

"Without a vision, the people will perish..."

Proverbs

Vision...



Safford First United Methodist Church Newsletter ◇ **June 2010**

Annual Conference Mission Project 2010 "Partners in Community" School Nurse Supplies Drive

This year for our Annual Conference Missions Project we are going to be collecting supplies for the local school nurses. Budget cuts in our schools make supply shortages a reality that must be dealt with. Here is your opportunity to help out. Listed below are the supplies requested by the school nurses at local schools. Drop off your supplies in the Narthex.

Lafe Nelson School List

- bandaids
- cough drops
- children's chewable tylenol
- antibiotic ointment (neosporin)
- kleenex
- cotton balls
- ziploc sandwich bags (to make ice packs)
- tums
- children's underwear and pants/shorts for both boys and girls (sizes 6-8). We get a lot of young students who wet their pants and need a change of clothes.
- hand sanitizer
- hydrocortisone cream
- caladryl
- cough syrups

Ruth Powell List

- Band-aids-regular size



- Large cotton balls
- 3 oz plastic or paper cups
- Kleenex
- Bathroom weight scale
- Cough drops
- Clorox disinfecting wipes
- Neosporin ointment

Just One Sunday?

Can you teach the children's Sunday school for just one Sunday during the months of June or July? It's easy. It's fun.

We would like to give our two teachers a chance to vacation with their families during the summer months. The lesson plan will be supplied to you. You can pick and choose which parts of the plan you are most comfortable doing.

If you feel that you may be able to assist in this manner please call the church office (428-4211) or let Patti Hinton or Andrea Pritchard know. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

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**HELP OUR BOY & GIRL SCOUTS
& HAVE A GREAT DINNER AT
THE SAME TIME!**



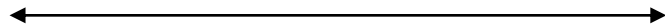
Join us on Friday, June 4, 2010

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Safford 1st UMC Fellowship Hall
Steak Fry & Silent Auction**

Tickets \$15.00 per person

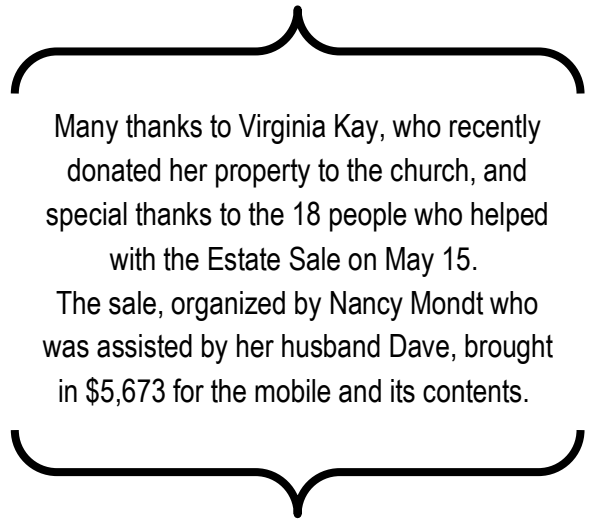
**Tickets available from Scouts & in the Church
Office!**



***Blood Pressure and Glucose screening will
be on June 13. Usual time and place. Do
your part to stay healthy!***

Coupon Quandary

As I am spending hours at the beginning of each month clipping coupons, sorting coupons into categories and then THROWING out hundreds of \$\$\$ in savings of unused coupons, I am concerned that this task may be a waste of time and energy. It does not seem like anyone is utilizing the coupons for savings on their shopping lists! Perhaps the coupon users are getting sufficient numbers of coupons to meet their needs on their own? and do not need to access the boxes in the Fellowship Hall for their savings? I will continue the clipping and sorting and filing until July 1. If an overwhelming "noise" is not heard to continue, then this exercise will be discontinued. So contact me at jbonefas@cableone.net or 428-0275 if you are actually using coupons. Thank you.



Many thanks to Virginia Kay, who recently donated her property to the church, and special thanks to the 18 people who helped with the Estate Sale on May 15.

The sale, organized by Nancy Mondt who was assisted by her husband Dave, brought in \$5,673 for the mobile and its contents.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR--
LET'S CELEBRATE THE
FOURTH OF JULY!**

WHEN? Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

WHERE? Fellowship Hall.

**WHAT? Bring a potluck dish
to share**



Dessert will follow at--

**Steve & Barbara Haralson's
House**

**Homemade Ice Cream & Cookies will be
provided.**

**Watch the Fireworks (yes, the fireworks will be
on Saturday since the 4th falls on a Sunday)**

Look for more information in the bulletins.



**CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!**

You have made the first step toward a bright future. We applaud your accomplishments and pray that you will continue to grow in wisdom and that you will seek the path that God has for your life.

To those of you going on to college, **Safford Methodist Foundation** offers scholarships in the amount of \$600.00 per semester for up to four semesters. This scholarship is available to those youth who have been active in church life at Safford First United Methodist Church. Students must be full-time students (12 hours or more per semester) and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA. Students must apply each semester for funding and show proof of at least the minimum GPA and full-time registration. For more information, pick up a scholarship application in the church office.



Holy Land Tour Planned for October!

Have you always wanted to visit the Holy Land? In October of this year, Pastor Bob and Cheryl Holliday and Dick and Barbie Spining are planning to go on just such a trip. We'd love for as many of our church family to join us as are able! To help you plan, here are the specifics:

When: October 11 - 20, 2010

What: The tour, called "Holy Land Classic 2010", is conducted by *Educational Opportunity Tours*, a Christian based tour group that has been in operation since 1974. The educational theme of the tour will be "Jesus: His Life, His Time, His Land, His Hebrew Faith". A lecture series will include the topics, "Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus", "Jesus' Ministry in The Galilee", "Impact of The Galilee on Jesus", "Geography and its Impact on the Bible". Sites visited will be Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem and Jericho.

Cost: \$3891 single occupancy or \$3393 per person for double occupancy including airfare from Phoenix and taxes

Contact Dick Spining (428-1414) or Pastor Bob (428-4211) for more information.

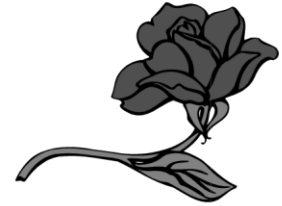


Rose Garden

Have you noticed how lovely the Memorial Rose Garden in the patio is looking? Thanks to Barbara Haralson, who agreed to take care of the garden this spring, the garden is looking better than it has for some time.

Thank you so much,
Barbara!

Board of Trustees



Window Project

The ten new windows are completely installed!

Thanks to everyone who worked on the window project for the Day Care on April 24. Big projects like this are quickly done when we all work together. We thank you and the congregation t hanks you.



Board of Trustees

RECOGNIZING OUR DEDICATED WORKERS!

The Administrative Council has discussed the need to recognize the efforts of so many that unselfishly work to make our church a caring and giving place. After sorting through assorted ideas it has been decided to feature one family, couple or individual each month in the Vision noting how they volunteer and how our church is meaningful to them.

To do this it has been determined we will solicit names of families, couples or individual members of our congregation you feel merit a "pat on the back" We are asking those of you who would like to see specific people recognized for their contributions submit the



Worker Bees

name of those you would like to see recognized along with a few of the things they do that merits recognition. Place this information in the offering plate, turn in into the church office or give it to Administrative Council chairperson, John Bonefas.

We will place the “nominees” in the hat and draw one for recognition in the Vision each month. Look for the first article in July of 2010!

June JJR News

We welcomed a new member in May – Daniel Mabus, Tim’s nephew, bringing current membership up to 13, and total membership to date to 15.

Emphasis during May was to learn dampening skills. When a chime is rung the vibration continues until it either stops on its own or it is manually stopped. There are three main ways of doing this – by touching the chime to the padded tabletop, touching the chime to your hand or touching the chime to your shoulder. Which method is chosen might depend on the length of the chime played or what is comfortable for you. This method was used for the first time on May 9 when the choir played “Morning Has Broken”.

With the Chancel Choir on summer vacation, JJR’s have moved into the choir loft. This allows us to keep our tables set up; saving a lot of set up and take down time. It also allows us to use our rehearsal time to the fullest. Many members have vacation plans this summer, which provides a lot of opportunity for ringers to play in a different position than they are used to.

Summer is also a good time to try out chimes. As we have said quite often, all you have to know to play chimes is the ability to count to 6 and recognize basic colors. Come to rehearsal at 5:00 PM on Wednesday and give us a try.

Did you know...

- that Andrea Pritchard and Sonja Moya are the Sunday school teachers for children ages 4 through 12?
- that children’s Sunday school begins at 9:15, the same time that the adult classes begin, in the fellowship hall?
- that Parents are invited to stay and interact with their children during Sunday school?
- that the curriculum the children’s Sunday school uses is created by Cokesbury, a Methodist supply company?
- that Dick Spinning teaches an adult Sunday school class in the Friendship Room every Sunday morning beginning at 9:15?
- that Bob Fly teaches another adult Sunday school class in the Library every Sunday morning beginning at 9:15?
- that there will be an all-church Fourth of July party (on the 3rd of July) to eat and watch fireworks? Watch for details!!
- that Troy Damron cleaned the carpets in the sanctuary and is now working on carpets elsewhere on the church campus?
- that the minutes of committee meetings are being posted on the bulletin board by the water fountain in the sanctuary narthex?
- that there is now a light in the secured musician storage closet across from the choir room?
- that there is an area in the back of the church created by removal of the last pew for the use of persons in wheelchairs and their companions AND that this area is being utilized?
- that John Bonefas repaired the roof of the Scout Building that is on the campus?
- that we have created a Safe Corridor for the Day Care to get from the classrooms to the playground?
- that Emily Gyger has been elected class president for the sophomore class at Safford High School. Congratulations Emily!

Helping Hands



Have you ever felt like you wanted to do something to help someone in need, but you just didn't know what you could do? Are you looking for a way to help someone in need, but you don't know where to start?

Helping Hands for Graham County is a non-profit agency dedicated to performing home repairs for people who are physically and/or financially unable to do the work themselves.

What does that have to do with you? You might be just the person to help with a simple repair. Helping Hands is looking for individuals to partner in home repairs. We have many applications waiting for much needed home repairs. Are you willing to learn some new skills, work with other Christian friends, and be blessed in the process?

If you are interested in volunteering with Helping Hands, or if you would like to know about this program, please contact Barbara Haralson at 428-5466 or John Bonefas at 428-0275. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

WELCOME...

This is the second of several interviews that the Vision will be printing to introduce new members to the congregation. The spotlight will be on members who joined during 2009 and 2010.

Troy Damron & Gail Metivier

Troy Damron and Gail Metivier with daughter Riley were welcomed into membership on January 31, 2010. Both Troy and Gail have long-standing ties to the Gila Valley. Although Troy most recently lived in Tucson, his father was a copper worker, so Troy spent his summers here as a child.

His grandfather, Ralph Damron, lived in Thatcher until his death at age 97; his grandmother died five years later, also at age 97. Gail was raised in Clifton and has family living in Duncan, although her mother passed away just a few months ago.

Troy is presently the custodian at FUMC. He has his journeyman's certification and is a carpenter by trade, a skill he began learning at age 13 when he worked with his father. Gail presently works at Bricks restaurant and is working on a business degree. She wants to eventually take online courses and complete requirements to become an elementary teacher.

Both Troy and Gail enjoy baseball, watching and playing, and would like to be involved in a summer program here in the Gila Valley. In addition, Gail is interested in scrap booking. Riley, who is not yet in school, enjoys being at home and participating in all Troy and Gail's activities.

They all appreciate the Christian experiences offered by FUMC, especially the recently completed Alpha course. When another Bible study begins, they plan to enroll. They are also making plans for their marriage later this summer, and we offer our best wishes as those plans develop.



News Release

Pirate Alert!

First United Methodist Church announces its Vacation Bible School

The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything—A VeggieTales® VBS will set sail on July 19th to July 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Kids from age four through those entering seventh grade next fall are invited for a fun-filled week exploring what it

means to be a true hero for God. Pre-registration will begin Sundays July 4th, 11th and 18th. The cost will be \$5.00 per student with each family receiving the music CD. For further information, contact Sherry Brady.



Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir was invited to sing at the Federal Prison on May 12th for their annual memorial service for fallen officers. Our Choir director, Paul O'Dell led us and Sherry Brady played the keyboard. We sang, "Perfect Peace" which was very appropriate for that event. The staff of the prison was very cordial and greeted us with their appreciation. We hope to be invited again and make it an annual time for us to sing God's praises.

On May 21st we came together in the fellowship hall for dinner, fun and fellowship sponsored by our excellent choir director, Paul O'Dell. We have had a good year under his direction and after a short break for the summer we will be back in the choir loft with new songs and worship the Lord with all of you. Come and join the choir, we have a good time. If you have something you would like us to sing, drop us a note.

Next time you get the chance, let Paul and Sherry know how much you appreciate the music you hear every Sunday.

We would also like everyone to say a special thank you to these ladies when you see them:

Anne Borland
Rebecca Zilm
Barbara Gilpin

Without them, we wouldn't have had a choir going at the beginning of the season, last September. They stepped up to direct before Paul knew he could be our director for the remainder of the season.

Have a good summer and we look forward to seeing all of you when we return, singing the praises of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Arizona Chrysalis July 23-25

This is a three day spiritual renewal for upper high school students of any Christian denomination (the youth version of *The Walk to Emmaus*).

You can go to azemmaus.org for more information including registration and cost.



Mission Moments

Did you know that our church has nine missions it supports? They are: Heifer Project, Angel Tree, KAIROS, Walk to Emmaus, Food Bank, Day Care, Parish Nurse, Local Outreach, TMM.

During the next months we will try to do an article on each. Some of them have already gotten press lately, but others are still in the shadows. We hope to bring all of them to light.

First United Methodist Preschool/Daycare

This year the FUMC P/D had a very good year. They are held in high regard in the community and as a result have approximately seventy children, ages 12 months through 11 years enrolled.



Day Care Director,
Corrina Gonzalez

Much of the mission's success can be attributed to the leadership of a very capable director, Corrina Gonzalez. She is well educated and highly skilled. Her heart is truly involved in the care of children. She juggles her many duties, which include unending audits and reports, absent teachers and sick children very well. She makes sure the Center takes full advantage of every opportunity for

education, including field trips, school readiness programs and library reading programs. As well as directing education opportunities for the children, she assures that staff members are trained in first aid, CPR, and child development.

The FUMC Preschool/Daycare is grateful to the Church for providing a safe comfortable facility for the children. The Church's unending support has been essential to the program.

Youth News

First of all I want to thank everyone for supporting the youth at the Arby's fundraiser, Thursday, May 20th. Though the money raised won't be going to Sierra Service Project, it will be used to help the Jr. High youth go to the South District Mission trip.

I'm disappointed to say that after discussion among Pastor Bob, Dick Spining and myself it is clear that there is not enough interest by our young people and/or prior participants to make this year's Sierra Service Project possible. As of today, we have had only three young people even turn in a deposit (which they will receive back). Fundraisers were not enough to even begin to cover our final payment, and we've not received any funds from letters sent out. The economy we know has forced many families to prioritize and forego many past activities for themselves and their children. Pastor Bob, Dick and I are looking at possibly working with Helping Hands in a local mission project and perhaps ending it with a day at Sun Splash in Phoenix. While Pastor Bob is on vacation, Dick and I will be working to see what we can come up with, and we will be contacting parents and young people.

But for those of you who have worked so hard at fundraisers and aren't old enough to go on The Sierra Service Project, the South District Jr. High Mission is still on. I have already received some applications, but I will need to have them sent in to Tucson by June 1st so get them to me ASAP. The mission trip is June 9-12. Some of you went last year and even knew people whom you had met at camp. For those of you who haven't been to the mission trip, the event begins with dinner, worship

and games on Wednesday and concludes with an afternoon at Breakers Water Park on Saturday.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, teams of youth will be traveling to different parts of Tucson to be involved with a number of service projects.

All youth who have completed the 6th through 8th grades this spring are eligible to participate. I'll be sending many of you an application, but more brochures will be available by the youth bulletin board. Put this weekend on your calendar, and invite a friend.

There are camp registration forms available in the office and in the youth room. Registration online is immediately available @ www.dsccamps.org. Follow the link to camp forms. You may also access the individual camp websites @ www.mingusmountaincamp.org or www.southdistrictcamps.org. Partial scholarships are available from our church as well as from the Conference.

One young person has paid to go the elementary camp at Mingus Mt. but some of our young people have made friends at Pine Canyon that will be going to the Triangle Y Ranch camp. I'll be contacting parents to get registration forms in and perhaps take the young people together in the van. If anyone has any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

South District Camping Dates (Check site location for each camp)

Sr. High Camp—June 7-12

Youth entering grade 10-12 & newly graduated seniors.

Site: Mingus Mt.. Prescott, AZ.

Elementary Camp—June 14-19

Campers entering grades 3-6

Site: Mingus Mt.. Prescott, AZ.

Jr. High Camp—July 5-10

Youth entering grades 7-9

Site: Mingus Mt.. Prescott, AZ.

Super Camp—July 19-24

Children & youth entering grades 3-9

Site: Triangle Y Ranch, Oracle, AZ.



View from the Pulpit...

This is the time of year many people begin to plan some kind of vacation or get away since school is getting out. In fact, Cheryl and I are actually on a short vacation as I'm writing this month's "View from the Pulpit." With Jessica graduating from the University of Arizona and Jennifer graduating from Pima College, we joined the throngs of other families celebrating the important milestones in our kids' lives. As we got ready to take Jessica and Jennifer on the first family vacation we've had in some time and we began to make reservations and contact with the various travel and hospitality representatives, I began to realize how significant the hospitality industry really is. In fact, it really made me think of the church and how important hospitality is to the Kingdom of God.

In the hospitality business, sometimes the difference between success and failure or profit and bankruptcy is not determined by location or the actual property. It is determined by the degree of hospitality extended by the people who work there on behalf of the property. The employees' efforts to make their guests' visits memorable and rewarding determine whether the guests get the most out of their stay at the facility. Happy guests tell others about how fantastic their experience was. That's that good ole word of mouth advertising that means so much.

I remember when Cheryl's cousin was attending Thunderbird School of International Management up in Phoenix; he was doing a project for his master's degree that dealt with... you guessed it... the hospitality industry. Cheryl's cousin determined that much of the success of the hospitality industry had to do with a few simple principles:

- Make people feel welcome as often as possible
- Take a personal interest in each guest's stay
- Always maintain a positive relationship with each guest
- Take a personal interest in and support for each other

I find that particularly interesting because the ministry of Jesus was pretty much focused on those same principles. In fact, the gospel of Luke pretty much portrays the life and ministry of Jesus as an expression of divine hospitality. Those in Luke's gospel who readily offer hospitality – mainly the marginalized and the poor, those who have been in transit from one country area to another – find themselves drawn into a much deeper sphere of hospitality... the hospitality of God. Those who have difficulty sharing are challenged by Jesus to the point of conversion so that they too, may not be left out of the banquet to which God calls us all. Most of Luke's gospel is all about this process of transformation where people who resist God's gift or don't understand God's greater laws may become instruments of God's will in ways that we can extend God's divine hospitality to all of God's people. According to Jesus, that is the key for us all to come into the "knowledge of salvation."

As followers of Jesus Christ and members of First United Methodist Church, we are all called to be instruments of God's hospitality:

- by making everyone feel welcome in our church
- taking personal interest in each person who is a visitor or guest
- always maintaining a positive attitude with each visitor, guest and especially with each other (I give you this new command that you love one another as I have loved you... by this... everyone will know you are a follower of mine... through your love and hospitality).

That's one of the greatest things I love about our church... the hospitality that is extended to visitors and guests, but let's not forget each other. Hospitality and support is something we do in person and together with each other. All too often in our society today, with all the advancement in technology, we have a tendency to become impersonal and anonymous and avoid the gift of hospitality by using email, instant messaging, and texting to replace real interpersonal contact. God's gift was in person so that, according to Jesus, we would follow His example as well--His example of real genuine and sincere hospitality.

See ya in church....Pastor Bob

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					*5 pm - Steak Fry Dinner (FH)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		*5:30 pm - Pastor's Roundtable (FC) *6:15 pm - Church Meal (FH) *6:45 pm - Church Meetings (Various)				
Jr. High Mission Trip						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
*9 am - BP & Glucose Screening (W)	Flag Day	*7 pm - Ad Council (FC)				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day *7 am - Men's Discipleship Breakfast *10:30 am - Praise Team Sunday (FH)						
Annual Conference						
27	28	29	30			
Annual Conf (cont)						

Weekly Church Events

Sundays	8:15 am - Essentials Worship Service (S) 9:15 am - Sunday School (Various) 10:30 am - Liturgical Worship Service (S) 6 pm - Youth Group (YR)
Mondays	5:30 pm - Life After Loss (FR)
Wednesdays	5 pm - John's Joyful Ringers (S) 5 pm - Prayer Meeting (VR) 5:30 pm - Praise Team Practice (FH) 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

Weekly Community Events

Mondays	6 pm - Cub Scouts (FH) 6 pm - NA (L) 7 pm - Boy Scouts (FH) 7 pm - Webelos (FC)
Tuesdays	6 pm - CMA (L) 6 pm - NA (L)
Wednesdays	6 pm - CMA (L) 6 pm - NA (L) 6:30 pm - Cadets (FC) - 1st & 3rd Wed's 7:30 pm - AA (L)
Thursdays	9 am - Quilting Group (FH) 5 pm - Brownies (FC) 6 pm - CMA (L)
Fridays	6 pm - CMA (L)
Saturdays	12 pm - CMA (L)

June Birthdays

- 1- Trish Jordahl
- Cindy Woodman
- 3- Mikeala Coppola
- Jared Decker
- 4- Barbie Spining
- 5- Aniken Aguilar
- Jean Evans
- 6- Lisa Angle
- Shirley Haralson
- 13- Mark Woods
- 15- Sydney Romero
- 17- Matthew Jordahl
- 18- Doneilleen Isaacs
- 23- Riley Metivier
- 26- Peter Provencio
- 27- Wil Hinton
- Dimple Wortham
- 28- Steve Haralson
- James Scott

June Anniversaries

- 1- Wil & Patti Hinton
- 2- Lowell & Priscilla Hinkins
- 5- Dennis & Shirley Haralson
- 9- David & Susan Decker
- 11- Owen & Trish Jordahl
- 15- Mark & Nancy Woods
- 16- Haynes & Susan Moore
- Bill & Kathy Nidiffer
- 20- Ed & Monika Ragland
- 22- John & Sue Bonefas
- 24- Duane & Laura Lee Spalsbury
- 26- Lance & Jayme Fite
- 29- James & Mary Girardot

(S) Sanctuary, (FH) Fellowship Hall, (L) Library, (FC) Friendship Classroom,
(V) Vision Room, (W) Wesley Room

* Please let the church office know if a birthday or anniversary was missed

We support the church through our:

PRAYERS: Activate the prayer chain by phoning Judy Fisher at 428-6485, or the church office at 428-4211. You can also write special prayer requests on cards in the pew racks, and turn them in Sunday during worship. We also invite you to take time each Wednesday to pray for the ministry of the First United Methodist Church.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS:

April 25	140	\$3,413.00
May 2	115	\$4,371.00
May 9	169	\$6,178.01
May 16	128	\$3,965.25

SERVICE: The estate sale was a huge success due to the many people who helped by working at the sale. Thank you to everyone who helped sort, price, stage, and in general worked at this event!

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