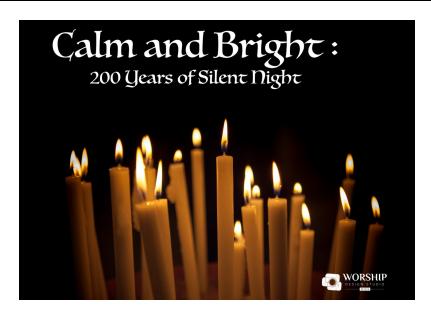


DECEMBER 20, 2018

CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES

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This Sunday's Advent Roundup!

10:00 am - Worship Service - Worship Center

11:00 am - Community Life Ministry Social Hour - Nelson Hall

11:15 am - Interrobang will **not** meet this Sunday, but will resume again January 6, 2019

11:20 am - Youth & Confirmation will **not** meet this Sunday. Also, parents please note that children and youth classes will not meet on December 30, but will resume in January.

11:30 am - Ruminate will not meet this Sunday, but will resume again January 6, 2019

The Church Front Office will be closed December 24-28 in observance of the Christmas holiday.



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Listen to the Sermon Again!

Light and Darkness





Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Family Worship - 4:00 pm Classic Worship - 8:00 pm

Bring the whole family to celebrate Christmas this Christmas Eve with us! There are two candlight services for you to choose from, plus don't miss the Sounds of the Season musical medley 15 minutes prior to the start of the Classic worship service at 7:45 pm.

We can't wait for you to join us this Christmas Eve for worship! Why not show someone new what a Beatitudes Christmas is all about? Invite a friend or two for a meaningful worship experience.

A Message from Your Pastor

February 1, 2019 marks the beginning of my third year at Church of the Beatitudes. That's a little over three months away. Wow. So much has taken place and many plans are still in the works. My aim, along with the leadership, is to work to make Beatitudes sustainable for decades to come. If you have read or are in the process of reading, "The End of White Christian America," you realize that this is a daunting task yet also an exciting time to be a Christian community. So, why not let it end? We've had a good run. We've accomplished a great deal over the last forty plus years. If we were to allow Beatitudes to gracefully pass, we wouldn't have to endure all the changes and disruptions to that which we are fond.

Here's why we can't let it end. Central Phoenix and beyond needs our unique Christian voice. You know this. That's one of the main reasons why you and thousands of others have been part of this spiritual community.

At one point, we were the flagship church of our denomination. Our membership rolls exceeded three thousand. Yet, our past success was never focused upon the size of our membership nor the magnitude of our operating budget. Our goal has never been the same as a commercial business enterprise. Rather, "We were and are concerned about growth in human personality, which is seldom, if ever, measurable ... We are, if we are most deeply Christian, concerned about quality of experience and not quantity of expression."** Our goal is to empower individuals to enrich society by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God and others. In the midst of the clamor of competing chaotic messages, let us magnify Beatitudes spiritual voice so it may resound beyond any human walls. Be a difference maker for this next year and decades to come. Invest today in Beatitudes by stepping up and increasing your financial support.

Blessings,

Pastor Tony Minear, PhD

**From volume 2, number 1 Beatitudes newsletter, 1957

CALLING ALL PLEDGE CARDS!

If you haven't already done so, please complete your 2019 pledge cards and return them to the front office. Thank you.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Alan Cochrane,
Heidi Eberenz,
Lesley Setzler,
Florence Wilkenson,
Lynne Buckwald Coor,
Ken Buckwald, Jeff Grobe,
Tiffany Miller, Landen Do,
Nancy Klatt, Lowell Frye,
Aneta Rowe, Courtney Bonnell,
Lester Low, Jack Evans III,
Jim Gallagher, Dosia Carlson,
Rick Frederickson, and
Sylvia Thorret Evans

How Our Prayer List Works

Please submit your prayer requests including first and last name. As the congregation is drawn, individuals will pray in their own way in service of deep trust that God knows what is best. To add someone to the list. please email Janelle at jtapphorn@beatitudesch urch.org or call 602-264-1221 x 103. Be sure to let us know if you would like them on the list for 30 or 60 days.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5

Cookie Walk Brought in the Dough!



CLM wishes to thank all of the participants in this year's annual Cookie Walk fundraiser last Sunday, December 16. And especially to all of the volunteer bakers for their scrumptious baked goods! A special thanks to Ann Wilson and her bakers for the adorable Christmas cookie trees. And don't forget all of the volunteers who stood faithfully at their post handing out those goodies...such incredible will power not to dive in and snatch a cookie! CLM made a approximately \$800 and a large majority of these funds will be used to purchase more dinner plates for the kitchen. Thanks again for your continued support and CLM wishes you all a very Merry Christmas!









COB CHARITY NFL FOOTBALL POOL STANDINGS

What a week! Patriots loose again; Rams loose; Browns win!!!

Five losses this week with two additional participants side lined.

We now have only two original players not having buy-in's.

Send in your picks.

To buy-in, send us your team, and we'll see you Sunday for the \$10.00 payment.

Email or text us with your picks ASAP at dklatt0785@aol.com.

MASTER PLAN RENOVATION UPDATE

Where's the fence? You know, the one going around the worship center to keep us out, so we don't trip and fall or have something fall on us during construction? It's coming, just not right away. Right now, the work that is occurring is behind the scenes.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW:

1. Barduson Architects met with Redden Construction and they are working together on a conceptual estimate to assist us in determining how much we can include in Phase One.

2. An engineer team is being assembled to assist the architects in

their drawings.



HERE'S WHAT'S NEXT:

- 1. Review the costs of what will definitely be included in Phase One and what other possibilities might be added with the executive members of the design team.
- 2. Meet with the Music Ministry and executive members of the design team to design the platform and music area.
- 3. Meet with the Design Team to review and finalize all the design elements.
- 4. Complete the drawings and submit to the City.
- 5. Reveal a mockup of the drawings with the congregation.

Your Design Team:

Jeff Milton – Board President
Chuck Nolan – Board Member
Alan Cochrane – Board Member
Peggy Shively – Member
Lori Ramsey – Member
Sherrell Miller – Member
Pat Ezerski – Staff
Stephen Schermitzler – Staff
Tony Minear – Pastor



Beatitudes Church Makes the Difference for Families in Need



Faith in Action extends a huge "THANK YOU" to all who donated this holiday season to the Giving Tree initiative. Because of your response, the children of the two homeless families will be receiving lots of presents, clothes, shoes, toys and books! We were also able to give each family a generous gift card for food and needed items.

In addition, the Faith in Action volunteers will be distributing cleaning and hygiene kits to the 25 refugee families, and Maryland School will receive 30 basketballs and soccer balls. The athletic director is excited and so grateful!

Because of the pay-it-forward generosity felt on December 12 at the Christmas Club Festivity, Faith in Action was also able to give additional struggling families of Maryland School gift cards for Fry's supermarket. Your generosity will be felt in a very tangible way Christmas day and into the New Year. Dee Sullivan of Faith in Action shares, "The generosity and compassion of our church is amazing!"

Ruminate: Conversations on Things That Matter



Life is complex. To keep an open mind and try to hear and understand diverse views on various issues can be overwhelming. Grab a cup of coffee and join Pastor Jim Meadows at the discussion group, "Ruminate: Conversations on Things That Matter" for lively discussion about things that really matter in your life and society—Sunday mornings after worship at 11:30 am in the Room 4. There are no meetings for the remainder of this year, but will resume on January 6, 2019.

New Art Exhibit

Enjoy the works of photographer **H. Kit Cassak** on display in the narthex from November 16-January 30. Sponsored by the Arts Council.



Looking for a one of a kind gift this holiday? All photographs are on sale with thirty percent going to art projects at Church of the Beatitudes.



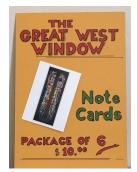


Empowering People at Our Own Front Door...

Maybe you've noticed the sweet display of goodies for sale in the foyer of Nelson Hall by Rodain Abo Zeed? Not only is she an incredible baker, but did you know that she and her family found Beatitudes last year, when they were helped as one of the refugee families from Maryland School? Now you can continue that support by stopping by her table in Nelson Hall.

Arts Council Mélange

- Don't miss the works of Norm Wilson on display and for sale in Nelson Hall.
- The sculptures of Mike Klatt are currently showing at Sonoran Arts League in Cave Creek.



Send an Advent greeting with a unique and beautiful card that showcases Beatitudes Great West Window. A set of six cards can still be purchased for \$10 in Nelson Hall or through the kiosk. These are good for keeping in touch with members no longer able to come to church. Include a Sunday bulletin inside the card and let them know they're not forgotten.

CHURCH OF BEATITUDES
PRESENTS

Jazz Coffee House 2018-19 Season



Don't Miss the Jazz Coffee House Concert Series feat. Cinco De Moio Minus 1



Be sure to mark your calendars and invite a friend to the second concert in the series on January 20, 2019, as Cinco De Moio Minus 1, takes the Nelson Hall stage at 6:00 pm. Enjoy the Latin percussion vibes over light refreshments. It's an evening of jazz brought to you by the Arts Council.

CALENDAR 2018

Beatitudes Choir: Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Choir Room. Anybody interested is welcome for food, fun, & fellowship! Call Director of Music, Stephen Schermitzler, at (602) 264-1221 x104 for more information.

Arts Council: Mark your calendars for the next jazz concert of the Beatitudes Jazz Coffee House Concert Series on January 20 at 6:00 pm in Nelson Hall featuring Cinco De Moio Minus 1. Also, a reminder that the All Occasion Note Cards featuring the Great West Window are still for sale. These attractive cards are \$10 for 6 cards and are good for keeping in touch with members no longer able to come to church. Include a Sunday bulletin inside the card and let them know they're not forgotten. They are available through the kiosk and proceeds benefit the Arts Council.

Arts Council Art Showing: The Arts Council presents a Narthex Art Exhibition featuring H. Kit Cassak. Come see Cassak's remarkable photographs of architecture, landscapes, sunsets, seascapes, animals, water, plants, and candids of children, on display November 16, 2018-January 30, 2019. Her works are for sale and thirty percent of the sale price helps fund art projects at Church of the Beatitudes.

Interrobang Schedule: Regular meetings are held on Sundays, from 11:15-12:00 pm, in Nelson Hall Lounge. There are no meetings for the remainder of this year, but will resume on January 6, 2019.

Cruisin' Cuisines: Meets monthly at local restaurants for fellowship and good food. Stay tuned for next month's pick. Contact Mike and Nancy Klatt at dklatt0785@aol.com/or call (602)246-2606 for more information.

Community Life Ministry: CLM meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm in the Nelson Hall lounge. Everyone is welcome!

The Nonfiction Book Group: The Nonfiction Book Group meets monthly in Room 4 for fellowship and to discuss the month's read. Stay tuned for next month's book choice and meeting time and date.

Women In Faith: Women in Faith meets monthly in Nelson lounge for fellowship and inspiration. Stay tuned for next month's meeting and topic.

CALENDAR 2018 cont.

Beatitudes Book Club: The Beatitudes Book Club will meet January 31st in the board room adjacent to Buckwald's Grille to discuss *The Radium Girls*. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and a discussion.

Faith In Action Monthly Meeting: Do you contribute to ICM, ShoeBox Ministry, Bishops Pantry, Maryland School? Would you like to do more? Come to our monthly meeting. Second Wednesday of the month at 1 pm in the Church Office. All are welcome.

Ruminate-Conversations on Things That Matter: Join the discussion! Sunday mornings after worship at 11:30 am in Room 4 for lively dialogue on ethical subjects such as – sanctity of life, public health, sex and gender, and work. Grab a cup of coffee and join Pastor Tony to talk about things that really matter in your life and society. There are no meetings for the remainder of this year, but will resume on January 6, 2019.

**Did I miss something? Click Below and fill out the form. https://www.beatitudeschurch.org/beatitudes-communications



Beyond Autism, Inc. has agreed to lease the Dosia Carlson Community Center for a new school facility. Find out more about the program HERE.

They will be starting up their school programs in January of 2019.

CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES MINISTRIES



BISHOPS PANTRY

Helping the homeless couldn't be easier! Next time you do your grocery shopping, simply pick up a few of the items listed below and drop it off at the front office. We'll take care of the rest! Presently we are in need of canned tuna (pull tab preferred).

For a complete list, stop by the information desk in the foyer. Some of the essential staple items needed are: CANNED FRUIT, VEGETABLES, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CRACKERS, SOUPS, BEEF STEW, CHILLI. RAVIOLI, DRY PASTA, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, MAC & CHEESE BOXES, CANNED TUNA & MEATS, & BREAKFAST BARS & CEREAL. WE HAVE PLENTY OF APPLESAUCE AND DRIED BEANS & RICE FOR NOW.

HYGEINE ITEMS ARE ALSO NEEDED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

FAITH IN ACTION

Look for the container unit in the foyer of the Worship Center which will make ongoing giving of items very easy! The unit houses baskets that are labeled "ICM," "BISHOPS PANTRY," "SHOEBOX MINISTRY," and "MARYLAND SCHOOL." If you have a very large bag of clothing for ICM, the ICM barrel will be in Nelson Hall. You can also set it by the container unit and Faith in Action will take care of it.

BEATITUDES VOLUNTEERS: IMPACTING LIVES TODAY!

VOLUNTEERING INSIDE BEATITUDES

CLM COOKIE CUPBOARD

Are you a baker? CLM Cookie Cupboard is bare and needs your goodies to serve during social hour after church. These can be store bought or homemade. You can freeze your goodies and bring them to Gayle Lawson who is always accepting donations. Thanks so much!

PLAZA GREETERS

A church greeter is the first- and last-person people see when visiting a church. But it's more than a hand shake. Greeters play a vital role in forming a visitor's first impression of our church and, to some, their first impression of Jesus. You play a significant role in ensuring that people see and experience the love of CoB. If this sounds like you, please contact Janelle Tapphorn itapphorn@beatitudeschurch.org for further information on becoming the face of Beatitudes!

USHERS

Do you have a servant heart? Sign up to Usher today! Ushers play a vital role in our weekly service by greeting people, handing out bulletins, and helping direct people to find restrooms and locations of other campus meeting rooms, taking up the offertory collection and serving communion to our members. After service, they go through the aisles and pick up lost items and used bulletins. This is an easy way to get involved with our church as well as get to know everyone better. If you're interested in being a difference maker, please sign up by contacting Joyce Glazner at jagphxaz@q.com

VOLUNTEERING *OUTSIDE* BEATITUDES ICM

ICM Food & Clothing Bank is looking for volunteers Monday – Friday from 8:45 – 11:30a.m. There are several positions open where volunteers of all ages can help. Please contact abby@icmaz.org or 602-403-3577 for more information.

FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action extends a grateful "thank you" to all of you who bring items regularly for Bishops Pantry. Your donations are a vital help in filling bags for our clients who come to our door every week. See list above on page 9 for items needed.

JUSTA CENTER

Justa Center serves homeless senior individuals. They are in need of donations to purchase food and volunteers to serve at the Justa Center, 1001 West Jefferson, Phoenix (SE corner of 10th Ave and Jefferson). You can make your donations to COB designating Justa Center. To volunteer, register with Doris or Pat at damcvey@cox.net

Learn more about the Justa Center - Watch these videos

Overview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKLDwbDeUdY
The Beatitudes Bunch serve lunch: https://youtu.be/54oK2uZ9vPU

What Can I See On The Beatitudes Church Website?



CONSIDERING
MEMBERSHIP WITH
CHURCH OF THE
BEATITUDES?

Take the next step and contact us to learn more. We will equip you with the essentials of being a part of an open and affirming church and how to connect with our church family and community. To take your next step at Beatitudes, email Janelle Tapphorn at

jtapphorn@beatitudeschurch.org

As a Church Member: You have access through the membership portal to the Board and Congregational Meeting Minutes plus everything visitors receive.

As a Church Member/Visitor:

- Calendar of Events
- Access the Beatitudes Radio Show Weekly Sermons (at the bottom of the home page, you can listen right there), Dialogue and Interviews by Pastor Tony.
- Weekly Blog
- See the most recent Facebook Post (at the bottom of the home page) and Like our Facebook Page
- Sign Up for the Weekly Newsletter *The Beat*

Visit us online at **www.beatitudeschurch.org**, accessible on your iPhone, Android Phone or device and on your PC.



Online Giving is Easy!

You may choose to give to the church in a variety of ways. Our church supports the community as well as programs that help the homeless and children in our area. If you feel called, please donate here:

Give Here