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A Note From Susan

A New Year

2017! It’s here!

Happy New Year to each one of you!

Do you love the fresh start of a New Year? I have a dear friend who spends the month of January cleaning out closets and giving away all the things that she no longer needs. She lives by the wisdom of my seminary professor Justo Gonzalez from Cuba who was taught as a boy: “If you have something that you are not using, it no longer belongs to you. You must set it free to find its rightful owner.” These words have helped me sort through many closets and helped things find their rightful owners.

As we enter a New Year, we may still be sorting through the past one, trying to figure out what to let go of and what new things we would like to do. I have never been on a cruise before so I am excited to be sailing with many of you on our Faith Fellowship Cruise. Sometimes it’s a friend who can encourage you to try something new. Sometimes a friend will push you more than you would push yourself! I was reminded of this recently as I visited one of you recovering from surgery. You were encouraged to get outside and walk, but it was suggested to you that you should get a friend to go with you. For when a friend is at your door in his walking shoes, you will have to start moving. Or when your church says, “It’s time to go on a cruise,” you find yourself up for a new adventure!

We are made for community, and we need each other. We need our friends and our loved ones who help us let go, who push us to be our better selves, and who have stuck with us with every New Year. And we need our new friends, too! Until we moved here, I never really knew anyone who lived in Hawaii or Montana or Wisconsin! We need each other to hold us together and to stretch us at the same time.

It is being in this community of Faith Church that will help us through a great deal - even through all the wonderful and difficult times that may come in the New Year! It was said of the early Christians, “See how they love each other.” May it be said of us, too, all year long!

Happy New Year!

May God bless you all,

Susan

Susan, Kristin, Cathie, Peter,
Tim, David, Karen, Louise,
Gillian, Corrie, Roy, Joan
Your Faith Church Staff

NOTES OF THANKS have been received from the following for visits, cards, prayers, and other courtesies extended by the staff and church members: Wilma McDaniel, Darlene Hays, Betty Forsberg.
PANIC ATTACK OR HEART ATTACK? HOW CAN YOU TELL??

A panic attack can often appear to be a heart attack. You may have a feeling that “something is not right”. A panic attack is defined as FOUR or more of the following symptoms:

- Heart palpalitations, pounding heart, or fast heart rate
- Excessive sweating**
- Trembling or shaking
- Sensation of shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or smothering**
- Feeling of choking
- Chest pain or discomfort **
- Nausea or abdominal distress**
- Feeling dizzy, unsteady, lightheaded, or faint**
- Feelings of unreality or being detached from oneself
- Feeling of losing control or going crazy
- Numbness or tingling sensations**
- Chills or hot flushes**

** Some of these same symptoms can be associated with heart attack

A heart attack can lead to cardiac arrest or death, so it is crucial to recognize symptoms! Heart attack can last minutes to hours, days or even weeks. The difference in chest pain is most significant. Heart attack is usually crushing or tightness, while panic attack is often pounding, rapid heartbeat.

Tingling sensation of heart attack is more of a shooting pain and numbness down left side of the body. Panic attack, all extremities can be affected.

Jaw or back pain can be associated with heart attack, but not during a panic attack.

Panic attacks come on suddenly and are intense with all symptoms rushing at the same time, then subside within 10 minutes. They are usually situational.
Sharing Our Faith

The Office of Spiritual Formation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) defines spiritual formation as “the activity of the Holy Spirit which molds our lives into the likeness of Jesus Christ.” This happens in the life of Faith Church in many ways, across our campus and beyond. However, many folks may not be aware of how faith formation is taking place here, even among our youngest members in the nursery week.

By now most of you know our nursery children join us for communion on first Sundays and children’s time the rest of the month. But what happens in Iona during their time with Rose Zuniga, Joan Birmingham, and the occasional volunteer goes far beyond “babysitting” as the children are steeped in the foundations of the faith through songs, stories, crafts and activities that introduce them to Bible characters, spiritual practices, and the work and worship of the church.

Most Sundays their lessons are drawn from a PC (USA) published curriculum called “Grace and Gratitude,” to which Rose and Joan add their own creative twists. Recently they created their own advent wreath and added paper candles each Sunday leading up to Christmas. But they also took time to engage a special lesson related to the Christmas Joy offering, which invited them to locate each of the racial-ethnic schools associated with the offering on a map of the United States and to prepare Christmas cards for those schools. Harlow was delighted to spot a place name he recognized in the group: Stillman College serves primarily African-American students in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Harlow was excited to share that he had just visited his grandparents in Tuscaloosa for Thanksgiving! (His father is a Tuscaloosa native and his grandfather once worked as an assistant coach for the Stillman football team.) This 4-year-old was proud to sign his name on a greeting bound for place he knew.

Sharing our Faith happens in many ways, large and small. Through our children’s ministry, our youngest members are learning that they are part of a connectional church community that is deep and wide, a family that spans the country and the globe, as well as the centuries. As we invest in the next generation of disciples, we fulfill what the Book of Order describes as “The Great Ends of the Church:” “the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.” (F.-1.0304). You could add “spiritual formation” as well.

“Grace and peace,
Pastor Kristin

Pastoral Care & Hospital Visitation

PLEASE NOTE: We comply with HIPAA Laws.
Please notify us, or have someone other than the hospital notify us, if you are admitted to the hospital.

At Faith Presbyterian Church we seek to be effective and consistent in our pastoral care. That care is dependent on members notifying the church when either they, or a family member, enter the hospital. Our Elders and Deacons along with Pastor Susan and Nurse Cathie take turns, on a rotating basis, with the visitation ministry and special care when people are in the hospital.

In Memoriam

Mary Ann Dutton 11/18
Dorothy Confair 11/20
Rev. David Forsberg 11/25

FREE Church Nursery in the Iona Room

A free church nursery, during worship on Sunday, is now available to our members and guests who have children 5 years old and younger. Please see an usher for directions.
Whether you are new to Faith Church or have been a long-time member, you are invited to join us at 8:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet in Glendale on Saturday, January 14 & February 11. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends.

Held on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Iona Room. We welcome all who are interested in a fun afternoon! Hand and Foot cards welcomes both women and men. Iced tea and water will be available. Please call Helen Garwood at 623-748-8196 if you plan on attending.

Acoustic Music Jam: 3rd Thursday of every month. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Illingworth Hall
Beginners welcome, not an open mic jam. Questions? Contact John Harris 602-448-4341 or Karen Harris 602-448-0419

Open Bridge Group: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Iona Room. For more information or to make your reservation please call Jan Powell at 323-559-4688. Please join us all are welcome.

Artists of the Month

Faith Quilters will be displaying their wonderful works in Illingworth Hall during January. Finished items are prepared first for the Habitat Family of the year. Many more, fifteen to twenty, are distributed to the women’s shelter each year. They also make stuffed toys for visitors to church services and children in the shelters. They welcome returning winter visitors, and NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Quilters meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon each Thursday, with time for refreshments at 10:00 a.m. They chat, snack, stitch, and sew, a task for any and all talent. Mostly they enjoy the company of like minds and talents. Please call 623-824-4269, or the church office for more information.
We received a letter of thanks from the president and CEO, Rev. John L. McCullough, Church World Service, thanking us for our generous donation to the Blankets program in July and August of 2016. Our contribution of $640 provided hope to neighbors near and far: Refugee families in Serbia that need warmth and shelter as they are displaced and on their journey to find a new home; People in Kentucky impacted by the flooding and others that are homeless and economically disadvantaged; Migrant families in Colorado that find a ray of hope in blankets provided that shield them from the cold and wet conditions.

Peace/Justice/Mission

First the challenge: In preparation for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 5th, our friends at Congregational United Church of Christ have challenged Faith Church and Church of the Palms to a friendly competition: see which church can bring in the most cans of soup before Souper Bowl Sunday! We believe Faith Church has what it takes to win! Not only that, we will help stock the shelves of our local food pantries during the post-holiday “down time.” Watch for special soup collection stations at church throughout the month of January, and help make us the Souper Bowl Champs!

And an invitation: You are invited to join us for a “Letter-Writing Party” on Sunday, January 15th, at 3:00 p.m. in Illingworth Hall. Help shed some light into the lonely winter months for folks at the Eloy immigration detention facility with a hand-written greeting. We will begin with a documentary and discussion time regarding immigration detention, after which Rev. Elizabeth Smith, Volunteer Coordinator with the Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program will introduce our party time with a list of names and some letter-writing tips. Folks who are interested in a visitation trip to Eloy will have an opportunity to express their interest and ask questions as well. Bring some cheerful note cards and stamps if you like, or use the ones provided. Light refreshments will be also be on hand.

Hope you’ll join us; it’s shaping up to be a Souper New Year!

Christian Education

Beginning Tuesday, January 10, running through Spring

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Council Room

What will you learn?
Take an in-depth look at stories in the Book of Genesis, including Adam and Eve, the flood, and Abraham.

Look at the influence and impact of folklore on the stories of the bible—and vice-versa.

Grasp the origin and meaning, implementation, and interpretation of laws and warnings laid out in the Old testament.

Reminder:
Please turn your pledge card in as soon as you are able

Please Remember:
To pick up your offering envelopes in the Narthex.

February Calendar

The February calendar is still in the process of finalizing and is subject to changes. We are unable to print an accurate copy in this edition of the Mustard Seed. Printed copies will be available at the reception desk during the last week of January. Your weekly calendar is also available in the bulletins.
Food Banks

January 1, 2017 and February 5, 2017 will be Food Bank Sundays. Barrels will be in the breezeway on those Sundays to receive gifts of non-perishable food items. The food banks use these items to supplement the produce and perishable items in the food boxes they give to hungry people and families.

If you prefer to make a monetary gift, please use the pink food bank envelopes to be found in the pew racks in the sanctuary. All food and cash gifts received during January will go to the Valley View Food Bank. Those received during February will go to the Agua Fria Food Bank.

Valued Donations:
- Peanut Butter, Pasta, Rice, Canned Meats and Fish,
- Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Boxed Meals,
- Cereal, Protein Bars.

Please place your donations in the bins in Illingworth Hall. Thank you!

Going Green

Climate change behind severe bleaching of Great Barrier Reef.

More than half of a 435-mile portion of Australia’s Great Barrier Reef has been severely bleached by climate change causing sea water temperatures to rise, according to researchers at James Cook University. Higher sea temperatures have led to the worst bleaching event on record, a new study finds, with coral predicted to take at least 10 to 15 years to recover.

The dire assessment of the reef’s health comes as the Australian government is due to report to UNESCO’s world heritage committee on its handling of the reef. Climate change poses such a threat to the reef that the former head of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Parks Authority has called for a ban on all new coalmines in Australia to protect the reef from climate change. Graeme Kelleher, who was first chief executive of the reef Authority, said “Australia cannot have a healthy Great Barrier Reef and a continuing coal industry.” Adapted from article by Terry Hughes in "the Guardian" Submitted by: Ruth Mehl

Congregational Life

Thursdays@Faith
Program and Dinner

January 12 & 26
February 9 & 23
Dinner 6 p.m.
Illingworth Hall - tickets $8

January 12 - To be announced. Please refer to your weekly bulletin for information on the event.

January 26 - Rhonda Vogt. Take a sentimental journey through the 1940s, 50s, 60s and even a stroll down Broadway with Rhonda Vogt. Rhonda has been entertaining audiences in the valley for many years - whether solo or with the vocal trios, The Swing Sisters and The Broads' Way. Her vocal styles range from Doris Day & Rosemary Clooney to Patsy Cline and Julie Andrews. With her Musical Theater training and experience, Rhonda not only sings, dances and plays piano; she truly entertains. Be ready to sing along with your favorites and maybe even guess some interesting trivia in this engaging, nostalgic journey with Rhonda.

February 9 - Donna Wilde & Richard Palalay. They have performed together for the past three-and-a-half years appearing in every kind of venue around the Valley of the Sun. Donna is one of Phoenix-area’s notable and talented performers, not only a singer and saxophonist, but also a recorded songwriter. Richard is a sought-after pianist, composer and arranger. His songs have received national radio and television airplay. Come enjoy this evening of pure musical pleasure!

February 23 - To be announced. Please refer to your weekly bulletin for information on the event.
Look for our new Children’s Book Section near the DVDs.

Faith’s Monday morning book club will discuss this book on February 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

This is a story for everyone who believes in the power of books. The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald is based on an international friendship that develops over the love of books and becomes a sweet and soulful discovery of America. Broken Wheel is a great place to visit and stay for a while as the people who live there will steal your heart.

In The Book of Joy Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet. The Archbishop has never claimed sainthood, and the Dalai Lama considers himself a simple monk. In this unique collaboration, they offer us the reflection of real lives filled with pain and turmoil in the midst of which they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives.

Let’s Talk Books

For 2017, our discussions will take place in the Library at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays:

January 25
February 22
March 22

In January, our discussion will be led by Susan Radtke and we will discuss some of the new authors in our library in addition to new books by many of our favorite authors.

ALL CHURCH READ
“Faithful Resistance”:
Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire”
by Rick Ufford-Chase

Rick Ufford-Chase was the Moderator of the General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church from 2004-2006. He will be our Anniversary speaker at Faith Church Feb. 12, 2017.

To prepare for Rick’s visit we are invited to read his new book, Faithful Resistance. You may read it on your own or join any one of five groups to discuss it with others.
Women’s Ministry
PW Women of Faith
February Gathering

Thursday, February 16th
10:30am in Illingworth Hall
(CT mtg. 9-10am Council Room)

Fashion show using donated women’s clothes.

Luncheon: Please make your reservations with Carol Preston or at the Church’s reception desk by noon, Monday, February 13th.

Mission of the Month: Fashion show garments, shoes, hats will be donated to New Life Center/Eve’s Place.

Small Dinner Groups
The perfect way to get to know and meet new “Faith Friends”!

We are putting together small groups for dinner gatherings during January, February, March and April. If you would like to be included, please call Carole Bentley at 623-376-8050. Groups will meet in restaurants or homes, please specify your preferences when you call Carole. **Singles are most welcome! Come, join in the fun and make new friends.**

Hanging of the Greens
A HUGE thank you to all who helped decorate Faith Church campus, and prepare food and festivities for Christmas. Special thanks go to Bob Gibbens, Allan Bradeen, Bob Blean, Bill Anderman, Tal Rice and David Bergstrom for assembling the nativity scene in front of Faith Church. Once again our campus filled us all with wonder and happiness as we celebrated Christmas with our **Faith Family** and friends.

Please call the office 623-974-3611.

- When you feel the church can assist you in any way.
- When you or a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so that visits can be arranged and the proper people notified.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When your class or group plans to meet so that a room can be reserved for you and placed on the church calendar.
- When either your home address or phone number changes so the church records can be amended.
- When you are planning to move - either out of town or locally.

Changes: Please make sure you note the following changes in your Church directory.

Faith Church website get’s a new look!  Go to www.scfaith.org

Take a look at our new website! You can now listen to last week’s sermon on the Recent Sermons page (just click on the link on the home page). When you get to the Recent Sermons page click on the media player, turn your speakers on...sit back and enjoy the sermon. PDF files are also available for the last few sermons.

We average over 350 visitors per day. The site is intended to serve the needs of our members as well as those who may be searching for a church home. We include news of future events, descriptions of our ministries and mission, and directions for finding our church. Check it out! Pass this information along to friends and family. The site address is: **www.scfaith.org**
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 15-20, 2017

Once again Sun City churches will be gathering each day during the week of January 15 - 20, 2017, to pray for Christian Unity. The week begins on Sunday January 15 when each congregation will pray for God’s Blessings. The week of prayer came to Sun City 17 years ago.

Schedule for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: From NOON to 1:00 p.m.

Celebration #1  Monday, January 16
At First Presbyterian Church
12225 103rd Ave, Sun City
Co-hosts: Shepherd of the Desert Church
Offering: Jams and Jellies

Celebration #2  Tuesday, January 17
At Saint Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
9728 Palmeras Drive, Sun City
Co-hosts: St. Joachim & St Anne
Offering: Big Bags of Rice

Celebration #3  Wednesday, January 18
At Church of the Palms
14808 Boswell Boulevard, Sun City
Co-host: Faith Presbyterian Church
Offering: Peanut Butter

Celebration #4  Thursday, January 19
All Saints of the Desert
9502 Hutton Drive, Sun City
Co-host: St Christopher’s Episcopal
Offering: Pasta and/or in Sauce

Celebration #5  Friday, January 20
At First United Methodist Church
9849 N. 105th Avenue, Sun City
Offering: Tuna

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Pastor Contact Numbers
If you would like a visit, or know of a member or friend of the church who is in the hospital or needs special attention, we ask that you first call the church office at 623-974-3611. We appreciate your help in obtaining this information. If we are unable to be reached at the church, please use the cell phone numbers below.

Church Phone .................................623-974-3611
Dr. Susan E. Moorefield ..................ext. 104
Rev. Kristin Rice .........................ext. 106
Cathie Bamber, Parish Nurse ..........ext. 107

Dr. Susan E. Moorefield
502-693-0503 ...........................(cell phone)

Rev. Kristin Rice
608-317-8112 ............................(cell phone)

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Welcome Classes

January 8th and 15th - Everyone is invited!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith Presbyterian Church, or would simply like to learn more about this faith community and the Presbyterian tradition, you are invited to attend a Welcome Class on two consecutive Sunday mornings, January 8th and 15th at 9 a.m. in the Council room. Those who choose to join the congregation will be welcomed as new members during worship on January 22nd.

For more information or to register for the class, please contact Pastor Kristin at (623) 974-3611 ext. 106, or email krice@scfaith.org. Please RSVP by January 4th so we can be sure to have enough materials for everyone.

Faith Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, welcoming, caring community, committed to serving Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and to love one another. We worship, study and grow in understanding as we work for justice and peace in the world, inspired by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible. (From Matthew 17:20)