please feel free to HELP!



**MUSIC NOTES**

By the time you read this, all the choirs will be back in church. The bells, obviously, are working on Christmas and have been since May. This year will be the **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert**, and we are doing decades of music, starting at 1500. You will just have to stay tuned for the rest of the story.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the choir said “Good-Bye” to Jeff Irick. He has been with the choir since the beginning, and he will be missed by all!! He has sold his home and is moving to Phoenix to be near family. **Good Luck Jeff!** Fortunately, we have a replacement! Someone asked me to list the names of the members of the choir, so here they are:

- |                   |                  |              |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Leonard Fuchs     | Sarah Akins      | Lisa Rammelt |
| Bob Rammelt       | Joanna Pyott     | Kerry Allen  |
| Shelley Bernstein | Laurie Lineberry | TJ Thorp     |
| Helen Franklin    | Don McCravy      | Katie Fuchs  |

Don't forget the Bells have a YouTube Channel, **“Cindy Klein Memorial Handbell Choir.”**

The Chancel Choir's first practice is September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and back in church on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be a little group in the beginning, and if any of you would like to join us, please do!! Singing is good for the heart and blood pressure. Studies have shown that!! **Make a joyful noise!!**

And just because I listed the bells, here are the Chancel Choir members:

- Sopranos: Peggy Eskew, Marlene Evans, Deltrina Grimes, Marion Perry, Miley Rosanes, Ruth Wilmot
- Altos: Jean Rivers; Winter folks – Deb Fritz, Eileen Hebert, Patty Waddel
- Tenors: Bill Ellenberger, Earl Koch, Dick Lueck
- Basses: Ray Evans, Marc Hernandez, Robert Pooler

*Karen Conde, Music Director*



Let's help Pastor Galene learn what names go with what faces!!!

### Wear your Name Tag!

If you need a new one, please contact Bob in the Church Office and he will be HAPPY to make you another one! Or you can just mark it on your Sunday Registration Card! Your New Nametag will be put on the holder in the Narthex (please note they are not necessarily in alphabetical order – NO MATTER how many times we put them that way!)



### LIFE OF CHRIST IN FILM...

#### The Sequel!

Coming to a church library near you!! The Life in Christ in Film study we did in the Spring was so meaningful to participants, we have decided it's time for a sequel! This time around, what we'd like to do is take a look at various films from multiple genres that can be said to have a theological message, portray an aspect of God, tell the story of a person of faith, or otherwise would be of interest for discussion within the group. Suggestions so far include, "O God!", "Evan Almighty", "The Shawshank Redemption," and "Amazing Grace", just to name a few!

The format of the group is to watch the movie together and then spend about 30 minutes or so in very free-form conversation about points of the movie that struck us, questions it raised, how it informs our own faith, and whatever else comes to mind. \*\* The day and time will be based on initial participant availability.\*\* Last spring we went with Sundays after worship, but a weekday afternoon or evening is also a possibility.



Please talk to Katie Fuchs via the church office if you are interested, particularly with film ideas! Stay tuned for an announcement regarding the first session. Our

5th Sunday Fundraiser for the Youth/Camp Fund was successful. Just over \$180.00 was donated. Thank you everyone for joining in and eating some ice cream. We also would like to thank Jackie Spear for donating the ice cream and Lisa Rammelt for donating the toppings. Watch the bulletin for details about our September Fifth Sunday Fund-raiser on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>!

*Learning Ministries Team*

### Financial Update

So that you are more aware of the finances of the Church throughout the year, the following is a summary of our income and expenses through July 31, 2018. You can see that we have spent more money than we have taken in, and that there were some expenses that were not paid.

Income Received through 7/31/2018.....	\$132,532.62
Expenses Paid through 7/31/2018.....	<u>\$148,737.88</u>
Expenses exceed Income .....	\$16,205.26
Unpaid Bills.....	<u>\$5,143.55</u>
Total Shortage .....	\$21,348.81

If you have any questions you may speak with a member of our Finance Team: Johnna Duppstadt or Robert Hawk. Detailed financial reports are available to our members from the Church Office.



### Serving Ministry Team

We have another date at the Food Bank! On **Wednesday, October 17, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.**

We'll meet at the Yuma Community Food Bank, 2404 24th St. and will need a group of 11 or 12 people. Remember, you'll need to wear closed-toed shoes, and nothing sleeveless. Watch for more information as the date

approaches. The Food Bank provides a much-needed service to the community, and we can do our part. It's fun too!

Watch for Mission Moments throughout the year to learn about plans for more outreach in our community and around the world.

*Jean Rivers, Team Leader*

**Dr. Chris Hena from Liberia will be present to speak about the incredible medical mission work being performed at a new 20-room Primary Care facility in Kakata, Liberia. On a previous mission trip there were over 1,500 individuals who were seen by doctors, dentists, nurses, and/or received worm medication. The people of Kakata had not seen a dentist in 20 years!!**

**Please join us on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Freeman Library bringing snacks to share as we join with our brothers and sisters from First UMC to hear about this incredible mission work.**



## *A Message from our Bishop*

August 1, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of the  
Desert Southwest Conference,

Peace to you in the name and spirit of  
Jesus who calls us to live in faith, hope,  
and love!

The final report of the Commission on a Way Forward has been officially released to the public. The report is 93 pages long and contains the important background information (how we got to where we are) as well as the text of the plan (One Church Plan) that was supported by a large majority of the members of the Council of Bishops and the other two plans (Connectional Conference Plan and Traditional Plan) that were considered by the Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops.

Reading through these plans is a time-consuming process, but by doing so, you will have a better sense of the nuances of the plans. I encourage you to read through them so that you will be informed about what the breadth of theological differences are in our United Methodist Church. However, let's also remember that numerous other proposals have been officially submitted for consideration by the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019. These, along with the plans included in the report of the Commission on a Way Forward, will be subject to debate and amending at General Conference 2019. Ultimately, what is adopted at General Conference may be dramatically different from any of these plans.

In order to better understand and prayerfully share our thoughts for our Church, I am inviting you to participate in a Holy Huddle on the Future of The United Methodist Church. The Holy Huddles will be helpful to us as we watch what happens in advance of and on the floor of General Conference. The Huddles being planned will consist of two parts. The first part, designed for clergy only, will focus on sharing ideas with the clergy of the Conference about how to lead our congregations with hope amid uncertainty with Christ-like respectful conversations and prayer.

The second part of the Holy Huddle will be for both laity and clergy together. The Holy Huddles are open to all persons who want to come and participate in Christian conversations about the future of our church. We will be hearing some background material to set the stage for our Huddles, but much of our time will be spent in conversation around tables, sharing our

thoughts with one another. There will also be time for questions from individuals. All of this will be bathed in a prayerful, worshipful spirit and will include holy communion as the sacramental act which unifies us.

Some may ask why so much time is being devoted to these Holy Huddles. I believe we are in a very crucial moment in the history of our United Methodist Church and its predecessor bodies. Although we are not all able to vote on what plan is ultimately adopted by General Conference, we do have the responsibility to be aware of the implications of the plans. It is a privilege to pray and share around tables in Christ-like conversation. We join in expectation that our United Methodist Church will face the future united in hope for our future. I anticipate that we will be better prepared to continue our excellent ministries because we have these moments of Holy Huddle to inform and inspire us, centering us in the hope of Jesus Christ even as we undergo change. Our participation gives hope to our mission and ministry to all God's children in the name of Jesus.

A complete schedule of Holy Huddles can be found at the end of this message.

I am looking forward to opportunities beginning this Fall to gather together as United Methodists in our Desert Southwest Conference as we discern God's wisdom for us. Our conversations at the Holy Huddles will be part of our step forward into the future for our United Methodist Church. You are an essential participant in that future, so I hope you will be present with us!

Prayerfully in Christ's love,

Bob

### **Part One for Clergy:**

Friday, January 11, for Yuma area Clergy, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Trinity UMC, 3030 S 8th Ave., Yuma.

### **Part Two for Lay and Clergy:**

Saturday, January 12, for Yuma area Lay and Clergy, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Gila Mountain UMC, 12716 N. Frontage Rd., Yuma.

For a copy of the complete report of the Commission on a Way Forward you may visit:

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website\\_Properties/council-of-bishops/news\\_and\\_statements/documents/Way\\_Forward\\_Report\\_-\\_Final\\_-\\_ENGLISH.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/council-of-bishops/news_and_statements/documents/Way_Forward_Report_-_Final_-_ENGLISH.pdf)

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Church School for all ages – Sunday at 9:00 AM  
Worship – Sunday at 10:00 AM

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## Take Note . . . .

**Team Trinity** will meet on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Music Room.

**Caring Ministry Team** will meet on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM in Room 106.

**Staff Parish Relations Team** will meet on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in Room 106.

**Leadership Council** will meet on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Room 107.

**Transformation Team** will meet on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM in the office workroom.

**Learning Ministry Team** will meet on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Room 106.

**Deadline for the October 2018 Trinity Transformer Newsletter is Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Please email your information for the newsletter to [Bob@TrinityYuma.org](mailto:Bob@TrinityYuma.org).

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**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

**Food Bank Sunday is the  
first Sunday of each month!**  
Please bring non-perishable food to support  
The Yuma Community Food Bank

