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CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES
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This Sunday's MARVELous Roundup!

10:00 am - Worship Service - Worship Center
11:00 am - Community Life Ministry Social Hour - Nelson Hall
11:15 am - Interrobang - Nelson Hall Lounge - Topic: "People with Passions" - Cathy Bonnell presents her passion, Children's Literature
11:20 am - Youth Enrichment & Confirmation - Brides Room
11:30 am - Ruminate - Room 4. Topic: Preventing Human Extinction

Parents: Children will have enrichment during service. Children will attend the first part of the service in the Worship Center. At the posted moment during the service, those children who have a wristband, will be excused to the foyer and escorted to Room 5. Please pickup your child promptly following service before fellowship activities. See page 4 for sign-in instructions for children.

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Listen to the Sermon Again!
"Iron Man-Tony Stark"

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Church Security

Implementing security has become a necessary part of life. From identity theft to physical assault, we know that preparedness saves time, money and sometimes even lives. The church is no different. Our central Phoenix neighborhood is changing. The incidences of aggressive behavior by homeless individuals has increased. The very population we strive to serve with offerings of food bags, basic hygienic items and lists of resources is transforming. Many of the individuals do not want food, but instead only want money. Individuals sleep here on church grounds using our electricity for phones, lighting, etc. and have at times become belligerent necessitating police intervention when asked to vacate the property. They mistakenly believe our church should be accommodating.

The Board of Directors is very concerned about the safety of staff and people visiting the church for the various activities scheduled throughout the week. The board feels that limiting access to the office will not only protect staff and the columbarium, but will also prevent overnight guests from making the area their permanent home. A security plan was proposed, voted on and passed to secure these areas with fencing and more limited access.

Beginning next week, the church front office and columbarium area will be enclosed with security fencing and locked gates. The front office will have a video and intercom system installed that will allow staff to see who is at the door and remotely open the gate for entry. The columbarium will have a programmable gate installed on the south entrance as well. It is requested that these gates not be propped open.

While we will continue to offer our homeless neighbors food bags, hygiene items and lists of resources, this added measure of preparedness will better ensure our safety and empower us to continue to enrich lives right here at our own front door. Should you have any questions regarding this security change, please contact Pat Ezerski, Church Administrator, in the church office or any of the members of the Board of Directors.

MARVELous Living Worship Series!

Join us January through February for our new worship series, "MARVELous Living!" Superhero or not, live 2019 MARVELously!
March 3 - "Captain America"

Sign Up This Sunday! One Book, One Church

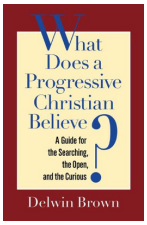
Mark your calendars for our Lenten series book discussion March 10-April 14. Small groups are forming for discussion of the book, *What Does a Progressive Christian Believe?* by Delwin Brown.

There are four small groups to choose from to fit your schedule and location. Thank you to all of our small group leaders for stepping up to lead: Evelyn Sowell, Jack Evans & Judy Green-Davis, Joyce Buekers and Pastor Tony!

Sign Up Sheets are now available on the New Visitor's table in the foyer of the Worship Center and also in front entrance to Nelson Hall - Just look for the signage!

You can purchase your copy of the book through Amazon by clicking the blue button below:

Order Here



Be a hero! Take credit for helping a child!

Did you know you can still make a tax credit donation for 2018? Yes, you have until April 15, 2019 to reduce your tax liability on your 2018 tax return.

You can enhance the education of a child in the Washington Elementary School District even if you don't have a child of your own enrolled in school. Specifically, you can help out our neighboring Maryland School!

A tax credit form is available on the New Visitor's table in the church foyer or in the front office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Alan Cochrane, Heidi Eberenz, Lesley Setzler, Florence Wilkenson, Lynne Buckwald Coor, Ken Buckwald, Jeff Grobe, Landen Do, Nancy Klatt, Lowell Frye,Aneta Rowe, Lester Low, Jack Evans III, Jim Gallagher, Rick Frederickson, Sylvia Thorret Evans, Phil Johnson, Leroy Calbom, Dee Sullivan and Madison Willis

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@beatitudeschurch.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

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 Tony 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 Room 4. Topic: Preventing Human Extinction.

How Can I Promote Church of the Beatitudes?

It's a brand new year! You've made your resolution to eat better. You've made your resolution to exercise more. Why not also resolve to share your love of our church and tangibly enrich society? It's easier than you might think. Here's a list of some of the most effective ways to spread the word:

- Reviews, Reviews, Reviews: How often do you Google search a restaurant and go based on the reviews you've read? The same is true for our digital footprint. **Write a review** about your experience at Church of the Beatitudes on Google and/or Yelp. Ask Comm. Specialist, Janelle, for assistance if you're unsure how.
- Follow us on Facebook and **share our posts** with your network of followers.
- A good ole' fashioned in-person invite will also work! Did you know that approximately 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if simply invited? That's a lot of people who need your invite!

CHILDREN & YOUTH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

-As contributed by Deni Nordmeyer, Family Ministry Coordinator

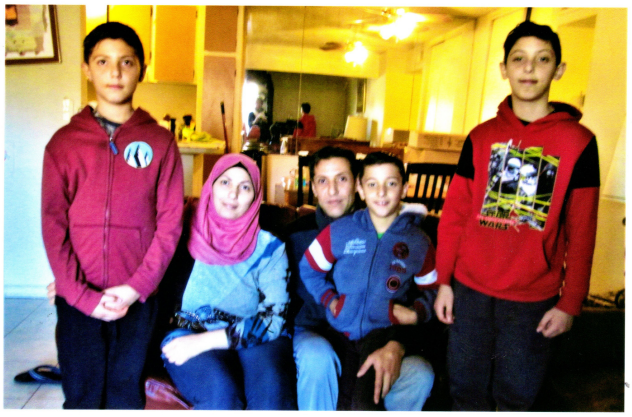
Superheroes of the Past and Present: This week, the children will continue to have their own lessons about Superheroes. We will be exploring these modern heroes along with the amazing heroes from the Old Testament. The face of the hero changes over time, yet the principles are inescapable.

Children will have enrichment during service. Children in Service: The Children will attend the first part of the service in the Sanctuary every Sunday, and at a posted moment during the service, those children who sign-in and have a wristband, will be excused to the foyer and escorted to room 4.
Sign-in instructions: The children need to be signed-in by 10:00 am at the table outside the south entrance. The parent and child will receive a matching wrist band to wear while the children are in our care. A parent can also sign-in their child, after the children have been excused, by walking their child to room 4 and signing-in there to receive a wristband.
Children Pickup: Please pick up the children in room 4 directly after service. We need to set-up for the youth program. The children can join the CLM activities.
Youth Group will meet at 11:15 in the Bride's room until 12:00. Confirmation Class will meet 12:00 until 12:30.

Last Week's Summary:
Children's Enrichment- In class, we reviewed the first 9 plagues that afflicted Egypt from the book of Exodus. Then we discussed the final plague that would kill all the first-born, unless lamb's blood covered the door frame, so the plague would pass-over the house. The movie, The Ten Commandments, showed Moses gathered with his family waiting for the plague to pass. We understood that the Hebrews were probably afraid, and we wanted to see what Moses' family did to handle the fear. By watching that section again, the class saw that the family sang, prayed, assured each other, and came together to share a meal. We then watched the scene showing that thousands of Hebrews were freed from bondage. We closed our class with some Plague Bingo. All the children went home with a prize.
Youth Group- After some Valentines cookie decorating, the group again used pictures to show various artist's interpretations of Jesus. We brainstormed an extensive list of words that relate to Jesus. Then we reread the list as we reflected on our own ideas of Jesus. Briefly, we looked at the spectrum of beliefs that different people may have about who was Jesus.
Confirmation- The youth shared about their confirmation journey and the changes in the program. After a week of thinking about God, we talked about the many Hebrew names for God. I asked each youth to pick a name they liked from the list and find the passage in the bible to read out-loud. We closed the class by playing charades.

Be the Spark! Summer Camp is coming! Save the Date: June 16-21, 2019
What is DUCC Camp? Our new joint camp week between the Disciples of Christ and the UCC: DUCC (quack-quack!)
REGISTRATION: Registration coming late February. Deadline dates to be announced.
WHERE? Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott. Yea! With the anticipated DOUBLING of our camp participation, there may be capacity limits this year. So, EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE will not only keep your price low, but will get you a space. If we run out of space in any of the camps, we will start a waiting list. Please don't let money stop the children and youth from attending. Talk to me, and we will find a way. I hope all our children and youth will go to church camp.

CLM Shoots an Arrow through the Heart of Beatitudes!



Empowering People at Our Own Front and **now** Back Door...

If you were at the last Town Hall meeting, you heard the good news. In case you missed out, Church of the Beatitudes is happy to share that we have leased the apartment on the second floor of the back building to Rodain Abo Zeed and her family! You'll recognize Rodain as the incredible baker from Syria who frequently sells sweets and baked goods in the foyer of Nelson Hall following worship on Sundays. She and her family found Beatitudes last year, when they were helped as one of the refugee families from Maryland School. They have attended church for many months, and her boys attend Sunday Enrichment classes. They are Muslim and appreciate that they are welcomed here at Beatitudes! Congratulations to our newest residents!

If you would like to donate time or money to help get the apartment in tip top shape for the family, please contact Kris Nyman at 602-614-5834.

Arts Council Mélange

- Church of the Beatitudes is proud and honored to showcase the works of Tom Denny on display and for sale in Nelson Hall. Be sure to stop by after service to see the variety of his talents.
- Julie Frye will have a show at the Olney Gallery from February 1 (First Friday) thru February 21. Trinity Cathedral is located at Central and Roosevelt.

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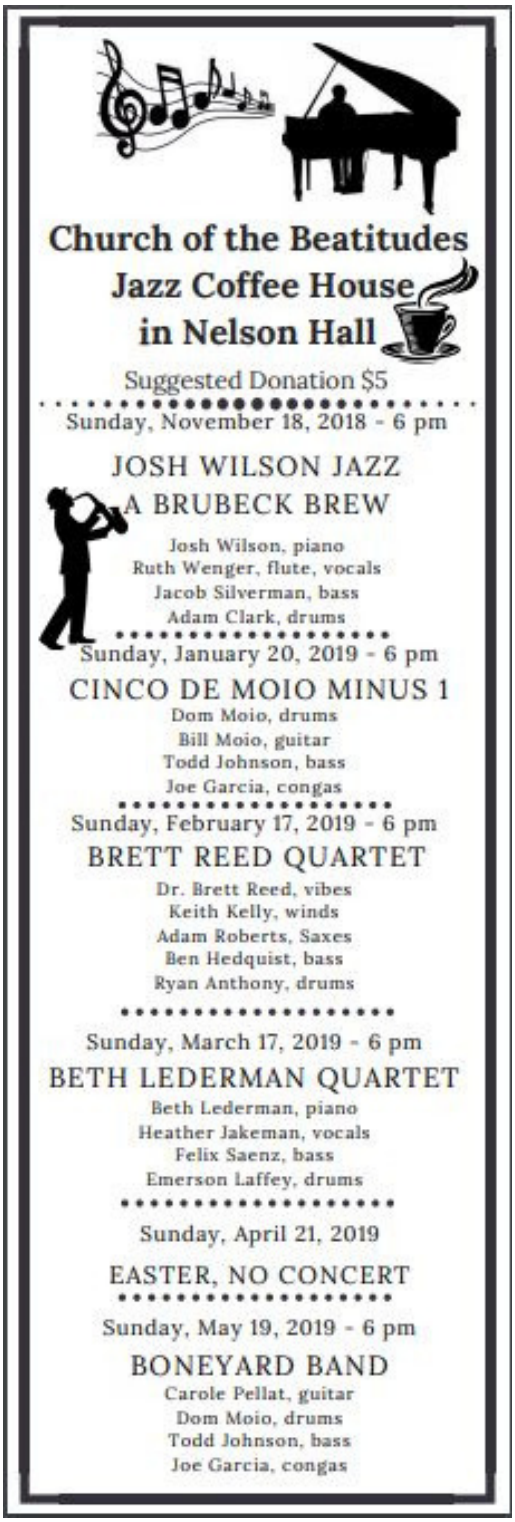
Jazz Coffee House 2018-19 Season



Brett Reed & Union 32 Quintet comes to the Nelson Hall Stage this Sunday for the Jazz Coffee House Concert Series

Intrepret jazz in a whole new way with the innovative sounds of the Brett Reed & Union 32 Quintet this Sunday, February 17, at 6:00 pm. Vibist Dr. Brett Reed fronts a dynamic jazz ensemble consisting of Keith Kelly on winds, Adam Roberts on saxes, Ben Hedquist on bass, and Ryan Anthony on drums. With innovative techniques that showcase his 4-mallet approach to the vibes, Dr. Brett Reed expands upon the traditional and presents a unique experience for listeners both new and schooled in the art of jazz. Enjoy the jazzy vibes over light refreshments while enjoying the latest art installation along the West wall of Nelson Hall. It's an evening of jazz brought to you by the Arts Council. Contributions of treats for this event are always accepted. Please contact Marcia Nix for information at msnix215@gmail.com

Be Empowered with AARP Drum Circles

Join AARP AZ the last Tuesday of every month in the Worship Center for a fun and interactive drum circle led by trained HealthRhythms® facilitator, Frank Thompson. Drum circles are a form of recreational music-making proven to reduce stress, boost the immune system, promote joy, a sense of well-being and to build community. All drums and percussion instruments provided. No musical experience required.

Upcoming Concert Events Not to be Missed at Church of the Beatitudes

Saturday, March 2nd, 2:00 PM, $15
Phoenicians Barbershop Chorus
"I Love a Barbershop Song"
Beatitudes Sanctuary
Tickets: $15 https://tickets.phoenicians.org/spring-show
More information: https://www.phoenicians.org

Sunday, March 10th, 2:00 PM, Free
Vocelliano - voice, piano, cello trio
Charles Szczepanek, Lisa Bustos Meehan, Terry Meehan
Fresh, original arrangements of several beloved hymns and spiritual songs
Beatitudes Sanctuary
This group will be performing in our worship service on Sunday morning, March 10th!
More information: www.vocelliano.com

Upcoming Concert Events Not to be Missed at Church of the Beatitudes

Saturday, March 16th, 5:00 PM, Free

Songbirds: A Voice Recital

Featuring 2018 Southwest Vocal Competition competitors: current Beatitudes soloist Dr. Katherine Thilakaratne, former Beatitudes soloist Nina Garuglio (formerly Nina Cole), and Holly Sheppard; John Massaro, piano

Classical, musical theatre, and audience favorites!

Beatitudes Sanctuary

****Donations will help further the careers of these young singers as they participate in International Opera programs this summer!**

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: Arts Council Meetings are held monthly. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about our projects. Stay tuned for time and date of March meeting. Also join us this Sunday for the next jazz concert of the Beatitudes Jazz Coffee House Concert Series at 6:00 pm in Nelson Hall featuring Brett Reed & Union 32 Quintet.

Interrobang Schedule: Regular meetings are held on Sundays, from 11:15-12:00 pm, in Nelson Hall Lounge. This week's topic: "People with Passions" - Cathy Bonnell presents her passion, Children's Literature.

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.

Community Life Ministry: CLM meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm in the Nelson Hall Lounge. Next meeting is March 11. Everyone is welcome! Please save the date for Wine Tasting April 13th - 6-8 pm - Life Center at the Campus (tickets will be available by March 1), and for the Volunteer Brunch, April 28, following service in Nelson Hall.

The Nonfiction Book Group: The Nonfiction Book Group meets monthly except for the month of July. Join us for the next meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 pm in Room 4.

Women In Faith: Women in Faith meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 8:45-10:30 in the Nelson Lounge. All are welcome! Also, save the date for the annual Women's Retreat, Saturday, April 13, 2019, at Black Mountain UCC for all women of the church.

Beatitudes Book Club: The Beatitudes Book Club will meet Thursday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the board room adjacent to Buckwald's Grille for dinner and to discuss *The Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobbs.

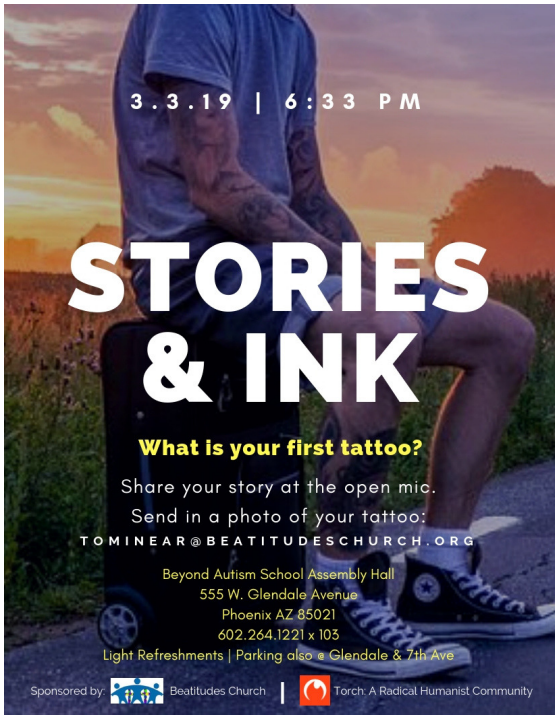
Faith In Action Monthly Meeting: Do you contribute to ICM, ShoeBox Ministry, Bishops Pantry, Maryland School? Would you like to do more? Come to our monthly meeting. We will meet next month on Wednesday, March 13, at 1 pm in the Front Office Conference Room. All are welcome.

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. This week's topic is Preventing Human Extinction.

**Did I miss something? Click Below and fill out the form.

https://www.beatitudeschurch.org/beatitudes-communications

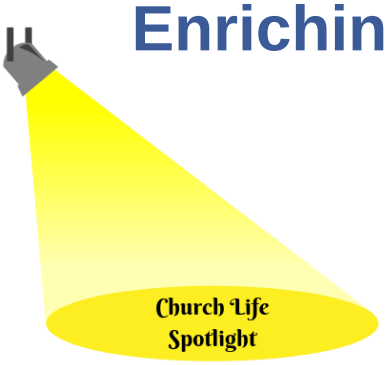
Church of the Beatitudes & Torch Host Stories in Ink-March 3



What is your first tattoo? For all those who love to ink, join us in sharing stories of your first tattoo at the open mic event, Sunday, March 3, 2019, at 6:33 p.m. at Beyond Autism School Assembly Hall, 555 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix. The Church of the Beatitudes, a progressive Christian faith community, has partnered with Torch: A Radical Humanist Collective to create a safe and inspiring evening of storytelling about that first tattoo. This unique partnership between a religious congregation and a nontheistic collective is part of a broader effort by the two communities to collaborate on meaningful projects around shared values. Enjoy light refreshments and listen to stories that run the gamut from silly and humorous to heartfelt and authentic. And if you don't have a tattoo, come anyway and invite your friends to hear the stories!

Stories and Ink will be the Assembly Hall at Beyond Autism School next to Church of the Beatitudes. If interested in sharing your story at the open mic and a photo to project, contact: tony@tonyminear.com.

About Torch: A Radical Humanist Collective: Torch is a diverse community of activists dedicated to Radical Humanist values. We seek to create a safe, brave space for Humanist changemakers to nurture, inspire and energize one another. Together, our community works to hone our moral tools for fighting oppressive social, civic, cultural, and economic systems and for building a more Humanist world. To learn more, go to www.facebook.com/HumanistTorch/



Enriching Society One Family at a Time…

-As contributed by Janelle Tapphorn, Communications Specialist

PHOENIX, AZ: "They're coming in droves!" shares Church of Beatitudes member Rita Dickenson. The Guatemala refugee crisis is here. If it wasn't on your radar before, it needs to be now. With displaced individuals and families numbering 40-50 a day, refugee shelters are drowning. But you can close the gap by housing a family of refugees overnight.

"But wait," you say, "that sounds daunting!" "Can we really open our home to complete strangers?" From language barriers to the resources needed, the logistics alone are enough to make your head spin. You think, "It must surely take a saint to make it happen, and I'm far from saintly!"

Meet the Dickenson's. Rita and Tom are members of our church who recently responded to a social media plea from Interfaith Refugee Asylum Volunteers. Stepping up to assist, they have since housed 32+ families in less than two months. "My husband teases me that I have a habit of collecting kids!" jokes Rita. However, the retired couple are not much different than you and I. They know very little Spanish and had no experience hosting refugees. But what they do have is a heart for giving, a space to spare in their home, and the time to help on weekdays when there is greatest need. Quite often volunteer families cannot host on weekdays because of competing household commitments such as fulltime jobs, family sports activities and homework. That's where retirees can help close the gap.

Rita shares, "These are lovely, lovely gracious people, and with a little help from Google Translate, we are able to make it work." The families are completely vetted by ICE, and are here legally. Your commitment is small, but the payoff is huge! "We are literally the first stop for them in the states after ICE, and the last stop before their sponsors," says Rita. You simply transport the family from the sponsoring church or faith community to your home where you provide them with a meal and perhaps a warm shower, a bed to hunker down in, followed by breakfast the next morning before transporting them to the appropriate bus depot. The church provides the clothing and hygiene needs as well as all vital information and transportation instructions.

The violent circumstances from which they flee are horrific. Their perilous journey is typically 20-30 days long often with very little food but an abundance of fear and uncertainty. You can make Jesus' compassion tangibly real by stepping up to house a refugee family. Enriching society starts right here in our own community and home. Start with hosting one family. It will make a dent in the deluge. For information on how you can plug in to this small army of volunteers, contact Rita Dickenson at (602) 616-4032.

CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES MINISTRIES

FAITH IN ACTION

WANTED: EMPTY SHOE BOXES FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY!!! Shoe boxes of any size, with or without lids, are needed for the kittens to provide them a place to feel secure and snuggle. You can add a small towel or soft fabric if you wish. The box is theirs during their stay. We will be a designated collection point, and the Humane Society will pick empty boxes up on a certain date each month. Please bring any shoe boxes you can part with on the last Sunday of the month. Place them next to the Faith in Action baskets in the Narthex or you can also drop them at the front office. Make a cuddly kitten happy and secure!

CAFE JUSTO will be selling Fair Trades coffee, tea, and the delectable candy bars. There will be some beautiful Valentine baskets for sale as well. Look for the table in Nelson Hall. You will be helping the farmers in Mexico that have formed a successful cooperative.

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! **Please make note of the expiration dates on your donations-We can't accept items with expired dates!** The pantry has a pretty good inventory right now thanks to your generosity.

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.

ICM (Interfaith Community Ministry) is always in need of clothing, food, and household items. If you are cleaning out cupboards and closets, before you discard, give thought to the possibility that ICM clients could use it. ICM serves the low income working people, after they pay their rent and utilities, there is very little money left. We can lend a helping hand!

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 jtapphorn@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

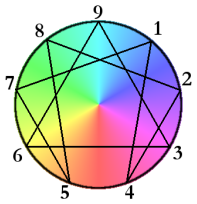
Justa Center serves homeless senior individuals. They are in need of donations to purchase food and volunteers to serve at the Justa Center, 1001 West Jefferson, Phoenix (SE corner of 10th Ave and Jefferson). You can make your donations to COB designating Justa Center. To volunteer, register with Doris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

The Enneagram: A Path to Wholeness



A Workshop Presented by Martie McMane

Scottsdale Congregational UCC, 4225 N Granite Reef Rd

Saturday, February 23, 2019

9:00 am to noon

Would you like to?

*Grow in your spiritual life
*Improve your relationships
*Live in a more balanced way
*Enhance your appreciation of self and others

If so, then working with the Enneagram may be for you!

What is the Enneagram?

*A system of wisdom for understanding ourselves and others
*Its name comes from the Greek “ennea” meaning “9” and “gram” meaning “figure”
*The 9-pointed figure of the Enneagram points to descriptions of 9 personality types
*The system helps us understand our patterns of behavior and their motivations
*The Enneagram shows us our soul’s essence and our true giftedness
*It also shows us patterns that limit us and how we can be set free from them
*The wisdom of the Enneagram aids us in becoming our truest and highest Self
*The Enneagram helps us have greater compassion for ourselves and others

What will the workshop include?

*An introduction to all of the nine personality types
*A safe place and time for inquiry and self discovery
*Help for self awareness, inner work, and breaking old patterns
*A live panel where you can see, experience, and identify the different personalities
*Laughter and a hospitable atmosphere in which to learn and grow

Cost of Workshop: $50 plus $5 for workbook and materials

Then stick around to attend the follow up workshop: **Going Deeper with the Enneagram** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Please note, there is a $50 plus $5 for materials cost for the second workshop.

****For further information on either of these workshops, pick up a flyer on the New Visitor's table in the foyer of the Worship Center.****

To Register: Call 480-946-2900 or Email Carol Reynolds at pastorscucc@gmail.com or
Sign up on our Facebook event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/823296718013109/ .

Church of the Palms Presents:

Our Evolving Story: Integrating Religion and Science

Friday, February 22, 2019
Saturday, February 23, 2019
Sunday, February 24 2019

This program introduces us to an awareness of the Divine that plants us firmly in the material/spiritual world in which we live and move and have our being. We will explore the significance of story in the lives of humans, gain insight into the preeminence of our creation stories in shaping who we are as a people, and briefly examine how we have forgotten this deep, primal understanding of our relationship to God's creation. We will skim the surface of the unfolding story of the Universe and its implications for our evolving understanding of who God is, who we are, and how we are in relation to the whole.
Speaker: Sharon Zayac, OP, Dominican Sister of Springfield, Illinois.
Register Now! Seating Limited
Registration Fee: $25

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14808 N. Boswell Blvd Sun City, AZ 85351
Phone: 623-977-8359 (Church) www.thepalms.org
Coordinator, Kay Klinkenborg
If interested, pick up a brochure on the New Visitor's table in the foyer of our Worship Center here at Beatitudes Church.

Hear the stories. Feel the inspiration. See the impact.
Join us Tuesday, April 9, for Duet's annual fundraising luncheon filled with compassion, dignity, and hope. All proceeds from this complimentary, one-hour event will support Duet's mission to promote health and well-being through vitally needed services to homebound adults, family caregivers, faith communities, and grandfamilies.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Black Canyon Conference Center 9440 North 25th Avenue | Phoenix, AZ 85021
Registration | 11:30 a.m.
Lunch Program | 12 – 1 p.m.

RSVP here: https://duetaz.org/compassion/

Sage Hospice & Palliative Care

Sage Hospice and Palliative Care of Scottsdale provides the absolute most compassionate, comprehensive, and qualified care to people with life limiting illness in order to serve them through their individual journey with dignity, respect and integrity. They are in need of volunteers. To volunteer, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Shelly Ferrulli at 480-543–8727

St. Mary's Food Bank ALLIANCE ®

Help End Hunger in Arizona with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance Free Fruits & Vegetables at Our Savior's Lutheran Church-Feb 15

Bring your own basket or bag to Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Friday, February 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for free fruits and vegetables. This is open to the general public and no identification is required. Our Savior's Lutheran Church is located at 1212 E. Glendale Avenue, Phoenix.

Visit online at https://www.firstfoodbank.org/ for more information.

SWC Southwest Conference United Church of Christ

Church of the Beatitudes is able to send 5 delegates. Details are below.

Please let Jeff Milton (602-791-5381) know if you or other members are interesting in attending.

DELEGATES: Churches with 500 members or less may have FIVE delegates. Ministers with standing in the SWC, members of the SWC Executive Board, and General Synod Delegates are Delegates in their own right.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hilton Garden Inn, 15 E Monroe St. Phoenix, Arizona, 85004 “Southwest Conference United Church of Christ” block rate is $134/night + taxes (includes full breakfast buffet). Block rate cut-off is March 3rd.

HOME HOSPITALITY: If you require home hospitality, please select the appropriate option when registering for the Annual Meeting. Event Staff will follow up to confirm details upon request. For additional information, contact the SWC office.

TRAVEL COST REIMBURSEMENT: Conference Delegates and eligible* Clergy with Standing may apply for travel reimbursement of up to $225.00. (*Pastors who have travel reimbursement in their Call Agreement are not eligible to apply for Conference travel reimbursement.) See the Expense Voucher form in the Annual Meeting packet.

RESOLUTIONS: In accordance with Annual Meeting Standing Rule; resolutions may be submitted to the Conference at Annual Meeting. Resolutions must be received in writing to the SWC office no later than 3/13/19 to be submitted before the Executive Board.

Registration and more details will roll out soon on the SWC website at swcucc.org

UMD research project for parents and LGBTQ youth
Please participate if applicable and share with others!

Yale SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Do you have a child who is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ)?

- If you are the parent of a LGBTQ child **under the age of 29**, you may be eligible* to participate in a **20-35 minute survey** about your experiences.

- The first 300 eligible* parents to complete the survey will receive a $10 Amazon gift card!
  - *Parent must read/speak English and live in the United States.

- If you are interested, please follow the link below to complete an online screening survey. If you are eligible, we will invite you to complete the survey.
  ter.ps/preumdspaces

- Or, use the **QR Reader app** on your smartphone to access the survey instantly (scan code on right).

- For more information, please contact us!
  - Send us an email at UMDSPACES@gmail.com
  - Call or text us at (301) 405-2146

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.

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

What Can I See On The Beatitudes Church Website?

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:

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