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Celebrating Our Family Meet Sarah Hartona Bells of Joy Handbell Choir Director

Sarah was born and raised in Ohio and moved to the valley in August of 2014 for school. Her favorite part of Arizona is of course the winter months! Right now she is in her second semester of graduate school at ASU. She is studying for a Master's degree in flute performance.

Sarah came to St. Matthew United Methodist Church for more information. through a job posting for Bells of Joy Handbell Choir director on campus. She enjoys working in her position here very much.

She would like to see St. Matthew United Methodis Church continue to grow by having a full bell choir and also adding a youth bell choir and children's be choir.

Articles for June Mustard Seed Due: May 15, 2015 by 8:00 a.m.

(If you have photos to support your article please include them.) Please notify the church office if you **de net** want to receive the monthly newsletter by calling 480-838-7309 or email: office@stmatthewmesa.org.



The Head of the church is the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

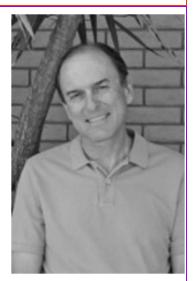
Rev. Robert T. Hoshibata	Bishop@umoi.org	Resident Bishop	9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Rev. Michael Eaton	michael@stmatthewmesa.org	Pastor 480-390-7209	in the Worship Center, Sunday School for children
Rev. James Ek	jim@stmatthewmesa.org	Associate Pastor 602-377-9434	10:30 a.m.
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Michael Isaksen	isettled@cox.net	Custodian 480-292-4165	coordinate ride-shares (480) 838-7309.
Ted Bachelder	ted@stmatthewmesa.org	Director of Music Ministries 480-963-0722	Please join us for fellowship time
Mark Culbertson	mark@stmatthewmesa.org	Director of Youth Ministries 480-862-3601	on the patio after worship.

e-mail to mustardseed@stmatthewmesa.org or leave in the office mail box.



FAREWELL to PASTOR MICHAEL

Sunday, May 17 will be the last Sunday that Pastor Michael will be preaching as our pastor. Please come together after the 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship** service as a congregation to join in fellowship, friendship and love to say our goodbyes and good wishes to Pastor Michael. Bring your encouraging



words and well wishes as he leaves St. Matthew to travel to his new church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Globe, Arizona.

Habitat for Humanity

The next Habitat Home Dedication will be held on Saturday, May 2. Please call Duane Kiddoo at 480-831-1337 or email him at kiddooskdk@aol.com

Sunday, May 10, 2015

	Sunday, May 10 is Mother's Day. Remember to do
st	something special for your Mom. Every effort,
•	thought, smile, gift or card is a treasure to every
ell	Mother. Make it a day full of fun memories.
	Take time to read the Mother's Day poem on page 5
	of this issue. Happy Mother's Day!!!!

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Michael's Musings

I remember a very significant move in my life. It was the time when I came to Arizona from New York. I was one year out of high school and it was in the middle of July in 1978. My family was moving too and we drove across country as a caravan. I filled up my 1965 Ford Fairlane with gas at 55 cents per gallon (remember those days?)

After spending time in Virginia at my grandparents my family and I, in three cars, drove across the country. We entered into Arizona on I-40. I was fascinated by the landscape. We decided to spend the night in Winslow (I remembered the Eagles' song, "Take it Easy" so I stood on a corner.) The next day we drove to Flagstaff to fill up our cars. I was transfixed by the San Francisco Peaks. I started thinking what a really cool place Arizona was turning out to be.

Needless to say the temperature increased significantly as we drove from Flagstaff to Phoenix. Again the landscape fascinated me as the scenery changed from ponderosa pine trees to high desert and finally to the desert around Phoenix. I should also mention that my car did not have air conditioning.

I got settled into my new surroundings. I got a job at a Sambos restaurant on 43rd Avenue and Olive Avenue, and I registered for classes at Glendale Community College. With everything new happening I didn't realize what I was missing. I left my friends back in New York - people that were my support system. I made a couple of friends at Sambos but it wasn't the same.

It took until about the end September that I was able to experience a hike in the desert. I went to the White Tank Mountain Regional Park. It is located west of Phoenix. I walked on trails and blazed through areas without trails. I soon discovered that was falling in love with the desert. I have since made many trips to the White Tanks. It was place where I could find peace and solitude.

Another big change is happening in my life and it has happened before. I will be appointed to serve another church. We have spent four years together and I feel blessed to have served as your pastor. We have shared tears over the death of loved ones. We have shared the pain born out of struggles. We have shared the grace of God and rejoice in the mystery of such areat love from God.

You will always be in my heart. I look forward to hearing about your work in God's Kingdom under The Mustard Seed

the leadership of the Rev. Joan Miller. I know Joan. We have ridden our bicycles together a couple of times. You will be in good hands. On July 1, 2015 I will no longer be your Pastor. However, I will always be your brother in Christ and a good friend. I love you and I always will. Please pray for Alane and me as we make our transition from St. Matthew UMC to our next appointment. Our prayers will continue for you as you continue to serve our Lord. Beloved of God, you are precious and beautiful to behold!

Grace and peace,

Sermon Plan for May 2015

May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series "Tuning into Easter's Power" "Thinking Clearly about God" Psalm 4 Taking time to think about God can lead us to do great things for God.

May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

The children and youth of St. Matthew will give the message this Sunday.

May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sermon Series "Tuning into Easter's Power" "Following the Lead of God" Genesis 12:1-3 Following God means stepping up and stepping out to fulfill God's call.

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

Mark Culbertson, our Youth Director, will give the message this Sunday. "I Have a Dream" Acts 2:14-21 What does Pentecost mean for us today?

May 31 - Trinity Sunday

Rev. Jim Ek will give the message this Sunday. "Is and Is Not - The Mystery of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" Romans 8:12-14 Our creeds about the Trinity, besides being rooted

in Scriptural concepts, are a product of Christian worship and prayer and firmly rooted in mystery. The Mustard Seed



All Son's Luncheon

Saturday, June 6 in the Activity Center 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Come Eniov Jungle Jill Animal Encounter "Hands on Experience"

Ticket sales on the patio Sunday mornings May 17 and May 24 rom 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. More details soon from Debbie Bachelder, chairman.

Save These Dates over the Summer for **Morning Glories**

Morning Glories will meet for breakfast and fellowship once a month over the summer. Mark your calendar for the following Tuesdays, June 2, - July 7 - and August 4 at 9:00 a.m. Please come & join us at: Dobson's Restaurant 2155 S. Dobson Road Mesa, Arizona 85202 480-644-2600 Please R.S.V.P. to: Susan Mann Patterson by calling her 4. at 480-684-0275 or contact Karen Anderson at 480-892-2082. ALL women are welcome to attend, bring a neighbor, friend or family member



Betty Crocker 2006 Bake Off Contest

Ingredient 1 pouch (1.5 oz) Betty Crocker oatmeal cookie mix 1/2 Cup butter or margarine, softened 1 egg 3 packages- (8 oz.) cream cheese softened 3/4 Cups sugar 1/2 Cup whipping cream 3 eggs 1 jar (10 oz.) blueberry spreadable fruit

1 1/2 Cups fresh or frozen thawed and drained whole blueberries Directions

- cover.

with you! **Blueberry Cheesecake Bars**

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Sprav bottom and sides of 13 x 9 pan with cooking spray. In large bowl, beat cookie mix, butter and eag with electric mixer on low speed until soft dough forms. Press in bottom of pan. 2. Bake 15 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in another large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar with mixer on medium speed until fluffy. Add whipping cream and eggs; beat on low speed until well blended. **3.** Spread spreadable fruit over partially cooled crust. Sprinkle with blueberries. Pour cream cheese mixture evenly over blueberries, spreading gently to

Bake 40 - 45 minutes or until center is set. Cool 30 minutes. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. For bars, cut into 7 rows by 4 rows. Store covered in refrigerator.

ENJOY!!!

Prayer List -

Please include these members of our

St. Matthew family your prayers: Anne Dutton Lindsay Dutton **Gordon Gauss** Andv Lim Jan Morrow Ellen Sassano Dan Turner and Audrey Whitehurst.



If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the prayer cards found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. You can also email requests to office@stmatthewmesa.org.

Names will stay on the list for three weeks unless your prayer request is renewed. If you need confidential, personal care, this church can provide you with a Stephen Minister.

Get Well Cards

You may send get well cards and notes of encouragement to Jan Morrow who fell and broke her leg. She will be away from home for several weeks at: La Estancia Center 15810 South 42nd Street Room 231 Phoenix, Arizona 85048

Help Needed!

Please, contact the church office at 480-838-7309 or email Evie at evie@stmatthewmesa.org if you will be traveling over the summer months or going to a summer home with a different address than your regular address on file with the church office. We need to know if you would like to receive the Mustard Seed newsletter at another location or NOT at all until you return. This will help save DOUBLE

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May Repeat Events: Friday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

5:30 pm Praise Band Practice, AC 7:00 pm Putting God First AA. C6-7

Saturday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

11:00 am Praise Band Practice, AC 6:00 pm AZ Messianic Dance, AC or B14 7:00 pm Putting God 1st AA, C6-7

Sunday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

8:30 am Childcare for services, N 8:40 am Praver Meeting, Chapel 9:00 am Jesus' Jumpstarts, Age 4-5, C3 God's Kids, Gr. K-2, D22 Jesus Rock Star, Gr. 3-5, D25 Traditional Worship, WC 9:15 am Youth "Hang Time" D23/24 10:30 am Contemporary Worship, Searchers Adult SS. B11 Youth "Ignite", D23-24 2:30 pm 841 Girl Scouts, C6-7 3:00 pm AZ Messianic Dance, AC 7:00 pm Putting God 1st AA. C6-7 7:30 pm Godly World Worship, B11/12

Monday, May 4, 11, 18, 25

8:00 am Communicator and e-Communicator deadline 6:00 pm 853 Boy Scouts, AC, C6-7 Hands of Praise, D23-24 7:00 pm Bible Studies, B11, B13, C4 7:30 pm Praise Tambourine D23-24

Tuesday, May 5, 12, 19, 26

7:00 pm Childcare, Nursery Pills Anonymous, all B bldg.

Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20, 27

6:00 pm Hands of Jov Choir, Chapel 6:15 pm Cherub Choir, C1 7:00 pm Putting God 1st AA, C6-7

Thur;day, May 7, 14, 21,

6:00 am Women's Bible Study, C4 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, IHOP 9:30 am Korean Women Bible Study, B11 6:00 pm AZ Messianic Dance, AC Cool Hands Choir, D22 6:30 pm Genesis Bells, Sanctuary 6:45 pm Childcare, Nurserv 7:00 pm Bells of Joy Choir, Sanctuary

May Calendarar

Other May Events: Friday, May 1

7:00 pm Eagle Scouts, WC, AC, K

Saturday, May 2

7:00 am Trustees Meet, C4 9:00 am Family History Society, B11 5:00 pm AZ Messianic Dance, AC

Sunday, May 3

8:45 am Daughter's Lunch Tickets, P **Saturday, May 16** 10:30 am Disciples Adult SS, B14 5:00 pm 853/2853 Scouts, D22 6:30 pm 853 Boy Scouts, AC

Monday, May 4

4:30 pm Hospitality Center, C4 5:30 pm Emmaus Sisters, B12 6:30 pm 853 Cub Scouts, D22, D25

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 am Morning Glories, C6-7 6:00 pm Adult Grief HOV, C3 Pampered Chef, AC, K 6:30 pm Mission Committee, D22 7:00 pm Communication Comm, D25

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 pm Evangelism Comm. D22 7:30 pm The Sanctuary Choir, B14

Thursday, May 7

9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, C4 6:00 pm Sunshine Choir/Party C1 7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support, B12 Worship Committee, B11

Friday, May 8

4:00 pm All Daughter's setup, AC, K

Saturday, May 9

11:00 am All Daughter's Lunch, AC 2:00 pm Sam Neher Memorial, S, P

Sunday, May 10

10:30 am Disciples Adult SS, B14

Monday, May 11

6:30 pm 853 Cub Scouts, D22, D25

Tuesday, May 12

6:00 pm Finance Committee, C4

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 pm The Sanctuary Choir, B14

AC: Activity Center; B: Music & Adult Ed. Bldg; C: Activity Center bldg; D: Youth Ed. Bldg; K: Kitchen; N: Nursery; WC: Worship Center (Sanctuary) For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.stmatthewmesa.org. To schedule an event, contact the church office

Other May Events:

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Thursday, May 14

9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, C4 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, B13

Friday, May 15

8:00 am June Mustard Seed Submission Deadline, Office 6:00 pm Movie - Cinderella, D23-24

7:15 am Emmaus, K, C4 9:00 am Helping Hands, C6-7

Sunday, May 17

10:30 am Disciples Adult SS, B14 5:00 pm 853/2853 Scouts, D22

Monday, May 18

5:30 pm Emmaus Sisters, B12 6:30 pm 853 Cub Scouts, D22, D25

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 am Morning Glories, C6-7 6:00 pm Adult Grief HOV, C3 6:30 pm Church Council, C4 Shining Jewels Team, AC

Thursday, May 21

7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support, B12 SPRC Meet, B11

Saturday, May 23 7:15 am Emmaus, K, C4

Monday, May 26 - Office Closed **Memorial Day Holiday** HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY to ALL

MEMORIAL DAY





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Lay Leader Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Matthew.

Our Bishop, District Superintendent, and our Cabinet as well as we the family of St. Matthew all pray and work for the greater good of our Savior Jesus Christ. Sometimes we don't understand why prayers are answered in the fashion they are but we can thank God for all who do their best.

DS Bob Burns sent a letter reminding those who knew and sharing for those who my not understand the process. I would like to share it with you all. Even for people who have been United Methodists all of their lives, the appointment process is sometimes seen as mysterious. If church members are happy with an appointment change, people think the process is wonderfully well designed. When church members are not happy about an appointment change, the process is challenged as not happen in the church. Why is that? Because God is being responsive to our (read that my) needs. The United Methodist Church appointment process serves the whole church and meets the needs in a big picture world.

One thing that I want to communicate is the verv hard, and we pray for the whole church to be careful process that goes into making appointment supportive of this whole season of appointments. change decisions. Every year the District Superintendent meets the Staff Parish Relations May God richly bless you. Committee (SPRC) to evaluate ministry in the DS Bob Burns church, current needs, and future plans. The SPRC is comprised of members of the church who represent the whole spectrum of people and opinions. They are Blessings, Barb Hedges and Betsy Hertzler, given the sacred trust of determining the ongoing **Co-Lav Leaders** needs of the church and the character of pastoral leadership that is needed in a given season. We expect the members of the SPRC to be out and Church Work Area of the Month about and know about what is going on in the life of Our church Historian is Grea Beihl. He is responsible the church that the SPRC members are evaluating for maintaining the church archives, which includes needs on an ongoing basis. We discourage SPRC all of our printed material, photos and slides. The teams from surveying the congregation because it is church has several albums of pictures from the early expected that the SPRC members are evaluating days as well as many boxes of slides documenting the needs on an ongoing basis. growth of our congregation over the past four decades. There are notebook binders full of worship

There are three ways that the conclusion is reached that a pastoral appointment change is needed: 1) The pastor wishes to move. 2) The SPRC determines the church would best be served by an appointment change. Or 3) The Bishop and Appointive Cabinet (the District Superintendents) determine that the gifts and graces of a pastor are needed to serve the larger church in another appointed capacity. Every United Methodist pastor understands that appointments are made for the greater good of the whole church and sometimes do



5:00 pm AZ Messignic Dance, AC

5:00 pm 853/2853 Scouts, D22

7:00 pm Communication Comm. D25

Thursday, May 28

Sunday, May 31

not meet every individual need or eventuality. I can also tell you that pastors are asked to make an appointment change and in this season are not forced to move.

- My purpose in writing this article is to help you understand that often people in the midst of a
- change cannot see the bigger picture and the larger needs of the whole church. In the short view we may feel our needs are not being met. I can assure you that when the Appointive Cabinet goes into the
- "appointment season" it is primarily a season of prayer. We ask God to open our hearts and minds
- and allow us to see the bigger picture and appointments of pastors to churches where God's areater alory will be done. In the long view, we often
- find that what we thought was a really bad idea for an appointment turns out to be the best thing to
- involved first, last, and continually in the process. God is blessing you and your church, whether you
- always see that, o not. I ask you to join with me in praving for all churches and pastors who will have appointment changes this year. Change is always



- service bulletins over the years dating back to our first service held on September 16, 1973. His predecessor, Ardean Cottington kept excellent records and Greg will be converting all of the information onto digital records this year. This is a
- behind the scenes area of work in the church that is vital to the next generations, we move forward
- when we know our past! So let's tell Greg how much we appreciate his effort to move us forward into the
- 21st century and in keeping our records safe!

United Methodist Women Cuppa Natter

Meet Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Rosemary Glithero's home. Call Rosemary at 602-312-7242 for details and directions. Program: Nancy Jamison CED Social Action Mission Coordinator.

Morning Glories

Meet on the first and third Tuesdays each month at 9:00 a.m. in C6-7. Please arrive on time as we do begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

May 5 - Program: field trip to Zelma Basha Salmeri Art Gallery located at 22402 S. Basha Rd. (Alma School Rd., south to Ocotillo, east to Basha Rd.) Carpool from the church at 9:00 a.m. if desired. Map and directions on web site. Please RSVP so we have a head count for this event. Call Barbara Osaood at 480-897-1271 for more details. All women welcome. May 19 - Program: Rollin' Down the Russian River with Kathy Olney. Please meet in room C6-7. Please, call Susan Mann Patterson at 480-684-0275 or Karen Anderson at 480-892-2082 for details.

Call-To-Prayer and Self-Denial

What a privilege it is to serve Christ. If you have not already done so, please give your denial donation to your UMW circle chair, the treasurer, or president this month. This year, program proceeds will go toward deaconess retirement care. Thank you very much.

Mini-Mission Study Rescheduled

The Mini-Mission Study has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 30 from 8:30 a.m. - noon. We are co-hosting with Tempe, First United Methodist Church. The location address is: 215 E University Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281. We will focus on Visible and Invisible Disabilities and the Church. All men, women and teens are welcome to attend. There is no charge.

UMW Unit Meeting

We will not meet in May, June, July or August. Enjoy your summer vacation time.

Hope to see everyone at the May 9 luncheon.

SAVE the DATE All Church Women's Day Retreat

Saturday, June 27 at Crescent Run Club House, the same place as last year.

8500 E Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85208. Theme will be With Bubbles of Overflowing Love.

Tickets will be on sale in June.

Please call Karen Palmieri at 480-838-2835 for more information.

Lay Servanthood Explained

Several people have inquired about my role as a newly commissioned Lay Servant. I had been asked to the Basic Skills class offered by the Desert Southwest Conference after receiving approval from Pastor Michael Eaton, District Superintendent Robert Burns and St. Matthew charge conference. Let me share with you the official job description provided to us. "A Lay Servant is an active, supportive member of a United Methodist congregation who is eager to be in ministry through the church. He/she is well-informed on scripture, doctrine, heritage, organization and life of the United Methodist Church and is committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care giving ministries and spoken communication. A Lay Servant is willing to initiate ministry in partnership; with clergy and other lay Servants and is willing to improve his/her skills for service."

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I completed my study and received my certificate in March 2015.

I thank you for your support as I begin this new journey. Greg Beihl



The Melting Pot

St. Matthew United Methodist Church All Daughter's Luncheon

Saturday, May 9 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All women are invited to attend our annual luncheon.

\$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children 12 years and under. Tickets will be sold on the patio on Sunday, May 3 from 8:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.



Happy Mother's Day to All Mother's

God's Masterpiece ~Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a flower. The majesty of a tree, The gentleness of morning dew. The calm of a quiet sea

The beauty of the twilight hour. The soul of a starry night, The laughter of a rippling brook. The grace of a bird in flight

Then God fashioned from these things A creation like no other, And when his masterpiece was through He called it simply – Mother.

Christ Centered Living

As each of us travels on our own spiritual journey, there is often a time to rest and do an inventory. To help us to grow in our faith journey, a group of people evolved out of the church retreat in November. We have tried to present some thought provoking questions and statements each week to stimulate our thinking and daily Christian walk. We hope you have picked up a calendar on the Church Chat table to keep at home to reflect on the suggested thoughts. Please consider discussing your experiences and thoughts with others as you visit on the patio. If you have any suggestions for future Solemn Rows Of Ivory Stone, thoughts or feedback, please visit or contact Ginny Etched In Blood Of Those Gone Home. Smythe, Greg Beihl, Susan Lewis, Donna Benge, To Be With Him. Denise Allen Bob Yager, Pastor Jim and/or Pastor Never Ending Flow Of Love, Michael. We look forward to your input - even From The Place That Is Above. consider joining us. Reminds Us Of Them.

Bible Studies

Disciples Adult Sunday School

Join us at 10:30 a.m. in B14. Sundays, May 3 through May 17 we will learn about Adam Hamilton, Beth Moore, Rick Warren and Joel Osteen. All are welcome to attend.

Searchers Adult Sunday School

Everyone is welcome to join us at 10:30 a.m. in B11. Ladies

Meet Thursdays at 6:00 a.m. in C4.

All ladies welcome to attend..

Men

Meet at 6:30 a.m. Thursday in room C6-7. We are studying the book, "The Purpose Driven Church" by Rick Warren. All men of St. Matthew are invited to join us for fellowship.

Pastor's Bible Study

Meet Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in room C4. We are currently discussing the Dead Sea Scrolls. Bring your relatives, friends and neighbors for fellowship and study. Our last meeting with Pastor Michael will be on May 14. Everyone is welcome to join this weekly meeting for study and fellowship.

UMOM Friday Night Dinners

Thank you to the Boy Scouts from troop 853 with Amy Jo Haywood, The Sanctuary Choir with Jerry Van Rennes and Journey UMC Maricopa for serving the month of April. The following people will be serving in May.

May 1 - Ginny Smythe

May 8 - Bonnie and Tom Price

May 15 - The Sanctuary Choir with Jerry Van Rennes We are gearing up for the summer months. We have openings from May 22 through August 31 with the exception of July 10. Please consider asking a few friends to join you in this Missions project. It really is a great experience. If you want to serve you may sign up to help prepare at 4:30 p.m. or just come to serve at 5:15 p.m. We ask that you help pay for the food if you are able. The sign up sheet will be on the Church Chat table on the patio. For more information call Ginny Smythe at 480-892-8083. Thank you!

Memorial - Poem by Christopher Bunton