

Congregational Church of the Valley
your community Congregational Church

Newsletter

June 2011



*"And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony."*

Colossians 3:14

Our Covenant

We covenant with the Lord and one with another and do acknowledge our faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and take for our rule of life His own words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

EXCITING – PRACTICAL – FUN – CHALLENGING!

Those are some of the words that come to my mind as we embark upon this new journey of Christian ministry, witness and service! I talked with Pastor Lafe and his wife, Lori ... just this morning. They're excited too! Now we must see that we are ready for him. You know, of course, that they will be here this next Sunday, June 12, to lead us in worship and share in our

fellowship. The decision will be yours. Following the service we will have a question and answer period between you and Pastor Lafe. We are a Congregational Church ... with autonomous government ... decisions are in your hands! We will then vote ... Yea or Nay. If the vote is "Yea", Pastor Lafe and Lori will likely be available in July! I just had another phone call of endorsement this morning. We are fortunate-

BUT!... We must be ready when he and Lori arrive. We **MUST** have three men who will serve on the Board of Deacons. The overall picture of the responsibilities of this Board is to generally plan and oversee the spiritual life of the church. It is really both pleasure and privilege. Truth is ... and we all know it ... in these days, the Christian Church needs to make her voice heard and her action seen!

"When will Carole and I be leaving", someone asked. Oh, we aren't leaving! Pastor Lafe has invited us to stay, be a part of the congregation and the life of the church. (Which is very Gracious of him) This whole experience just might be one of the most exciting things ever to happen here! I really believe it is "God-led"!

I have talked with Lafe a number of times ... I am excited about some of the ideas he has ... ways in which we can become more visible ... ways in which we can be of service in the community, etc. etc. There are a number of new ideas that will unfold and be an exciting venture!

Will you read one of the most exciting challenges Jesus ever made? It is brief, to the point and fits us as it does all other Christians. Turn, in your Bibles to Matthew 28:16-20. Those of Jesus' day were much as we are. Not everyone believed in the same way ... but all were invited to be His witnesses. How was it He said it? "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ..." Nations did not mean countries ... it meant and means "people"! Christianity was never meant to be self-satisfying ... it becomes satisfying when we forget self and become His disciple.

Well ... in a short while we will turn the page ... and read on!!

-Pastor Lyle

PLYMOUTH GUILD

Our May meeting was held at the church. We celebrated LaVonne Dahl's birthday with cupcakes. We discussed our Mother/Daughter Luncheon. What fun we had! If you were not able to make it this year, make sure you attend next year! The food was great and the entertainment fantastic! We all enjoyed the family of "Hula Dancers". Our monthly bake sales continue to be a success, but the ladies have decided to take a break for the summer. We'll begin our monthly bake sales again in September. Thank you so much for your patronage! Don't forget to check out our "Thrift Store". Your purchases and donations are greatly appreciated. We will have our next meeting at the church on Saturday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Cindy Palmer, President

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CHANDLER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CHOIR

Victor, Hardy, who regularly attends our church, is putting together a celebration choir for the Chandler anniversary (100 years). They are meeting once a month to practice here at our church. They will be singing at the Multicultural Festival and with the Chandler Orchestra on February 3, 2012. The month of June's practice will be held on Tuesday, the 21st at 6 p.m. If you are interested, contact Victor Hardy. His telephone number is (480) 726-0203.

ON THE HORIZON

Plymouth Guild meeting on Saturday, June 11th, at 9:00 a.m. All ladies of the church are welcome.

Rev. Lafe Murray from Marble, Colorado will be visiting with us on Sunday, June 12th and sharing in the service. Please plan to attend.

Board of Trustees and Deaconesses meet on Thursday, June 16th at 7:00.

Scrapbooking gals will meet on Friday, June 17th at 7 p.m. until ?

Rev. Earl Holt will be leading our service on Sunday, June 19th in Pastor Lyle's absence. He will be attending the National Conference of Congregational Churches service in Sun City that morning.

Chandler Centennial Celebration Choir Practice will be held at our church on Tuesday evening, June 21st at 6 p.m. This choir is being led by Victor Hardy, who attends our church quite regularly.

Meet n' Eat is planning to have lunch together on Sunday, June 26th following the service at The Old Spaghetti Factory. It is located at the southeast corner of the Chandler Fashion Mall. There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

KATHLEEN'S KORNER

*We would like to wish a **Happy Birthday** to all members and friends celebrating their birthdays this June:*

<i>Benjamin Thonhoff</i>	<i>June 18th</i>	<i>Tristan Phuong</i>	<i>June 24th</i>
<i>Grant Swanson</i>	<i>June 20th</i>	<i>Keith Bullock</i>	<i>June 27th</i>
<i>Tim Sunnarborg</i>	<i>June 21st</i>		

Please keep John Porter, Betty Wilson and Kelly Phuong in your prayers and continue to remember in prayer Barb Ross, Barbara Smith, Bill Weidemeier, Ken Smith and Audrey Robinson and many others with chronic illnesses and unable to get out much. Kelly sure gave all of us a scare last month, but she's doing much better. Please call me at the church office if you would like me to mention you or a family member for a prayer request in the next church newsletter. We need to pray for each other.

Jim and I have moved recently from Chandler to Sun Lakes, so we have a new address: 26418 S. Nicklaus Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Our home phone is still the same. Thanks of all of you who live in Sun Lakes and encouraged us to make it our retirement home also. We love it there! We are in Phase I and have found everyone so friendly.

If you have any announcement or item you wish to appear in the July Newsletter, please have it in my in-box in the church office no later than Sunday, June 26th. Thanks!

THE BEAUTIFUL COLOR OF LOVE

What color is god?
Asked the child with skin so fair
Is He white like me,
Does He have light hair?

Is God dark like me,
Asked the child with skin of golden hue
Has He hair that's dark and curly,
Are His eyes black or blue?

I think God is red like me,
The Indian boy was heard to say
He wears a crown of feathers,
And turns our nights to day.

Each one of us knows that God is there,
In all the colors above
But be sure of this, the one color He is
Is the beautiful color of **LOVE**.

There will be no colors in Heaven,
Everyone will be the same.
You will only be judged by your earthly deeds,
Not by your color nor by your name.

So, when your time comes,
And you see God in His Heaven above,
Then you will see the only color that counts,
THE BEAUTIFUL COLOR OF LOVE.

- Arnold Watts

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SUGGESTION BOX

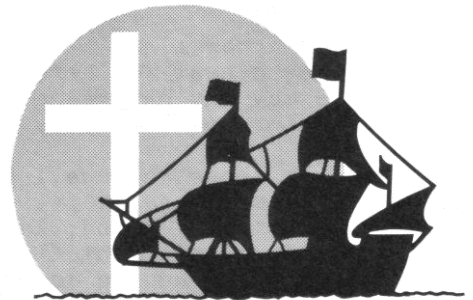
Don't forget, there is a suggestion box on the table in the foyer. You are invited and urged to place suggestions of any kind in the box for anyone or any board. We will direct your suggestion to the appropriate person or board. Please sign your suggestion. If there should be a question, we can contact you.

THE VOICE WITHIN

I took a little walk today
To listen to God's word
And when I stopped to rest awhile
This is what I heard:
"Dear one, there's someone waiting
To hear from you today,
Someone who needs your loving heart
To spread joy in its own way;
Never turn away my child
I bid you to press on.
Let your light forever shine
To reach this precious one.
Who knows what happiness can come
From loving thoughts so true
Go forth and spread your sunshine
Only good can come to you."
And as I left my quiet place
I felt such peace within,
Because I knew what I should do
To love and honor Him.

Jan Edwards

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