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Message from the Pastor:

May I come in?

In the last issue of the Conference publication Desert Connections was an article written by Phil Bowdle entitled The Authenticity Generation. The article was about "Millennial problem in the church" which I found interesting. The writer calls the millennials (18-34) the "authenticity generation." He continues by saying; "Here's the superpower that this generation was born with: they can sniff out whether you're being authentic or not. They know when you're just trying to sell something to them, get something from them, or be someone that they aren't. This superpower is what draws them to certain organizations or people, and what turns them away from others."

That information is helpful in getting to know more about this incredible generation. It makes sense to me but as I think about that "authenticity" shouldn't that be true for any of age? Authenticity! Isn't that information to take to heart as we, Aldersgate, continue to discern our ministry for these new and different times? We are called to be authentic! Authentic in our ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ. Are we being true to our Lord by our actions? Are we demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ in our lives and in the ministry of this church?

We have much to do as we work to develop new ministries and strive to serve our community. The bottom line is that each one of us best be prepared to live what we proclaim, that we worship a God who loves us all unconditionally, we believe it and we strive to do the same in our daily lives. It can be a tough one.

Here at Aldersgate we continue on our journey with much to do. Several important steps for each one of us is to pray daily for our church and its ministry and invite others to come worship with us.

See you in worship,

Tom

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dr. Felipe Lim - 1

Loreen Wallin - 7

Loida Lim - 18

Shirley Strivings - 26



COMING UP IN MAY

Every Sunday	Worship	11:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Hour	12:00 NOON Following Worship
Every Tuesday	Choir Practice	4:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 a.m.
	AA	7:00 p.m.

Staff Parish Relations Committee is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room on May 10, 2016.
The church office will be closed May 30, 2016 (Memorial Day)

Rewards Coordinator, Phyllis Soberg, provides the following information:

BASHAS': Buy a gift card from Phyllis for \$15.00, which is good for fifteen dollars' worth of groceries. Don't throw the card away, you can use it the next time you shop -- go to the customer service counter and add whatever amount you wish, then you can shop using the card. We will receive six percent (6%) of your purchases from Bashas'. There are no rebates on alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, stamp, gift cards, Western Union transactions, taxes, fuel or lottery tickets.

FRY'S: This program has changed. If you are a Fry's shopper, you must have an email address to participate. If you do not have an email address, please contact Martha in the church office to complete a form to create an email for your account with Fry's. We will earn three to five percent (3% - 5%) on your Fry's purchases.

Please remember, this is free money from Bashas' and Fry's.

KARAOKE

We will have Karaoke in Strivings Hall on the evening of the 21st of May, you won't want to miss out on a good time. We will be serving snacks while people are singing or listening to familiar songs.

The funds that are gathered at the Karaoke nights each month are donated to our Food Box Ministries. Approximately ten bags of food are distributed each Tuesday morning.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet following Worship Service on Sunday, May 15th in the Library in Strivings Hall.

FOOD BOX MINISTRY

The pantry is in need of food. Items that are always needed: Dry Beans, Rice, Crackers, Fruit, Jell-O and Pudding Cups, Powdered Milk, Cereal, Saltine Crackers, Peanut Butter, Ramen Noodles, Canned Meat (Tuna, Vienna Sausage or Chicken) and Vegetables. If you can help by donating some of these items, drop them off at the church office from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, or bring them with you to church on Sunday mornings and leave them in the choir room. Thank you to everyone that has contributed.



IN MEMORIAM

One of our members, Gerri Fiedler, passed away recently and the memorial service was at Cross in the Desert United Methodist Church.

DIRECTORY

The Church Directory is included herein. Please check to see if your contact information is current and let the church office know if changes are needed or if additional information should be added. Thanks.

**Voices of Saguaro compete
at national choral event**

The Voices of Saguaro, an 85-voice choir under the direction of Gaylin Tutnick, have been invited by the Chorus of Phoenix to be one of a few elite choirs to perform in the 2016 COA Nationals for Choral.

The top choral programs are invited to participate in the event according to Artistic Director, Christopher Scott.

The event will be held in the New York City from March 31 – April 2. Karen Kennerly, director of choral activities at the University of Miami and Joshua Habermann, director of the Dallas Symphony Chorus, are respected choral conductors, will conduct the massed choir of 800 voices in concert at Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium.

The concert will feature the world premiere of a newly commissioned piece by composer, Z. Randall Stroope, according to a press release.

Participants invited to the COA Nationals will engage in adjudicated performances, masterclasses, national opportunities, clinics with guest clinicians, vocal master classes and songwriting workshops.

In addition to performing with the rest of the choir, the Voices of Saguaro will also perform solo. The event will include the debut of Mrs. Tutnick in Carnegie Hall. The Voices of Saguaro have performed in Carnegie Hall in a mass choir and have performed in large venues including Fenway Park and Wrigley Fields. An Advanced Vocal Ensemble has performed with The Manhattan Transfer, Joshua Cain of Journey and Mrs. Tutnick has directed the choir of Saguaro since 1995.

Individuals seeking additional information about this event can visit www.voicesofsaguaro.org. To learn more about performing opportunities available to students in the Scottsdale Unified School District, visit www.susd.org.

**Scottsdale students receive
awards at banquet**

The Scottsdale Unified School District held its annual All-City Athletic Winter Awards Banquet to honor athletes from the five SUSD high schools, Monday, Feb. 22.

The 25th annual banquet recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments – both academic and athletic – of athletes within the district's sports programs. Forty-seven athletes were honored at the winter awards banquet.



Phoenix Country Day School middle school jazz band.

Special to the Independent

**PCDS middle school jazz band
wins highest honors at jazz festival**

Staff reports
Independent Newsmedia

Phoenix Country Day School Middle School Jazz Band took the highest honor at the Arizona Band and Orchestra Director's Association Area Jazz Festival, held March 15 at Sandra Day O'Connor High School.

The group, comprised of PCDS sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, meet with PCDS jazz instructor Dave Rowe before school most mornings to learn the basics of playing and listening to jazz.

The PCDS jazz bands have consistently performed at the ABODA festival over the last 30 years, according to a press release. This year's performance featured renditions of "Serenade to a Cuckoo," by Roland Kirk;

"My Little Suede Shoes," by Charlie Parker; and "Malguena," a powerful Latin classic.

While required to take music in the middle school during their normal class schedule, this particular group of PCDS students volunteers to come to campus each morning at 7 a.m. in order to practice and learn with Mr. Rowe.

"This group decided at the beginning of the year that they wanted to be really good, and they have accomplished that goal," stated Mr. Rowe in the release. "We work every day to bring a level of proficiency to our young musicians, but jazz music invariably comes from performers hearts. And this group of young students certainly has heart."

'Romeo and Juliet' opens at Chaparral High

Staff reports
Independent Newsmedia

Chaparral High School's award-winning Theater Company presents "Romeo and Juliet," William Shakespeare's most popular romantic tragedy, April 13-15 at its new outdoor amphitheater in Scottsdale.

In this captivating story of two star-crossed lovers caught between their feuding families, the production stays true to the play's traditional time period/setting while an eclectic 80's soundtrack offers a fresh spin on an old classic, according to a press release.



**Scottsdale Chorus
E3 program in**

Staff reports
Independent Newsmedia

Mothers Awareness – MASK – conducts a peer program in several schools thanks to a grant from the Scottsdale Chorus.

Several Valley-wide programs to benefit from MASK's Outreach and Empowerment peer mentor program.

During this peer prevention, Arizona students deliver the message to elementary-age students, educates and empowers, which ultimately leads to decision-making, according to a press release.

MASK's school-based program builds social and emotional skills while helping the school climate and atmosphere. MASK's meetings also help teachers and administrators meet with students. A school-wide appreciation-emotional skills environment that prepares students to be "ready to learn."

The customized program addresses contemporary issues and the challenges faced by students and their families. MASK's program improves school climate, and strengthens relationships through psycho-educational classroom-based activities on helping parents understand their children's experiences, and addressing topics through the MASK magazine and the MASK website.

MASK's E3 program includes three assessment years followed by two enforcement activities two consecutive meetings.

Since the Scottsdale Chorus formed, the group

Valerie Lintz

A day at Justa Center Doors open 7 AM till 3 PM Monday through Saturday and 7 AM till 1 PM on Sunday. So a day goes something like this. At 7 AM members start to arrive. Staff have put on the coffee pot. About 7:30 the van arrives from the women's shelter at 11th Ave and Watkins. Members sign in at the front desk then fan out to sign list to be seen by the nurse, take a shower, have their laundry done, be seen for intake, see the veterans service person, food stamp person, Medicare and social security person (that's me), legal services attorney or income tax help person. 8:30 time for meditation service in the chapel. On Sunday Pastor Rock leads worship service at 10 AM. By 9 AM the place is a beehive of activity. All the computers are in use by members checking email and searching for jobs on line. Members are lined up to use the phone to schedule medical and social service appointments. Others are into their lockers. Some are taking some quiet time out in the library. Oley the counselor is on the phone helping a member set up a mental health appointment. Olivia the social worker is closeted with a member dealing with violent assault. Mike has the truck loaded with household goods to take a member to his new apartment. Rock is on the phone with a landlord to work out a move in deal. Barbara, executive director is on the phone with a prospective donor. The ironing board has been set up. A member is at the supply closet looking for a new pair of socks. By 10:30 members under 60 head out for the 3 block walk to St. Vincent de Paul to get lunch. By 11 AM hot meals are delivered from the senior center and eligible members line up for lunch. By 2 PM the pace slows. Staff start to mop and clean. At 2:30 the van shows up to take the ladies back to the Watkins shelters. The fellows start to head out for the CASS shelter, overflow shelter, Rescue Mission; or in some cases just some place safe and out of sight to spend the night. Justa Center has an ongoing need for supplies for the morning coffee break and snacks. If you can help, call 602-254-6524 or drop off items at 1001 West Jefferson.

JUSTA CENTER

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