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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.)



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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

The Mustard Seed

December 2011

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

Children's Christmas 5:30 PM

The children will present "Do you hear what I hear?" Music by the Cherub, Hands of Praise Sign Language and Sunshine Choirs.

Family Worship with Candle Lighting 7:00 PM

This service will have traditional carols, candle lighting, a special time for children, and will feature the Celebration Youth and Jubilation Choirs.

Service of Candle Lighting and Communion 9:00 PM

Join us for carols, candle lighting, and communion. The Praise Band and Hands of Joy Sign Language Choir will grace us with music.

Service of Candle Lighting and Communion 11:00 PM

This service will feature the Bells of Joy and Chancel Choirs. It will conclude after midnight so you can be the first to wish the people around you a Merry Christmas.

Luminarias from 5:30 PM—11:00 PM

Presented by our United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

A Service of Lessons and Carols 10:00 AM

Epiphany, Sunday, January 1

One worship service at 10:00 AM
Pastor Iain Glithero preaching



Michael's Musings

I was driving the other day and decided to turn on the radio. I was pushing the buttons trying different stations. I was interested in listening to music and not commercials. I finally pushed one button and found some music playing. However, I could not believe what my ears were hearing. I landed on the station that constantly plays Christmas holiday music.

What was unbelievable was the fact that Thanksgiving has not even arrived yet (as of this writing) and this radio station had jumped the proverbial gun to start playing Christmas music. My first thoughts were about how they dared to start so early. I had not celebrated Thanksgiving yet. Black Friday is yet to come and that is the day when Christmas music usually starts playing. It was as though the entire universe had shifted for me and into a direction that I was not ready to go.

I began to reflect more on this situation. What is so wrong about hearing Christmas music so early? Perhaps hearing the music was rushing me too much into the season of joy – a time where we celebrate God's gift of Jesus coming into the world. I was not ready for this yet. I want Thanksgiving to happen, followed by the season of Advent. That would give me time to be ready.

However, ready or not, God is ready to act in ways that are very surprising. We are supposed to be ready at all times especially to be receptive to the coming of Jesus. We not only celebrate Jesus' birth but the season of Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again – ready or not!

I think again about the early playing of Christmas music. It might be a good idea after all. The times in which we find ourselves in are somewhat unsettling. Listening to the holiday music that reminds us of God, Jesus, and good time celebrations are what we need now. Our spirits need a lift and I believe God knows that too.

As we move into Advent and then Christmas it is my hope and prayer that you will experience the best that God has to offer you. Listen well to the holiday music and savor the experience. Know that God is working through that music as well.

Have a happy and blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Grace and peace,



Lay Leaders' Notes

WHAT CAN I DO?

“What Shall I Do, Lord?” Acts 22:10

Today in many lands people like us count for nothing. They have no rights and must do what they are told or be shot. They live in the dark, fed on lies. Even in our own country we see an awful lot of apathy is upon us. Too may say, “What's the use? Why bother to vote? One will not be missed.”

Can we do nothing about our confusion except pray, do our job, give to good causes, live our lives as best we can, just believe in God and go on? Is that all we can do to save the world which seems to have lost its way?

No one of us is called upon to carry the world on his back or heart – except in prayer. Yet if each one does his part honestly and faithfully, the sum of our doing is very great. These fragments of service, if put together, make the Kingdom of God. Through them a vast power operates in the world and in our small church. It is folly to think because I am only one and can do very little, and that what I do counts for very little, I need not do anything.

All of us are ready to do some big spectacular thing that really counts. So, what shall I do? What kind of neighborhood, city, world or church would there be if only you did not help? When man listens, God speaks; when man obeys, God acts.

Our church leadership training committee (old nominating committee) is actively recruiting new members for the various church activities. They are calling and asking people to serve in many areas to keep the church running smoothly. So, if you are contacted, prayerfully consider saying YES and see what big spectacular thing you can accomplish! Besides, it is fun!

Advent is such a wonderful time of year. Those aforementioned committees have planned a variety of activities for you and your families. We hope you attend as many as fit into your busy schedules.

Merry Christmas to all. Enjoy your friends and church family.

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

Email Devotionals

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

December Calendar, cont.

- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Walk to Emmaus Women, 1:00 PM, B11-14
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

Sunday, December 18, 2011

- God's Kids (Gr. K-3), 9:00 AM, D22
- Jesus Rock Star (Gr. 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
- Hands of Joy Christmas Concert, 3:00 PM, S
- Girl Scout Troop 841, 4:00 PM, B11-13
- Celebration Youth Choir, 5:00 PM, B14
- Chancel Choir at Friendship Village, 6:00 PM, S
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

Monday, December 19, 2011

- Deadline for Communicator Submissions
- Funeral for Rose Latchford, 4:00 PM, S
- Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B11
- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Boy Scout Troop 853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C
- 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, December 20, 2011

- Staff Meeting, 9:30 AM, Office
- Cub Scout Pack 853 6:00 PM, D22, D25, C4
- Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- 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, December 22, 2011

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

Saturday, December 24, 2011

- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Children's Christmas Pageant, 5:30 PM, S
- Christmas Eve Family Worship, 7:00 PM, S
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7
- Service of Candle Lighting and Communion, 9:00 PM, S
- Service of Candle Lighting and Communion, 11:00 PM, S

Sunday, December 25, 2011

- Christmas Worship, 10:00 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, December 26, 2011

- Deadline for Communicator Submissions
- Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B11
- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Boy Scout Troop 853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C
- 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, December 27, 2011

- Girl Scout Troop 502, 5:00 PM, C1-3
- Cub Scout Pack 853, 6:00 PM, FH, C4
- Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- 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, December 29, 2011

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

Saturday, December 31, 2011

- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

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

December Calendar

Monday, December 05, 2011

- Deadline for Communicator
- Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B11
- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Boy Scout Troop 853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C
- 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, December 06, 2011

- 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
- Boy Scout Troop 853 Parents, 7:00 PM, D22
- Pills Anonymous, 7:00 PM, B11-14

Wednesday, December 07, 2011

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Evangelism Committee, 6:00 PM, B13
- Hands of Joy Choir, 6:00 PM, FH
- Cherub Choir, 6:15 PM, C4
- Sunshine Choir, 6:15 PM, B14
- Missions Committee, 6:30 PM, B12
- Childcare for 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, December 08, 2011

- Women's Bible Study, 6:00 AM, D23-24
- Men's Bible Study, 6:30 AM, Coco's
- Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM, D23-24
- Bells of Joy, 7:00 PM, S
- Finance Committee, 7:00 PM, D23-24
- Phoenix Int'l Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH
- Stephen Ministry, 7:00 PM, B11

Friday, December 09, 2011

- Mothers of Preschoolers, 9:00 AM, D23-24, N, C1-3, FH

Saturday, December 10, 2011

- Walk to Emmaus, 8:00 AM, D23-24, Kitchen
- DNA Transformation Team, 9:00 AM, FH
- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

Sunday, December 11, 2011

- God's Kids (Gr. K-3), 9:00 AM, D22
- Jesus Rock Star (Gr. 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 with Cantata, 9:00 AM, S
- Contemporary Worship, Message through Scripture and Song, 9:30 AM, FH
- Blended Worship with Cantata, 10:30 AM, S
- Children's Church, 10:30 AM, C2-3
- Girl Scouts 841, 4:00 PM, B11-13
- Celebration Youth Choir, 5:00 PM, B14
- Putting God First AA, 7:00 PM, C6-7

Monday, December 12, 2011

- Deadline for Communicator
- Emmaus Sisters, 5:00 PM, B11
- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Boy Scout Troop 853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C
- 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, December 13, 2011

- 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, December 14, 2011

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- 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, December 15, 2011

- Deadline for Mustard Seed Submissions
- Women's Bible Study, 6:00 AM, D23-24
- Men's Bible Study at Coco's, 6:30 AM
- Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM, D23-24
- Christmas Adopt a Family, 6:00 PM, D23-24
- Preschool Christmas Program, 6:00 PM, S, C Bldg
- Alzheimer's Association, 7:00 PM, B12
- Bells of Joy, 7:00 PM, S
- Staff Parish Relations, 7:00 PM, B11

Friday, December 16, 2011

- Cub Scout Pack 853, 6:00 PM, FH

Saturday, December 17, 2011

- Walk to Emmaus Team, 8:00 AM, D23-24, K
- Walk to Emmaus Women, 8:00 AM, FH

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: "When Christians Get It Wrong," a book and DVD by Adam Hamilton.

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

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. We are studying the Advent texts from the lectionary.

Get to know the Eatons

The Turners, Dan and Polly, and the Kiddoos, Duane and Suzie, would love to host a group of people in their home to get to know the Eatons. If you have not been invited yet to a fellowship gathering, please sign up at the Friendship Table on the patio, or make a note on the registration slips, including your name and phone number so we can call you. Several others have already scheduled events in their homes too. We want to be sure everyone has an opportunity.

Did you borrow something?

If you borrow things from the church, please return them as soon as possible. In particular, we are looking for three large baking sheets that have gone missing. Many groups in the church depend on our supplies and furnishings to be readily available. Please help us be good stewards of our resources, so that we do not have to continually replace commonly used items. Thank you for your cooperation.

Estimate of Giving Cards

On November 27, we dedicated our estimate of giving cards for 2012. If you have not turned in a card yet, please prayerfully consider what you can give to St. Matthew. Extra cards are available in the church office. You may place your card in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Adopt-A-Family

Thank you, St. Matthew Christmas angels for your quick response with our Adopt-A-Family mission! All donations are due back to church by Sunday, December 11. There are collection boxes underneath each tree for your donations. These items will be collected throughout Sunday morning. Food items can also be set beside the tree and they will be collected too, or you can bring them directly to the Christian Education office. Below is a list of the food items that we are collecting this year:

- 5 - 16 oz. cans of vegetables
- 1 - 26 oz. can of spaghetti sauce
- 1 - 8 oz. can of tomato sauce
- 1 - 10 oz. can of soup
- 1 - 16 oz. can of fruit
- 1 - 46 oz. can of juice
- 2 - 6 oz. cans of tuna
- 1 - 24 oz. can of beef stew
- 1 - 12 oz. can of lunch meat
- 1 - 6 oz. box of Jello
- 1 - 18 oz. jar of jelly
- 1 - 16 oz. jar of peanut butter
- 1 - 8 qt. box of powdered milk
- 1 - 5oz. box of instant potatoes
- 1 - 12 oz. package of pasta
- 1 - 16 oz. package of rice
- 1 - 16 oz. package of beans
- 1 - 12 oz. box of dry cereal
- 1 - 4 roll package of toilet paper
- 1 package of hand soap
- 1 box of laundry detergent

Thank you for bringing God's love to many families and helping to make it a bright holiday for them!

We plan to deliver gifts to Wesley and UMOM the week of December 12. **If you would like to come and sort packages and food that will be donated, please come on Thursday, December 15 to room D23 – D24 at 6:00 PM.** Please see Maureen Jobe for further information. Thank you, St. Matthew Christmas Angels! You shine Jesus' light wherever you go!

Poinsettias

Each year, members and friends of St. Matthew purchase poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for our Christmas worship services. To purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form, found in the Sunday bulletin and the church office. Poinsettias are \$10 each.

The Mission Minute

Habitat for Humanity

Once again our congregation will be supporting the Mighty Methodist Habitat for Humanity home build in the Phoenix area. The build starts in January 2012 (more information to come). Last year we raised \$5,000 in support of this project. We have renewed our commitment and will be working to reach our goal of \$5,000 for 2012. For a donation, you will be available to sign, write a small blessing or Bible verse on a 2x4 board for the family that will live in this home. These boards will on display at a table during Sunday services the entire month of December, and will then go into the building of the frame of this new house. Please stop by the table on the patio to participate in the 2x4 project!

UMOM Dinners

Thanks to our November Friday Night Dinner UMOM servers: Ginny Smythe, John Dey, Leroy Livingston, Marlene Seitz, Eric Brown and Journey UMC. Those serving in December are: Tom and Bonnie Price (12/2); Chancel Choir with Jerry Van Rennes (12/9); Michelle and Carl Chasse (12/16). We still need servers for December 23 and 30. If you are interested in preparing and serving a Friday dinner at UMOM this Christmas Season, please call Ginny Smythe.

UMOM Christmas Gift Card Sales

This Christmas, give a gift that will make a meaningful difference by participating in the UMOM Christmas Gift Card Program. The gift cards sell for \$15, \$50, \$100 and \$360 providing one night of shelter to an individual; one day of shelter, food and childcare for a child; one week of shelter to an individual; and one month of shelter to an individual, respectively. The recipient of the gift card will receive the joy of knowing that for Christmas their gift was the provision of shelter to a homeless child or family. You may purchase these cards on the patio every Sunday in December.

Also, UMOM qualifies as a Helping the Working Poor agency. In 2011, your donation may qualify for a \$200 Arizona Tax Credit (\$400 if married filing jointly). You must send this donation to UMOM directly. For more info, visit the table on the patio on Sunday morning.

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.

Mission Focus: The Advance

Know someone who has everything? Skip the sweaters and give a gift to mission this Christmas!

The Advance provides a way to help heal and rebuild a hurting world, supports missionaries and projects in more than 100 countries, and offers United Methodists the opportunity to give to the project or missionary of their choice. United Methodists have channeled more than \$1.2 billion through The Advance over the past 60 years, sustaining lives and making a long-lasting impact in over 100 countries!



The Advance is an accountable, designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church that ensures 100% of each gift reaches its intended mission or ministry. You decide which program or ministry to support through The Advance. The Advance is part of the General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church. General Board of Global Ministries receives and processes your gifts, which are made available for disbursement and automatically wired to the project director or area financial person in the region once every month. The project receives 100% of your gift.

Gifts given through the Advance help build churches, dig wells, educate leaders, equip schools and hospitals, feed and clothe children, plant trees, support missionaries, rescue victims of wars and natural disasters, and share God's love.

To learn more about individual projects, visit www.advancinghope.org There you can search by project type and location to learn more about ministries supported by The Advance.

How to Give to the Advance

- Donate online at www.givetomission.org
- Place a contribution in the offering plate.
- Call 1-888-252-6174.
- Send a check to Advance GCFA, PO Box 9068, GPO, New York, NY 10087-9068.

Thank you for giving generously through The Advance. Your gifts truly make a difference!

Sounds of the Season

Join us in worship on **December 11** for a morning of Christmas praise. In the 9:30 AM service, the praise band will present music telling the promises of the coming Messiah. In the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM worship services, the Jubilation Choir will present the Christmas cantata, "Season of Praise." Bells of Joy and the children's choirs will also participate.

December 18, 3:00 PM, 27th annual Christmas concert presented by the Hands of Joy Sign Language Choir.

The Chancel Choir will present musical selections from "A Taste of Christmas" at Friendship Village on Sunday, **December 18**, 6:00 PM.

Bells of Joy will play **December 22** at 6:30 PM at the Scottsdale Village Square, 2620 N 68th Street, Scottsdale.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Sunday, December 18 we will celebrate Jesus' birthday! During the 9:00 AM traditional service and the 9:30 AM contemporary service, the children will meet after our children's moment in room D23-24 to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The children in Children's Church will meet in their usual classroom to celebrate. We will be role playing the story "Journey to Bethlehem." We will video this skit and it will be shown at our Christmas service on Sunday, December 25. We invite parents to join us for a closing prayer and birthday cake after worship.

Coming Soon to a Worship Near You!

December 11 - Celebration of Word and Song
Jubilation Choir Cantata in 9:00 and 10:30 Worship
Contemporary holiday worship at 9:30

December 18: "Dreaming of Christmas: IV. Dreaming the Impossible"

December 24: "Dreaming of Christmas: Message of Hope"

December 25: A Service of Lessons and Carols
(one service at 10:00 AM)

January 1: Epiphany (one service at 10:00 AM)
Pastor Iain Glithero preaching

Helping Hands

Would love to add to our visiting group of faithful servants. Please consider taking a little time each month to visit our shut-ins. If interested, call Phyllis Lalley. On December 26, Helping Hands will deliver poinsettias to our shut-ins. We have over 80 deliveries to make and need your help. Please call Phyllis or sign up on the poinsettia order form.

Personals

Nico Gauss was born November 14 in Portland, Oregon. Gordy Gauss is the proud great-grandfather.

Nona Lee Rudolph was born October 27 to Maia and Mark Rudolph. Proud grandparents are Diane and Jeff Legge.

Davyn Jagger Skalka was born November 2. Parents are Christopher and Corrie Skalka and the grandparents are Bob and Lindy Skalka.

We mourn the passing of the following members of our St. Matthew family: Harry Bowen, Paul Gilliland, Emil Hynek, Rose Latchford, and Bill Day.

On Sunday morning, November 13, Pastor Glithero delivered the Invocation and Benediction at a memorial service held at the City of Mesa Cemetery honoring the sacrifice of twenty-three Royal Air Force cadets killed in flight training at Falcon Field during World War II. Pastor Glithero served in the RAF before coming to America and was the perfect choice to serve in this capacity. As a member of the sponsoring Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force as well as a member of St. Matthew, I'm grateful for his support and participation in this annual event. Thanks, Iain. Well done!

Al Mallard, Co-Chair - Planning Committee
CAF Arizona Wing

United Methodist Women

Unit Meeting: We will meet December 13 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a special Christmas play written by Suzanne Douglas. Everyone from the church is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Cuppa Natter and Morning Glories: We will not be meeting in December. Take time to enjoy family and friends. See you in 2012!