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

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

*Please notify the church office if you **do not** want to receive the monthly newsletter by calling 480-838-7309 or email: office@stmatthewmesa.org.*



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9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship
in the Worship Center,
Sunday School for children

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship
with Communion
in the Activity Center,

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



October 2015

Celebrating Our Family

Meet Gladys Metzger “The Hat Lady”

I was born in Pennsylvania. My parents built the first grocery store when the road went through Tannersville, PA. I helped out in the store and remember the first thing was to put the canned milk on the shelves. I also worked in the meat department, the office and hardware areas. I volunteered at the local hospital as a Candy Striper. I was married and have two beautiful children, Duane and Kerri. My son, Duane and wife Denise have two daughters ages 14 and 10. My sister, Pat and her husband have two adult daughters. Their daughter, Lori has two children who are 24 and 18. They all live in Pennsylvania along with a lot of cousins. I moved to Arizona, 26 years ago this October. I love the sun. I planned to retire here, but am still working and loving my job and the people I work with. I worked for the Federal Government for 15 years, and did retire from that position. My current job is caregiver for a 104 year young lady. She is a very happy, pleasant, giving lady who loves the activities at Westchester Villas where we live. Her apartment is near mine, and I am so blessed to have her in my life. God really did answer my prayers. I spend some time five days a week at Mountainside Fitness. My favorite country artist is George Strait. One of my dancing friends invited me to come to St. Matthew, which was a real blessing. Pastor Tom Wick, Pastor Diana Williams, and Pastor Ian Glithero were officiating at that time. I would like to see St. Matthew grow and prosper with young people.

Pastor Joan is so kind and caring and gives a clear message. I look forward to her accompanying me to visit people I see each week at Friendship Village Health Care Center. I serve on the Helping Hands Committee and belong to the Morning Glories Circle. I love the people at St. Matthew United Methodist Church. God Bless Everyone.

St. Matthew Holiday Boutique

Friday, October 16
from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17
from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



See Santa on Saturday,
from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Don't miss this annual Holiday Shopping Event featuring handcrafted unique gift ideas. Fabulous Bake Sale. Dinner available Friday, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Lunch available Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All major credit cards and cash accepted. Help support St. Matthew United Methodist Women's missions.



Dear Friends,

Dan and I thank you so very much for the welcoming potluck! We were overwhelmed by the turnout and the incredible amount of food shared. It was delightful and we remain grateful that we had the opportunity to visit with so many of you! It is a privilege and pleasure to be with you in service to Christ.

Blessings to you all,
Joan


Church Conference

Our District Superintendent, Bob Burns, has called for our annual Church Conference to be held on Tuesday evening October 27 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Sermon Plan for October 2015

October 4 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Table Manners
1 Corinthians 13:23-26 (NRSV)
Question:
How are my manners at the communion table?



October 11 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:5-15 (NRSV)
Question:
Are we honoring God by the way we're living?

"Lord, teach us to pray..."

October 18 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost






Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:5-15 (The Message)
Question:
Is our will in line with God's will?

October 25 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:5-15 (The Living Bible)
Question:
Are we living the Lord's prayer, or just saying it?

2015 Fall Festival

Sunday, October 25
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Carnival Game **Bouncy Houses**

Petting Zoo

Food Trucks* **Music**

Wear a costume
(please no mask)
for the
Costume Parade & Trunk-R-Treat
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.



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*Kruzin Cuisine, Deklen's Dogs, Jimbo's Wing'n It.

Oct. Repeat Events:

Thursday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
6:00 am Women's Bible Study, C4
6:30 am Men's Bible Study, IHOP
9:30 am Korean Bible Study, B11
Pastor's Study, C4
6:00 pm AZ Messianic Dance, AC
Cool Hands Choir, D22
6:15 pm Children's Choir, C1
6:30 pm Genesis Bells, Sanctuary
6:45 pm Childcare, Nursery
7:00 pm Bells of Joy Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, October 2, 9, 23, 30
10:00 am Childcare, Nursery
Yahwey Yoga, AC
5:30 pm Praise Band Practice, AC
7:00 pm Putting God 1st AA, C6-7

Saturday, October 3, 10, 24, 31
6:00 pm AZ Messianic Dance, AC
7:00 pm Putting God 1st AA, C6-7

Sunday, October 4, 11, 18, 25
8:30 am Childcare for services, N
8:40 am Prayer 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,**
Children's Church, D22
Searchers Adult SS, B11
Sharing Disciples, Adult SS, B14
Youth "Ignite", D23-24
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, October 5, 12, 19, 26
8:00 am Communicator and
e-Communicator deadline
6:00 pm 853 Boy Scouts, AC, C6-7
Hands of Praise Choir, D23-24
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study Class, C4
Adult Prayer Class, Chapel
7:30 pm Victory Praise, C1-3

Tuesday, October 6, 13, 20, 27
7:00 pm Childcare, Nursery
Pills Anonymous, all B bldg.

Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28
5:00 pm Hands of Joy Sign Choir, Chapel
7:00 pm Childcare, Nursery
Putting God 1st AA, C6-7
7:30 pm The Sanctuary Choir, B14, WC

October Calendar

Other Oct. Events:

Thursday, October 1
3:00 pm AZ Messianic Prayers, AC
7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support, B12
Worship Committee, B11

Saturday, October 3
7:00 am Emmaus, AC, K B11-14
7:00 pm Trustees, C4
9:00 am Helping Hands, C6-7
10:15 am Emmaus, AC, K, B11-14, C4-7

Monday, October 5
5:30 pm Hospitality Committee, C4

Tuesday, October 6
9:00 am Morning Glories, C6-7
6:00 pm HOV Adult Grief Support, C3
6:30 pm Mission Committee, D22
7:00 pm Communication Comm. D25
UMW Crafty Ladies, C6-7

Thursday, October 8
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, B13

Saturday, October 10
8:00 am November Mustard Seed
Newsletter Submissions due
mustardseed@stmatthewmesa.org
11:00 am Praise Band Practice, AC

Sunday, October 11
1:30 pm Week Without Violence, AC

Tuesday, October 13
6:00 pm Finance Committee, C4
7:00 pm UMW Unit Meeting, AC, K

Wednesday, October 14
6:30 pm Shining Jewels Team, AC
7:00 pm Evangelism Comm., D22

Thursday, October 15
7:00 pm Alzheimer's Support, B12
SPRC Meeting, B11

Other October Events:



Friday, October 16
9:00 am UMW Craft Boutique, AC, K
7:00 pm Putting God 1st AA, B11

Saturday, October 17
9:00 am UMW Craft Boutique, AC, K
6:00 pm AZ Messianic Dance, B13-14
7:00 pm Putting God 1st AA, B11

Tuesday, October 20
9:00 am Morning Glories, C6-7
6:00 pm HOV Adult Grief Support, C3
6:30 pm Church Council, C4

Saturday, October 24
11:00 am Praise Band Practice, AC



Sunday, October 25
3:00 pm Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat, all campus

Tuesday, October 27
7:00 pm Church Conference, AC



AC: Activity Center; **B:** Music & Adult Ed. Bldg; **C:** Activity Center bldg;
D: Youth Ed. Bldg; **K:** Kitchen; **N:** Nursery; **WC:** Worship Center (Sanctuary)
P: Patio; **pk:** parking lot
For the most up-to-date calendar, visit www.stmatthewmesa.org.

Prayer List

Please include these members of our St. Matthew family in your prayers:

Bender family,
Dutton family,
Lim family,
Livingston family,
Martin family,
Nester family,
Whitehurst family



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. Contact the church office at 480-838-7309 with any questions Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

October Prayer for Churches

Wesley Foundation, at ASU, Tempe
Arizona Korean UMF, Phoenix
Crossroads UMC, Phoenix
Dayspring UMC, Tempe

Thank YOU!

Thank you so much for your generous donation of clothing and new school supplies for our foster children at Helen's Hope Chest. The foster children who visit us often enter foster care with only the clothes on their backs. Your donation has made a difference in a child's life.

We appreciate your thinking of us.
Sincerely,
Cathy E. Groom
Site Manager



Thank You

Thank you for the many memories, prayers and cards for our Dad, Clyde Logan. Gatha and Don Warner, Melba Dyhema and Ruth Logan.

Thank You

My family and I were overwhelmed by the thoughts, prayers, concerns and beautiful cards, bestowed upon us by our St. Matthew Friends during a sad time in our lives - the passing of our GP, Les. A special thanks to Pastor Joan, Pastor Jim, Evie and the Helping Hands - you were all so caring. Les lived a long (95 yrs.) and happy life surrounded by the love of his family and friends. Thank you kindly,
Betty Robinson

Ignite Student Ministries

Join us for Cardboard City on Saturday, October 17 at 5:00 p.m. through Sunday, October 18 at 8:00 a.m. at Scottsdale Stadium. \$15 admission includes the festival until 10:00 p.m. with live music and building hygiene kits. \$25 admission adds spending the night and participating in the cardboard box decorating contest.

Submitting Articles for the Mustard Seed Newsletter

Please submit all articles for publication for the November Mustard Seed newsletter, by **OR** before, Saturday, October 10. Should you have any questions at all please, contact Evie in the church office during business hours by calling, 480-838-7309 or email: evie@stmatthewmesa.org. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Build Your Own Microwave Mug Cobbler—Betty Crocker Recipe

5 minute prep time
7 minute total time
1 serving

Ingredients:

1/2 cup fruit (blueberries, strawberries, peaches, etc.), chopped if necessary
2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup Original Bisquick™ mix
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon, if desired
1/2 teaspoon fresh grated lemon or orange peel, if desired
1 tablespoon nuts (pecans, almonds, walnuts, etc.), chopped, if desired
1 tablespoon old-fashioned oats, if desired
Coarse sugar, for sprinkling, if desired
1 tablespoon milk

Directions:

1. In microwavable mug, mix fruit and 1 tablespoon of the sugar.
2. In small bowl, mix Bisquick mix, remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar, and any of the "if desired" ingredients. Add milk, and stir until a thick dough forms. Drop dough in clumps over fruit in mug.
3. Microwave uncovered on High 90 seconds to 2 minutes or until fruit bubbles to top of mug. Cobbler will be very hot; wait 5 minutes before serving. Top with whipped cream or ice cream if desired.

ENJOY!

Lay Leader Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Matthew, When I look at all the things that go on at St. Matthew, I stand amazed.

This family who stand together in Christ is made up of all sorts of people in various stages of their lives and having very diverse gifts to give. Yet, we all, at times find ourselves in the middle of a storm, wondering if we have lost our faith. Jesus teaches us that loss of faith is not unbelief, it is in fact fear. Fear of the future, in the middle of a storm, in a small boat on the Sea of Galilee, the disciples seemed to have lost their belief, Jesus did not ask them why they were unbelievers, He asked, why they were so afraid and had no faith. When we think that we will not get through our storm, fear can take over if we allow it. George Muller said, "The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of faith is the end of anxiety."

Our family at St. Matthew is always available to help each other find our way to choose faith in Christ and give Him our fears. He certainly has shown us lately that He is here with us.



Let's look around at the things that go on here at St. Matthew, give our fears to Christ, dust off our own gifts and pitch in. It is time to set up our groups for 2016. If you are asked to serve, please consider it with faith.

If not asked and have a gift for something, do not hesitate to volunteer. My mother gave me this advise on my wedding night. "If you want roses for your first Anniversary, start hinting tonight." No one can read your mind, don't wait for the call, make the call yourself. Join the team, we all need each other and we especially need you!

Blessings in Christ,
Barb Hedges
Co Lay Leader

2015-2016 Children's Sunday School 9:15 - 10:15 a.m., Sunday School Classes

Parents, please **"sign-in"** your child(ren) at the **"Count Me In Table" on the patio.**

Your child(ren) will accompany you to the 9:00 a.m. worship service. After the "Children's Moment", the children are dismissed, and accompanied to their appropriate classes. Parents, please pick-up and **"sign-out" your child(ren) in their class by 10:15 a.m.**

If there is only 1 child in your child's class, the class will be combined with another class as follows: Preschool with K-2nd grade; K-2nd grade with 3rd-5th grade; 3rd-5th grade with K-2nd grade.

10:30 - 11:15 a.m., Children's Church

Parent's please "sign-in" your child(ren) at the **"Count Me In Table" on the patio**, and take them directly to D22. Children will be returned to the 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. so they can participate in communion with their family. **If there is only 1 child in Children's Church, that child will be returned to their family in the Contemporary service.**



Share God's Word



Multi-Media Ministry

"We need Slide Creators" for our Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. service. If you have used Power Point, then you should be able to do this work. We will provide training. If interested, drop in the Sound Booth after the 9:00 a.m. worship service, or call the Church Office at 480-838-7309 during business hours.

St. Matthew UMW Craft Boutique

Friday, October 16 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. More details on page one.

Cuppa Natter

Meet on Tuesday, October 27 in Billie Snell's home at 7:00 p.m. Call Billie at 480-710-4351 for directions.

Morning Glories

Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in C6-7.

October 6 - Program by Billie Snell

"Changes in Mongolia from 2002 and 2015"

October 20 - Program arranged by Connie Schultz.

Field trip to USA Clydesdale Preservation

Foundation in Gilbert (near Higley & Pecos)

Carpooling from church if desired.

Contact Susan Mann Patterson at 480-684-0275 or

Karen Anderson 480-892-2082 for more details.

UMW Unit Meeting

There will not be a Unit Meeting for UMW on Tuesday, October 13 due to the Craft Boutique on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17. Hope to see you there.

UMW Executive Board Meeting

We will be having an Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center to plan the 2016 programs. Please plan to be there and bring ideas for Meetings and Circles; or send someone to represent you. Any questions, please call Jo Sprankle at 480-227-6333.

UMOM Friday Night Dinners

Thanks to so many who have continued to support the dinner program at UMOM. There are still some open dates. The sign up sheet will be on the Chat table on the patio. I will be happy to take a group of people who would like to experience this for the first time. Please call me to arrange a date. Ginny Smythe 480-892-8083.

Missions

Thanks to everyone who supported the St. Matthew Youth Team and the Adult Team for the UMOM Walk for the Homeless at the Phoenix Zoo. It was a great way to enjoy the zoo and still support the wonderful work at UMOM.

Week without Violence

"Champions of Champions Recognition Event" will be Sunday, October 11 from 1:30 until 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Parents must provide transportation and supervision. Contact Dr. Ruth Tan Lim at 480-820-4507 for more details.

Habitat for Humanity

First time in a long time. Habitat for Humanity and the Mighty Methodist Coalition have made it possible for us to be involved in two builds this coming season. The fall build will begin in October in Glendale. We need you to join our team for this great experience. You will feel great, guaranteed! Please contact: Duane Kiddoo, kiddooskdk@aol / 480-831-1337 or Leroy Livingston, barleroy@aol.com.

Come have fun!

East Valley Men's Shelter Sack Lunches



Groups or individuals interested in helping may do so in the following ways. Help make lunches. Sunday morning or afternoon times are flexible for making and packing the lunches depending on the individuals

or groups that volunteer. Teams of 8-12 work well. It takes about 1/2 hours to complete. Couples, groups, or individuals may sign up by contacting Bob or Denise Allen. Currently we are serving on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Monetary donations can be given to St. Matthew but must be marked for East Valley Men's lunches. Supply donations can be brought to the church office during the week or on Sunday mornings. Please mark your donation for EVM.

Donations include creamy peanut butter, containers of jelly, Ziploc sandwich bags, large lunch sacks, single serving packages of chips and snack crackers, dinner napkins, cases of water bottles or Gatorade type products.

We are also looking for friends to write greetings to place in the sack lunches.

Cards will be supplied by the Ignite Ministry team. To volunteer contact Bob or Denise Allen at 480-838-2269.

Pastor's Study

Pastor's Study meet Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in C4. We are currently studying "The Great Emergence" by Phyllis Tickle.

Everyone is welcome to join this group.

Book cost is \$15.00. Call Jo Sprankle at 480-227-6333 if you need a book.



NEW CLASS - Yahwey Yoga Class

Beginning on Friday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the activity center.

We will meet every Friday morning for yoga and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join this fun new group, bring a friend too!

What is Christian restorative Yoga? Soft but deliberate movement designed to bring relaxation and a higher level of health. Christian music and Christian Meditation, Prayer and Thanksgiving are all infused into the practice.

What are some of the benefits of Christian restorative yoga? Drawing closer to the Lord through Christian Meditation and Prayer. Relaxation through varied breathing techniques. Strengthening of the body through yoga poses. Increased flexibility through yoga poses. Building relations by working with common goals.

Meet the teacher: My name is Pam Bolio, I am a certified (through Yoga Alliance, the governing board for yoga instructors and teaching academies) YYT and 500 hour RYT, therapeutic teacher, and Certified Mindfulness Practitioner. I have received additional specialized training in working with seniors and the elderly as well as Cancer patients and limited mobility students. Even more important than credentials I am passionate about helping people live their lives the way God created us to live in vitality and joy.

The cost is \$5.00 per participant each week. Please bring your own mat. Hope to see you on Friday, October 2! Childcare will be available with advance notice for \$5.00 per child each week in the church nursery. Please call the church office during business hours at 480-838-7309 to reserve a place for your child, children or grandchildren. The kids will play while you work out! **Give it a try...YOU might enjoy it!**

Justa Center

We cannot do without your help! Your donations mean so very much to many at our center. Justa Center needs: razors, deodorant, toilet paper, dish soap, new men's socks, new women's socks, anti-itch cream, antacid and walking canes. Thank YOU for your support!

Please Share Your Information with Us

Having surgery? In the hospital? Please let the church office at 480-838-7309 or Pastor Joan at 602-400-5626 know if you are hospitalized and desire a pastoral call. The federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, enacted in 1996, prohibits hospitals from releasing patient information. As a result, the church office no longer has any way of knowing if you are in the hospital unless you contact the office directly.

Hospice of the Valley Adult Grief Support

Did you know St. Matthew has a great support group, sponsored by Hospice of the Valley for adult grief support? Reuben Sanchez is the facilitator for this group. Reuben is here twice per month on the first and third Tuesday all year from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in room C3. This is a free service for all church members and our community.

United Methodist

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 4 is World Communion Sunday. Your gift enables ethnic students to change the world. Please give generously to support World Communion Sunday scholarships for graduate national and international students. Ethnic Scholarships for national and International undergraduates studying within the United States and ethnic in-service training (non-degree). Your choice to give empowers a diverse mix of international and ethnic students for global impact for Christ.

Sunday School Teachers

Sunday School Teacher Dedication and Recognition will be on Sunday, October 4 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Please come meet all of our new teachers for 2015 - 2016.

3rd Grade Bibles

Sunday, October 25, 3rd grade students will be presented with their own new Bible during worship services. Please contact Becky Kerr if you have a 3rd grade child so they can be recognized and receive their new Bible. Also let Becky know if you have any older children who do not have their own Bible. You may contact Becky by emailing her at: becky@stmatthewmesa.org.