



Immanuel Dove

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church (USA) Tucson, AZ

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This has been a difficult year so far for us Tucsonans. I think all of us will remember where we were when we heard the shocking news about the January 8th shooting of our U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords and the other innocent bystanders. With many of us having connections to those impacted, we've realized that our city is indeed the "biggest small town in America." In this difficult time, I believe our faith provides important guidance for the grieving and healing process.



The importance of silence. Job's friends initially got it right when they, "sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw his suffering was very great" (Job 2:13). They (and we) get into trouble when we rush to answers to assign blame or reason for great suffering. It is wise to live with mystery as we just begin to process these horrific events.

Lament. The psalms are a crucial guide for us in these times because they teach us how to grieve and to have hope in the midst of great sorrow. In the psalms of lament, the worshiping community expresses grief and frustration at the brokenness of the world and the evil we encounter. No experience in life is too difficult to be brought before God.

Focus on the presence of God. I've found myself singing a worship song with this chorus: "Though I feel alone/I am never alone/You are with me/O my Lord." God often doesn't give answers or explanations, but God always gives us *himself*. The Suffering Servant, Jesus of Nazareth, experientially joins with us in our weakness and grief.

Mental Health awareness. In the coming weeks, the Immanuel community will have more opportunities to learn about mental health issues. Learning about this prevalent challenge will empower us to help those around us (or ourselves) overcome the stigma often connected with it, and find the resources and information to address depression and other mental health issues in appropriate and helpful ways.

Public expression of our faith. As Christians, we have the ongoing responsibility to pray for all leaders. We believe everyone is made in the image of God, which frees us to respectfully listen and disagree or agree with those around us. James says it well: "With the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God....this ought not to be so." (James 3:9,10) We the church have the opportunity and high calling to be peacemakers and humble representatives of Christ in our all too often violent society. Paul exhorts us to remember that we have the ministry of reconciliation, "that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself . . . we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us . . ." (2 Cor. 5: 18-20).

May you sense God's healing presence and offer the Spirit's gentle comfort in these difficult times.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

Session Corner

- Approved the Personnel Team to hire a Christian Ed Director; either an interim or a permanent person.
- Elected Capri McCue as the new Clerk of Session.
- Session retreat to be Feb 4 & 5.
- Set the Annual Congregational Meeting for Feb 20 at noon.
- Discussed the 2011 budget.
- Endowment Funds approved for Mission work.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 20, 2011
Following the 11:00 service
A light lunch will be served

The purpose for this meeting is to:

- Review the Annual Report
- Review the budget for 2011
- Elect the Nominating Committee members for 2011 from the congregation at large.

Staff Openings

Immanuel has a vacancy for a **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR** position for 20-25 hours per week. The purpose of the position is to empower all ages to grow in Christian discipleship through education. Plan, develop, and supervise the Christian Education of the church in working with teachers, youth group leaders, the Christian Education Team, the church Staff, and the Session. Immanuel is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer.

We are searching for a **PART TIME WORSHIP LEADER FOR OUR ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

If you are interested in learning more about these positions or would like to apply, please contact Personnel Team Elder, Maggie Clifton regarding the application process: 296-3008 or Clifnotes@cox.net. Information is available on our web site.

Immanuel has begun Ministry Teams within the Session. Please consider joining one of the teams.

Contact one of the members of the team with whom you wish to work:

Hospitality Team: Lyda Berman, Joy Hager, Capri McCue

Traditional Worship Team: Lyda Berman, Carol Schurr

Alternative Worship Team: Ed Vander Woude

Christian Education Team: Jessie Hampton, David Powell

Mission and Evangelism: Katie Maass, Mike Pastirik

Finance Team: Ron Parker, Liz Wallendorf

Stewardship Team: David Powell, Carol Schurr

Communications & Technology Team: Phil Downard, Laura Seel

Buildings & Grounds Team: Craig Zimmermann, Ed Vander Woude



You are welcome to join a team for one or more events, the months you are available or whatever time you have to volunteer. You may also change teams if you feel you want to try something different. We appreciate all of your skills and your time.

Come See What's Happening in Sunday School in February



Sunday School is for kids ages 3 years through 5th grade:

**Join us at 9:45 in
Rooms 4 & 5!**

Help!!! With the resignation of our CE Director, the CE Team has been filling this position until a new director is hired. Until that time, please consider volunteering to help teach, assist one of the teachers, help with Sunday morning planning or one of the many tasks needed to make this program a success. If you are interested in helping, contact David Powell, Jessie Hampton, Larry Biehl or Pastor John.

The Adult Bible Study class will resume on January 30. The class will finish the letters of Peter before beginning the book of James.

Sue and Joey Samoy will lead a workshop on "The Purpose Driven Life."

As I leave to begin this new chapter of my life, I'd like to thank you for the hospitality and support I received in the last 6 months. You are a wonderful congregation knit together by a long history. I wish you many blessings in the future.
Heather Stein & Family

February 6 2:00 pm Super Bowl Party at Keating's

February 13 5:00 pm Youth Group

February 20 5:00 pm Youth Group

February 27—No Youth Group (Rodeo Weekend)



Call for Submissions!

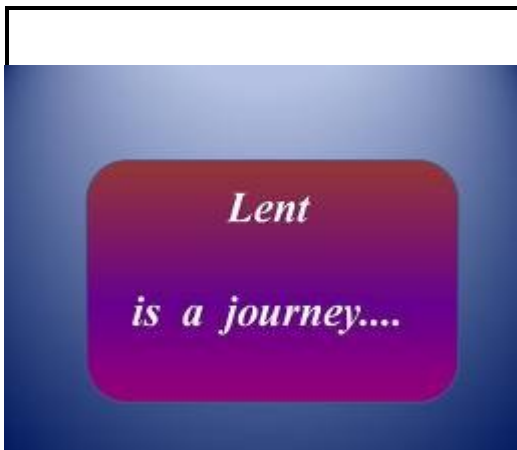


Immanuel is putting together a daily devotional for Lent based around the theme, "School of Hard Knocks." The Devotional Committee is looking for personal stories, inspirational quotes, reading recommendations (for all ages, both fiction and non-fiction), images, and prayers on the following themes:

- Mistakes: how have you learned from a mistake? The sermon's text will be Proverbs 24:16.
- Hurts: how have you overcome emotional wounds or repaired a wounded relationship? Have you experienced forgiveness? What have you learned from being forgiven or forgiving someone? The Scripture text will be Zephaniah 3:14-20.
- Loneliness: When have you been alone? Have you ever faced hopelessness? Have you experienced depression? How has the presence of God manifested during these times in your life? The Scripture text will be Psalm 24:5-11.
- Burn Out: When have you faced burn out? How have you avoided burn out? Scripture text will be Exodus 18: 13-27.
- Addiction: Have you overcome an addiction? What was your experience facing an addiction? Have you helped a loved one face addiction? The Scripture text will be Romans 7:14-26.
- Lenten themes: Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Uprising (Great Vigil of Easter), Easter: Share your experiences and reflection with this liturgical season.

The purpose of this devotional is to help the Immanuel family grow as individuals in their faith by sharing our Lenten thoughts with each other.

Some notes on submissions: The deadline is February 9, but the earlier submissions are received, the happier the committee will be. While the Committee would like to include the author's names with their submission, names will be withheld upon request. Please submit items by email to Rachael Eggebeen (edsrachael@gmail.com). The Devotional Committee will edit submissions for grammar and spelling errors, as well as edit for content.



And we must plan for the journey.

A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 6, in the Agave Room (9) following the 11:00 am worship service. Bring your ideas, your calendars and your willingness to help.



2011 Montlure Camp Schedule
and Fee Schedules.



Camp Awareness Sunday will be Sunday, February 13th, at Immanuel. Did you know that Immanuel sent more campers to Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp last year than any other church in the Presbytery? Twenty-eight of our children and youth attended camp in 2010! All campers, counselors, chaplains, bus chaperones, volunteers, etc. who have participated in Montlure in any way are encouraged to wear their camp shirts to church February 13th. We will also have a Moment for Mission featuring Montlure. Kids entering 4th grade in the fall of 2011 through High School may attend camp. Registration for the 2011 summer camps is underway. Visit Montlure.org to see the 2011 camp schedule, register on-line, or to print the forms to fill out and send in by mail. Early-bird registration discounts are in effect for all registrations received on or before March 31, so register early! Scholarships are available. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to grow in your faith and hang out in the cool pines of the White Mountains! For more information, see Pastor John or Immanuel's representatives to the Montlure Council, Bob Seel, Laura Seel, or Robin Staples.

Camp	Grade	Dates
Senior High 1 (7 nights)	9-12	June 4-11
Junior High 1 (6 nights)	6-8	June 11-17
Juniors 1 (5 nights)	4-6	June 17-22
Senior High 2 (7 nights)	9-12	June 25-July 2
Junior High 2 (6 nights)	7-9	July 9-15
Juniors 2 (5 nights)	4-6	July 15-20
Niners (6 nights)	9	July 23-29
Junior High 3 (6 nights)	6-8	July 29-August 4

If you are unable to register at church, please Register online at www.Montlure.org.

2011 Fee Schedule	Until 3/31/2011	April 1 or later
Senior High Camps	\$375	\$425
Junior High Camps	\$350	\$400
Niners	\$350	\$400
Juniors Camps	\$325	\$375

Camp fees include registration fee, water bottle and T-shirt and transportation to and from camp. Montlure accepts checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

LATE FEE - Add \$50 if the registration is received less than 2 weeks before camp starts.



Who's Your Deacon??

What is a Deacon?

All Christians are charged to love their neighbors and care for one another. Deacons of Immanuel Presbyterian Church provide an organized way of bringing the love of Jesus Christ to the church and community. The *Book of Order* notes, "The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ." It is a ministry of caring, love, compassion, prayer and service to Immanuel members, friends, visitors, and community. Immanuel deacons have a specific parish, or group of members and families for which they assume responsibility. They maintain contact, and are available to be contacted to share the mission of Immanuel, and respond to the joys and concerns of members.

Who has a Deacon?

At Immanuel, every member is automatically assigned a deacon. A deacon is both responsible and responsive to his or her parish members, sharing the news of Immanuel for special events and occasions, being a presence in times of joy, and providing sympathy and compassion in times of tragedy or grieving. They also serve as a liaison to special pastoral care as necessary and appropriate.

A Deacon connection is also available to friends and visitors, including winter visitors, upon request. Those who attend Immanuel worship and activities regularly but have not affiliated membership here, may request to have a deacon assigned to them. If you are not a member, and would like a "deacon-connection", please notify the office so that your request can be processed.

How will I know who my Deacon is?

Many of you have already been introduced to your deacon, either in person or through some means of communication. The 2011 board of deacons had their first meeting and training on Saturday, January 15th. If you haven't been contacted yet, you will be receiving a call or note soon. In a few weeks, there will also be a "Meet Your Deacon" Sunday, which is a time deacons are present in person to extend the hand of fellowship and service. Information regarding that event will be in the worship bulletins and Dove.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions about who your deacon is or about a potential deacon connection, you can contact the church office or Larry Biehl, pastor assistant. Your question(s) will be addressed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Parish 1 Jim and Sheila McArthur
Parish 3 Bob and Betty Besser
Parish 5 Norm Snodgrass
Parish 7 Cathy Muckenhirn
Parish 9 Kay Schmidt
Parish 11 Ann Pastirik
Parish 13 Eleanor Grubbs
Parish 15 Kathy Parker
Parish 17 Jean Nelson

Parish 2 Andrea Larsen
Parish 4 Joan Mergard
Parish 6 Chloe Wetzel
Parish 8 Linda Griffith
Parish 10 Michael and Sharon Beck
Parish 12 Tami Keating
Parish 14 Lucy Greenleaf
Parish 16 Marie Roberts
Parish 18 Katie Smith

Deacons Sale Saturday, April 9th, from 7 AM - 2 PM.

Worker's Needed!

The Deacons need church members to help volunteer their time for the setting up of the event, helping to work at the sale and to take down the sale! There will be a sign-up sheet placed at the gazebo on Sundays. On the **day of the sale** we will need volunteers to start at **6:00 AM** to set up last minute items. They will need someone after 2:00 pm to pack up the items.



Donations Needed!

The Deacons have arranged for two "Cool Boxes" to be set up in the parking lot for your treasures. If you need help getting your donated items to the church, please call the church office or Katie Smith at 762-1361 to arrange to have them picked up.

Your time and donations will make this deacon project a success!
The money made from the rummage sale provide the funding for the pastors Emergency Benevolence Fund.

Gift of Love

By Larry Biehl, CLP



Small gifts and contributions can make a HUGE difference in the lives of individuals. Last year the Immanuel Deacons contributed more than three thousand dollars to be used for emergency benevolence. Because of the work of the Deacons and the generosity of those who contributed items to the Deacon Rummage Sale, the pastors of Immanuel were able to touch lives in very significant and personal ways that truly "made a difference". Having financial resources available for family and personal emergencies that keep life manageable has been a true gift of love. Due to the initiative of the Deacons and the creation of the emergency benevolence fund, additional financial resources have been made available from other individuals and families as well.

On April 9, the Immanuel Deacons will be holding their Second Annual Rummage Sale. Your contributions of sale items and perhaps donation of some of your time, will continue the availability of funds to touch lives in personal ways and extend the love of our church to individuals experiencing difficult or devastating circumstances. In Matthew we read, "...whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." (Matt. 25: 40)

"Thank you" from the pastors for your part in making God's love a reality in our family and community. You are encouraged to continue your participation in this ministry of service and compassion.

Special folks to thank for helping in February

The Hospitality Team is looking for groups to host the Fellowship Hours. Why not consider hosting for one month a year. You can sign up to:
set up and host after the 8:30 service
or host after the 11:00 service and clean up.

Sign up at the gazebo or talk with Joy Hager.

Lay Readers

February 6	8:30 - Merrily Davis	11:00 - Betty Hillman
February 13	8:30—Dean Downard	11:00 - Jim McArthur
February 20	8:30 - Erin Cech	11:00 - Kirk Wallendorf
February 27	8:30 - Laura Cech	11:00 - Laura Seel

Casa Maria

Saturday, February 19

Bring your sack lunches to the church between 7:45 and 9:30 am.

The person making the delivery to Casa Maria leaves promptly at 9:30. Each lunch should contain 2 sandwiches of your choice, (no mayo or mustard), a piece of fruit and a dessert (a couple of cookies, a granola bar, etc.). You may make as many lunches as you desire.



The Monday morning Bible Study and Book Club meets each Monday at 9:00 am in Witherspoon Hall. All are invited to join our inspirational and lively discussions each Monday morning. We will begin studying Max Lucado's "And The Angels Were Silent - Walking With Christ Toward the Cross". Max Lucado invites us: "Let's follow Jesus on his final journey. For by observing His, we may learn how to make ours. And discover what matters to God." The cost for each book is \$13.00.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study continues to meet on Thursday mornings from 6:30—7:30 in Witherspoon Hall. Men of all ages are welcome to attend.

Agape circle will meet Wednesday, February 16, 9:00 - 11:30 at the home of Shirley Scott (81 Gold Mine Loop). Jean Denker will lead us in the Horizon Study, Lesson #5. Please call Shirley at 298-5768 to let her know you will be there.

Julia Circle has disbanded. The few members are asked to join either the Agape or Lydia Circle.

Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, February 21, at 6:30 pm in Witherspoon Hall.



Retirees Luncheon - February 16th

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 16th at 12:30 pm in Witherspoon Hall for another fun get together with friends and neighbors. No need to cook - we'll provide the meal for a suggested donation of \$4/person. Don Zook, a retired minister, will be our guest speaker. In the summer of 1945, Don at the age of 16, was one of the Seagoing Cowboys whp attended a cargo of mares as

they made their way to war torn Poland. This was part of the plan of the Brethren Church in which farmers and churches all over the country donated heifers and other farm animals to help people devastated by war. This was the beginning of what we now know as Heifer International! Don will show a DVD about the seagoing cowboys who accompanied and cared for the animals as they made their journey across the Atlantic. To help us in planning for lunch, please sign up at the Gazebo.

Walking!

Exercising more has always been a new year's resolution for many. Have you begun yet? Walking is one of the easiest ways to get started and it is so good for you. Now that the days are warming up, you might start by walking around your neighborhood. Come early to your church activity and walk the nature path or the labyrinth on the east side of our building. Keep track of your miles each week and add it to our "make believe destinations" at the gazebo. Last year we walked close to 3000 miles as we traveled to Yuma, Tonto National Monument, the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Prescott and Jerome. Let's see how quickly we can walk to and back from Monument Valley and the 4 Corners area (1010 miles).

Outings with Ann

Check the Sunday bulletin to see when we might go to the discount movie theater.

Changing the Guard-Ann Thornes

With a somewhat reluctant heart, I have resigned as Coordinator of Senior Ministries for Immanuel. Ever since I retired almost three years ago, I have had the opportunity to travel more, sometimes being gone from Tucson as much as five to six months of the year. This coming year looks to be no different. I cannot adequately fulfill the duties of this staff position. I had high hopes of expanding our ministries with older folks and this has not been possible with my being gone so much.

It has been an honor and pleasure working and serving with so many wonderful folks over these past twenty years. We have had lots of good times together and many fine memories. I thank you for your encouragement and support. When in town, I will still help organize our luncheons for retirees, outings to the movies and other attractions in Southern Arizona, and overnight trips under the direction of the fellowship team.



Join PCM Friday, February 11, 2011 for their 4th Annual Presbyterian Dinner, hosted by the Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM). The dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 2450 East Fort Lowell Road, 327-7121. Come see what PCM is all about and enjoy fellowship with other Christians. They will have a silent auction this year. The cost of the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Please sign up at the gazebo on Sunday mornings or contact Sue Samoy or Ann Brittain for tickets. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please feel free to do so.

Checks may be made payable to Presbyterian Campus Ministry.



Representative Giffords is a [NAMI](#) (National Alliance for Mental Illness) friend who has served as co-chair of the NAMIWalk in Southeast Arizona and has supported the NAMI missions of education, support and advocacy. This is a perfect time for us to show we care about what has happened in our community and take action.

The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) is holding its annual walk in Tucson on April 2nd and we are forming an Immanuel Walk Team! Together we will walk and show our support of this important cause. Individually we can pledge and collect support for our Immanuel Walking Team.

With your help, NAMI will continue its work as America's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

For more information on walking or pledging contact our co-team leaders Katie Smith (762-1361) or Ann Pastirik (449 0448). Watch the weekly bulletin for directions to our team's web site where you can pledge to donate or sign on the team to walk.

Thank you notes received:

Dear Rev. John Tittle and all the faithful at Immanuel Presbyterian

Thank you so much for the Christmas donation! (This was the sock project.)

And a very special thanks for all the really good lunches that appear here every month! They truly help people survive.

Peace and blessings,

Brian Flagg at Casa Maria

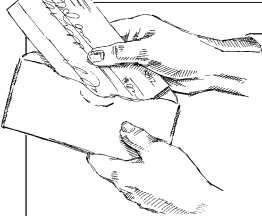
Thank you for your generous contribution of diapers to Our Family. (IPC contributed over 3000 diapers in December.) Diapers help homeless young parents to care for their children, while they receive the services they need to finish school, find jobs, obtain permanent housing and become independent adults with bright futures.

We appreciate your support!

Sue Krahe

Executive Director of Our Family

Endowment Fund



Would you like to learn ways you can possibly increase your income with a fixed payment for life, possibly qualify for a charitable contribution deduction, and make a gift for Immanuel or a mission that is near and dear to your heart? Did you know that you may also be able to use appreciated assets and avoid all or a portion of the capital gains tax liability? Come and see how!

Mark your calendar to attend Immanuel's free luncheon and informative seminar on January 30, 2011. This seminar is open to all adults (including winter residents). If you have questions concerning wills, planning your estate, or planned giving this is the place to be. Additional information will be provided on January 30th.

Immanuel's Endowment Executive Committee – Rich Grau, Susan Hampton, Ron Parker, Howard Ross or Liz Wallendorf.

Endowment Luncheon-January 30, 2011



Tax Preparation Begins
February 1

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Wednesday 1:00-4:00 pm.
New Spirit Lutheran Church
Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00—6:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Holy Chaos is coming!

Sunday,
March 6, 2011

Spend a morning doing mission work.

Share a Shrove Tuesday (pancake)
lunch prepared by the
Men's Breakfast group!

More information to come!

SCOUT SUNDAY

February 6, 2011

All boy and girl scouts, plus all scout leaders, are invited to wear their uniforms to church on February 6.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Statement of Activities
General Operating Fund
 December 2010

	<u>Year to Date Actual</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget Balance</u>	<u>Next Year Annual Budget</u>
Income				
Income Totals:	374,638.03	360,374.00	14,264.03	396,000.00
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Expense				
Salaries Totals:	200,110.97	191,710.00	(8,400.97)	199,465.00
Employee Benefits and Taxes Totals:	53,871.33	55,944.00	2,072.67	54,100.00
Head of Staff Expense Allowances Totals:	8,023.65	8,500.00	476.35	8,000.00
Pastoral Assistant Expense Allowanc Totals:	2,479.16	3,000.00	520.84	3,500.00
Employee Expenses Totals:	763.39	0.00	(763.39)	500.00
Outside Services Totals:	1,275.00	0.00	(1,275.00)	800.00
Budget & Finance Totals:	38,060.90	41,550.00	3,489.10	40,785.00
Building and Grounds Totals:	31,266.68	26,265.00	(5,001.68)	31,000.00
Administrative Totals:	10,372.80	6,571.00	(3,801.80)	7,800.00
Worship & Music, Traditional Totals:	5,522.02	6,304.00	781.98	5,300.00
Worship & Music, Alternative Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
Communications and Technology Totals:	24,672.11	13,408.00	(11,264.11)	23,300.00
Christian Education Totals:	2,756.54	2,561.00	(195.54)	3,950.00
Hospitality Totals:	189.11	1,708.00	1,518.89	1,000.00
Mission and Evangelism Totals:	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Deacons Totals:	833.00	853.00	20.00	1,000.00
Expense Totals:	<u>382,196.66</u>	<u>360,374.00</u>	<u>(21,822.66)</u>	<u>387,000.00</u>
Income - Expense:	<u>(7,558.63)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(7,558.63)</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>

The per capita fee for 2011 is \$32 per member.

This is a budgeted item and is paid quarterly. Your early payment will help with the disbursement of these funds.



Reminder: The Financial Secretaries are in the office on Monday mornings to answer your questions regarding your donations to Immanuel. If you call at any other time, the information will be given the secretaries and they will respond when they are in the office.

20,000 People a Year Get Help From ICS

HOW YOU CAN HELP: ICS relies on its 57 member faith communities, 600 volunteers, generous donors and the community at large to help more than 20,000 seniors, disabled individuals and people in financial crisis every year. **Your contributions are always appreciated.**

Donate:

- Nonperishable food to our food bank.
- By credit card online or by phone, or a check by mail.
- Your vehicle.
- Through a planned gift.

Volunteer to:

- Answer phones in our Ina Road or Eastside offices.
- Drive seniors or disabled people for medical appointments, shopping or errands.
- Read or organize their mail, bills and other paperwork.
- Make daily reassurance calls, or occasional friendly calls or visits.
- Do minor home repairs or yard work.

Call 297-6049 for more information

Presbyterians in Moslem World

There have been Christians in the Middle East since before the rise of Islam. So says Dr. Nuhad Tomeh, President liaison with the Christian Churches of Syria, Lebanon and the Persian Gulf. Dr. Tomeh, who spoke here in Tucson last fall, was born in Syria in the midst of a mission field, and continues to make contact with Christians in other countries in the Middle East, as well. These Christians, he says, feel that their solidarity with Presbyterians and Christians in the United States is very important to them.



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“God will never leave His church in Iraq.”

In December he participated in the formation of an ecumenical seminar for 18 Iraqi Christians. They concluded that “God will never leave His church in Iraq.” Nevertheless, the political situation has caused serious migration out of the country and a dwindling membership in the local churches. Poverty, joblessness and war also take their toll, so that Christians now constitute only 5% of the population in Iraq.

The Presbyterian Church *Mission Crossroads* quotes Tomeh, “They strengthen their own peoples as Arab Christians, but . . . also reach out . . . and work for . . . education, health care and the concept of democracy and political life.” Dr. Tomeh affirms that Christians in the Middle East

African-American Read-In-Chain

Sunday, February 20, at 3 pm

Rincon Congregational Church (N. Craycroft North of old Mervyns)

Guest Speaker - Dr. Michael Engs



If you enjoy and are interested in African-American Literature, this is a wonderful venue to hear short excerpts of prose & poetry read by students & adults. Fantastic refreshments are always served after the program! Questions - Betty Hillman 296-7088.



February

- 1 Marion Gary
Richard Hager
Mary Hartley
- 2 Trenton Walitshek
- 4 Sophia Chirco
Susan Hampton
- 5 Karen Bancroft
- 6 Don Schneider
Abby Tittle
- 7 Marie Roberts
Jack Roush
- 9 Carol-Lynne Parham
Shelli Russell-Nelson
- 10 Elda Mfoumou
Sorayo Mfoumou
- 11 Karl Aurand
Monty DeWitt
- 13 Ted Falter
Charles Ryerson
- 14 Alissa Hager
Nicole Hager
- 15 Jason Ros
Rachel Ross
- 16 Jim Cech
Alexandra Lewis
Noah Macias
- 17 Darby Cech
Matthew Cugini
Scott Larsen
Stephanie Lorenzini
Ally Sherwood
- 20 Ray Clark
- 21 Lyda Berman
Staci Fehringer
- 22 Curtis Lurvey
- 24 Lee Carey
- 25 George Anderson
Amy Burton
- 27 Wayne Griffith
Ashley Tuohy
- 28 Sean Kelly
Maureen Means

February Anniversaries

- 2 Ted and Loraine Falter
- 7 The Etienne Mfoumou's
- 12 Joe and Joan Frad
- 14 Charles and Vikki Carpenter
Bill and Lu Harvision
Carl and Katie Maass
Marc and Shirl Negus
Steve Rodney & Chase Rawak
- 17 Winston and Roberta Beal
- 19 Richard and Lois Siegel
- 24 Dave and Candace Kaemerer



To Afghanistan

Chris Honeycutt, son of David and Emily Honeycutt

Jess Hodges, daughter-in-law of Lynn Callaghan

To Japan

Andrew Hodges, son of Lynn Callaghan

Please let the office know when these folks come home.



Cody Justin Bassegy is the great grandson of Faye Bassegy. Cody was born on January 3, 2011. His parents are Justin and Liz Bassegy and they live in Northern CA.



Calvin Robert Wood was born January 23. He is the grandson of Bob and Debby Johnson and the son of Amanda and Jeff Wood and the step brother of Justin.

Allysen Leigh New was born on January 25. She is the daughter of Laura and Jay New and the sister of Abby. Her grandparents are Dave and Jill Holtmeier.

Riley Madelyn Badger, born January 25. She is the granddaughter of Belinda Badger, the daughter of Bret and Kelly Badger and the sister to Hunter.

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Pastor John will be on vacation beginning February 7 through February 13.	1 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 5:00p Confirmation Class 6:30p TOPS 7:00p Deacons	2 12:00p Prayer Time 12:00p AARP Tax Preparation 4:30p Imm. Ringers 4:30p Girl Scouts 6:15p Jong Sory Handbell	3 6:30a Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00p Elders Re-treat	5 9:00a Elder's Retreat 10:00a Brownie Troop 1:30p Girl Scouts 2:30p Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Workshop
6 -Scout Sunday 8:30a Worship/Communion 9:45a Church School 11:00a Worship/Communion 12:15p Lenten Planning	7 9:00a Seeker Bible/Book Study 6:30p Boy Scouts	8 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 5:00p Confirmation Class 6:30p TOPS	9 12:00p AARP Tax Preparation 4:30p Imm. Ringers 4:30p Girl Scouts 6:15p Jong Sory Handbell 7:00p AA 7:30p Los Campaneros Handbell	10 6:30a Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	11 11:00 am Red Hat Luncheon 5:30p PCM Dinner at Northminster	12 10:00a Brownie Troop 1:30p Girl Scouts
13-Camp Sunday 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00a Youth Groups	14 9:00a Seeker Bible/Book Study 6:30p Boy Scouts	15 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 5:00p Confirmation Class 6:30p TOPS 7:00p 11 am Worship Team	16 9:00a Agape Circle 12:00p AARP Tax Preparation 12:00p Prayer Time 12:30p Retiree's Luncheon 4:30p Imm. Ringers :30p Girl Scouts 6:15p Jong Sory Handbell 7:00p AA 7:30p Los Campaneros Handbell	17 6:30a Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 6:00p Cub Scouts 7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	18	19 7:45a Casa Maria 9:10:30a Brownie Troop 1:30p Girl Scouts
20 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Annual Meeting 5:00p Youth Groups	21 9:00a Seeker Bible/Book Study 6:30p Boy Scouts 6:30p Lydia Circle	22 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 5:00p Confirmation 6:30p TOPS 7:00p Ministry Night	23 12:00p Prayer Time 12:00p AARP Tax Preparation 4:30p Imm. Ringers 4:30p Girl Scouts 6:15p Jong Sory Handbell 7:00p AA 7:30p Los Campaneros Handbell	24 6:30a Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	25	26 9:00a Choir Workshop 10:00a Brownie Troop 1:30p Girl Scouts
27 8:30a Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship	28 9:00a Seeker Bible/Book Study 6:30p Boy Scouts					