

The Visionary

Newsletter of Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church

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Worship Schedule

9:00 Classic Worship with Choir
Youth Sunday School
10:30 Contemporary Worship with
Praise Band
Sunday School for Preschool – 6th Gr.
5-7 pm Future Leaders (Grades 7-12)

1 MISSION

Interested in a bold, new type of mission adventure? Act Quickly! The SOH Missions Committee is looking into an incredible opportunity for a bold mission trip in Rocky Point, Mexico. "One Mission" coordinates and supports 3 day house builds in Puerto Peñasco, building simple residences for families who live in poverty virtually next door to this resort community. Check out their website at www.1mission.org, which has videos of work projects and their secure RV/camping area. There are several amazing factors in this opportunity. The participant fee, which provides building materials, food, access to a secure RV/ Tent camping area, clean and comfortable shower and restroom facilities, dining facilities, and insurance, is only \$210 per participant. (Habitat for Humanity builds in other countries typically cost about \$1200, not including travel costs.) Of course, the distance is not great, less than 300 miles.

The Missions Committee is looking at joining a 3 day build Thursday, March 22nd, through Sunday, March 25th. We would travel together, develop appropriate and comfortable sleeping arrangements, build together, and worship together.

At this point, there are many unknowns – Can families or children participate? What sleeping options are available or what can we develop? Handicapped facilities?

If you are interested:

- 1) Let Mike Eyer (623-594-1550 or clnmwe@yahoo.com) know; he will provide information by an e-mail distribution list.
- 2) Start your passport process if you don't already have one!
- 3) Stay informed



Habitat Build Dates for Spirit of Hope

Cavazos Family
1513 W. Grove Street
Phoenix, AZ

February 4, 2012 & March 17, 2012

Come and volunteer! Contact Paul Simonsen at 623-486-4838
See inside for more details.



A Note From Pastor Deborah

Dear Friends,

The Lenten Season, which is the 40 days leading up to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus at Easter (the 40 days does not include Sundays), is a time of spiritual preparation. In the early church it was a time for preparing persons for baptism. It was marked by instruction in the faith, deep prayer, and very intentional practice of the spiritual disciplines of solitude, silence, study of the Bible, prayer, fasting, generosity, service, and worship. It is still a good time for all of those things, even for those who are not being prepared for baptism and entry into the household of faith. This is a time to examine your practice of the faith and commit yourself to disciplines that will draw you closer to God. Spend extra time reading the Bible. Spend extra time in prayer. Deepen that time in prayer by fasting from food, or from television, or from something you will really notice and miss and be directed back to God as you miss it. Do acts of service and give generously to those in need, perhaps by giving your time and money sacrificially, giving up something you might otherwise routinely do. Plan to join our Tuesday prayer meeting at 6 p.m. and pray for yourself and our church. Come and watch The Passion of the Christ on Tuesday February 28 at 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday April 3 at 7:00 P.M. as part of your spiritual preparation. Mel Gibson doesn't get every-

thing right in this movie, but it can be helpful as we try to imagine the events of his final hours.

Plan to be in worship as often as you possibly can. Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 22, for a time of individual silent reflection and prayer between 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. or Noon and 1 p.m. Then come back for a Taize style worship service at 6:30 p.m. This is a quiet, reflective worship characterized by candlelight and repetitive singing of simple verses to quiet the heart and focus it on the cross.

Be here every Sunday as we look deeply at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, as a way of increasing our understanding of who he was and is and what he did that was so important. That 24 hours changed the world completely.

On Good Friday, April 6, at 6:30 join us for a quiet and somber reflection on Jesus' death on the cross. And then be here April 8 for a joyous celebration of the resurrection.

This is a season to stretch our spirits – to reach out toward God who reached out and reaches out so wondrously to us through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus who is the Christ, the Messiah of God.

See you at the *stretching, praying, reaching, growing* place this season.

*O God of grace and glory
in your son you show us what love looks like
in life, in death, in life beyond death
and in his sacrifice we find forgiveness
new life, new possibilities
and hope.
Let us not miss any of it
for his sake.
Amen*

**Blessings and peace
Pastor Deborah**



Renewal of Wedding Vows

Sunday February 12 at 10:15
 Under the Gazebo in the Prayer Garden
 You are invited to bring your Valentine
 for a brief service re-affirming your love
 and commitment.
 Gather under the gazebo and wait for
 Pastor Cliff.

Confirmation Information Session



For youths in grades 7 - 12
 and their parents
 Sunday February 19, 4:00
 p.m.
 In the Rainbow Room

Confirmation is the process by which young
 persons are instructed in the faith and invited to
 become fully participating members of the
 church.

Please let Pastor Deborah know the names of
 all youth in your household who might be
 interested.

Classes will be Sunday 4-5 p.m. February 27 -
 May 6.

Interested in Going Deeper?

Do you have an interest in deepening your faith
 and developing more disciplined practices of
 prayer, scripture reading, worship, and
 service? Would you be willing to an hour each
 day in prayer, reading of the Bible, and study,
 most days? Would you be willing to be
 accountable to a group of other Christians who
 would meet weekly, probably on Wednesday
 or Friday evenings, for mutual encouragement,
 deep prayer, sharing, and worship? If so,
 please contact Pastor Lerner at
revlerner@gmail.com or leave a message at
 the office 623-979-0080. This is only for
 persons who have a deep longing for God
 and want to find a way to deepen their relation-
 ship with him as they learn to recognize his
 guidance.

Positions Available



Spirit of Hope is looking for a
 gardener for 10 hours of work
 weekly and a handyman / mainte-
 nance person for 5 hours of work
 weekly. We strongly prefer to hire
 one person for both positions, but
 will consider hiring separate
 individuals for each. Applications will be
 received for these positions through Sunday
 February 19, 2012. The pastor and staff parish
 team will then interview those persons consid-
 ered most suitable. Job descriptions including
 salary are available in the church office. If you
 or someone you know would be interested
 please ask them to contact the church office for
 an application and return it with a resume
 including relevant experience and references.



Jan and John Burdick are going to
 Guatemala on their annual medical mission.

They are collecting children's vitamins, small
 toys (beanie baby size), Hot Wheels, hair stuff,
 little kid's bracelets, etc.

Items are needed by February 13th, 2011.



Faith Like Potatoes

The WHOLE MOVIE
 Sunday February 19, 2012
 6:30 P.M.

In the worship center
 Come watch the whole story of Angus
 Buchan's life unfold. Bring a favorite dessert to
 share.



Join Us for the Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 22, 2012

Sanctuary Open for Quiet Reflection/
Imposition of Ashes
6:30 – 7:30 a.m.
Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Worship Service with
Imposition of Ashes
6:30 p.m.

Child Care will be provided for young children.



Join Us on Sundays Walking Toward the Cross

*A close walk with Jesus through the last 24
before his death on the cross*

February 26	He Knew What Was Coming Mark 14:12-25
March 4	He Didn't Want to Go Mark 14:26-52
March 11	He Was Condemned by the Faithful Mark 14:53-65
March 18	He Was Betrayed By a Friend Mark 14:66-72
March 25	The Crowd Sealed His Fate Mark 15:1-24

Holy Week

April 1	Palm Sunday He Gave His Life To Set Us Free Mark 15: 24-39
Friday, April 6	Good Friday Service 6:30 P.M. A Solemn Remembrance of Jesus' Death
April 8	Easter Sunday A Joyous Celebration of the Resurrection Mark 16:1-8

Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.





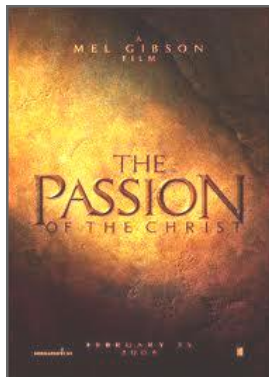
Lenten Prayer Ministry

February 25 - April 1

Join in prayer for your fellow members and friends of Spirit of Hope, as well as

persons whose names that you are invited to **submit by Sunday, February 12**. Write a name and address (if you would like the person to receive an acknowledgement of prayers on their behalf) on each card and place in the offering plate any Sunday by February 12. The reason for prayer is not required, but is helpful.

The cards will be placed into prayer packets (5-6 cards in each packet). The packets will be available at the Ash Wednesday service (February 22) and at the following Sunday service. During Lent we invite you to pray for the persons in your packet. At the conclusion of Lent, on or before Palm Sunday, please send a note to persons being prayed for. This time of prayer is tremendously meaningful for all.



The Passion of the Christ

Will be shown on two occasions at 7 P.M. in the sanctuary

Tuesday February 28, as we begin the season of Lent

Tuesday April 3, as we move through the days of Holy Week

(This movie is rated R for its graphic content and is not suitable for young children.)



Habitat Build Details

We are off and running. The new building started last Saturday in South Phoenix. The Spirit of Hope workdays are February 4 and March 17. SOH also has responsibility for lunch on February 4. Debbie Barcus is heading up the

lunch effort.

For the work crew – we will meet at the church at 6:30 AM for those who want to carpool. We will leave the church at no later than 6:45. We need to be at the worksite by 7:15. Attached is a map if you want to drive solo to the site (except address is 1509).

Please let Paul Simonsen (623-486-4838 or paul@trc-consultants.com) know who is attending so we can have an accurate lunch count.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to volunteer on site!

No exceptions.

(This is according to the Youth Employment Act of AZ)

16-17 yrs. old cannot use power tools nor work on the roof. Volunteers under 18 years old, must have a parent/guardian sign their waiver.

☺ **What to Wear:**

CLOSED-TOE Shoes. Work boots are preferred but thick soled tennis shoes will be permitted. Please make sure tennis shoes have a solid grip on the sole.

Pants / Shorts – We recommend longer shorts (knee-length) or pants.

Shirts – We recommend shirts with sleeves for proper coverage.

Leave your jewelry and valuables at home.

Sun block is recommended.

☺ **What to Bring:**

Water Bottle (we provide water, but only have small cups)

Tools: Habitat provides all hand tools, power tools, aprons, and supplies.

There is no need to bring anything unless you rather use your own tools and tool belt. Do not bring power tools.

☺ **Type of Construction Work:**

No experience is necessary.


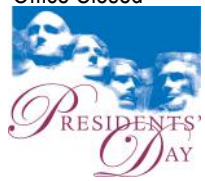

Volunteers learn from house leaders and team leaders what tasks need to be done.

Rain Policy: If it is raining, please call our Hotline to see if the sites are open: 602.262.8679



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 8:30 a.m. - Celebration Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. - Classic Worship with Choir 9:00 a.m. - Youth Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship with Praise Band 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School for Preschool – 6 th Grade and Adults 5-7pm - SOH Future Leaders 6:30 p.m.—"A Life Worth Living"			1 2pm -Life Changing Bible Study 6pm -Education 7pm -Choir Rehearsal	2 6pm -Praise Band Practice 7pm -Trustees	3 11am -Women's BS 7pm -"Friday Night Live"	4
5	6 6:30pm -Financial Peace University	7 6pm -Prayer Service 7pm -Worship	8 2pm -Life Changing Bible Study 7pm -Choir Rehearsal	9 6pm -Praise Band Practice	10 11am -Women's BS	11
12 10:15am -Renewal of Vows Deadline for donations to Guatemala trip	13 6:30pm -Financial Peace University	14 6pm -Prayer Service 	15 2pm -Life Changing Bible Study 7pm -Choir Rehearsal	16 6pm -Praise Band Practice 7pm -Membership	17 11am -Women's BS	18
19 11:45am -"Out on the Town"	20 Office Closed  6:30pm -Financial Peace University	21 6pm -Prayer Service 7pm -Finance	22 Ash Wednesday Sanctuary Open 6:30-7:30am 12-1pm 2pm -Life Changing Bible Study 6:30 p.m.-Worship Service	23 6pm -Praise Band Practice 7pm -Ad Council	24 11am -Women's BS	25 7am -Church Work Day 
26	27 6:30pm -Financial Peace University	28 6pm -Prayer Service 7pm -Missions	29 2pm -Life Changing Bible Study 7pm -Choir Rehearsal			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 3 Mike Ashby
- 3 Judy Barber
- 3 Zelma Racy
- 5 Pat Mills
- 6 Barbara Barcus
- 12 Sarah Stefl
- 13 Zachary Epps
- 15 Kent Fleming
- 16 Lewis Marrs
- 20 Roy Irvin

February Anniversaries

- 12 Gene & Pat Mills
- 21 John & Jan Burdick



If we have inadvertently missed your birthday or anniversary, please call 623-979-0080 or email spiritofhopeumc@yahoo.com

Please Pray For:

Greater Parish of Sun City
 Lakeview, Sun City 1st, Youngtown
 Faith UMC
 Glendale First UMC



Please continue to pray for our armed forces' safety and well-being as well as their safe return. Please let us know when a loved one has returned.

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| Brandon Cummings (Army) | Tilden Roberson (Army) |
| Brent Gerdes (Navy) | Brian Schatz (Navy) |
| Dustin Gobel (Army) | Charles Schneider (Marines) |
| Paul Gobel (Army) | Spencer (Navy) & Sunny (Army) |
| Michael Hinrichsen (Air Force) | Templeton James (Kemo) |
| Tim Nellesen (Army Ranger) | Vaughn (Army) |
| Tom Oldenberg | Benjamin Williams |

FREE Money! What A Concept!

When you shop at Fry's or Albertsons, you give to SOH for FREE!

If you throw away paper, you can earn SOH money, too!

Fry's - Gift cards will be available at a table outside the church on the 1st Sunday of the month or in the office. The card will cost \$10, which has been encoded on it. You must go to Customer Service at any Fry's to add value to the card. Depending on your weekly purchases, you may want to add 2-4 weeks of your grocery expenses. When you use the card to buy groceries, SOH gets credit.

During a 6-month period commencing February 1st to August 1st, Fry's will pay to SOH on purchases by our group, the following:
 From: \$2,000 -10,000 - 3%
 10,000 - 25,000 - 4%
 Over 25,000 - 5%



Albertsons - Key tags will be available at a table outside the church on 1st Sundays or in the office.



Your purchases will earn 1%, to be paid to SOH every 6 months beginning

February 1st and August 1st. Present your key tag to the cashier when checking out.



Donate paper to the bins in the front parking lot. There are two yellow bins, one for cardboard only and the other accepts magazines, catalogs, computer paper, office paper, telephone books, newspaper and junk mail.



SELECT Spirit of Hope UMC as your favorite cause. Register with iGive and SHOP at brand name online stores (ie Amazon) through the iGive Mall. A portion of your purchase is donated to your cause. SAVE money with exclusive coupons/free shipping deals. Plus, when you shop within 45 days of registering we'll donate an extra \$5 to your cause!



Help Spirit of Hope earn rewards for office supplies. For every ink cartridge that we recycle, Staple's will give us \$3 back in rewards. Just drop off those used ink cartridges to the church office when you have a chance.



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Food Collection for Food Bank

Next food collection day will be February 5. Current Food Bank needs: peanut butter, crackers, soup, tuna, cereal, canned beans, spaghetti, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, and canned vegetables.



Don't forget your pulltabs!

We continue to collect pulltabs from soda cans for Betty Race and Ronald McDonald House near her granddaughter's home in Colorado. See more details at the back of the sanctuary.



Justa Center Mission

Join the group going down to provide foot comfort and good company and conversation to the seniors at the Justa Center the third Saturday of each month. We provide warm water in sanitized foot baths and clean towels and give each person a pair of socks when they leave. **The center needs paper products, reading glasses, new socks (regular and diabetic). If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church and we will see that they are delivered to Justa Center. Contact Loretta Barcus @ 623-930-1756.**