

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCHES OF GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY

### April, May and even June

#### EMMANUEL PC, PHOENIX

- ❖ **CALLING ALL KIDS!** Do you have a great idea for how to help out in the community? If so, we want to help! EPC will fund your idea – up to \$100.00 – if you come up with something great. We can also help assemble projects during fellowship after church! **Rules:** Submissions are due by **May 1, 2018**. Submissions need to include your idea and how you will make it work. Must be 18 or younger to participate...unless you're older and really want to. You can come up with an idea as a team! A maximum of five (5) ideas will be selected ... probably.
- ❖ **SHOEBOX MINISTRY – 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY PURSES** It's "that" time of year again! Celebrating 19 years of collaboration with our agency partners in hopes of distributing over 3,000 purses! Honor the amazing women in your life with a donation of purses, cosmetics, toiletries or a monetary contribution. Contributions need to be received by **Monday, May 7**.
- ❖ **CALLING ALL CAMPERS!** The Discipleship and Evangelism Committee is in the beginning stages of planning an EPC summer camping weekend and are wondering how many people would be interested. Please email Laurie Van Dyke, [dnlvandyke@gmail.com](mailto:dnlvandyke@gmail.com), or Jereme Bintz, [jereme109@gmail.com](mailto:jereme109@gmail.com), if interested.
- ❖ **Saturday, June 16, 7:00 pm** Elation, a youth group from St. Stephen United Methodist Church of Mesquite, Texas, will be performing **Godspell** in the EPC sanctuary. This group has been sharing the gospel through this musical for the past 18 years. This is a free performance and all they ask is housing (in groups of three), as well as dinner prior to the performance and a fellowship offering during. This 90-minute musical is appropriate for all ages. Save the date, as this should be good! If you have questions, contact Pat Vest, 602-493-8249, [ptvest@gmail.com](mailto:ptvest@gmail.com).

#### UNIVERSITY PC, TEMPE

- ❖ **MAY 9 – Our CE Program Prime Time Speaker will be MONA DIXON**, national motivational speaker from Tempe, who will share her story of how she was a homeless child living in the family car or sleeping under cardboard and how she found a place in the Tempe Boys and Girls Club and at Tempe High School with support from UPC's David Morton, the school counselor. She went on to become the 2010 National Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year and was honored at the White House by President Obama. Mona went on to win scholarships and earn bachelor and master degrees from Arizona State University. She is now a doctoral student at Grand Canyon University. She calls herself a lifelong learner and speaks widely on the importance of mentors, affirmation by others and what being surrounded by a caring community can mean for those facing overwhelming challenges. <http://monadixon.com/meet-mona/>
- ❖ **June 11 – 15** - This year, **Montlure Traveling Day Camp will be hosted at Chandler Presbyterian Church. We are partnering with Mission del Sol PC, Chandler PC, Gilbert PC and Montlure Camp.** All children who have completed K-6 can enjoy this week long, full day camp held right here at our church. Bible stories, worship, games, arts and crafts, fellowship and so much more! The cost for the week is \$50 and includes lunch and snacks. Aftercare is available to 5:00 pm, the cost is an additional \$30. Volunteer opportunities are available for Counselors, Junior Counselors, Lunch Helpers, Craft Station Leaders, Storytime Readers, and more! If you have a special talent, like balloon twisting or puppeteering, please consider sharing your time and talents to help make VBS a special time for our children! To register, volunteer or if you have questions, contact Laura Green at 480-220-2473, [luvbella@cox.com](mailto:luvbella@cox.com) or the church office.

#### FLAGSTAFF FEDERATED COMMUNITY CHURCH

- ❖ **Saturday, April 28 - Women's Hiking Group.** Join the Women's of Federated on a hike to Picture Canyon, a 1-1.5-mile hike to see over 150 petroglyphs and lots of wildlife followed by brunch

afterward at Carmels. If you are interested in joining the women for more hikes, pick up a flyer for the entire year in Rees Hall. Contact Adrienne at 415-250-8454 or Mikaela at 480-307-5722.

- ❖ **May 25-28 Memorial Day Campout.** We will be enjoying the beautiful weather in Sedona at Chavez Crossing. More details to come! Contact Sammie Biter, Director of Discipleship and Outreach.

#### **GILBERT PC**

- ❖ **Sunday, April 29 – GPC will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Falkenstein Hall between services hosted by the Worship Committee.**
- ❖ **Sunday, June 3, at 6 p.m. – a Wheel of Fortune Game Night.** Bring finger foods to share.

#### **CROSSWINDS PC, PHOENIX**

- ❖ Jonah Pinder is a former member of the Cub Scout pack that meets monthly at Crosswinds. Now, as he pursues the highest rank of a Boy Scout, he is returning to Crosswinds for his Eagle project. Jonah will be creating a labyrinth - a path that leads a circuitous route to the center of a circle and back out. Although they predate Christianity, they have been found in Christian communities since about 300 years after the death of Christ. A prayer labyrinth is used to facilitate prayer, meditation, spiritual transformation, and/or global unity. In ancient times, many saw the labyrinth as a path to a unique mystical union to the divine. As Presbyterians, we believe that all prayer is communion with God, and there is nothing unusual or superior to the prayers given while walking the labyrinth. However, many people find that praying as they walk the labyrinth helps keep them focused and more open to God's presence in their prayers. Many also find the time relaxing and stress-reducing. Once completed, the labyrinth will be available anytime for church members as well as the community.

#### **DESERT PALMS PC, SUN CITY WEST**

- ❖ **Tuesday, April 24, 2018 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Farmers Markets** bring a lot of foot traffic and allows Desert Palms Presbyterian Church to showcase who we are and provide insight into why they might want to visit us again for worship. There will be about 20 vendors in attendance. Please plan on attending, participating and most of all providing a welcome invitation to the market attendees to join us in Sunday worship.
- ❖ **Sunday, April 29 during the 8:30 and 10:30 morning services – Charles Johnson returns to Desert Palms.** In his early years, Charles attended the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and studied voice under Theodore Harrison, and later under Dimitri Onofrei of La Scala. He made his operatic debut at age 21. His many interests have taken him from opera to night clubs, concerts in sanctuaries, and into the music business. He is the co-founder of one of the most successful talent agencies in Nashville and has been a choral director since his teenage years, serving churches in Chicago, Nashville, Colorado and California. Mr. Johnson is currently serving as executive director of Majesty Foundation. Join us in our worship service and the music by Charles Johnson.

#### **SIERRA VISTA PC, YUMA**

- ❖ **Sunday, May 20, from 5:00-7:30** Youth in grades 6th to 12th will kick off the beginning of summer at our end of year Swim Party! Friends are welcome!
- ❖ **June 3-7 – VBS “Babylon: Daniel’s Courage in Captivity”** will soon be here. Volunteer to be a Vacation Bible School leader or helper. Don’t miss out on the Bible learning and fun as we immerse ourselves in this Biblical account of Daniel’s life!