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Our Mission

We are called... to be a visible witness of the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit by providing a welcoming, caring, inclusive church home in the community for Christians of all ages as they live, grow and serve in their faith.

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(If you have photos to support your article please include them.)



The Head of the church is the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ministers of this church are its members.
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9:00 AM
Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary,
Sunday School for children and
adults

9:30 AM
Contemporary Worship
with Communion
in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM
Blended Worship and
Children's Church
in the Sanctuary,
Sunday School for youth and
adults

*Please call the church office if you
need assistance with transportation
to Sunday worship. We will help to
coordinate ride-shares
(480) 838-7309.*

Please join us for fellowship time
on the patio after worship.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed." —Matthew 13:31-32



February 2012

Youth Ministry Opening

St. Matthew United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time Director of Youth Ministries. This position is 12-15 hours per week. The Director of Youth Ministries is responsible for the planning and implementation of all programming for youth (6th – 12th grade). This includes weekly programs, mission trips, youth Sunday School and participation in all District and Conference youth activities. Applicant must have knowledge and experience working with teenagers.

For more information, contact Pastor Michael Eaton at (480) 838-7309. If you are interested in applying, please email a resume to michael@stmatthewmesa.org

Please consider applying or sharing this information with qualified friends and family.

Souper Bowl Sunday

On Sunday, February 5, the United Methodist Youth Fellowship will be collecting donations for UMOM's Kitchen. Bring your change and place it in one of the "Souper" Bowl pots.

Save the Date!

Join the St. Matthew choirs for "Arizona's Centennial: Celebrating 100 years through Stories and Song," on March 4 at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Spaghetti Dinner for Habitat for Humanity

St. Matthew UMC has made a financial commitment of \$5,000 for the 2012 Mighty Methodist Habitat for Humanity home located at 1509 West Grove Street, Phoenix. The home is being built for the Dora Cavazos family. Dora is a single, disabled mother, raising her grandchildren, in addition to raising her children. To help with St. Matthew's \$5,000 donation the Mission Committee will be hosting an **All-Church Spaghetti Dinner and Gift Basket Auction on Wednesday, February 1, 5:00 – 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Join us for good food, great conversation with friends and the opportunity to bid on Gift Baskets. These baskets will make great Valentine's Gifts. Gift baskets include items for a romantic dinner, romantic bath, sports, children's, and family fun.

"I Love Lucy" Senior Luncheon

Join us February 11 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for our annual senior luncheon. This year's theme is "I Love Lucy." Tickets are \$5 and will be available on the patio on Sunday, February 5 or at the Will Call table at the luncheon. Please RSVP to Kathy Bartlow.

Michael's Musings

A couple of days ago Alane remarked to me how she did not want to listen to the radio anymore because of the coverage given to political news. No doubt you have heard almost everything one can possibly hear about the up coming primaries. The analysis given by news pundits and the coverage of debates is overwhelming to me.

I do believe that I am a news junkie, but when I hear the discourse of people running for office I cannot stand the mode of conversation. It seems that civil discourse is out the window. People say what they want to hurt rather than to engage in dialogue about the subject being discussed.

Some of the people running for office claim to profess that they are Christian. Yet, when I listen to how they attack one another I wonder if they have ever read their Bibles. I am reminded of James 3:7-10:

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

We are encouraged to use words that help to build up one another rather than tear each other down. I remember my mother saying to me that if I could not say something nice about someone then don't say anything at all.

It is important to communicate ideas to one another. However, the words should be used to discuss the issue at hand rather to belittle the person that is engaged in conversation with you. Gossip would also fall in this category as well. Again, we are encouraged to use words to be helpful not harmful.

When I served on our Conference Board of Church and Society we had conversations about addressing the uncivil discourse occurring in our society. We desired to bring the issue to politicians as a way of bringing civility to public discourse.

I believe that we can help transform society's public discourse by the way we use words among ourselves. We can serve as an example so that our world/culture/society can get a clue people being civil with one another is the preferred way to go as well God's way to go. Just think, it could be enjoyable listening to the radio again. Choose words well.

Grace and peace,



Lay Leaders' Notes

Methodism began as a movement of spiritual renewal with the Church of England church that was experiencing spiritual lethargy. Early Methodists adopted a Way of Living in covenant with Christ and one another that yielded rich spiritual fruit in their lives and in their engagement with the world. So, does St. Matthew United Methodist Church need a movement of renewal?

John Wesley asked those first Methodists to hold fast the doctrine, spirit and discipline which they had at the outset. He organized those concepts to help live this "Methodist Way of Life." First be centered in God's empowering spirit. Nothing can be accomplished without God's help. Secondly, learn and participate in the newer ideas of the central Christian convictions of the nature of God, humanity, and sin and evil, and the scope of God's saving mission. Wesley often said the Spirit, human beings and discipline make a Christian. Regular practice creates a greater capacity for performance. Wesley gave particular prominence to the power of faith, singing, small groups that provide support and accountability and of regular works of mercy.

Every journey is oriented by a goal so maybe we should set some goals and work toward that end. We must recognize that there are challenges to face in seeking to renew the Methodist "Way of Life" in our congregations. The biggest challenge is that we live in a setting permeated by powerful shaping forces for ideals other than the Christian gospel. We should try to name these outside forces and take the necessary steps to return to the "Way of Life." This is accomplished by wise and effective leadership - both in developing structures, practices, and patterns of life that embody the alternative ideals of our tradition; and in discerning those current structures, practices and patterns of life that must be "let go" in order to embrace the new.

How do you think St. Matthew United Methodist Church fits in with the Methodist "Way of Life"? It is up to all of us to work together so we can be the best people to transform human lives and the world. God will help us!

See you in "The Mustard Seed,"
Roger and Joyce Helm

February Calendar, cont.

- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Hands of Joy Choir, 6:00 PM, FH
- Cherub Choir, 6:15 PM, C4
- Sunshine Choir, 6:15 PM, B14
- Childcare for Adult Choirs, 7:00 PM, N
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7
- Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM, B14
- Jubilation Choir, 7:30 PM, S

Thursday, February 16, 2012

- Women's Bible Study, 6:00 AM, D23-24
- Men's Bible Study at Coco's, 6:30 AM
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM, D23-24
- Parent Discussion Small Group, 6:30 PM, D23-24, N
- Alzheimer's Association, 7:00 PM, B12
- Bells of Joy, 7:00 PM, S
- Phoenix International Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH
- Staff Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 PM, B11

Friday, February 17, 2012

- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C6-7

Saturday, February 18, 2012

- Walk to Emmaus, 8:00 AM, D23-24, K, FH
- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Walk to Emmaus Women, 1:00 PM, B11-14
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, D23-24

Sunday, February 19, 2012

- Girl Scout Cookie Sales On Patio, 8:15 AM, Patio
- God's Kids (Grades K-3), 9:00 AM, D22
- Jesus Rock Star (Grades 4-6), 9:00 AM, D25
- Preschool Class (Ages 3-5), 9:00 AM, C2-3
- Searchers/Disciples Class, 9:00 AM, B11
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, S
- Contemporary Worship, 9:30 AM, FH
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, S
- Children's Church, 10:30 AM, C2-3
- Girl Scout Troop 841, 4:00 PM, B11-13

- Celebration Youth Choir, 5:00 PM, B14
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

Monday, February 20, 2012

- Deadline for Communicator Articles
- Presidents' Day
- Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B11
- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Hands of Praise, 6:00 PM, D23-24
- Pastor's Evening Bible Study, 6:00 PM, D25
- Childcare for Disciple, 7:00 PM, N
- Disciple Bible Studies, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Morning Glories, 9:00 AM, D23-D24
- Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office
- Girl Scout Troop 502, 5:00 PM, C1-3
- Cub Scout Pack 853, 6:00 PM, D22, D25, C4
- Church Council, 7:00 PM, D23-24
- Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

- Ash Wednesday
- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Hands of Joy Choir, 6:00 PM, FH
- Cherub Choir, 6:15 PM, C4
- Sunshine Choir, 6:15 PM, B14
- Childcare for Adult Choirs, 7:00 PM, B11-14, N
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7
- Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM, B14
- Jubilation Choir, 7:30 PM, S

Thursday, February 23, 2012

- Women's Bible Study, 6:00 AM, D23-24
- Men's Bible Study at Coco's, 6:30 AM
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM, D23-24
- Bells of Joy, 7:00 PM, S
- Phoenix International Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH

Friday, February 24, 2012

- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C6-7
- Mothers of Preschoolers, 9:00 AM, D23-24, N, C1-3

Saturday, February 25, 2012

- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, D23-24

Sunday, February 26, 2012

- God's Kids (Grades K-3), 9:00 AM, D22
- Jesus Rock Star (Grades 4-6), 9:00 AM, D25
- Preschool Class (Ages 3-5), 9:00 AM, C2-3
- Searchers/Disciples Class, 9:00 AM, B11
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, S
- Contemporary Worship, 9:30 AM, FH
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, S
- Children's Church, 10:30 AM, C2-3
- Girl Scout Troop 841, 4:00 PM, B11-13
- Celebration Youth Choir, 5:00 PM, B14
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

Monday, February 27, 2012

- Deadline for Communicator Submissions Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B11
- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Hands of Praise, 6:00 PM, D23-24
- Pastor's Evening Bible Study, 6:00 PM, D25
- Childcare for Disciple, 7:00 PM, N
- Disciple Bible Studies, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office
- Cub Scout Pack 853, 6:00 PM, FH, C4
- Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Hands of Joy Choir, 6:00 PM, FH
- Cherub Choir, 6:15 PM, C4
- Sunshine Choir, 6:15 PM, B14
- Childcare for Adult Choirs, 7:00 PM, N
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7
- Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM, B14
- Jubilation Choir, 7:30 PM, S

Preschool: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM, C1-7; Friday, 8:30 AM, C6-7
Key: K = Kitchen, FH = Fellowship Hall, S = Sanctuary, N = Nursery
 For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.stmatthewmesa.org

February Calendar

Wednesday, February 01, 2012

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 PM, FH, K
- Hands of Joy Choir, 6:00 PM, Chapel
- Cherub Choir, 6:15 PM, C4
- Sunshine Choir, 6:15 PM, B14
- Missions Committee, 6:30 PM, B12
- Childcare for Adult Choirs, 7:00 PM, N
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, D23-24
- Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM, B14
- Jubilation Choir, 7:30 PM, S

Thursday, February 02, 2012

- Groundhog Day
- Women's Bible Study, 6:00 AM, D23-24
- Men's Bible Study at Coco's, 6:30 AM
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM, D23-24
- Alzheimer's Association, 7:00 PM, B12
- Bells of Joy, 7:00 PM, S
- Phoenix International Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH

Friday, February 03, 2012

- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C6-7

Saturday, February 04, 2012

- Walk to Emmaus Team Meetings, 8:00 AM, D23-24, K
- Helping Hands, 9:00 AM, C 6-7
- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, D23-24

Sunday, February 05, 2012

- God's Kids (Grades K-3), 9:00 AM, D22
- Jesus Rock Star (Grades 4-6), 9:00 AM, D25
- Preschool Class (Ages 3-5), 9:00 AM, C2-3
- Searchers/Disciples Class, 9:00 AM, B11
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, S
- Contemporary Worship, 9:30 AM, FH
- Youth Souper Bowl of Caring, 10:00 AM, Patio
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, S
- Children's Church, 10:30 AM, C2-3
- Sunday School Team Meeting, 11:45 AM, C6-7
- Girl Scout Troop 841, 4:00 PM, B11-13

- Celebration Youth Choir, 5:00 PM, B14
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

Monday, February 06, 2012

- Deadline for Communicator Submissions
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B11
- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Hands of Praise, 6:00 PM, D23-24
- Pastor's Evening Bible Study, 6:00 PM, D25
- Childcare for Disciple, 7:00 PM, N
- Disciple Bible Studies, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Tuesday, February 07, 2012

- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Morning Glories, 9:00 AM, D23-D24
- Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office
- Girl Scout Troop 502, 5:00 PM, C1-3
- Cub Scout Pack 853, 6:00 PM, D22-25, C4
- Pampered Chef, 6:00 PM, FH, K
- Finance Committee, 7:00 PM, Chapel
- Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Wednesday, February 08, 2012

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Hands of Joy Choir, 6:00 PM, FH
- Cherub Choir, 6:15 PM, C4
- Sunshine Choir, 6:15 PM, B14
- Childcare for Adult Choirs, 7:00 PM, N
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7
- Chancel Choir, 7:30 PM, B14
- Jubilation Choir, 7:30 PM, S

Thursday, February 09, 2012

- Women's Bible Study, 6:00 AM, D23-24
- Men's Bible Study at Coco's, 6:30 AM
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM, D23-24
- Bells of Joy, 7:00 PM, S
- Phoenix International Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH
- Stephen Ministry, 7:00 PM, B11

Friday, February 10, 2012

- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C6-7
- Mothers of Preschoolers, 9:00 AM, D23-24, N, C1-3
- Senior Luncheon Set-up, 5:00 PM,

FH, K

Saturday, February 11, 2012

- Senior Luncheon, 11:00 AM, FH, K
- UMCOR Early Response Training, 7:00 AM, D23-24
- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, D23-24

Sunday, February 12, 2012

- Girl Scout Cookie Sales On Patio, 8:15 AM, Patio
- God's Kids (Grades K-3), 9:00 AM, D22
- Jesus Rock Star (Grades 4-6), 9:00 AM, D25
- Preschool Class (Ages 3-5), 9:00 AM, C2-3
- Searchers/Disciples Class, 9:00 AM, B11
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, S
- Contemporary Worship, 9:30 AM, FH
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, S
- Children's Church, 10:30 AM, C2-3
- Parent Discussion, 11:45 AM, FH, K, N
- Girl Scout Troop 841, 4:00 PM, B11-13
- Celebration Youth Choir, 5:00 PM, B14
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

Monday, February 13, 2012

- Deadline for Communicator Submissions
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B11
- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Hands of Praise, 6:00 PM, D23-24
- Pastor's Evening Bible Study, 6:00 PM, D25
- Childcare for Disciple, 7:00 PM, N
- Disciple Bible Studies, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

- Valentine's Day
- Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7
- Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office
- Cub Scout Pack 853, 6:00 PM, D22-25, C4
- UMW Unit Meeting, 6:15 PM, FH, K
- United Methodist Men, 6:30 PM, C6-7
- Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

- Deadline for Mustard Seed Articles
- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH

UMOM Donations Needed

UMOM is in great need of donations. Please contact Billie Snell or other members of the UMOM Auxiliary with questions. You may label these items for UMOM and place in the large red box in the Fellowship Hall entry.

Urgent Needs

- Sheets (full and twin)
- Pots, pans, dishes, and utensils
- Infant care items (diapers (all sizes), formula, bottle, baby shampoo, strollers, baby clothes, and all other infant care items)

Other Needs

- Non-perishable foods
- Blankets
- Towels
- New undergarments for men, women and children
- Gently used in-season clothing and shoes
- Full-sized shampoo, conditioner and other toiletry items
- Hygiene items
- Gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, and grocery stores
- Life-skills items (such as day planners and time management calendars)

Transitional Room Kitchenware

- Table settings for 6, including knives, forks, spoons, plates, cereal bowls, salad bowls, cups, glasses
- 1 Large frying pan
- 1 Small frying pan
- 1 Large pot
- 1 Medium pot
- 2-4 Dish towels
- 2 Large Serving spoons
- Can Opener
- Salt and Pepper
- 1 roll of paper towels
- If available: 1 extra nice item (i.e. tablecloth, vase)

Wellness Center Needs

- Home Blood Pressure Monitors
- Any Kind of Thermometers
- Any kind of Diabetic Supplies

Personals

We mourn the loss of Louise Stone and Dorothy Anderson, former members of St. Matthew.

Gay Tucker is proud to announce the birth of Maya Jean, her 32nd great-grandchild. Congratulations!

DNA Update

The DNA Transformation Team has held several meetings since our formation in early September. The 13-member team was formed to implement recommendations from the DNA program, which is designed to grow existing churches. Dr. Don Nations, a United Methodist pastor who founded the program, has led several training and coaching sessions for the 40 churches in the UM Desert Southwest Conference which are participating. Topics, so far, have included hospitality, marketing/advertising and worship.

The DNA Transformation Team presented an update to the Church Council at its January 17 meeting. The council approved a new mission statement: "St. Matthew: Belong, Believe and Serve" which is concise, easier to remember, and easily summarizes our purpose. In fact, the mission statement is basically our "tag line" on the weekly Communicator. We are also looking to adopt a new logo for the church, which is a work in progress. Both the mission statement and logo will be used on all of our communication, including the web site, letterhead, Communicator, and Mustard Seed.

The welcome cards that have been in the worship bulletins since November are being used to follow-up with our guests. You will soon be seeing our children collecting those during the services at 9:00 and 10:30. This is one of the ideas that came from our training session on hospitality.

The DNA team is getting cost estimates for improved signage on our buildings as well as a kiosk to provide information and make it easier for guests to access our church campus. There are also plans to create a mural on the wall outside our nursery that will be more inviting to families.

The DNA program promises to be exciting and challenging. I will be providing updates in The Mustard Seed. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,
Kevin Staab
St. Matthew UMC Church Council Chair

The Mission Minute

UMOM

A very special thank you for our January Friday Night Dinner UMOM servers: Bonnie and Tom Price; Amy Haywood and the Scouts; Jubilation Choir and Karen Palmieri; and Pastor Eric Brown and Journey UMC.

Those serving in February are: to be determined (2/2); Paul and Maureen Jobe (2/10); Matt and Marcie Durward (2/17); John Dey and Leroy Livingston (2/24). If you are interested in preparing and serving a Friday dinner at UMOM, please contact Ginny Smythe. Thank you to all who purchased UMOM Christmas Cards and made a donation to UMOM. **\$3090 was collected on the patio.**

Outreach Ministry Donations

All funds donated by St. Matthew congregation members to UMOM or other Phoenix Outreach Ministries are reported to the Desert Southwest Annual Conference. If you made a 2011 donation online or by mail to UMOM or any other Phoenix Outreach Ministry (Wesley Center, Justa Center, Habitat for Humanity, or Volunteers in Mission), please contact Becky Kerr or the church office to report the donated amount. Then, we can include the amount in our annual report. Thank you.

All Mission's Meeting

The All Mission's Meeting for January was canceled since we just had a meeting in December. Please watch the Church Calendar for the next All Mission's Meeting.

Coming Soon to a Worship Near You!

"Grounding Your Life in Discipleship"

February 5 - IV. "You Can Help the Weak"
February 12 - V. "You Can Reach Out to Others"
February 19 - VI. "Experiencing God's Vision for You"

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 7:00 PM - "Invitation for Reconciliation"

"Spiritual Rx for Living"

February 26 —I. "The Practice of Faith"

Helping Hands

Helping Hands will meet February 4 at 9:00 AM in C6-7.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church will be hosting a Mardi Gras fundraiser on February 18 to support Justa Center. Last year a number of St. Matthew members attended and had a great time. Tickets are \$25. See Billie Snell, Susan Lewis, Jan Gann, or Phyllis Lalley for tickets and info.

United Methodist Women

Cuppa Natter: We will meet February 28 at 7:00 PM in Rosemary Glithero's home. Program by Billie Snell.

Morning Glories: We will meet February 7, to hear a program by Phyllis Lalley and February 21 to hear a program by Dorothy Dodds. Meet at 9:00 AM in D23-24.

Unit Meeting: Our next unit meeting is February 14 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Donna Benge will present: "1900-1912, What was happening throughout Arizona in the years leading to statehood?" Everyone is invited for this event. Refreshments will be served.

Mark your Calendars: Mini Mission on Haiti (3/10); International Dinner (3/20); Women's Retreat (7/7).

NEW! UMW Reading Circle: For more information, contact Linda Stenholm.

Wesley Community Center

Wesley's Sewing Class held at the former Ann Ott School (1801 S. 12th Street, Phoenix) is in need of donations. They are seeking bias tape (various widths and colors), dual duty plus thread (any colors), elastic, cotton fabrics, and any other sewing-related items. Please deliver your donation directly to the Sewing Room at the school. It is open ONLY on Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 AM and Noon. If you are unable to deliver things directly, please call April Frost at (602) 252-5609 to make arrangements.

Easter Egg Hunt

Would you like to help plan our annual Easter Egg Hunt? If so, join us on Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 PM in the Christian Education office in the D building to begin planning this exciting event for the children. If you have any questions, contact Maureen Jobe.

Adult Classes

Searchers/Disciples Class: The combined Searchers and Disciples Sunday School classes meet on Sundays in room B11 from 9:00-10:00 AM. The class is studying: "Detective Stories from the Bible," by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Men's Bible Study: The Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 6:30 AM at Coco's Restaurant on Baseline and Dobson Roads. We will begin studying Adam Hamilton's book "When Christians Get it Wrong," beginning March 1. All men are welcome to join us for study, fellowship, and food!

Pastor's Morning Bible Study: Join us every Thursday morning at 9:30 AM in D23-24 for a Bible study led by Pastor Michael.

Pastor's Evening Bible Study: Join us for this new study on Mondays at 6:00 PM in D25.

Women's Bible Study: Meets on Thursday mornings from 6:00-7:15 AM in D23-24. We are studying Daniel by Beth Moore. The study alternates with weeks of video and discussion. If you do not have to go to work immediately, we invite you to join us for breakfast at Coco's (Baseline and Dobson) after the study.

Parent Discussion Groups

Please join us for our parent discussion small groups, facilitated by Maureen Jobe. *Discipline with Children* is a parenting series from Faith Home for Parents led by Jim Williams. This series works well for parents and grandparents. It covers information that can pertain to children at each stage of childhood and be applied to teenage development, too. Child care will be provided for both sessions.

- **Establishing Effective Consequences: Getting It Right,** Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Light lunch provided.
- **Establishing Effective Consequences: Becoming a Team,** Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in D23.

VBS Planning

We will meet on Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 PM in the Christian Education office in the D building to continue our planning. If you have any questions about this, contact Maureen Jobe.

All Church Picnic

Come one, come all to the St Matthew UMC All Church Picnic on Sunday, March 11 from 11:30-2:30, location to be announced. What can you expect at an "All Church Picnic?" There will be games, relaxation, and laughter with church friends. What should you bring? Friends, family, a dish to share, chairs and picnic blankets, park toys and a smile. The YACKs (Young Adults, Couples, Kids) will provide the main course and paper goods for all. Our goal is to bring the Church together and celebrate what God is doing at St. Matthew.

Want to help NOW when a disaster strikes?

Join us on February 11 from 8:30 AM—5:00 PM at St. Matthew for Early Response Team training. Our team will learn to enter disaster zones immediately after power lines are secured, along with medical rescue and FEMA teams. We will learn to tarp roofs and mitigate further damage to homes. Training will include beginning the clean up process with individual families while, most importantly, being the presence of Christ as a Listening Ear. For more information call (520) 253-0027 or visit <http://desertsouthwestconference.org/ert>

Girl Scout Cookies

Girls Scouts are now taking Pre-orders for Cookies! Find your favorite Scout and help support their troop. The funds are used for many trips and activities throughout the year. Troop 841 is planning a trip to Savannah, Georgia this summer to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouting. Our founding leader/mentor Juliette Gordon Lowe was born there and they are having many activities and her home is open for visitation. As always we appreciate your support and hope that you enjoy your cookies this year! If you would like to donate a box rather than take them home, we are joining with the Girl Scout Council to make donations to the St. Mary Food bank and the Arizona National Guard this year. Thanks again!

Email Devotionals

Start your week off right! You can now receive weekly email devotionals from St. Matthew. To sign up, email adrienne@stmatthewmesa.org.