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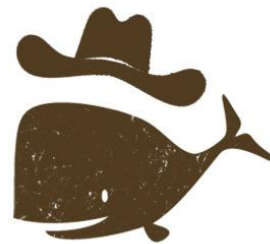
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E.D.G.E. NIGHTS “LIGHTS UP” WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



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Spring Musical/Drama for Children & Youth



REHEARSALS BEGIN
Wednesday, February 29
PERFORMANCE – Sunday, May 6, 4:00 pm

Register on-line or at the church office beginning Wednesday, February 15
for ages 4 through 8th grade. **READ MORE** details on page 4!



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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DOT...

A HEART FOR GOD'S LOVE

*"If your heart is as my heart . . . give me your hand."
-- John Wesley*



The month of February is an opportunity to reflect upon love in many ways, including the love of God for all people and the ways in which we are called to share that love with others. Below and throughout this issue of the newsletter are many opportunities to share God's love.

A Heart for Children: There are many ways to support children, including everything from preparing class materials (Children's Ministries) to sharing food through AZ Brainfood (Missions).

Mark Your Calendars NOW for these upcoming opportunities to share God's love with children, our church family, the community, and the world.

Neighborhood BBQ - Sunday, March 25

Holy Week and Easter - April 1 - 8

Mother's Day/Graduation - May 13

Change the World Weekend -- May 19-20

Vacation Bible School - June 11 -- 15

Father's Day - June 17

Summer Camps at Mingus Mountain -

Explorers Camp (grades 3-6) - June 4 - 9

Camp Discovery (grades 4 - 7) - June 11 - 16

Super Camp (grades 3 - 9) - June 25 - 30

(led by our Rev. Dot Saunders-Perez)

Senior High Camp (grades 9 - graduates) -

July 2 - 7

Odyssey Camp (grades 7 - 9) - July 9 - 14

ARTSedge Summer Camp - July 16 -- 20

Family Camp - September 21 - 23



A Heart for Caring: Caring Ministries is planning to offer a series that includes tips on reaching out to those who are ill, in grief, or going through difficult circumstances. Please watch for additional information in the coming weeks. You may also call the church office to express your interest.

Peace, Dot ☺

Sunday Worship Services **7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am**

Sunday, February 5 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18

Core Stories of the Bible: The Promised Land

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

After 40 years of wandering in the desert, Joshua and the Hebrew people cross the Jordan River at Jericho and arrive in the Promised Land. As they settle in this new land, Joshua leads them in a covenant renewal service reminding the people to serve God always, never forgetting who rescued them from slavery.

Sunday, February 12

Bishop Minerva Carcaño preaching

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Bishop Minerva Carcaño, Bishop of our Desert Southwest Conference, will preach at all three worship services. (*see the article on this page*)

Sunday, February 19 Mark 9:2-9

Transfiguration Sunday

“Light on the Mountain”

On this final Sunday after Epiphany, we look at the story of Jesus’ transfiguration, where he appears on the mountain in a transfigured state, with Moses, the law-giver, and Elijah, the prophet. Their presence with Jesus shows that his life fulfills the Old Testament law and prophets, and his transfiguration points ahead to his heavenly glory.

Sunday, February 26 Mark 1:9-20

Core Stories of the Bible: Jesus as Proclaimer

First Sunday of Lent

After Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River and his temptation in the wilderness, he begins his ministry in Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, saying ‘The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand.’ Through Jesus’ proclamation and preaching, God’s coming Kingdom of righteousness breaks into the present.

we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God, acknowledging our dependence upon God’s grace. The imposition of ashes is a powerful and experiential way of participating in God’s call to repentance and reconciliation.

People of all ages (including children and youth) are invited to the **Ash Wednesday** worship service, **February 22, at 7:00 pm**, in the Worship Center. Child care will be provided. During the service, the chancel choir will lead the congregation in the singing of several meditative songs from the Taizé tradition. These simple songs, which are sung over and over several times, reinforce the meditative quality of prayer, and raise our hearts and spirits to God. Taizé is an ecumenical community in France, where this style of meditative worship was begun. ***Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom; Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.***



BISHOP PREACHING

Bishop Minerva Carcaño, Bishop of our Desert Southwest Conference, will be preaching at all three worship services on **Sunday, February 12.**

Pastor Mary is delighted that Bishop Carcaño will be with us as our guest. Mary served as her Dean of the Cabinet for two years and states, “Bishop Carcaño is warm, personable,

gracious, compassionate, and a tireless advocate for justice. She’s also a dynamic preacher.”

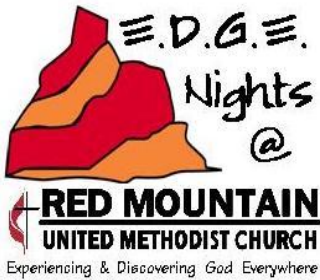
Bishop Carcaño is a graduate of the University of Texas Pan American, and received her Master’s of Theology from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. In 2004, she became the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the episcopacy of The United Methodist Church, and was assigned to be the Bishop of our Conference. She currently serves as the official spokesperson for the Council of Bishops on the issue of immigration. She has served as the pastor of churches in Texas and California, as the organizing pastor of the South Albuquerque Cooperative Ministry, as the director of the Mexican American Program of Hispanic Studies Program at Perkins School of Theology, and twice as a District Superintendent, first in New Mexico and Texas, and then in Oregon.

A native of Edinburg, Texas, Bishop Carcaño spent her early years aspiring to make a difference in the lives of persons who faced poverty and discrimination. Not forgetting her roots and early hopes, her ministry has always involved work with the poor, with farm workers, immigrants, and refugees. Of her tireless work, she has said, “The road of ministry has not always been easy, but it has always been an incredible blessing, and it has always been home.”

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love in Jesus Christ. During the Ash Wednesday service,



E.D.G.E. NIGHTS
*Experience and
 Discover God
 Everywhere*

Rehearsal for **JONAH'S DRUTHERS** begin this month with the following schedule:

Wednesday, February 29 (during E.D.G.E. Nights) and/or **Sunday, March 4**

Children can attend one or more rehearsals a week.

WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS

ARTSedge 4:00 to 5:00 pm and/or SPK 6:00 to 7:00 pm

February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28

OFF--April 4 and 11

RESUME -- April 18, 25

SUNDAY REHEARSALS

9:45 to 10:25 am

March 4, 11, 18, 25

OFF--April 1 and 8

RESUME -- April 15, 22, 29

DRESS REHEARSALS *(Please be at BOTH!):*

Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 5, 10:00 to 11:30 am

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
 FOR THE PERFORMANCE**

ON SUNDAY, MAY 6

4:00 pm in the Worship Center

JUSTICE MINISTRY E.D.G.E. SERIES



Beginning **February 29**, the Social Justice Ministry will begin a new series titled "Who is Arizona in its Centennial Year?" For each of the five sessions, speakers will address a different aspect of the history and demographics of our larger community. We will talk about migrations, schools, children, and neighborhoods. Immigration from neighboring Mexico will be a topic, as will immigration from other parts of North America. Especially during the final session on **March 28**, we will encourage participants to think about and talk about what all of this means to us. This centennial year, learn more about who we are in this 48th state!

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
 SCHOOL CLASS THEMES**

February 5: Spending Time with God: The Best Thing We Can Do -- Mary and Martha

February 12: Jesus Loves Children -- Jesus Blesses the Children

February 19: Sharing Good News that Changes Hearts and Lives -- Disciples Sent Out

February 26: Welcoming Jesus into Our Hearts -- Zacchaeus

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS

The current E.D.G.E. Session classes continue through **Wednesday, February 15**. You can still be part of this Session. Class descriptions are on the church web site.

After a break for Ash Wednesday, February 22, a new E.D.G.E. Session begins on **Wednesday, February 29**. ARTSedge also begins on that date with **4:00 pm** classes for children to begin preparing for their spring musical (*see further information on this page.*) Children's, youth and adult classes will be at **6:00 and 7:05 pm**, including SPK (Shout Praises Kids!), Youth Bible Study, 5th and 6th Grade Fellowship, and adult classes, including a Bible study on Core Stories of the New Testament, and a series featuring speakers on current issues facing Arizona.

Online registration will begin on **February 15**. Contact Debbie Hollenbach at Debbie.Hollenbach@rmumc.com.

**SPRING MUSICAL/DRAMA
 FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
 FOUR YEAR OLDS – 8TH GRADE**



Hold onto yer horses and get ready for a true tale from the Good Book like you've *never* heard it before! **Jonah**, the prophet of Israel, sends and receives telegraphs to and from the Living God on behalf of the people, and all is fine, until the Lord tells him to go to that "dirty, rotten, flea-bitten foreign city called Ninevah!" So, wouldn't ya' know it, instead of boardin' the east-bound train to Ninevah, Jonah hops a west-bound stage to Tarshish! When a big storm comes up on the prairie, threatening to blow the stage over, the driver rolls the dice and up comes Jonah's number as the one who must be angering "the gods." Jonah confesses that he is running the opposite direction from what the Lord instructed him, so the driver throws him off the stage and he lands in a . . . well (*now, say it with yer best cowboy twang!*) No, not a whale . . . an old, abandoned *well*, where he's stuck for 3 days and 3 nights. And . . . well, you will just have to come and find out what happens from there!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The Youth Groups will collect money on Souper (or Super) Bowl Sunday, **February 5**, for Paz de Cristo. Please be generous for this worthy cause.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

The new church book club meets on the first Monday of each month at **2:00 pm in the Gathering Room**. This month the group will meet on **February 6** discussing the book "Walking in Two Worlds: Mixed Blood Indian Women Seeking their Path" by Nancy Peterson. Child care is available upon request. Contact Bobbi Heppe at heppeb@yahoo.com.



REFLECTIONS

The Reflections, a writing group led by Dana Tramba, meets the third Saturday of each month from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm** in the home of one of the members. The group shares their writing projects, offering critique and encouragement to each other. The next meeting is Saturday, **February 18**, at Barbara Carpenter's home. Contact Dana at Dandyt123@cox.net for information and directions.



COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN LEADER

Stephen Ministry, Christian lay caring ministry for those who are in crisis, is a vital part of our congregation's mission. On **February 19**, as part of the 9:00 am worship service, **Rev. Ellen Phillips** will be commissioned to begin her ministry as a Stephen Leader. As a leader, she will train those who want to become Stephen Ministers as well as offering support to those who are currently Stephen Ministers. Come to worship on February 19 and show your support for Ellen as she takes on this new minister. Please continue to pray for this caring ministry.



ALL INVITED! VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCE

All are invited to the annual all-church Valentine Dinner Party and Dance which will be held on **Saturday, February 11**, from **6:00 to 10:00 pm** at Terrace Green at Viewpoint. A wonderful dinner will be served, followed by music for listening or dancing. April Walker will be providing the music, as she did last year. Tickets are on sale on Sunday mornings on the patio. For more information, contact Paul and Linda Thistlethwaite at thistle@macomb.com.



The youth group will hold their second annual Mystery Dinner Theatre on **Sunday, February 26**, from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Madsen Hall**. The theme this year is the decade of the 50's, so get out those poodle skirts and bryl-creme and get ready for a night of fun and mystery-solving. Tickets are on sale on the patio and are limited in quantity. Price is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Proceeds will be used for summer mission trips. You may also contact Youth Leader, John Durkin, at rmumcjohn@yahoo.com.



A SPECIAL DAY FOR THOSE 80 OR MORE

Those who have reached this milestone – **both men and women alike** -- are invited to attend the Fourscore and More luncheon on **Saturday, February 18**, at **11:30 am** in Madsen Hall. Look for your invitation in the mail to this special event honoring those 80 and over in age. If you do not receive an invitation, please notify the church office. The United Methodist Women will be your hostesses and the United Methodist Men will be serving the lunch prepared especially for you. You won't want to miss out on the fun, food and fellowship of this special day!



HABITAT PROJECT

The build has begun on the new Habitat home project. RMUMC is scheduled to work on **February 4** and **March 17**. A minimum of ten persons will be needed each of those days. Signups have begun, looking for a mix of both experienced and new volunteers. Contact Dick Murphy, who is coordinating this project, at rlm64@cox.net. (see related article on page 9)



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JESUS

During the season of Lent, the sermon series will continue exploring the Core Stories of the Bible, turning our attention to the New Testament, and specifically, to the life of Jesus. The question we will consider is this: if Jesus himself is a main core story, what are the aspects of his life and ministry that stand out, that point us toward his very identity? Are there core features within the core story of Jesus himself?

Each of the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, begin the story of Jesus' ministry with his baptism and the calling of the disciples. But from that point on, there are differences in the order and selection of material that each gospel writer uses. By looking at which stories each gospel writer chooses to put *next*, we see which aspect of Jesus' ministry each one is trying to emphasize. Matthew goes immediately into the Sermon on the Mount; Mark chooses healing stories; Luke tells of Jesus reading the scroll of Isaiah and subsequently being run out of Nazareth; and John lifts up Jesus' miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana, and then Jesus confronting the money changers in the Temple.

Each week in Lent, we will look at the story that comes "next," after the opening passages in each gospel. We will focus on Jesus as Proclaimer, Jesus as Teacher, Jesus as Healer, Jesus as Liberator, and Jesus as Confronter. Each story will lift up a key facet of Jesus' life and ministry, and will lead us on the journey with Jesus toward his death and resurrection.

FIRM FOUNDATIONS OFFERED ON SUNDAY

We've had a great experience with the current Wednesday evening Firm Foundations class, and will be offering it again on Sundays. Beginning **Sunday, February 12**, the five-week class will meet at **12:00 Noon** in Rooms 203/204, following the pizza lunch. Child care and activities for children will be provided.

This class is for anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith -- seekers, new members, long-time members, regular or seasonal attenders. Our hope is that, at some point, everyone in the church will take the class. Led by Pastor Mary and John Groenenboom, the five-week class covers basic Christian beliefs and church history, United Methodist emphases, and the history and ministries of Red Mountain United Methodist Church. This class also prepares one for church membership. Each time we've offered the course, the participants have enjoyed inspirational sharing and lively discussion. If you have questions about the class, contact Pastor Mary at mary.bullis@rmumuc.com.



FALL RETREAT

The Women's Annual Fall Retreat will take place this year on **October 19 -- 21** at Mingus Mountain. The retreat will be led by Rev. Ellen Phillips and Bobbi Heppe. "The Gifts of Grace" is the theme for the weekend. **Pre-registration is taking place NOW.** You can reserve your spot beginning **Sunday, February 5**. Look for a table on the patio or register with Sue Killebrew, retreat director, at skillebrew@gmail.com. A deposit of \$40 will hold your spot for this 11th annual retreat to the cool, comfort of the northern mountains. Ladies, mark your calendars now and plan to attend this amazing weekend!

ONE DAY WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Ecclesiastes 3:

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven*

Psalms 31:14-15:

*I trust you, Oh Lord... You are my God.
My times are in your hands.*

A one-day women's retreat is planned for **Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** at the home of Dana Tramba. The topic for the day is "Time Well Spent -- Rhythms of Rest and Work." There is no charge for this retreat which is hosted by Sue Webb and Dana Tramba. A brunch is included. RSVP to Dana at dandyt123@cox.net by **March 17**.



A women's bible study will begin on **Tuesday, February 28**, led by Rev. Ellen Phillips. The five-

week study will hold the first class at **9:00 am** in Rooms 203/204. The following four classes will meet in Madsen Hall. All women are invited to attend and bring friends. Child care is available upon request. Contact Bonnie Smith at user240546@aol.com.





**UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN (UMW)**
Submitted by Sue Killebrew

OUR UMW PURPOSE

*The organized unit of United Methodist Women is a community of women whose **PURPOSE** is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

UMW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President – Bonnie Smith – user240546@aol.com
Co-Vice Presidents – Linda Munsil – linda@munsil.org
Linda Thistlethwaite – thistle@macomb.com
Secretary – GayLynn Brewer – brewerinaz@cox.net
Treasurer – Carolyn Miller (call office for phone)

All women are invited to all UMW events and Circle meetings, whether a member of the unit or not. Contact any of the officers listed above about any of our programming.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 4, 9:00 am – Executive Council meets in Room 202

Saturday, February 18, 11:30 am – Four Score and More Luncheon, a special lunch to honor those who are 80+ years old, in Madsen Hall (see page 5)

Thursday, March 8, 6:00 pm – Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Sacrificial Meal in Madsen Hall. Guest Speaker is Rev. Michael Eaton

Saturday, April 14, 10:00 am – A Day Apart – Visit and Tour of Sunshine Acres



UMW READING PROGRAM

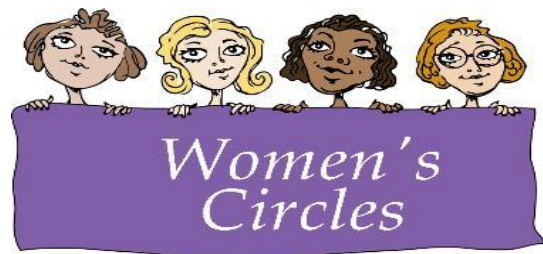
The 2012 Reading Program has begun with a new, wide-selection of interesting books to read. All who participate will be encouraged to become aware of the current issues of our world today while

deepening spirituality. Please check out only one book at a time and return it in a timely manner so that others can also read it. Here are some reviews:

(For Spiritual Growth): “Hidden in the Rubble: A Haitian Pilgrimage to Compassion and Resurrection” by Gerard Thomas Straub. Prior to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, Gerard

Straub had vividly captured the dreadful conditions that already existed there for a documentary film he was making. Immediately afterward he went back with a team of doctors who rushed in to help the countless victims. This book describes life before and after the earthquake and contains a series of reflections from people fully engaged in helping the Haitians through their darkest days.

(For Education for Mission): “Seasons of Salt: Meditations” by Millie Horlacher. Whether we realize it at the time, normal events in our everyday lives can have significant spiritual meaning and can also offer valuable lessons – if we only take the time to listen. In more than 60 devotions suitable for individual or group use, *Seasons of Salt* weaves faith and daily living and shows how everyday activities, including childhood games, kitchen challenges and family and church events, present perfect opportunities for expressions of faith.



United Methodist Women and Circle meetings are a great place to make new friends, develop a spiritual link with each other, and provide an outlet for service projects. If you would like to be a part of a group of women who are dedicated to the UMW purpose, please contact any circle chairperson listed below and come to a meeting:

FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Faith – Tuesday, February 14, 6:00 pm, home of Lynn Martin – Chair: Carol Taylor at caroltmesa@cox.net

Grace – Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 pm in Rooms 203/204 – Mabel Eley hosting – Chair: Bobbi Heppe at heppeb@yahoo.com

Irene – Wednesday, February 15, 9:30 am, home of Dorothy Wolfe -- Chair: Betty Rose at tombettyr@yahoo.com

Hope – Thursday, February 16, 9:15 am in Madsen Hall – Margie Mays hosting – Chairs: Evelyn Methfessel at demeth@msn.com and Enez Litchfield at enez@cox.net

Rebecca -- Thursday, February 16, 9:30 am, home of Callie Brandt – Chair: Verna Berndt at cvernab@cox.net

Doves – Thursday, February 16, 1:00 pm, Room 203/204 – Linda Lease hosting – Chair: Jan Crippen at crippenaz@hotmail.com



Submitted by
Phil Hartley,
Treasurer



It's always interesting for us "numbers people" to see the final 'End of Year' numbers that the computer spits out. I was even more excited this year to see the numbers because we had just installed a new financial computer program. We did discover some minor mistakes that resulted from the conversion from the old to the new system, but we're pretty sure that the numbers that are associated with the budget and mortgage as reported here are correct.

So, looking below, you can see that we, again, finished the year in the black thanks to a wonderful December. Just to remind you, our budget for General Ministries for 2011 was \$608,573 for expenses and \$583,420 for income. You can see that our actual income was slightly greater (\$3,187) than projected last January. Our expenses were greatly less (\$26,267) than budgeted. Every year we spend significantly less than is budgeted. That is why the Finance Committee is not afraid to present an unbalanced budget to the Administrative Council for their approval. We are all conditioned to believe that we must have a balanced budget and every year we have to explain that a church budget is different and why we feel comfortable proposing this.

General Ministries Fund

	<u>Dec '11</u>	<u>Dec '10</u>	<u>Total to date '11</u>	<u>Total to date '10</u>
INCOME:	\$ 68,341	\$ 67,567	\$586,607	\$558,052
EXPENSES:	\$ 54,618	\$ 50,819	\$585,493	\$543,067
CHANGE:	\$ 13,723	\$ 16,748	\$ 1,114	\$ 14,985

This year, the Mortgage/Columbarium Fund was not as fortunate. Over the year, the balance decreased by a little over \$15,000. I do see that the 2012 pledges to this fund are significantly higher than last year. If this problem persists, one option would be to reduce our monthly payment. However, this would extend our payment period. Any other suggestions?

Mortgage/Columbarium Fund

	<u>Dec '11</u>	
INCOME:	\$ 11,604	Fund Balance: (\$ 5,316)
DISPERSED:		
Interest	\$ 3,320	
Principal	\$ 9,950	Total Mortgage
Columbarium	\$ 0	Principal: \$ 898,752
TOTAL	\$ 13,270	
SHORTAGE:	\$ 1,666	

In this time when so many individuals and institutions are experiencing financial problems, Red Mountain UMC, once again, has been able to pay our bills on time and even have a little left over. A few people have asked me, "What does the church do with the excess dollars that we have at the end of the year?" (At my church back in New York State that question never came up because we didn't any left over!) Well, it has accumulated and now the committee believes that we should use it to support a program that has been the dream of many people for several years. We plan to put more emphasis on family ministry. The church budget that was passed at our most recent Administrative Council meeting includes a significant imbalance due to planned expenditures for this ministry to be paid from the excess of previous years. I believe 2012 will be an exciting year of growth in membership, especially of younger persons which will help pay for this program in the future. We need your prayers to guide our leaders in decisions to make this all happen.

AZ BRAIN FOOD

There are a surprising number of children who receive free breakfast in our public schools. These children also receive a free or reduced price lunch during the week. The problem comes over the weekend when there is no food in the home for these children. AzBrainFood provides a sack of food for each child, given to them on Friday and placed discreetly in their backpacks so they are not stigmatized. They take the sack home and have food for the weekend.

Schools statistics are showing that these children are coming back on Monday in an improved frame of mind, with less conflict and improved attention spans, and even better grades. RMUMC Mission Committee will be collecting funds to support this program. The cost per child per school year is \$200. Our goal is to provide the weekend food for Jefferson Elementary School for the remainder of this school year, through June 2012. We will need a total of \$3500.

AzBrainFood is a 501(c)3 organization. Make your checks payable to RMUMC with a memo "AzBrainFood," or mark your envelope "AzBrainFood." ALL profits from the Fair Trade Coffee through June will be donated to this cause. You can also make a donation at the Fair Trade Table. Our next Fair Trade Coffee Sales will be on **Sunday, February 12.**





HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COORDINATOR

The current Habitat for Humanity coordinator is looking to apply his energies in other directions. If you are some-body who wants to help

deserving families qualify and occupy affordable habitat housing, this is an outreach for you.

The **RMUMC Habitat for Humanity Coordinator's** activities are principally carried out **October through April** as follows:

- (1) **ATTEND TWO PLANNING MEETINGS** – Usually in October or November and then in January. Meetings are short and are normally held at Velda Rose UMC on Main Street. Other members of the Superstition Coalition also attend. Much of the coordination is done by email, as communicated by the Coalition HfH Coordinator and the HfH Faith Relations manager.
- (2) **SCHEDULE ON-SITE WORK DAYS** – Arrange for RMUMC's on-site work days, usually done at the October meeting and later by email as needed. Work sites are in the East Valley, usually in Mesa or Apache Junction.
- (3) **SIGN UP RMUMC VOLUNTEERS** – Sign up volunteers (eight to ten) for each work day. Do this with a sign up on a few Sunday mornings. This is not a problem. We have many willing volunteers.
- (4) **ARRANGE FOR COFFEE AND LUNCH** – Choose someone to take breakfast coffee or sandwich lunches (for about 35 people), for the RMUMC work days.

The **Habitat Coordinator** is a member of the RMUMC Missions Committee which meets several times during the year. Habitat funds are currently supported in the annual church budget and additional funds are given by church members as designated gifts. Also, there are a few church members who are very willing to help with communications, recruiting and logistics.

Contact Dick Murphy at RLM64@cox.net for further details. Thank you for your consideration.

GENESIS PROJECT

Located at 1890 S. Plaza Drive in Apache Junction, the Genesis Project feeds a meal to 100-300 persons daily. They also offer showers daily from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They are currently trying to raise \$1700 for a grease trap in their kitchen. Other donations that can be made are: thick foam plates, large Styrofoam cups, plastic cutlery, blankets, sleeping bags, coats, sweat pants and shirts, bottled water and hygiene items. You can bring items to the church labeled "Genesis Project." Thank you for your generosity.

THANKS TO BLOOD DONORS

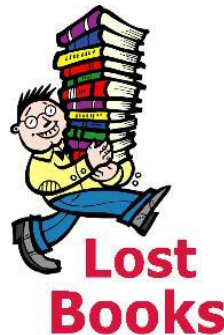
The generosity of RMUMC members and friends was proven, once again, in January during the church's annual blood drive. The drive netted 28 donations for a total of 31 units of blood, exceeding the goal of 22 units. Since one unit can benefit up to three people, our church could have an impact on up to 93 people in our community! Thanks to Courtney Smith for coordinating the drive.

ARIZONA TAX CREDIT STILL AVAILABLE

Submitted by Roy Schlessman

Private School Tuition Credits are still possible for 2011 private education up to **April 15, 2012**. A contribution made to a school tuition organization from **January 1, 2012 to April 15, 2012** could be used as a tax credit on your 2011 or 2012 Arizona income tax return. Single taxpayers can contribute up to \$500. Married couples filing jointly can contribute up to \$1000. The donation process is explained at the Christian Scholarship Fund of Arizona (CSFA) website at www.csf-az.org/donate.html.

The above is for information only. Contact your tax professional for specific guidance.



BOOKS ARE MISSING

A number of books have gone missing over the past few years from the United Methodist Women's book cart. Listed below are some titles that have been missing since 2010. Do you have any on a shelf, in a cabinet or under a bed at your home? Why not take a look?

- A Deepening Love Affair: The Gift of God in Later Life*
- If you Know Who You Are, You Will Know What to Do*
- Weaving a Just Future for Children*
- God Trusted a Woman: Leadership Lessons*
- Where Mercy Fails: Darfur's Struggle to Survive*
- Growing Friendship: Connecting with those who Matter Most*
- Locked Up: Letters and Papers of a Prisoner of Conscience*
- The Other Game: How Life is Played in Mexican Villages (2 copies!)*

If you find any of these, bring them to the church office or return them to the book cart located in Madsen Hall.



MISSION MOMENTS

*Submitted by Carolyn Ball,
from the Prayer Calendar*

None of us expects disaster, and my calling as a home missionary is to be ready to serve people in dire situations.

My experience in Africa during the Rwanda crisis as a disaster pilot and development officer for the Africa Office of the General Board of Global Ministries prepared me to throw my ministerial hat into mission relief in Haiti less than two days after the devastating earthquake that killed more than 200,000 people on January 12, 2010. Among many volunteers and organizations present, I was ready to respond to the urgent cry of little Melissa who had lost both legs, bring pastoral comfort to the Jones family of 12 who lost their home, and secure temporary shelters for many orphans families. **Home Missioner Enock Gustave, Chair, Haiti Prison Ministry, New York Annual Conference**

I coordinated the Asian Young Women’s leadership Event in the Philippines last year. Forty Koreans, Japanese, Indonesians, Filipinos, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Burmese, and Taiwanese young women attended the event and shared about the hopelessness among countless young people in Asia. In the midst of highly technological living, the youth are confronted with issues of loneliness, lack of direction, confusion, indifference, emptiness and violence in many forms. The Asian Young Women Leadership Event was a sacred space for the young women. They were able to define a peaceful and hopeful relationship with one another. They are aspiring to create a world of peace and unity among themselves and among all generations to come. The event gave them a place to shape their hopes for the future. **Deaconess Emma Cantor, Regional missionary for Asia, based in the Philippines**



Thank You Dear members and friends of RMUMC,
Thank you for your prayers before, during and after my

recent knee surgery. Prayer works and, in my case, I want you to know that the surgery was a success and I am doing well. I should be back on the ladders real soon!!

-- Jim Hooker

A huge thank you to all the “bag gang” who come and help pack the men’s lunches. -- Marsha Lehman

(All are invited to help on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to pack lunches for the Men’s Shelter. Come to Madsen Hall this month on **February 8 at 9:00 am.**)



Recently In the Hospital

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| David Perkins | Jim Hooker |
| Laura Lucas | Helen Cooke |
| Dona Martinsen | Jim Lehman |
| Marilyn Husted | Steve Harnist |
| Bertha Johnson | Ted Wagner |
| Ron Schell | Marcia Tharp |
| Shirley Adams | Don Erickson |
| Linda Deede | |



*George Blare on the
loss of his sister*

IN MEMORIAM

- Reed Wade**
6/17/1920 – 12/23/2011
- Mildred Turnbull**
8/1/1915 – 1/7/2012
- Dan Miller**
1/29/1945 – 1/25/2012
- Susan Thorpe**
6/19/1952 – 1/29/2012
- John Rebstock**
5/2/1922 – 1/29/2012



*Congratulations to
Ann and Randy Ross
who were married on
December 31, 2011*

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<i>1</i>	Rhiyanna Magtanong	<i>19</i>	Denise Mills
<i>2</i>	Yen Yen Ng Jeffrey Williams	<i>22</i>	Ryan Killebrew Georgia Mills
<i>3</i>	Shirley Larson	<i>24</i>	Ken Cox Sherry Skaife Doug Snover Max Stevenson
<i>4</i>	Shelley Bott	<i>26</i>	Cara Coleman Jared Cummings David Horsburgh Anne Mason
<i>5</i>	Pat Barrows Carl Perry Betty Rose	<i>27</i>	Phil Heyl Kay Ulmer
<i>7</i>	Mary Bullis Carol Howard		
<i>9</i>	Meghan Blankenship Rhonda Ems Brayden Herron Zachary Sampson		
<i>10</i>	John Olson Frances Rebstock	<i>1</i>	<i>Noe Perez and Dot Saunders- Perez -- 21 years</i>
<i>11</i>	George Gewarkis Laurel Moore	<i>6</i>	<i>Gary and Susan Knott -- 26 years</i>
<i>12</i>	J P Smith Marcy Trupe	<i>11</i>	<i>Frank and Myra Moir - 51 years</i>
<i>14</i>	Bernice Lowe	<i>14</i>	<i>Winton and Jean Miller - 25 years Carl and Bonnie Perry -- 26 years Robert and Mary Warriner -- 16 years</i>
<i>15</i>	Kyle Killebrew	<i>25</i>	<i>Bob and Lu Johnson - 45 years</i>
<i>16</i>	Paulette Burns	<i>27</i>	<i>Jerry and Ruth Birnbaum -- 19 years</i>
<i>17</i>	Valerie Tokach Jill Williams		
<i>18</i>	Grace Magtanong		

..... And ANNIVERSARIES



WALK ACROSS ARIZONA (submitted by Judi Willis for Health and Wellness Committee)

Walk Across Arizona is part of a statewide Healthy Life-style Education initiative that is being offered through the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. It is NOT a walk-a-thon or a fund-raiser. Its purpose is to get people motivated to start moving their bodies and keep them moving in 2012. Teams of five to ten people are formed with the goal of walking the equivalent of 410 miles (the width of our state) within an eight-week period.

Red Mountain UMC is participating in this Walk Across Arizona which begins on **February 26** and concludes in **May**. The cost is \$12 per person to cover the cost of a pedometer and tee-shirt. Each team needs a captain who will share information with their team members throughout the duration of the program. Team members will enter their total steps online, competing against other teams from our church and from around the state. If you are interested in forming a team or participating on a team, please call the church office.

(The Health & Wellness Committee of RMUMC strives to provide information to our church members. You are encouraged to read the articles, to consult your personal physician and to make decisions regarding your personal health based on the advice of your physician.)



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10:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

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