

**St. Matthew  
United Methodist Church**  
2540 West Baseline Road  
Mesa, AZ 85202-5403

**Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday  
Office Closed

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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.

*St. Matthew United Methodist Church*

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### The Head of the church is the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Ministers of this church are its members.  
Those who assist them are:

Rev. Minerva Carcaño		Resident Bishop
Rev. Michael Eaton	Michael@stmatthewmesa.org	Senior Pastor
Pastor Diana Williams	Diana@stmatthewmesa.org	Associate Pastor of Deaf Ministries
Jill Fishburn	Jill@stmatthewmesa.org	Director of Music and Director of Stephen Ministries
Becky Kerr	Becky@stmatthewmesa.org	Director of Youth
Maureen Jobe	Maureenjobe@stmatthewmesa.org	Christian Education Coordinator
Mareen Treese	Mareen@stmatthewmesa.org	Preschool Director
Adrienne Ashford Thorp	Mustardseed@stmatthewmesa.org	Office Manager and Publications Designer
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Evie Showers	Evie@stmatthewmesa.org	Nursery Coordinator

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

**9:00 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



July 2011

Celebrate Summer!

## Back to School Drive

Once again St. Matthew Sunday School is sponsoring our annual Back to School Drive. The purpose of this project is to show God's love to children serviced by the Wesley Center and UMOM. All supplies donated will be taken to the Wesley Community Center and UMOM and distributed before the new school year. Supplies that are needed include:

- Gently Used Clothing
- Back Packs
- Pencils
- Pens
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Notebook Paper
- Folders
- Calculators
- Children's Books
- Markers
- Staplers
- Erasers
- Rulers
- Pencil Cases
- Hygiene Products (toothpaste, combs, deodorant, soap, shampoo)

This year all donations are due by Sunday, July 17.

Boxes will be placed in the narthex and by the entrance of the contemporary service for your convenience. Your support means so much to these children, especially this year as many school districts have limited funding for school supplies. You are God's eyes, ears, hands and feet. Thank you for your continued caring and sharing of God's love.

## United Methodist Youth Fellowship

### UMYF to Youth 2011

Eight teens and three adults will be attending Youth 2011, the International UMYF Conference at Purdue University from July 13 to 17. Please pray for our teens during their travels and participation in this inspirational event: Nick DeCenzo, Mike Jones, Hanna Miller, Jessica Reed, Graham Smith, Madison Smith, Tyler Stokes, Kathryn Westbrook. They will be chaperoned by Becky Kerr, Carl Chasse, and Michelle Chasse.

### UMYF "Letter's to Home" Fundraiser

On Sunday, July 10, help support our UMYF and their upcoming trip to Youth 2011. Purchase a letter for \$5 each. The letter(s) will be written and sent while they are at Youth 2011, so you will read "first-hand" experiences.

### UMYF to Arizona Diamondbacks

Sunday, July 24  
Ticket cost: \$15 each  
(only 25 tickets available)  
Please see Becky Kerr to reserve your ticket.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
WWW.STMATTHEWMESA.ORG

## Michael's Musings

In Paul's letter to the Romans he starts out describing his call as an apostle and his mission to spread the good news of God's work through his son Jesus. Then in Romans 1:7 Paul writes, "To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Paul is introducing himself to the church in Rome. It is a church that he did not start. He was on his way to visit the church before heading to Spain. It was his desire to continue his missionary work to spread the gospel to the end of the known world. Paul knows that in Rome there are people who by God's grace have been living out the gospel for all of Rome to witness.

Even though Paul was a prisoner he was eager to greet a church and share some of himself with people before continuing on to Spain. Perhaps Paul was nervous. No doubt he was excited to have an opportunity to spend time with Christians in Rome and share stories of God's grace.

I feel a little like what Paul might have felt as he made his journey to Rome. I find myself coming to St. Matthew United Methodist Church to become your next pastor. I have visited St. Matthew UMC a couple times for District events. You have a beautiful church. I know several pastors who have served at St. Matthew UMC. I come with great excitement knowing that I have an opportunity to live with you, serve God with you, and share stories of God's grace with you.

I look forward to hearing about your lives and your ministries at St. Matthew UMC. I look forward to sharing worship with you. I believe that with God's grace surrounding us we have great opportunities to make a difference in people's lives – people that live in the community as well as throughout the world.

So I say, "To all God's beloved at St. Matthew UMC, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

**—Pastor Michael**

## Lay Leaders' Notes

Summer is a time of renewal of the spirit for many. For workers, it is a time for a vacation and forgetting about the trials and tribulations of the job for a short time. We all need a change of scenery once in a while. We need to take the time to recharge our mental batteries and renew our outlook on life.

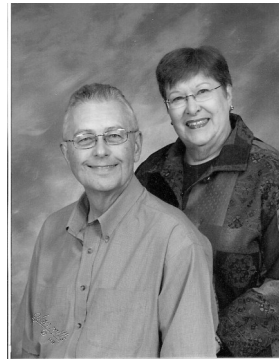
For students, it is a respite from the rigors of studies and exams. It is a time to spend with friends and family doing nonacademic activities. Forget about the books for the time being.

For our conference it is the time of the Annual Conference. It is a time to set new goals and decide on the most important goals to be accomplished in the near future. It is a time of renewal for the pastors as they find their assignments for the coming year. Some will stay in their present churches and some will be assigned to new places.

For St. Matthew it is a time of anticipation as we look forward to meeting our new pastor, Michael Eaton. We need to do what we can to see that he and his family feel welcome here. There will be time to meet him and find out his wants and desires. It is a time of renewal for us as we recommit to doing what we can to assure that God is pleased with the work done at St. Matthew. We need to work closely with the new pastor to keep St. Matthew a growing and dynamic church. Prayer for our success is a good and needed activity.

Hope everyone is doing well and we will see you in the Mustard Seed.

**—Joyce and Roger Helm**



## Pray with us

Praise with us as we celebrate the return of St. Matthew members:

- Jerry Van Rennes, who participated in a mission in Sierra Leone through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission
- Carl and Michelle Chasse, on their mission to Haiti
- Our United Methodist Youth Fellowship who led Vacation Bible School at a crisis shelter in Flagstaff

## United Methodist Missionary: Rosangela Soares de Oliveira

Rosangela Soares de Oliveira is an International Missioner with Women, Children and Youth assigned by the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church to Women's Leadership Development in the Latin America region.

A native of Brazil, Rosangela has been theological advisor to the Women's Methodist Federation of the Rio de Janeiro Conference, and from 1998-2000 coordinated resources for Peace with Justice Week for the National Council of Churches (USA). From 1991-1995, she served as an advisor for the Institute for the Study of Religion and from 1988-1993 she coordinated the Women's Pastoral in the Baixada Fluminense District of the Methodist Church of Brazil. She has also served as an advisor for the Ecumenical Center for Documentation and Information, and was a local church pastor from 1979-1988.

Raised in a Methodist family, Rosangela's father was a lay pastor and her mother was active in the local church and the church women's organizations. Of her own spiritual growth, she says, "My experience of God has changed according to my life cycle. When I was an adolescent, I discovered the meaning of salvation; as a theology student, I discovered god's passion for the oppressed—impoverished people and women. As a pastor, I need God's strength to confront the sexism in the church against women pastors and to discern the priorities of my vocation."

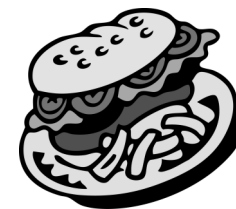
"Today," she continues, "I would say that I experience God when I am able to be part of a community, engage in actions of solidarity, and help, particularly my son, to understand the presence of God in our everyday life. My prayer life is guided by my need of creating community, engagement and personal strength."

To learn more about Rosangela's work, visit <http://tinyurl.com/3zusk4q>



## Cheeseburgers and Paradise

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM or as you can arrive, July-August



Come to enjoy your grilled cheeseburger supper sitting with friends new and long term, and next enjoy an informative talk, sure to provide new insights and understandings. If you like, bring a dish to share, perhaps a salad, veggie or dessert, but that is not a requirement. We have an enthusiastic team heading up the grilling, John Dey and Jim Ellis, a kitchen team, and knowledgeable speakers ready to go. Childcare is available starting at 6:00 PM.

## 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: <http://stmatthewmesa.org/ministries/preschool/>

# The Mission Minute

## Justa Center

The Justa Center needs help to serve meals on days when their meal service is not otherwise available, usually holidays. The next time we've been asked to help is on Veteran's Day in November. Your help would be appreciated on these days. In November we will also be collecting items for overnight bags filled with toiletries. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brenda Hook.

## Clean Water for Haiti

The United Methodist Women and others in the church are raising money for water filtration systems in Haiti. If you would like to participate, please contact John Dey. If you donate \$20 or more, you will receive a baseball cap with "St. Matthew UMC" embroidered on it.

## Water Collection for the Homeless

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.

## Wesley Community Center and Primera Iglesia Clothing Closet

Wesley Community Center had to close its clothing room due to lack of space. Rev. Rosemary Anderson, a former Wesley staff person, is currently pastor of Primera Iglesia United Methodist Church near Wesley at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Grant in Phoenix. Primera Iglesia has started a clothing room to help fill this need. They are seeking donations of clothing, especially for men. Donations can be made directly to Primera Iglesia on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 to noon. Please do not bring clothing donations to Wesley as they do not have the space or staff to accept them. If you have questions, you may call Rev. Anderson directly.

## UMOM

Thank you to our June servers: Bonnie and Tom Price, Kathy and Dennis Bartlow, John Dey, Janet and Leroy Livingston, and the Missions Committee.

In July, our servers will be Marlene Seitz (July 1), Carl and Michelle Chasse (July 19), and Maureen and Paul Jobe (July 22). **We are still in need of volunteers for July 8.** If you are interested, please call Ginny Smythe. She will be happy to help any new groups or families who would like to serve.

## 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.

# Children's Sunday School

Each month, someone from our Church Council is writing to let you all know more about us. This month, we have the pleasure of sharing information about our Sunday School classes with you.

Do you remember what your favorite educational experience was growing up? What teacher has been influential in your life? What do you remember about that teacher? Typical responses to these questions usually have an interesting trend. Educational experiences that become a treasured memory usually involve the feeling of belonging to a community. Teachers who become favorites have found a way to make students feel loved and valued. No one usually describes a specific lesson that was taught to them. They seem to remember people who have influenced their lives! This is the core of what we are doing in Sunday School. In God's world, people are more important than facts or curriculum. We share our faith in God and love of all God's people in everything that we do. Of course, you have to do this with the support of resources in order to make the most of our Bible study. Below is some information about each Sunday School class at St. Matthew, who is currently teaching in it and the resources that we use to support our teaching.

the children will have the opportunity to hear the Bible verse through storytelling and then become actively involved in it through art, cooking, science, games, and music. This age-appropriate curriculum is from Power Express and keeps kids actively involved while they continue to develop their relationship with God and Jesus. Alison Potts, Carol Powell, Ginny Smythe, Stephanie Beamsley and Paige Nett are a team of teachers that share God's love with these children.

## Jesus' Rock Stars



This class is for children who are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. During the 9:00 AM worship hour, we have a "Rockin'" time together. Teachers use the Rock Solid: Tweens in Transition curriculum. This curriculum provides tweens with an overview of the Bible in an active and age-appropriate manner. Teachers also supplement this curriculum with interactive games - a great opportunity to study the Bible and demonstrate your knowledge in a fun way. From their Bible study, this group earns points that they use toward field trips. They will go on a field trip a few times a year. Janet and LeRoy Livingston, Susan Lewis and Frank Millett are the team of teachers that inspire and share God's love with these children.

## Preschoolers

This class is for children ages 3 to 5 years old. During our 9:00 AM worship hour, we have a preschool class that provides the children with opportunities to explore Bible stories in a hands-on interactive manner. Linda Stenholm teaches this class along with the support from Carolina Maturana, Luz Maria Perez and Megan Jobe. The Rock Solid curriculum resource is used to support the plan for each class. In order for children to develop faith, they must see what faith looks like and actively participate in it. We strive for this every week!

## God's Kids

This class is for children who are in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. During the 9:00 AM worship hour, we have a class that allows the children the opportunity to explore a Bible verse using a variety of experiences. For example,

## Children's Church

This class is for children of all ages and it occurs during the 10:30 a.m. worship hour. Children go into service with their family and after the Children's Moment they are invited to come out to explore a Bible verse in a hands-on, interactive manner. Children will return back to the service with their families during the closing of worship. Brenda Hook, Julie Riemenschneider, Linda Stenholm and Maureen Jobe are the team that share God's love in this class.

Warren Enyart, Paul Jobe and Maureen Jobe support all classes and our Sunday School table on Sunday mornings.

*If you have any questions about Sunday School, do not hesitate to contact Maureen Jobe (Sunday School Coordinator).*

# Announcements

## Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 841 is collecting plastic bags in room B11 for a recycling project at Camp Sombrero.

## Helping Hands

We are looking for and asking our congregation to call the church office with names of homebound folks who can be added to our homebound list . Or you can give the names and addresses to Phyllis Lalley. This is most important so our lists can be current. This is where visitation, cards, and flowers are dispersed. Sometimes people move and the church office is not notified.

We are continuing the CD ministry during the summer . If you or your loved one is homebound for a short time or a long time please call the church office or Barbara Osgood and CD's of the 9:00 AM worship will be delivered.

If you are in need of medical equipment contact Donna Benge to see if there are things available to use in our church supplies.

We pray you will respond to our requests, Phyllis Lalley, Chair

## Women's Retreat

Go M.A.D.: Make A Difference! Mark your calendar for our United Methodist Women's Retreat, July 9-10, 8500 E. Southern Avenue, Mesa.

# 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.

## 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.

# Thank you from Vacation Bible School!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made our 2011 Vacation Bible school a success. Below are the names of the people who came out to work with the children.

### Adult Helpers:

Amy Phillips  
Barbara Osgood  
Bill Cox  
Billie Snell  
Brad Dales  
Brenda Hook  
Catrina Walsh  
Carol Powell  
Carolina Maturana  
Carl Chasse  
Chris Legg  
Dennis Bartlow  
Debra Landry  
Evie Showers  
Ginny Smythe  
Gratia Mah  
Graham Smith  
Gretchen Helwig  
Jane Dunning  
John Dey  
Julie Riemenschneider  
Kathy Bartlow  
Kay Rountree  
Kohnna Winfield  
Laura Miller  
Linda Stenholm  
Marion Ritchotte  
Martha Dodds  
Marlene Seitz  
Maureen Jobe  
Michelle Chasse  
Nicole Wegener

### Pastor Diana Williams

Pastor Iain Glithero  
Paul Jobe  
Phyllis Lalley  
Ray Ritchotte  
Rosemary James  
Saundria Cadiente  
Scott Morgan  
Stephanie Beamsley  
Teresa Schmitt  
Tonya Hauzer  
Vickie Kelley

### Youth Helpers:

Adam Miller  
Angelica Logan  
Austin Stokes  
Autumn Schmitt  
Breanna Nehrkorn  
Dustin Schmitt  
Gabriel Logan  
Harry Smith  
Hanna Miller  
Jessica Reed  
Kelly Ormond  
Kiki Vaughn  
Lucas Vaughn  
Megan Jobe  
Nikolena Showers  
Rachel Jobe  
Tatum Fulford  
Tyler Stokes

Also, thank you for your donations for this event. Everything collected made a difference for the children. Thank you for your generosity and care!

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kristen and Anthony Patricca on the birth of Gavin Alexander Patricca on June 3, 2011. Gavin is the grandson of Gary and Laura Stuhlmiller.

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

Saturday, July 2, 2011

- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Sunday, July 3, 2011

- Contemporary Worship, 9:00 AM, FH
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Monday, July 4, 2011

- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Boy Scout #853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C, FH

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

- Boy Scouts #853, 6:00 PM, D23-25

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Cheeseburgers and Paradise, 6:00 PM, FH, K
- Evangelism Committee, 6:00 PM, B13
- Missions Committee, 6:30 PM, B12
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Thursday, July 7, 2011

- Alzheimer's Association, 7:00 PM, B12
- Int'l Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH

Saturday, July 9, 2011

- Trustees' Work Day, 7:00 AM, Church, Meet in C6-7
- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Sunday, July 10, 2011

- Contemporary Worship, 9:00 AM, FH
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Monday, July 11, 2011

- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Boy Scout #853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C, FH

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

- Boy Scout #853, 6:00 PM, D22, D25
- Boy Scout #853 Parents, 7:00 PM, D22

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

- UMYF Youth 2011 - Indiana
- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Cheeseburgers and Paradise, 6:00 PM, FH, K
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Thursday, July 14, 2011

- UMYF Youth 2011 - Indiana
- Int'l Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH

Friday, July 15, 2011

- UMYF Youth 2011 - Indiana

Saturday, July 16, 2011

- UMYF Youth 2011 - Indiana
- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Sunday, July 17, 2011

- UMYF Youth 2011 - Indiana
- Contemporary Worship, 9:00 AM, FH
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Monday, July 18, 2011

- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Boy Scout #853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C, FH

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

- Boy Scout #853, 6:00 PM, D23-25

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Cheeseburgers and Paradise, 6:00 PM, FH, K
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Thursday, July 21, 2011

- Alzheimer's Association, 7:00 PM, B12
- Int'l Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH
- Staff Parish Relations, 7:00 PM, B11

Saturday, July 23, 2011

- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Sunday, July 24, 2011

- Contemporary Worship, 9:00 AM, FH
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Monday, July 25, 2011

- Cool Hands, 5:45 PM, D22
- Boy Scout #853, 6:00 PM, Bldg C, FH

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

- Week Without Violence Task Force, 8:00 AM, B12
- Boy Scout #853, 6:00 PM, FH

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

- E.V. Echoes Toastmasters, 6:15 AM, FH
- Cheeseburgers and Paradise, 6:00 PM, FH, K
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Thursday, July 28, 2011

- Int'l Folk Dancers, 7:00 PM, FH

Saturday, July 30, 2011

- Church Bands, 11:00 AM, FH
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

Sunday, July 31, 2011

- Contemporary Worship, 9:00 AM, FH
- Traditional Worship, 9:00 AM, Sanct
- Blended Worship, 10:30 AM, Sanct
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 PM, D22

**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) and click on "Church Alive."

# Thank you!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) would like to thank everyone who helped make the reception for Pastor Dave and Mary such a nice occasion. We could not have made it happen without all the people who took time to provide food, help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. We really appreciate your efforts and thoughtfulness in making the day special.