

# 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Gr.  
5-7 pm Future Leaders (Grades 7-12)

## Financial Peace UNIVERSITY

**Mondays starting January 16, 2012 6:30 p.m.**

What will you learn in  
Financial Peace University?

In 13 action-packed lessons, you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more! This information will change your life. Here is a small sample of each week's subject:

- **Lesson 1: Super Saving.** Seven Baby Steps that will guide you throughout *Financial Peace University*. You will also learn the three key reasons why you should save money—and why you must start now!
- **Lesson 2: Relating With Money.** Why it's important for spouses to communicate and work together toward success/teach kids about money
- **Lesson 3: Cash Flow Planning.** The secret of developing a monthly spending plan that really works.
- **Lesson 4: Dumping Debt.** The truth about credit lies / a plan to walk out of debt with confidence.
- **Lesson 5: Credit Sharks In Suits.** What is a credit score, anyway? Unpack your credit rating and learn how to handle collectors when they call.
- **Lesson 6: Buyer Beware.** The power and influence that marketing has on your everyday buying decisions. Buyer beware!
- **Lesson 7: Clause and Effect.** The world of insurance: what you need—and what you need to avoid.
- **Lesson 8: That's Not Good Enough!** Buying only big, big bargains—every time!
- **Lesson 9: Of Mice and Mutual Funds:** Understand the jargon surrounding long-term investing /make your own decisions about your investments!
- **Lesson 10: From Fruition To Tuition** The maze of retirement options /the right path for you. How to plan for college so your kids can graduate debt free!
- **Lesson 11: Working In Your Strengths** How to avoid dead-end or mind-numbing jobs/tips for job hunting, writing a résumé, and acing an interview. Plus, tips for finding extra jobs if you need cash to attack your debt snowball.
- **Lesson 12: Real Estate and** How to win when buying or selling your home. The common mortgage options available today: what to choose—and what to avoid.
- **Lesson 13 : The Great Misunderstanding** Warning! This lesson will challenge the way you think about money. How generous giving can completely revolutionize your attitude and improve your finances, business and relationships.

**Student resources/membership \$99 each. Plan to attend!**  
**Order yours at [www.daveramsey.com/church/home](http://www.daveramsey.com/church/home)**



## A Note From Pastor Deborah

**Dear Spirit of Hope Friend,**

The New Year is upon us. This point in time where 2011 is sliding into history and 2012 is becoming our present reality is a wonderful time to do a deep spiritual assessment: to reflect on how God has been moving in our lives and to consider what God might have in store for us as we move forward.

At the New Year's Eve service on December 31 we will be reflecting on this time of transition through a remembrance of the Exodus story: the story of God hearing God's people in their distress in slavery in Egypt and moving in a mighty way to deliver them. It is the defining story of the Hebrew Bible: the defining story of who we as followers of a Jewish messiah are, at our core. Our God is a God who cares about his people, who hears their cries and responds, who leads them out of slavery and oppression and through the wilderness and into the land of promise. We are a people who often resist God at every step of the journey: worrying about Pharaoh who is hot on our heels, as if God were not big enough to take care of a thousand Pharaohs; whining and murmuring about the good food we used to have back in Egypt, longing for cucumbers while God pours manna and quail into our camp day by day; fearing the giants in the land of promise, as if God were not a strong enough ally to defeat any enemy; and then, when our future is secure and we are in the land of milk and honey turning away from God to a hundred other gods that look a little more attractive in our new setting.

Since you may miss that service, might you take a moment to consider where you are in your journey? Are you:

In bondage, suffering oppression, or carrying a heavy burden that you need to put down? Have you cried out to God? Do you believe God is hearing you?

Being led out by God's mighty hand, but fearful of who and what might be coming up behind you? How is God guiding you forward?

In the wilderness, being fed daily by God but complaining about the lack of familiar foods and the "old" life that now seems so desirable? How is God providing for you even in the desert?

Crossing the Jordan into the land of promise, standing on the brink of a new life but maybe a little afraid of the cost? Are you ready to do whatever God asks to secure that promising future?

In residence in the promised land and falling away from the God who got you there, turning to other gods for security and hope? Do you need to repent and return to your first love?

Wherever you find yourself, what are the commitments you need to make, to yourself and God, as you face a new year, full of God's promise and hope, made real in Jesus who is the Christ?

I hope to see you New Year's Eve. If not, I'll see you New Year's Day at 10:30, when we will begin a new series called "Life Changing Faith." The first week we'll talk about whether we have or have not made a real life commitment to be true followers of Jesus, and whether we need to take that step now, or perhaps renew that commitment. We'll use the true story of a South African farmer whose faith journey has taken him to amazing places as a basis for exploring what the Bible tells us about faithful living.

*O God of the old and the new  
And everything in between  
Help us trust that in your hands  
We are quite safe  
No matter what happens to us  
And help us commit our hearts and lives  
Completely to your care  
For Jesus' sake.  
Amen*

**Blessings and peace for 2012 from  
Pastor Deborah**



**New Sermon Series:  
Life Changing Faith**

New Series starts January 1

<b>Today</b>	<b>Saying YES to Jesus!</b>
Jan 8	Devouring the Word
Jan 15	Taking God at His Word
Jan 22	Facing Tragedy Faithfully
Jan 29	Doing What You Can
Feb 5	Obeying, No Matter What
Feb 12	Counting the Cost

We'll use the true story of Angus Buchan, "God's Farmer," to bring this series to life. Don't miss it!



**Youth Mission Trip to Wesley UMC in San Diego, CA**

**Leaving, Sunday morning, July 8th, returning Saturday afternoon, July 14th.**

Next Meeting:

**Sunday, January 8th, 2 pm Spirit of Hope UMC**  
(just 5 months to the day from our departure date!).

**New to Spirit of Hope?**

Want to find out more about our church? Meet some leaders? Ask some questions? Join us for our next



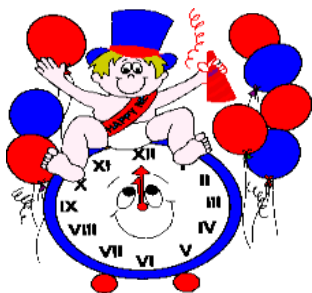
**NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON  
SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2012  
11:45 (right after second service)  
Rainbow Room**

Please RSVP to the church office at 623-979-0080 or [spiritofhopeumc@yahoo.com](mailto:spiritofhopeumc@yahoo.com) so we have enough materials and food.

At the January meeting, we will

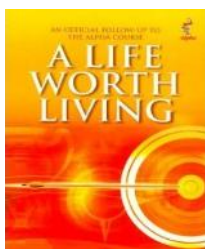
- collect Participant Forms for anyone who hasn't given me one yet,
- complete and collect Releases (there are three of them – one general release and two medical releases – see attached)
- report on Stock Sales – work on a progress poster for each congregation.
- plan/report on Stock Sales dates
- plan some other fundraiser activities

break into committees to review what each committee needs to do and how it's going to get done.  
For further information, contact Mike at (623) 810-5600



**Come Join Us  
Friday, January 6th  
at 6:30p.m.  
for  
Friday Night Live  
Karaoke**

Bring your favorite snack to share and baby items to help the UMOM over Flow Shelter Diapers - Lotion – Shampoo -Wipes Any kind of baby item



**Join us for  
A Life Worth Living**  
A Study of Philipians with Nicky Gumbel  
Sundays @ 6:30 p.m.  
Starting January 22, 2012



**If you are interested in the Men's Fellowship Group.** please contact Howard Guetherman with any questions at 623-872-7594 or [howardg3@cox.net](mailto:howardg3@cox.net).

# Thank you, Spirit of Hope! From Wesley Community Center



12/11

May your heart be filled with many  
happy memories this Christmas  
and may you be surrounded with peace  
and love throughout the New Year

May the holidays and new year  
bring you peace and happiness.

TANKYU FOR MY  
GIFTS TANKYU  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Felis NAVIDAD GOOD Bless

Dora Fabra

Muchas gracias a quien  
hizo posible el sueño de  
de mis niños

Dios los Bendiga  
Fam Garcia Beerra

Wishing you more joy  
and happiness  
than you can hold.

Merry Christmas  
Gracias por los regalos  
recibidos ya que estamos  
en tiempo dificiles

Gracias  
Envidia



Laughing all the way...

Happy Holidays!

I just want to Thank you for help my family  
and for being there for us May God be with you  
always and forever

Always,  
Rosalie Castro



## COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT FOR 2012

### LAY MEMBER TO AC

Cherry Blue

Jim Barcus *Alternate*

### LAY LEADERS

Eleanor Peters, George Wheeler

### AD COUNCIL

Chair Cherry Blue

Vice Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: Judy Barber

Chair Trustees To be elected by trustees

Chair Finance George Wheeler

Chair Membership Brandee Cobb

Chair SPRC Eleanor Peters

Chair Missions Loretta Barcus

Chair Worship Judy Barber

Chair Education/Children's—Mary Beth Kester

Prayer Ministries Leader Susan Baldisseri

Membership Secretary Cathy Nellessen

Future Leaders/UMYF rep (elected when group formed) \_\_\_\_\_

**TRUSTEES**—chair elected first meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays

#### Class 2012

Jan Burdick

Dan Cummings

#### Class 2013

Roy Irvin

Don Nellessen

Paul Simonsen

#### Class 2014

Howard Hunt

Chris Epps

#### **Prayer Garden Committee**

**Chair** Jan Burdick

Dee Rae Bayless, Zella Cole, Betty Miller, Lynda Hynick, Annette Bailey, Cathy Nellessen, JoAnn Godlevsky, Mary Simonsen, Judy Barber, Mike Eyer

### FINANCE 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY 7 P.M.

**Chair:** George Wheeler

**Treasurer:** Joyce Nelson (10)

**Council Chair:** Cherry Blue

**Lay Leaders:** Eleanor Peters, George Wheeler

**Lay Member:** Cherry Blue

**SPRC Chair:** Eleanor Peters

**Trustees Rep.**

Financial Secretary

#### Class 2012

Paul Simonsen

Gene Mills

#### Class 2013

Joyce Nelson

George Wheeler

#### Class 2014

Paul Korth

### SPRC

**Chair:** Eleanor Peters

**Ex Officio:**

Lay Leaders: Eleanor Peters, George Wheeler

Lay Member of AC: Cherry Blue

#### Class 2012

Joyce Nelson

Rob Dunger

Karen Wright

#### Class 2013

George Wheeler

Lisa Natham

Judy Barber

#### Class 2014

Eleanor Peters

Steve Poe

Eireann Nolan

### MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM 3<sup>RD</sup> THUR 7

**Chair:** Brandee Cobb

**Members:** Debbie Barcus, , Shirley Marrs, Lela DeRemer, Mary Northcutt, Lorraine Eyer, Milissa Epps, Ruth Langford, Ronnie Barcus, Dianne Irvin

### MISSIONS 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY 7

**Chair:** Mike Eyer

**Members:** Lela DeRemer, , Paul Simonsen (Habitat only), Mike Eyer, Loretta Barcus, Chris Epps, Karen Wright, Dianne Irvin, Milissa Epps

### WORSHIP – AS NEEDED

**Chair:** Judy Barber

**Ex-Officio:** Pianist, Rhonda Warner

Music Director, Gerrit Boglio

**Members:** Judy Barber, Audrey Gobel, Deva Jones,

Gail Nelson, Lorraine Eyer, Ruth Langford,

### PRAYER MINISTRIES: Susan Baldisseri

### EDUCATION (CHILDREN'S) 1<sup>ST</sup> WED 7

**Chairs:** Mary Beth Kester

**Members:** Ruth Venturini, Shirley Marrs, Ann Stefl, Mary Beth Kester, Wai Wai Lin, Audrey Gobel, Patti Cummings, Deva Jones Briana Lehman, Cindy Molles

### COMMITTEE ON LAY MINISTRY (Nominations)

#### Class 2012

Cathy Nellessen,

Jan Burdick

#### Class 2014

Willi Wheeler

#### Class 2013

Linda Hynick



# January 2011

## Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Office Closed	3 6pm-Prayer Service	4 2pm-Life Changing Bible Study  6pm-Education  7pm-Choir Rehearsal	5 7pm-Trustees  6pm-Praise Band Practice	6 11am-Women's BS	7 8:30am-Life Changing Bible Study
8 11:45am-Newcomer's Luncheon	9	10 6pm-Prayer Service	11 2pm-Life Changing Bible Study  7pm-Choir Rehearsal	12 6pm-Praise Band Practice	13 11am-Women's BS	14 8:30am-Life Changing Bible Study
15 United Methodist "Human Relations Day"  11:45am-"Out on the Town"	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-office closed  	17 6pm-Prayer Service  7pm-Finance	18 2pm-Life Changing Bible Study  7pm-Choir Rehearsal	19 6pm-Praise Band Practice  7pm-Membership  Quilt, 7 pm	20 11am-Women's BS	21 8:30am-Life Changing Bible Study
22	23  Newsletter Deadline	24 6pm-Prayer Service  7pm-Missions	25 2pm-Life Changing Bible Study  7pm-Choir Rehearsal	26 6pm-Praise Band Practice  7pm-Ad Council  Quilt, 7 pm	27 11am-Women's BS	28 7am-Church Workday  8:30am-Life Changing Bible Study
29	30	31 6pm-Prayer Service				

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

**January Birthdays**

- 1 Jim Churosh
- 4 Kaelyn Simonsen
- 5 Bill Wright
- 7 Jo Ann Godlevsky
- 8 Michelle Washburn
- 10 Patti Cummings
- 10 Rita Korth
- 10 Rachel Shanahan
- 11 Howard Guetherman
- 14 JoAnn Grittman
- 15 Dale Larrew
- 17 Jim Barcus
- 18 Will Strickland
- 19 Gail Schroeder
- 20 Jan Ensign
- 24 Breanden Nolan
- 27 Scottie Wills
- 30 Roy Crowe, Sr.
- 31 Sam Lerner



If we have inadvertently missed your birthday or anniversary, please call 623-979-0080 or email [spiritofhopeumc@yahoo.com](mailto:spiritofhopeumc@yahoo.com)

## Please Pray For:

Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Sun City West  
 New Song UMC, Surprise  
 South Mountain Community Church, Phoenix



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) Templeton |
| Michael Hinrichsen (Air Force) | James (Kemo) Vaughn (Army)              |
| Tim Nellessen (Army Ranger)    | Benjamin Williams                       |
| Tom Oldenberg                  |   |

### 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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A NEW  
YEAR  
&  
NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES



From:

"Thank you all so much for the blessings you have provided for families in need! Your dedication and support are truly appreciated and we are continuously thankful to God for your partnership. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

**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