

Congregational Church of the Valley

your community Congregational Church

Newsletter

November 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."

THANKFULNESS

If there is one attitude that will change our life more than any other attitude, it is thankfulness. Gratitude in the midst of circumstances and challenges will change our life. This is at the heart of what the Bible calls “praise.”

Praise is only to be given to God. No one else is worthy of it anyway. Praise is saying thank you to God for all He has and is doing for us. Praise is a core piece of our prayer life. Because even God doesn't want us to only request and request and request some more – God wants us to be honest with Him with a grateful heart.

Thanking God for all He has done corrects any attitude of entitlement. A demanding attitude sours our soul from deep within, making us into something we just don't want to be. We are entitled to nothing from God; yet, in His love, he continues to do great things for us and great things within us. We need to thank Him for life, help, and hope.

Worship is different from praise. Worship is the giving of value or worth to God for all that He is. In worship we honor God for His love, His majesty, His redemption, His grace, His power, and His holiness.

Let us be a church that worships God in all that He is and a church that praises God with a thankful heart for all that He has done.

God bless you greatly,

Pastor Lafe

“Right now I'm having amnesia and dejavu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.”

Steve Wright

PLYMOUTH GUILD

Our next Guild meeting will be held Saturday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m. This is a very important meeting because we need to make plans for our upcoming Rummage Sale on Saturday, December 3rd.

The Guild ladies would appreciate any donations of furniture, clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry, small appliances, children's items, etc. for our upcoming sale. Please bring any donated items to church no later than Sunday, November 27th, so all the items can be priced the week prior to the sale. We also need some strong men to help us move heavy tables outside at 6 a.m. the morning of the sale.

We hope you enjoyed our October bake sale, which was a success. Have any special requests? Please let one of the Guild members know. We appreciate your patronage! Your donations at the bake sale go directly to our missions.

The Guild decided to select The Chandler Food Bank as our mission of the month for November. Your monetary donations are welcome. Just designate a portion on your offering envelope to missions. With Thanksgiving approaching, the Guild would like to have a special emphasis in November to help The Chandler Food Bank and we need **YOUR** help. Brown bags will be handed out and you are asked to return them to church the next Sunday with some donated food. Even if you can only give one food item, that is fine. We should have our donations in no later than Sunday, Nov. 13th to get all the bags to the food bank in time for the holiday. There is a designated area on the north side of the foyer for these food items. Let's help the less fortunate in our own community by sharing!

Bonnie Revis
Acting President

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CD Recordings of our Church Services

It has been suggested and approved by the church leadership that we record our worship services on Sunday mornings. These CDs will be available and will be sent to our shut-ins or anyone else on request. Just call the church office and let Kathleen know if you are interested in receiving them.

ON THE HORIZON

Men's Breakfast is planned for this Saturday, Nov. 5th at 7:30 a.m. here at the church. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Plymouth Guild meeting on Saturday, November 12th, at 9:00 a.m. All ladies of the church are welcome. This is an important meeting as the ladies will make final plans for the Rummage Sale on Dec. 3rd. **A Bake Sale** will be held on Sunday the 13th. Don't forget to bring some cash to buy some goodies!

Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13th & 27th following the morning worship service. It will be held every other Sunday.

Board of Trustees and Deaconesses meet on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 7 p.m.

Craft Night is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday night, Nov. 18th.

Friendship Sunday will feature Chosen People Ministries and our Thanksgiving Potluck Supper will be on Sunday, November 20th. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please plan to join us for this special service and then stay to share in our Thanksgiving Bounty.

Don't forget Evening Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. The study is about servanthood. Hope to see you there!

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THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Our **Thanksgiving Potluck will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20th**. After the morning service. There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer. This is always such a nice event at our church each year. It's a good opportunity to get acquainted with someone you don't know well as we break bread together. Please plan to join us and let's fellowship together to give thanks to the good Lord for all He has blessed us with this year.

KATHLEEN'S KORNER

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

<i>Justin Shipley</i>	<i>Nov. 3rd</i>	<i>Paul Petroff</i>	<i>Nov. 23rd</i>
<i>Mel Farley</i>	<i>Nov. 8th</i>	<i>Lyle Schossow</i>	<i>Nov. 30th</i>
<i>Amanda Shipley</i>	<i>Nov. 19th</i>		

*I would like to wish all of you a very **Happy Thanksgiving Day**. May you share this wonderful holiday with family and friends. For me it's a day to remember happy Thanksgiving days from my childhood. We have much to be thankful for this holiday, even though this terrible recession lingers on and has changed most of our lives.*

I hope you all have a copy of the new church directory and are finding it helpful. A couple corrections have been brought to my attention: Paul Petroff's cell number is (602) 903.1144 and Robert Inocencio's cell number is incorrect and should not be listed. And the Inocencio's email address was missing one letter, it should read as follows: poolparamedicsaz@yahoo.com. And Bonnie Revis' email address needs corrected to: drevis70@q.com. If there are any other mistakes, let me know. Also please remember Audrey Robinson, John Porter, Mel Farley and Betty Wilson in your prayers. 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.

*I just found out that I overlooked to wish Barbara Ross a happy birthday on October 28th. **Happy Belated Birthday, Barbara!***

If you have any announcement or item you wish to appear in the December Newsletter, please have it in my in-box in the church office no later than Sunday, November 27th. Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

Moderator: Paul Petroff (480)634-7124
Church Clerk: Betty Caruthers (480)898-9586
Treasurer: Denise Thomas (480)899-5769
Financial Secretary: Kathleen Trenam (480)814-9066

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Organist and Director of Music: Ruth Knight (480)816-3650

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Chr., Cal Thomas (480)899-5769
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Board of Education:

Kelly Phuong (480)633-7804
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Plymouth Guild:

Act. Pres., Bonnie Revis (480)814-7040
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Treasurer, Joyce Newman (480)895-7949

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OCTOBER 2011 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total income \$4,020.00

Total expenses \$7,780.92

SERMON TOPIC AND HYMNS

- November 6, 2011 Communion Sunday
Message: "Be Faithful in Prayer"
Unison Reading: Nicene Creed, Page 138
Hymns: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
"It Is No Secret"
"Let Us Break Bread Together"
"When You Pray"
- November 13, 2011 Message: "Be Generous"
Responsive Reading: No. 329
Hymns: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"
"Give of Your Best to the Master"
"There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"
"In The Garden"
- November 20, 2011 Friendship Sunday-Chosen People Ministries
Message: "Be Thankful!"
Unison Reading: No. 561
Hymns: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
"We Gather Together"
"Now Thank We All Our God"
"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"
- November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent
Message: "The Wise Men"
Unison Reading: No. 196
Hymns: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"
"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought"
"Where He Leads Me"

THIS THANKSGIVING

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS INSTEAD OF YOUR CROSSES;

COUNT YOUR GAINS INSTEAD OF YOUR LOSSES.

COUNT YOUR JOYS INSTEAD OF YOUR WOES;

COUNT YOUR FRIENDS INSTEAD OF THE FOES.

COUNT YOUR SMILES INSTEAD OF YOUR TEARS;

COUNT YOUR COURAGE INSTEAD OF YOUR FEARS.

COUNT YOUR FULL YEARS INSTEAD OF YOUR LEAN;

COUNT YOUR KIND DEEDS INSTEAD OF YOUR MEAN.

COUNT YOUR HEALTH INSTEAD OF YOUR WEALTH;

COUNT ON GOD INSTEAD OF YOURSELF.

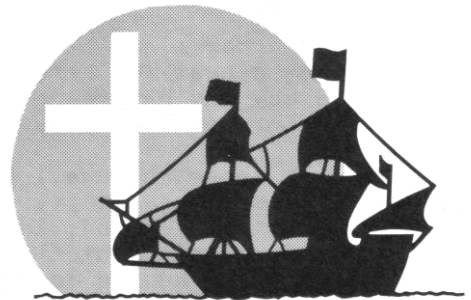
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