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 United Methodist Church  
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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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**Articles for September Mustard Seed Due: August 15, 2011**  
 e-mail to [mustardseed@stmatthewmesa.org](mailto:mustardseed@stmatthewmesa.org) or leave in the editor's mail box.  
*(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.  
 Those who assist them are:

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**9:00 AM**  
 Traditional Worship  
 in the Sanctuary,  
 Sunday School for children and adults

**9:30 AM—NEW TIME!!!**  
 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



Eight teens and three adults attended Youth 2011, the General Board of Discipleship's international event for United Methodist youth held at Purdue University, July 13–17. Through Bible Study, worship, workshops, labs, and fellowship with other United Methodist teens, we learned how we can be "More Than." We can be "more than a building," by taking church and Christ to the world. We can be, "more than individuals," by communing with and serving others. We can be, "more than in our own group" by accepting God's call. Thank you for your support and prayers.

God Bless,  
 Becky Kerr  
 Director of Youth



# Michael's Musings

You may remember that huge dust storm that occurred last July 6 in Mesa and another one that rolled through Phoenix on July 18. This kind of dust storm is called a "haboob." It is an Arabic word that means an intense sandstorm. I have discovered that these intense sandstorms form because winds from a collapsing thunderstorm move toward the ground. When the strong downdraft reaches the ground any kind of debris is blown up. When this happens a huge wall of sediment is created and begins to move. Reports indicate that the wall can be as much as 60 miles wide and several miles high.

I was driving home from church on Highway 60 on the evening of July 6. It was an eerie feeling. There was this huge wall of dirt heading directly towards me. I was reminded of a scene from the movie "The Mummy" in which a powerful mummy creates a haboob. The closer I was getting to home the closer the haboob came.

It was not long until I was engulfed by the haboob. Daylight was now gone. Darkness was now the norm. The wind seemed stronger and it was scattering a lot of debris. Needless to say I was driving carefully. I noticed some cars pulled off onto the side of the road to wait out the storm. It seemed like scene out of an apocalyptic movie.

Reflecting upon the experience I realize there are times in life when we can become engulfed by a powerful haboob. It might seem that life is getting stirred up emotionally or spiritually by life issues. We can get surrounded by hard times and wonder how we will get through. I remember some words from Jonah 2:5-6,

The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me;

Weeds were wrapped around my head at the root of the mountains.

I went down to the land whose bars closed upon forever;

Yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O LORD my God.

Instead of a haboob, Jonah was in the midst of deep waters, but the idea is the same – life can bring us to the point of despair. This despair can rise out of relationship troubles, employment issues, or worry about the future. However, in the midst of such feelings we can discover God working in our lives to bring us hope and get moving again.

Jonah ultimately gets moving again. We can always draw upon the love of God to strengthen us so that we can get back at life again. So, the next time you find yourself at odds with life, look to God for strength and help in your time of need.

Grace and peace,



# Thank you!

Dear St. Matthew UMC,

In reviewing the Apportionment Status report through the end of June, I note with pleasure your church's commitment to faithful installment payments of your connectional commitments. I want to thank you and let you know that your efforts are appreciated and make it possible for our annual conference to meet its ministry obligations throughout the year. Thanks for being half way at half way through the year!

God Bless,  
Bob Burns  
Central East District Superintendent

Because of You, Lord and only because of You, this year's United Methodist Women's retreat was all that we needed and so much more! The four special speakers, the meals, the special dinner music, the number of first time attendees, the fellowship, worship services, the location and so many more wonderful blessings You provided through Your numerous faithful servants (you know their names). We thank You today and tomorrow that we can Go M.A.D!

Nellie Amedee

Thank you St. Matthew angels for opening your hearts and donating to the Back to School Drive. Your donations were delivered on July 18. Due to your love and generosity, children at the Wesley Center and UMOM received paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, folders and backpacks in time to be distributed before the beginning of the new school year. In addition, donations of clothing and personal care items were given to the children. Through you, God showed His love and care. Thank you!

A special thank you to all of the volunteers that are staffing the office August 1-14 while our office manager is away. You are appreciated!

# Preschool

St. Matthew Preschool is now enrolling children ages 2 1/2 to Pre-K for fall. For details, contact Director Mareen Treese or visit our website.

# St. Matthew United Methodist Church—Calendar for August 2011

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| <p><b>Monday, August 1, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B13</li> <li>• Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22</li> <li>• Boy Scout Troop 853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C, FH</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, August 2, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office</li> <li>• Pack 853, 6:00 PM, D22-25</li> <li>• Pampered Chef, 6:00 PM, FH, K</li> <li>• Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, August 3, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH</li> <li>• Cheeseburgers and Paradise, 6:00 PM, FH, K</li> <li>• Evangelism Committee, 6:00 PM, B13</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday, August 4, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alzheimer's Association, 7:00 PM, B12</li> <li>• Int'l Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, August 6, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustees' Work Day, 7:00 AM, All Church, Meet in C6-7</li> <li>• Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, August 7, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct</li> <li>• Contemporary Worship, 9:30 AM, FH</li> <li>• Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct</li> <li>• Sunday School Team, 11:45 AM, C6-7</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, August 8, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B13</li> <li>• Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22</li> <li>• Boy Scout Troop 853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C, FH</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, August 9, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office</li> <li>• Pack 853, 6:00 PM, D22-25</li> <li>• Boy Scout Troop 853 Parents, 7:00 PM, D22</li> <li>• Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, August 10, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH</li> <li>• Acolyte Training, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> | <p><b>Thursday, August 11, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool - Meet the Teacher, 6:00 PM, Bldg C</li> <li>• Bible Overnigher Meeting, 6:30 PM, D21, D26</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, August 13, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, August 14, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct</li> <li>• Contemporary Worship, 9:30 AM, FH</li> <li>• Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, August 15, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22</li> <li>• Boy Scout Troop 853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, August 16, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office</li> <li>• Pack 853, 6:00 PM, D22, D25</li> <li>• Church Council, 7:00 PM, D23-24</li> <li>• Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, August 17, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH</li> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday, August 18, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Alzheimer's Association, 7:00 PM, B12</li> <li>• Int'l Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH</li> <li>• Staff Parish Relations, 7:00 PM, B11</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday, August 19, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, August 20, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with District Superintendent, 9:00 AM, D23-24</li> <li>• Walk to Emmaus, 9:00 AM, B11</li> <li>• Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, August 21, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct</li> <li>• Contemporary Worship, 9:30 AM, FH</li> <li>• Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> | <p><b>Monday, August 22, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22</li> <li>• Boy Scout Troop 853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, August 23, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office</li> <li>• Cub Scout Pack 853, 6:00 PM, FH</li> <li>• Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, August 24, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH</li> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Hands of Joy Choir, 6:30 PM, FH</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday, August 25, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Int'l Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday, August 26, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, August 27, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, August 28, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct</li> <li>• Contemporary Worship, 9:30 AM, FH</li> <li>• Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, August 29, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Boy Scout Troop 853 - Court of Honor Celebration, 4:30 PM, Bldg C</li> <li>• Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, August 30, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week Without Violence Task Force Meeting, 8:00 AM, D25</li> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office</li> <li>• Pills Anonymous 7:00 PM, B11-14</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, August 31, 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Valley Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH</li> <li>• Preschool, 8:30 AM, C1-7</li> <li>• Hands of Joy Choir, 6:30 PM, FH</li> <li>• Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7</li> </ul> |
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**Key:** PL = Parking Lot, K = Kitchen, FH = Fellowship Hall, Sanct = Sanctuary  
For the most up-to-date calendar, visit [www.stmatthewmesa.org](http://www.stmatthewmesa.org)

## Annual Conference Update

Thank you so much for providing me the opportunity to attend Annual Conference on your behalf. This year, Susan Lewis and I were the two lay delegates for St. Matthew. At Annual Conference, we worshiped, we learned, and we voted on key issues for our church.

There was a lot of time carved out for worship. We heard from different pastors from throughout our conference, as well as from Bishop Carcaño.

This year, we learned about activities and accomplishments in the Desert Southwest Annual Conference and we learned from Gil Rendle about what it takes to be the church of today.

We reviewed the improvements to the Strategic Direction of the Desert Southwest Conference. The priorities of our Strategic Direction are: 1) to create and sustain new communities of faith, 2) to promote an ongoing culture of leadership of clergy and laity, and 3) to create and sustain a culture of social holiness.

We discussed DNA Coaching and introduced the congregations (St. Matthew included!) that will be working towards revitalization. This will include training and coaching sessions at our church. This transformation will be measured by increased attendance, increased professions of faith, and an increased number of persons involved in intentional spiritual formation.

As a church, St. Matthew was one of the churches recognized for paying our apportionments at 100% for the past 26 years!

Kevin Staab, Chair of our Church Council, joined us on Saturday for a Day of Learning with Gil Rendle. Here are some ideas that stuck out for us from Gil Rendle's teachings:

- As congregations, we need to accept deep change or accept slow death.
- Vital congregations have small groups, spiritually led lay people, multiple worship services of different kinds, and are mission-oriented.
- The Church needs to stop talking about membership and increase the talk about mission.
- Churches must be "steady in purpose, flexible in strategy."
- We need to change our mindset from members to disciples - Our mission statement changed in 1998 "to making disciples of Jesus Christ" not members.
- We need to reframe our "problems" as "conditions." If you have a problem, you want a solution; an answer. If you have a condition, you want to ask a question. If we are to be discerning spiritual leaders, we need to let go of problem solving.

We also voted on key issues to our church. This included voting on the election of lay and clergy delegates for General and Jurisdictional Conferences, approving the conference budget, and discussing key resolutions, both for our conference and to be discussed at

General Conference.

Every four years, the United Methodist Church has a General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. The General Conference is for all of the United Methodist churches in the world. Our Jurisdictional Conference is for conferences in the western region of the United States. After many ballots and votes, the following individuals were elected from our conference:

- 2012 General Conference delegates – Sharon Scobie (lay) and Jane Tews (clergy)
- 2012 General Conference alternates – Jim Nibbelink (lay) and Anthony Tang (clergy)

In addition to the delegates above, the following individuals will be attending 2012 Jurisdictional Conference:

- Dakota Staren and Gwen Garrett (lay)
- Robert Rynders and Sharon Ragland (clergy)

As we prepare for General Conference, we had a few types of resolutions – those that pertained to our conference directly, and those, if passed, we want to be discussed/voted on at General Conference.

We voted to support: "20/20 Visioning An AIDS-Free World" activities; youth and mental health needs; energy conservation and renewable energy; concerns about the Institute on Religion and Democracy, and joining with other faiths to affirm the Charter for Compassion. There were a number of resolutions that passed to petition the General Conference in 2012 to remove discriminatory language about homosexuality from the Book of Discipline. There was debate as to whether a partisan institute (the George W. Bush Policy Institute) should be located on nonprofit land (the Southern Methodist University campus). This resolution to petition the General Conference to rescind permission for the institute to be located on the campus failed.

We also celebrated many of the ministries throughout our churches, on a local, conference, national, and international level. Praise God that there is much to celebrate in our church and our work continues in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ!

- Trinity Donovan

## Tech Team

We still desperately need a couple people to help with sound at the 9:00 AM Traditional service. You would only work about once a month. We will be happy to train you. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help us! Contact Don Downin for info.

## Lay Leaders' Notes

Wherever people work to organize, no matter the topic or goal, the role of leadership is essential to the success of any movement. To be leaders in the church today, we must first identify our call to Christian discipleship. Disciples make other disciples. No one is able to develop a disciple without first engaging in the process of becoming a disciple himself or herself. In I Corinthians 11:1 Paul says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

First, we are nurtured as disciples, and the next step becomes grounding all that we do in the mystery of faith and in our call to leadership in this new area. Our faith is a common bond that transcends our differences. When we begin our work grounded in faith, in the common story of the gospel, we strengthen the outcome of our efforts. Grounding himself or herself spiritually, an effective leader cannot move people toward vision without understanding the setting from which he or she has been called. And so the task becomes understanding the strengths of the community, connecting with the struggles of the context, and examining the history of the setting.

At the core of leadership is attentiveness to God's leadership. Leaders are first asked, what do we think God intends for us to do? The church, after all, has a mission to share the good news of Christ with the world. Leaders are asked to discern what it means for their particular context to share the good news. It is not our responsibility to dilute the gospel to please those who do not grasp that God has a mission and purpose for each congregation. It is the leaders' responsibility to share the vision and to be in dialogue with others in helping them understand and refine the vision. We as church leaders need to be in constant dialogue with one another through serious biblical study and reflection. That means dialogue with the church and community to know the needs.

At our monthly church council meetings we listen and learn about all the activities of the various work areas so we can ascertain the needs of St. Matthew's members and the others areas around us. (By the way, any St. Matthew member or friend is welcome to attend those monthly meetings – you would be truly amazed at the range of activities St. Matthew is involved with!) Council meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

The communities around us are changing at lightning speed. Leaders recognize that the work of the past can inform our present but that we are in hyper-drive when it comes to the development of society.

There is a critical sense in which every member of each congregation is called to lead. Every person is called to follow Christ. And those who respond to this call are asked to give Christian leadership in this world.

The task of developing leaders for these many forms of ministry takes on a new dimension as we weave in the concept of globalization and think about the cultural dynamics of our work. Learning from one another, honoring differences, and embracing new ways of engaging in leadership will emerge from the work we do to empower our leadership to spread that good news!

How is St. Matthew doing?

See you in the Mustard Seed,  
*Joyce and Roger Helm*

## Air Conditioning

The campaign to "Beat the Heat" was very successful thanks to the generosity of the congregation. The fund more than met the needs of the task. Our trustees were extremely diligent in overseeing the selection of equipment and installation. There were no hidden surprises, and the project came in under the original cost predictions. The Finance Committee and Church Council would like to use these left over funds for the replacement of and/or repair of other air conditioning and heating units in the other buildings on the site. This seems to make the most sense, as we have many groups using these buildings and the units are aging and having issues. Since the campaign to raise these funds was for the Sanctuary, it is felt that the congregation should be made aware of this "best use" for the left-over funds. Thanks to all for making our church and activity buildings a more pleasing environment to worship and participate in God's work.

Finance Committee  
Ken Fauth, Chair

## Adult Classes

### Searchers/Disciples Class

The combined Searchers and Disciples Sunday School class meets on Sundays in room B11 from 9:00-10:00 AM. We are studying "The Gospel of Luke," from the Life Change Series. The class will not meet in August. Class will resume on Sunday, September 11.

### Men's Bible Study

Meets on Thursday mornings, at 6:30 AM, at Coco's at Baseline and Dobson Roads. We are studying "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren.

# The Mission Minute

## Water Collection for the Homeless

Our water collection campaign continues! Please consider donating bottled water to help the homeless and unsheltered during the summer months (June 1—September 16). You can drop it off at:

- Mesa Fire Department Volunteer Center, 2830 E. Adobe (behind Fire Station 206 at Lindsay and Adobe)
- Red Mountain Multigenerational Center, 7550 E. Adobe
- United Food Bank, 245 S. Nina Drive (north of Broadway between Extension and Alma School)
- Paz de Cristo, 424 W. Broadway
- A New Leaf – MesaCAN, 635 E. Broadway

If you are unable to drop them off at one of these locations, please contact Brenda Hook or drop them off at the church office. We have had 7 cases dropped off at the church so far this summer. Thanks to all!

## Habitat for Humanity

This year's Habitat for Humanity was completed this spring and dedicated on May 14 (see photo to right). Thank you to Marlene Seitz for attending and representing St. Matthew and for all her hard work and dedication to HFH for several years. Continue to check the "Mission Minute" for opportunities to participate in next year's build.



## Clean Water for Haiti

The United Methodist Women and others in the church are raising money for water filtration systems in Haiti. If you donate \$20 or more, you will receive a St. Matthew baseball cap. To contribute, contact John Dey.

## UMOM

Thank you to our July servers: Marlene Seitz, Carl Chasse, Michelle Chasse, Maureen Jobe, Paul Jobe, Ginny Smythe, Jeannine Eberle, and Jim Eberle. Our August servers will be Marlene Seitz (8/5); Bonnie and Tom Price (8/12 and 8/26); Leroy Livingston and John Dey (8/19).

## Past Projects

The Sunday School children hosted a "Back to School" drive. Deadline for the collection was July 17. Thanks to Maureen Jobe, Warren Enyart and friends for their dedication to this program every school year.

## Missionary Focus

**The Rev. Serna Samuel** is a United Methodist Women-supported Regional Missionary commissioned in October 2009. She serves as a liaison between the United Methodist Women/Women's Division and the women of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas (MCCA). She also provides mission program leadership for churches in the Caribbean to reach out to persons living with HIV/AIDS and to advocate for gender equality. Rev. Samuel bases her Caribbean regional work from St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



## Get Involved!

Many groups at St. Matthew participate in missions. You can contact them directly to get involved with their projects. To join the Mission Committee, contact Brenda Hook.

# United Methodist Youth Fellowship

## Fall Retreat

"Say, Say You Believe It"  
Friday, September 9, 5:00 PM – Sunday, September 11, 2:00 PM  
United Christian Youth Camp, Prescott  
(more information in August Youth News)

## 2011 Mission Trip

From Monday, June 20 to Friday, June 24, nine teens and two adults shared a Vacation Bible School program with the children of Hope Cottage in Flagstaff. Hope Cottage is a homeless shelter for mothers and children that is supported by Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Flagstaff. Through drama, songs, crafts, and recreation the children were taught about "Noah and the Ark," "Moses and the 10 Commandments," and "Jesus and the Lord's Prayer." We would like to thank our congregation for your support and prayers.  
God Bless,  
Becky Kerr  
Director of Youth



## Contemporary Worship Time Change!

Starting August 7, 2011, the Contemporary worship will move to 9:30 AM. The traditional and blended services will remain at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM respectively. This change will bring more unity to our worship experiences, as one pastor can preach the same message at each worship. We also hope it will make the contemporary worship more attractive to young families. Thank you for your support in this time of transition!