

JUSTA CENTER NEWS:

Since we began our Justa Center move in kit project in the spring, we have delivered 29 move in kits for homeless seniors moving out of homelessness and into Housing. Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped pack the bins. Special thanks to Martha Brodersen who is an extraordinary bargain shopper and bin packer. We've moved the Justa Center stuff out of the way so that if you want to start bringing items for the December 2nd rummage sale throughout November, we can put those items in the Justa Center workroom for sorting and pricing. That way we won't have to do everything at the last minute.

Valerie Lintz

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BORDERLANDS FOOD BANK
PRODUCE ON WHEELS WITH-OUT WASTE
(P.O.W.W.O.W.)

P.O.W.W.O.W. is a non-profit organization with a 501(c) 3 status, which disperses fresh produce to communities at churches, schools and other entities throughout Southern/Southeast Arizona – Metro Tucson and Phoenix areas. No qualifications of any kind are required to participate in P.O.W.W.O.W. The contribution is \$10 to shop for 60 lbs. of fresh nutritional rescued produce. It is a redistribution program that we ask that you share with your neighbors, friends, family, etc. No one is turned away for lack of funds. They accept the \$10 or whatever funds they have (even if that is \$0). Aldersgate has had the required meeting with the officials of Borderlands and they have approved our campus as a Host Site for two 5th Saturday programs, i.e. the 5th Saturday in December 2017 and the 5th Saturday in March 2018, if approved by the Council. Ten to fifteen volunteers will be needed for work on December 30, 2017 and March 31, 2018. Initial requirements for the volunteers will be one orientation meeting and one run-thru before the initial December 30th, 2017 event. We will have the help of the Phoenix Borderlands Chief Agency Site Director and they have provided directions on physical requirements, site duties and responsibilities, supplies needed, marketing, outlets to recruit volunteers, event set up, etc. For those of you with computers, we invite you to visit www.borderlandsfoodbank.org for additional information. For those of you without computers, please let us know and we can provide you with copies of the Borderlands 2017/2018 Produce Season Operational Procedure. For anyone who cannot for any reason participate in the actual event, you can help with marketing, enlisting volunteers, making phone calls and generally spreading the word.

Please Contact Judy Peterson to volunteer as soon as possible so that we can provide information to you.

Judy Peterson

NOMADS Update: Once again, we are lucky enough to have NOMADS visit our campus. They will be here at the end of January [from January 29 through February 15] 2018, for three weeks. The Trustees ask that you look around and think about things that need repairing, replacing, painting, etc. This is an opportunity to get improvements made at a minimal cost. There will be a tablet in the narthex for you to write down your ideas. Thank you for taking the time to let us know your observations.

Sarah Burke

Newsletter: Pastor Tom's "Name the Newsletter" contest to name our monthly newsletter has had no recommendations.



Please submit your recommendation cards (enclosed herein) to the Sunday morning ushers as soon as possible!! We will announce the winner at the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday November 19th. Maybe we should offer a prize.....??

Martha Benton

Camelback Holistic Preschool update: Enrollment is growing at the Preschool! Another room is ready for two-year olds with a diaper system. We wish them well as they grow.

Food Pantry update: Food Pantry shelf needs -- peanut butter, jellies, canned vegetables beans and rice, etc.



Please submit any newsletter information to the Aldersgate church office by Monday, **November 27rd**. Newsletters are handed out to those in worship on the first Sunday of each month. Those not present will have their newsletter mailed the following week.

Rummage Sale is currently scheduled for Saturday, **December 2nd** so start gathering your used items for donation to this sale. [Please do not contribute any large items or furniture.] Bring your sale items to the Justa Center room next door to Kephart Hall that have been marked with a price. Please see Gail Everts to sign up for the actual sale – we will need volunteers the date of the rummage sale, so connect with her soon.

The Native American fry bread sale will take place on the same Saturday, December 2nd, in Strivings Hall. There will be special vendors selling items inside the hall, too.



Free admission to the Desert Botanical Garden is **November 14th**, 2017. Meet Martha Brodersen at 1:00 p.m. in the shady area just in front of the admission booths.



Gerry Baker



Dee Dee with the children



Dave & Kristina



Gerry Baker and Dave Rowe

Summer Happenings



Pastor Dee Dee's Children's Sermon



Pastor Tom Is Back !!!



Bill Erickson transferring to Aldersgate



World Communion Sunday



Pastor Tom with the children



Laity Sunday with Martha Benton



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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

June - October 2017



Happy Birthday America
Gale Everts



Lee Smith and Gail Everts



Gerry, Darlene, Don and Bill



Visiting Pastor Sarge

Renewed in Spirit, Renewed in Commitment: Giving – Recently I was asked why I give to the church. I replied, “to help the church do the good work that it does.” To be honest, the first thought that ran through my mind was “I give because the bible says that is what I am supposed to do.” Sometimes it is difficult and I have to make myself give. So I’ve thought about it, in reality I give because of what the church gives to me. I need the “spiritual food” or “spiritual nourishment,” peace, kindness and support to others in the community as well as its current members. What I give won’t keep the church open, but every little bit helps. Aldersgate United Methodist Church is important in my Christian journey. I hope and pray for its growth and survival. That is why I give to my church.

Becky Nyman

Announcements

Choir practice begins in the choir room at 4:00 p.m. every Tuesday in November -- so join us then.

Outreach: It's "Shoebox" time again!!!! Get your box and items ready for packing November 8th, at 11:30 a.m. in Kephart Hall. We'll wrap the boxes and get them ready to ship while having some snacks. Here's some information:

- 1) One standard-sized shoe box.
- 2) Items. Pack for a girl or boy. Ages 2 to 14. Select an age and sex.
- 3) Items can be toys, stuffed animals, games, clothing, hygiene items or school supplies.
- 4) You may include a note and a picture of yourself and remember to say some prayers while preparing the box.
- 5) The \$9.00 postage fee per box will be paid for by the Smith Mission Fund in the Foundation.

Please note: Do not include candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as guns, knives, or military figures; seeds, chocolate or food, liquids, lotion, medication or vitamins, breakable items or aerosol cans.

Questions??? Call me at [602-765-4337](tel:602-765-4337), Phyllis Soberg.

Regarding Tumbleweed Project, We are accepting donations of full-sized products such as shampoo, deodorant and liquid body soap to be left on the table in the narthex for this project. These items will be distributed to UMOM in mid-November.

Reaching New People Team update: Weekly devotional sessions meet each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Lilac Bakery located at the southwest corner of 28th Street and Indian School Road (2747 East Indian School Road).

Be sure to join in the Thanksgiving Carpet project that Martha Brodersen has started on the round table in the narthex. It will be exciting to see how that progresses to it's final completion.

Rebate Update: Both Basha's and Fry's offer the church a rebate on any purchases made by a church member, their families, a friend or neighbor - as long as they are registered. If you shop at either of these stores, or have family members who do, even if it's only once a year, please call or stop at church so we can register you. We use this money for our after-church get-togethers and special events. Additionally, we have a similar arrangement with Amazon through the AmazonSmile program. See Martha in the church office for information on this rebate to the church. Please ask all of your family members and other acquaintances to add our specific code -- <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0173490> when ordering on the website.



ALDERSGATE NEWS

NOVEMBER, 2017

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May I come in?

Finally, Fall has arrived! The leaves are turning and the temperature has dropped, it is beautiful. Another reason we know that it is fall is because we are in the midst of our annual commitment campaign. *"Renewed in Spirit, Renewed in Commitment"* that is our theme for this year. We are talking about more than money; it's about faith and discipleship. Through these few weeks, I've preached about faith and discipleship. You have heard and read statements from various members of our church family. Statements as to why they make a commitment to Aldersgate; not just one of money but prayers, presence, gifts and service.

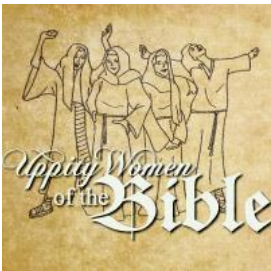
We have a lot happening now. There is the weekly Bible study and the Devotional at Lilac Bakery but there are a number of ways to serve. We have on going mission projects. There is our weekly Food Pantry and we need volunteers to assist on Tuesdays from 9-Noon. Once again, we are collecting for the Shoe Box Ministry and also UMOM's Tumbleweed Program. Both of these are important projects and need donations, they are easy, just make a donation (check with the displays at church to see what is needed.) Our annual rummage sale is in December and we need people to help and to donate goods (call the church office.) A new and exciting mission project is the Borderlands Food Bank. This is a program to stop the waste of produce by reclaiming and distributing throughout communities. The produce will be delivered at our door and we assist people who arrive to claim it. We are definitely going to need your help to make this happen on Saturday, December 30th. Hopefully, through these several weeks each one of us will think about our faith and being a disciple. They do go hand and hand. Soon you will be receiving a mailing and enclosed will be your Commitment Card. I trust that you will be "Renewed in Spirit, Renewed in Commitment." Ready to give of your presence, prayers, gifts and service.

See you in worship,



Fall Bible Study continues with Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom continues the study Uppity Women of the Bible a series featuring Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe. Combining careful scholarship with humor and fresh insights, Dr. Wolfe presents thoughtful discussion of Ruth, The Song of Songs, Esther and Judith. Each session will present a short video followed with discussion.



There will be two opportunities from which you can choose:

Evening Session: Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 14, & 21

Morning Session: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. on November 1, 8, 15 & 22

November



Monica Reyes
Alicia Baker
Maureen Stevenson
Martha Benton

November 4
November 14
November 20
November 23

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Every Sunday	Worship	11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday	Fellowship Hour	12:00 NOON
Every Monday	Masterworks Chorale	6:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Choir Practice	4:00 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Bible Study with Pastor Tom until November 22 nd	5:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday	TOPS	9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	Bible Study with Pastor Tom until November 22 nd	10:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday	Men's AA	7:00 p.m.
Every Thursday	Devotional @ Lilac Bakery November 16 & 30	10:00 a.m.