

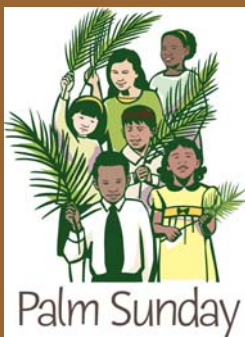
VELDA ROSE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE VISION

"For the vision is for the days yet to come." Daniel 10:14

Web: www.veldarose.org or Email: info@veldarose.org

March 24, 2011



Aloha! Church Picnic Sunday, April 3, Noon-3:00 pm Red Mountain Park Falcon, Pavilion (Brown Rd & East of Power, Mesa)

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games and delicious food for an ALL CHURCH PICNIC (maps will be available on the website and at the Welcome Center).

We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and paper products...all we need is YOU and some delicious side dishes and desserts! We will have horseshoes, jarts, bounce house, and much more! Come and join the party...wear your best Hawaiian grass skirt (or shorts) and enjoy the fellowship of our church family and friends!

Eggs-actly What We Need!

The Children's Ministry is looking for some cookie bakers for our "Eggs-travaganza" and donations of wrapped candy to load into all of our eggs!

We will have an "Egg Stuffing Party" on **Wednesday, April 13, 1:00 pm, Moore Hall** to fill our 3000+ eggs with surprises for the children.

If you can help us with the Easter ministry, please contact Cindy at cindy@veldarose.org or in the church office.

Parade of Palms Sunday, April 17

All the children will be joining in the Parade of Palms on Palm Sunday during worship. We'll have music and singing and lots of palm branches.

Children will meet on the Patio at 9:00 am for our parade. Come join us for this celebration!

Easter Egg-Stravaganza Saturday, April 23

10:00 am - Noon, Moore Hall

Join us for this incredible celebration of Easter.

We will have crafts, games, bounce houses, balloons, snacks, the Easter Bunny and lots of Easter surprises filled with new life! And then we'll have an Easter egg hunt with thousands of eggs!

Children of all ages are invited to join in the fun!

Earthquake Relief

The earthquake and resulting tsunami have devastated a large portion of the country of Japan. The event has changed the balance of the earth. As Christians, we want to reach out and as United Methodists we have an ideal program. Each year we take an offering to cover the administrative costs for events like this. Therefore, 100% of your donation to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) goes to the specified project.

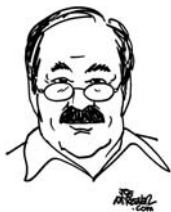
We will receive offerings for the relief efforts in Japan. **Please post "Japan Relief" on an envelope and check payable to Velda Rose UMC.**

100 Faces of Faith

The Youth Ministry is beginning a project to interview 100 people from our church family. We would like to discover how you keep your faith strong and how God has led you on your journey of faith. Most of the interviews will take place on Sunday mornings, but other times are available as well.

If you would be willing to sit with three to four youth and share your experience of faith, please sign-up with the youth on the patio on Sunday morning or contact Cindy in the church office at cindy@veldarose.org. Thank you for sharing your faith and encouraging our youth.

"Helping the Love of God bloom in you."



“Easter and Resurrection”

Easter is again upon us. It is again time for us to reflect on the wonder of that first Easter morning and to seek to understand how we fit into the grand scheme of God’s plan. Like other holidays, we get entangled with the customs and traditions that have developed. Somewhere along the way we have picked up a bunny, eggs, a ham dinner and wearing new clothes. They all have roots that can be explained in certain theological terms, but in general, I find them lacking in anything except the means to widen our experience of this holiday.

First and foremost, Easter is about resurrection. It’s not about the arrival of spring, because in the southern hemisphere, they are experiencing the arrival of fall. It’s not about the flowers that come in the spring, because we all know that in the fall they will die and come again next year. Resurrection is about new life.

I have become more aware of this through the recent study we did on the Book of Revelation, and again, we are reminded of the special nature of this holiday as we walked the streets of Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and all the other places that we visited when we went to Israel. Of all the stories and accounts in the scriptures, the passages that speak of Easter and the days leading up to it become most vivid to me. I can almost hear the voices of the people, of Jesus and the special presence of God’s Spirit as we walk through the buildings that are so old we have a hard time comprehending their age.

This Easter, I want us to look closely at resurrection and what it means in our lives. This will be the focus of my sermon on Easter, “**New Life From Old,**” and I hope that it will open new doors to all of us.

May God bless you in this season and on the special day of Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Stewart



✠ Christian Symbols ✠

Coins

The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus’ betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus’ teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last “mite” (Mark 12:41-44).



Barb’s Blessed Babblings:

I just *HAD TO* name this introductory article “Barb’s Blessed Babblings”! A member from the South Mountain Community Church – my previous appointment – never missed an opportunity to remind me that she wants me to write a book with that title. I think it is to remind me that, 1. I am (and you, and all of us are) *BLESSED* children of God. We have gifts given to us by God to put to use for the welfare of the world, our neighbors, families and ourselves; and 2. We ought *never* to take ourselves too seriously.

When she first proposed that book title, I thought – huh, I’m not going to label a book I have worked hard to produce “babblings!” Certainly *my* book would be filled with great wisdom, gems of theology, profound biblical understandings, and useful Christian practices! Certainly not babblings. And yet...this woman (my ghost titler) was insightful, a writer, a humorist, a retired teacher...certainly she would not be minimizing my writing! I happen to know she was an ardent supporter of my writing and preaching. So, I knew there was something more to it. Something she rarely does is to take herself too seriously and this is one thing that is so endearing about her. After all, any human wisdom or writing or preaching *IS* only babbling unless the Spirit of God is present. And, even then – the Apostle Paul reminds us – it still will sound like babbling to those who don’t have a relationship with God. So, what’s a preacher/teacher to do? Get comfortable with the fact that no matter how smart, or gifted, or faithful, or skilled you are – there will always be some to whom your hard-thought words will sound like babbling!

So, okay, I’m very happy to begin as a blessed babbler at Velda Rose United Methodist Church. I hope to be able to convey in all I do that we all are BLESSED and beloved children of God – no matter who or what or where or why! And, I hope never to take myself too seriously. Let me give you a few of my favorite topics for babbling, just in case you are interested in hearing more: creativity, watercolor and other art forms, transformation, imagination, biblical storytelling, spirituality in all shapes, forms and practices, my latest ideas for books (I think I have about five rumbling around in my brain trying to find a way out), movies, books, dogs, labyrinth-walking, computer multimedia, adoptive parenting, and advice about grandparenting (I just became one as of Feb. 7! And, I’d love to babble about it, and be babbled to!)

Blessings from your blessed babbler,

Barb

Pastor Barb

“The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.”

—Robert Flatt

Vows for February			
	General	Special	Attendance
6	22707.30	1423.00	1553
13	16473.15	900.00	1681
20	11863.75	626.00	1436
27	17964.69	842.25	1346
Total	69008.89	3791.25	6016



UMOM Dinner
(United Methodist Outreach Ministry)
to be served by:
Tuesday, April 19
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Tuesday, May 17
CHURCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 21
YOUTH MINISTRY

Lenten Devotionals

Our 2011 Lenten Devotional will lead us through the 40 days of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday and taking us through to the celebration of the risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

Copies are **available** at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex, on the New Community Worship Table and in the Church office.

Childcare Is Always Provided

In addition to Sunday morning worship (7:50 am - Noon, Room C on Sundays), we are committed to providing childcare for **ALL ministry programs at the church through the week**. From unCommon Groundz Coffee House, to United Methodist Women's Unit meetings and including all Bible studies and classes. You may bring your children and know that they are loved and cared for by Marilyn Orris and her crew.



Breakfast: 7:30 am
Tuesday, April 5
Moore Hall

Caregiver Support Group

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm,
Fitch Library

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, 4:00 pm, Martin Hall

Canterbury Bell Choir

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm. Choir Room



Church Leadership

Rev. Minerva Carcaño, Resident Bishop

Rev. Bob Burns, District Superintendent

Pastors: Rev. Stewart Lewis, Rev. Bob Deits, Rev. Paula Latu, Rev. Dr. Barbara Doerrer-Peacock

Cindy Von Bargen, Director of Family Life Ministries

April Sermons

Hours of Worship: Sundays at 7:50, 9:20 & 11:00 AM, Sanctuary, New Community 9:20 AM, Moore Hall

April 3: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"Do You Believe,"* John 9:1-12, 35-41

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: *"I Was Blind, but Now I See,"* John 9:1-41

April 10: Pastor Barb preaching: *"Dry Bones Live,"* Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-6, 17-44

New Community - Guest Speaker

April 17: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"The Long Walk Home,"* Matthew 21:2-11

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: *"Palms or Passion: A Christian or A Disciple of Christ?"* Matthew 21:1-11;

Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11

April 21: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"It Would Have Been Enough,"* Matthew 26:17-30

April 22: Pastor Barb preaching: A Service of Tenebrae

April 24: Pastor Barb preaching: *"Risen Indeed!"* Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 10:34-43

Pastor Stewart preaching: *"New Life from Old,"* Matthew 28:1-10

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: *"Out of the Tomb,"* Matthew 28:1-10; Colossians 3:1-4

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday (Sanctuary)



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Potluck Luncheon/Unit Meeting
Thursday, April 7, Noon, Moore Hall

Hostesses/Worship Table: Circle 1

Program: Michelle Berman, M.S., RD,
Registered Dietician

Coming Events:

April 1: Friday, Church Women United, 9:30 am

April Circle Meetings

Circle 1 April 13, Wednesday, 9:30 am, Martin Hall

Circle 2 April 20, Wednesday, Noon, Golden Corral, Power & McKellips

Circle 3 April 14, Thursday, 1:00 pm, Martin Hall

Circle 4 April 14, Thursday, 1:00 pm, Moore Hall

Circle 5 Every Wednesday, 9:00 am, Room 610

(note: Circles will not meet at the church April 20 & 21 during Holy Week. Some Circles meet the week before)

UMW Executive Comm. Meeting

Tuesday, April 26
9:00 AM Martin Hall

Young Women's Bible Study Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am Room 610 (room change)

Join us for the "The Organic God" by Margaret Feinberg, exploring having a natural and "unpolluted" relationship with God.

Join Pastor Barb as she leads this study.

Brown Bag & A Book (BB & B) Tuesday, April 5 11:00 am, Martin Hall

BB&B meets the first Tuesday of the month. Our book will be "Disfigured: A Saudi Woman's Story of Triumph" by Rania Al-Baz. (Education for Mission).

For more information, please call Donna Jensen at 984-0171.

UMW Cards & Cutlery Sales Sunday, April 3, Patio

Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well and Thinking of You cards: \$7.00/box of 12 (58¢ each).

Cutlery by Rada Manufacturing, cheese and tomato knives are the favorite. Great gift idea. Priced separately.

Look for them on the patio following each service.

Attention, Red Hat Ladies and All Interested Persons



We will be going to the **Arizona Opry** on **April 8. Cost is \$30** and includes dinner (roast beef) show, tax and gratuity.

We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm and will take the buses. **Reservations must be made and paid for by March 27.**

Please call Marj Troute, 380-5488, for reservations and further information.

Youth Ministry 2011

Be Devoted:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Our plans for ministry for the summer are AMAZING! You won't want to miss out on anything God will be doing through the incredible Youth of Velda Rose.

The JR High will be headed to San Diego July 8 - 15 for a week of serving in the inner city. We will be serving those in need by working in the San Diego Food Bank, Child Care Centers, St. Vincent DePaul Center and more.

The SR High will be going to Perryville, Arkansas July 16 - 25 to the Heifer Ranch. We will experience their Global Passport program to learn of world poverty, sustainable living and experience become aware of the effects of poverty and hunger. Through this interactive experience we will feel the discomfort and frustrations when faced with difficult life choices – how will I feed my family?

We will be headed to Spirit West Coast August 2 - 7 for a weekend of worship, music, camping and a service project for our camping neighbors.

For information and applications, contact Cindy Von Barga at cindy@veldarose.org. or check the Youth Ministry website.



This moving story of **Bethany Hamilton**, the young surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack, hits theaters nationwide on April 8. Take your family and friends! The Youth and Faith Factor will be seeing it on the big screen Sunday, April 10.

Faith factor

(All kids going into 3rd-4th-5th-6th Grades)
We're building faith wherever we go!

Sunday, April 10, Noon: Join us for the movie, "Soul Surfer", the **Bethany Hamilton** story at AMC Theaters. Time to be announced.

Sunday, April 17: We'll have a new life scavenger hunt.
Any questions, give Cindy a call in the church office or at cindy@veldarose.org.



Foam & Fur Wednesdays, 5:00 pm Upstairs Moore Hall

Our puppet team is very busy practicing for our spring dinner theater to come in May. Come and join us for practices and see how God can speak to people through puppets!

We invite anyone 2nd grade or older to join us.

God's Great Gallery

The children of Velda Rose have created masterpieces, their "Portrait of God", and would like to share them with you in the form of a greeting card. More than 50 pieces of original artwork created for our Children's Sabbath, have been reproduced on individual cards in packs of 12. The **packs will be sold for \$10** with all the proceeds going to the ministry of Sidewalk Sunday School.

The children have given us this wonderful gift of artwork, and now they will be giving the gift to the ministry with other children.

They are available on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center and during the week in the church office.

Resources for Parents

Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and pick up some resources that can help carry your GOD conversations with your kids into your week. We have some items for children and teens as well as their parents.

We believe that what happens at home is more important than what happens in the church...so we want to PARTNER with you to make a much greater impact on the spiritual lives and faith development of your children and youth. Stop by and see if there is anything that can encourage you and your families.



Youth Ministry

- Mar. 26:** Saturday, 4:00 pm. UMW Tea Clean-up
- Mar. 27:** Youth Sunday
5:00 pm, Youth Ministry
- Mar. 30:** Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Dinner
Confirmation, 7:00 pm
- Apr. 3:** Sunday, 9:20 am, Youth Lead New Community
Worship Service
11:15 am, FX
12:00 - 3:00 pm, ALOHA!, Church Picnic
- Apr. 6:** Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Dinner
Confirmation, 7:00 pm
- Apr. 8-10:** Friday-Sunday, Bishop's Confirmation Retreat,
Mingus Mountain, Prescott, AZ
- Apr. 10:** Sunday, Deposits Due for Summer Mission Trips
and Spirit West Coast
"Soul Surfer" Movie
- Apr. 13:** Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Dinner
Confirmation, 7:00 pm
- Apr. 17:** Sunday, 4:00 pm. Youth Ministry
- Apr. 23:** Saturday, 10:00 am, Easter Egg-stravaganza
8:00 pm. Easter Experience
- Apr. 24:** Sunday, 6:45 am, Son Rise Café
- Apr. 27:** Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Dinner
Confirmation, 7:00 pm

*Questions???? Contact Director of Family Life Ministries,
Cindy Von Bargan, at cindy@veldarose.org or 832-2111, ext. 204.*

***Check out our websites** for youth and children's ministries. You can connect with us at www.veldarose.org. Get all the weekly email updates...so be sure to get signed up for that one too!*

Summer Camp Registration

The schedule is set and Mingus Mountain is getting ready for you! Pick up your summer camp flyer and pick a week for an incredible time at camp this summer. There are camps available for elementary, Jr. and Sr. High. Don't miss out on what God has for you!

Check the church website for a link to more information and grab your flyer from the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. Scholarships are available.

If you have any questions or need some help registering, contact Cindy at in the church office cindy@veldarose.org.

Pathways to Christian Living Wednesdays, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm, Dinner Fellowship, 6:00 pm

Every Wednesday, we offer classes to nurture “pathways” in living our Christian life. Join us for a deepening of our spiritual understandings and discipleship with these classes and fellowship.

Lenten Education Opportunities

Lent is a time to dig deep...to uncover and recover...to journey to the core of our faith...and restore our relationship with God. Velda Rose is offering a number of opportunities to deepen your Lenten journey this month!

“Centering Prayer”

Wednesdays, March 30, April 6, 13
5:00 pm, Douglass Chapel

Most of the time we think of prayer as “talking to God” - we talk to God about our joys, our sorrows, our struggles and our concerns. Sometimes we think of prayer as “listening to God.” We may focus on some practice that helps us focus on God, or open our attention to what God might say to us. Centering Prayer is neither of those. It is a practice of *emptying*, of disengaging one’s conscious mind in order to sink deep below our surface consciousness to the center of our being where God dwells within us - where God is present without words, where God holds us without shape or form, where we can experience a deep rest and rich safety like an infant in a mother’s womb.

“Writing from the Center”

Wednesdays, March 30, April 6, 13
7:00 pm, Room 305

Journaling is a spiritual practice that can help us uncover and recover truths and motivations. We can gain deeper understandings of ourselves and also God. “*Writing from the Center*” will offer a framework for journaling that anyone can use – whether you have journaled all your life, or you are just trying it out. It can be for those who enjoy writing, or those who may feel intimidated by the idea of “writing,” and just want to learn how one’s reflections and feelings might be put in some kind of order that can lead to change or understanding.

Bring only a notebook or journal of some kind to write in, and a writing utensil.



“Invitation to the Psalms”

Wednesdays, 5:00 pm, Room 305
Through April 6

Make a deeper connection to the world of the Psalms so that these well known scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of our human experience---joy, faith, uncertainty and sorrow.

During the video segments, experience a varied presentation of individual psalm texts, including dramatic reading, music, dance, and images. Listen to insights into specific psalms presented by one of two biblical scholars through an informal, roundtable conversation format.

Led by Pastor Latu.

“Spiritual Disciplines, Part 3”

March 30, April 6, 13, 20
Wednesdays, 500 pm, Library

Paul Borneman will lead a Lenten Study of The Corporate Disciplines, based upon **Richard J. Foster's** classic book, “*CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE: The Path to Spiritual Growth*”.

What? You don't have a book! No problem. Used copies are available at Amazon.com (We may even have a couple of extras at our first gathering).

What will we be covering? The final section of the book is entitled, “*The Corporate Disciplines*”. Here is an outline of this year's study:

March 30	The Discipline of Worship
April 6	The Discipline of Guidance
April 13	The Discipline of Celebration
April 20	Celebration Dinner

Join us for one or join us for all, for all are welcome.

“In-Between Books”

Begins Wednesdays, March 30
5:00 & 7:00 pm, Room A

There are a number of books found in many copies of the Bible that are “in between” the Old Testament and the New Testament. They are overlooked by most and unknown by all. Pastor Stewart is going to lead a brief study of these books, known as the “*Apocrypha*”.

The only material used will be a Bible and material presented during the class. If you have questions, please call Pastor Stewart. Sign-up sheets will be in the Gazebo on Sundays and in the office during the week.

Missions Committee



Thanks, UMM for serving at UMOM in March.

UMCOR Birthing Kits: This is a new project for the Desert Southwest Annual Conference. Our goal is to make 100 kits. We need the following items:

- 50 bars - small bar soap 1 oz. to 3 oz. Size
- 50 pairs gloves surgical, latex or thin rubber gloves are acceptable
- 6 rolls of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting 3' x 50'
- 200 receiving blankets - Flannelette or Flannel (no thermal or fleece blankets) Sizes: 36"x 36", 30"x 30", or 32"x 32"

Items can be dropped off at the Mission table Sunday, March 27 and we will have collection boxes set out in April.

Local Elementary Schools: UMW and Missions are joining together to support the Local Schools in our area. Most of the schools are Title 1 schools, which means schools with a large low-income student population.

Year round collection of the General Mills Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Labels for Education: Please separate them by type and leave them at the Welcome Booth. Also on the Campbell's Labels for education the only part needed is around the UPC code, if you can cut that part out then it will help us and the schools.

We will also have a rotating list of supplies each month that the schools could use help with, if you can help that would be great. The supplies will be divided among the local schools. Supplies being collected this month are white copy paper, Kleenex, and pencils. Items can be dropped off at the Mission table Sunday, March 27 and we will have collection boxes set out in April.

Toothbrushes and Toothpaste collection is going great. Thanks everyone. We have 27 kits ready to be delivered to Agua Prieta, a large number went to UMOM, and the youth have some to distribute. So remember to ask your dentist for an extra toothbrush and toothpaste for Missions. This is going to be an ongoing project. Drop them in the container at the Welcome Center on Sundays or the church office during the week.

Jeanne Salt, Missions Committee Chair



Our "build" is well underway. The roof is on, duct work is in place, and the electrical is being completed. We are ready to hang drywall inside and for stucco on the outside. We are slightly ahead of schedule at this point.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this project. From giving money to providing food to swinging a hammer or paint brush, we are all an important part of serving God with this mission outreach. Keep us in your prayers.

Velda Rose UMC Church Annual

2 Bucks and a Bag



Feeding the Community

Collecting non-perishable food for the United Food Bank Sunday, April 3, 2011. **Get your grocery bag Sunday, March 27, bring it back April 3 filled with food.** Donate \$2 with each bag for the food bank. Put money in the donation box. For each \$1 of expense the food bank can provide enough food for nearly 4.5 meals. No time to shop? Donations accepted both Sundays. Make checks payable to "United Food Bank"



United Food Bank
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Sponsored by the Missions Committee



Fitch Library

Sundays: 8:00 - 12:00 AM

Wednesdays: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Your faith is yours to share. A smile, a hello, no scripture needed because it is in your heart. We all share this wonderful feeling. Come in the library and borrow our wonderful books and share your smile.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Bobby Canfield for receiving the Fulton Homes "Be KOOL, Stay in School Award". Bobby, a 7th Grader at Stapley Jr. High has maintained a straight A average despite a series of events that would cause many adults to falter. Much turmoil followed after the loss of the family home due to fire and Bobby's Dad lost his job in construction. Bobby remained focused on his studies, however, and also is a part of the youth program here at Velda Rose where he is presently attending Confirmation Classes and actively participates in various shows, musicals and classes. His award carries a \$4,000 stipend which will be used to help Bobby achieve his goal of a career in Physics or Aerospace Engineering. Well done, Bobby!





With you, we renew our vows to uphold
Velda Rose United Methodist Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts and our service.

New Member Class of February 20, 2011

ANDVIK, Adeline

155 W. Brown Rd, #118X, Mesa, AZ 85201-3402
985-8967

Transfer - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mesa, AZ

HAASE, Kathryn

3638 E. Southern Ave, #C105-107, Mesa, AZ 85206-2563
833-3990

Reaffirmation of Faith

JAMES II, William

155 W. Brown Rd, #167S, Mesa, AZ 85201-3472
Reaffirmation of Faith

JONES, Larry & Darlene

8236 E. Dolphin Ave, Mesa, AZ 85208-4788
354-1143

Transfer - Advent UMC, Eagan, MN

KENYON, Susan

835 N. Ambrosia, Mesa, AZ 85205-5464
321-9671

Transfer - Gold Canyon UMC, Gold Canyon, AZ

MCGUIRE, Jim & Linda

6209 E. McKellips Rd, #338, Mesa, AZ 85215-2853
807-4600

He - Affirmation of Faith

She - Transfer - The Good Shepherd United
Church of Christ, Sahuarita, AZ

MILLER, Richard & Anita

255 S. 54th Pl, Mesa, AZ 85206-1405
924-4062

Transfer - Littleton UMC, Littleton, CO

MONK, Judith

6137 E. Akron St, Mea, AZ 85205-8905
471-8988

Transfer - Gold Canyon UMC, Gold Canyon, AZ

ROSCHÉ, Linda

215 N. Power Rd, #18, Mesa, AZ 85205-8430
321-5084

Affiliate Member



I am truly blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive church family. I can always count on someone from my "family" to lend an ear, shoulder or prayer to get me through. Thank you to all who have gone beyond the definition of friendship to see that my girls and I are okay. And many thanks to those who give to the Samaritan Fund for the assistance I have received.

Carol Zamora



Address Change

Betty Sayers

2761 Leisure World
Mesa, AZ 85206-5432
924-7657

Dorothy Michaelis

1951 N. 64th St #24
Mesa, AZ 85205-3620
365-9504

Lucille Durkee

11504 E. Likarea Ave
Mesa, AZ 85209-1408
373-8329



You may start placing your order for your Easter lily to be placed at the altar on Easter Sunday.

Lilies are given in honor of, in celebration of or in memory of a loved one or friend.

Watch for the lily order form in the pews. Cost will be \$10.00.

Last day to order will be Monday, April 18.

Lilies

of Lilies: _____

Given by: _____

Phone #: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____



OUR VOWS

" We will be loyal to Velda Rose United Methodist Church and uphold it by. . ."

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Agnes Alldredge
 Alice Annear
 Alice Atkinson
 Alvin Crandall
 Barbara Day
 Bea Horan
 Betsy Schumacher
 Betty Barger
 Betty Myers
 Budd Allen
 Charlotte Saum
 Dan Walkowiak
 Dillon Owens
 Don Frederick
 Donna Collins
 Dorothy Trout
 Dorothy Wirtz
 Dylan Ellefson
 Earle Scholl
 Ed Appel
 Edith Moyer
 Eileen Jackovich
 Elsie Thomas
 Esther Powers
 Esther Sundberg
 Ethel Burlingham
 Eulala Adams
 Foster & Violet Song
 Geneva Richardson
 Guyneth Gottschalk
 Hannah Turowski
 Harmony Williams
 Helen Davies
 Helene Keller
 Hugh Pangman
 Isabelle Kravik
 Jane Black
 Jarroldine Mair
 Jeanne Burdsall
 Jeannette Hartman
 Jim Kirk
 Joe Goodman
 John & Arlene Spykerman
 Judy Rhinehart
 Justin Collins
 LaDeen Shepherd

Lenore Ravert
 Linda Bates
 Lloyd Waltrip
 Lois Hedges
 Lois Schoech
 Louis Kelly
 Louise Green
 Lowell Stock
 Lydia Kratzer
 Maggie May Coppock
 Margaret Eck
 Marian Pilkington
 Marjorie Corr
 Mark Florey
 Mary Donohoe
 Mathew Hale
 Maxine Galland
 Melva Metzger
 Mildred Hughes
 Nell Marsh
 Norma Jones
 Norman Fenske
 Opal Lindstrom
 Opal Tschudy
 Orval Rodgers
 Parker Holm
 Paul & Pauline Warg
 Phyllis Snowden
 Randy Peterson
 Randy & Joan Bailey
 Ray Kerr
 Reese Cole
 Robert Willhoit
 Rose Ellen Stervinou
 Ruth Bulfinch
 Ryan Williams
 Sarah Swaim
 Sharon Mulligan
 Sheri Richardson
 Steve Wanner
 Suzi Reed
 Tommy Forsberg
 Trudy Hartney
 Virginia Frey
 William & Amber Brooks
OUR TROOPS



CALL: Marian Lorenz - 807-9739

PRAYER REQUEST BOOKS

You will find the Prayer Request Books on the podium in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. The books are open to everyone who has a loved one or friend they would like to be remembered in prayer.



We extend our Christian sympathy to all of the families of our members and friends listed below on their deaths.

Harold Norman - March 2
Mitzie Brush - March 9
Dorothea Bobb - March 10



Pastor Paula & Seini Latu on the death of Pastor Paula's uncle.

Carole Duffield - Carole Duffield Memorial Fund
 Given by: Jane Black

Mary Zeller - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: Elwin Zeller

Hyacinth Kroeppler - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: Lloyd Kroeppler

Erv Susman - Van Fund
 Given by: Richard & Kim Ernest

Roland "Ed" Goddard - Memorial Garden Fund
 Given by: Bette Goddard

Debra Whitton - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: John & Kathleen Jarzynka, Larry & Anne Louise Shaffer



Harold Norman - Harold Norman Memorial Fund
 Given by: Herbert & Marjorie Johnson, Florence Lawhead

Mitzie Brush - Building Fund
 Given by: Keith & Donnalouis Ahlstedt, Leonard & Doris Culver

Please keep in our prayers the people of First United Methodist Church, New Orleans.



Sunday Morning Opportunities

J.O.Y. Class (Jesus, Others, Yourself)

Sundays, 9:00 am, Martin Hall

Our traditional adult SS Class that focuses on the Great Commandment of Jesus-Others-Yourself. Rev. Paula Latu leads. For more information, call Ginny Vaughn at 832-1795.



Journey through the Bible

Sundays, 9:20 am, Rm 610

"Really Bad Girls of the Bible" is the study. Join in conversation and learning in this look at women of the Bible that can teach us something about ourselves. Cost of the book is \$10.00. Class led by Mary Joseph, 396-2320.

New Horizons

Sundays, 10:45 am, Martin Hall

This class is currently using a study called "Faith Links," that looks at current events and faith issues of the day and discusses them from a UM Christian perspective. Led by Lee & Pat Nixon at 985-0839.

Christian Forum

Sundays, 10:45 am, Room 305

Also a traditional adult SS class using the same study as J.O.Y. Questions, call Donna Jensen at 984-0171.

Christian Awareness

Sundays, 10:45 am, Room A

Book Study: "**God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World—and Why Their Differences Matter,**" by **Stephen Prothero**. Class is led by Rev. Ernie Bringas. Questions, call Jan Stallard at 830-9173.

The Middle

Sundays, 10:45 am, Library

This class uses a curriculum called "The Wire Word", which uses similar study to New Horizon's. Takes events and issues from the news headlines and uses them to discuss Christian values and perspectives.. Led by Howard Orr.

Sr. High Atmosphere

Sundays, 10:45 am, Upstairs Moore Hall

For students in grades 10 - 12, take your understanding deeper and your faith higher. Dave Monk leads the class.

Jr. High Atmosphere

Sundays, 10:45 am, Youth Center

For students in grades 7 - 9, come "grapple" with the challenges we face and see how God answers our questions like "now what?" Deirdre Poyer leads the class.

Children's Faith Forest Is Open on Sundays

For all **children PreK – 6th Grade**

During the month of April, the children of Velda Rose will be learning about **Humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve**. Who better to model true humility than Jesus, and what better time to talk about how Jesus put us first than at Easter?

When Jesus washed His disciples' feet, He pointed out that if He, our Teacher and Master, could put others first, then we need to do the same. And because we serve a generous God, we'll benefit when we do. God offers us forgiveness and a listening ear, guidance, grace, and wisdom.

Children begin in worship with their families at the 9:20 Worship Services until the Time with Children.

They then gather together for an opening celebration in the YOUTH CENTER with singing, praying and celebrating. From there, they will join their age group and travel to one of our ministry centers: Amazon Art, Rainforest Café, Canopy Computers, Swing Vine Science, Scavenger Service, Sky High Stories, Monsoon Movies or Green Tree Games. Each week they will visit a different location and learn God's truths in new ways!

And don't forget the Bible Bucks in the Reward Zone! Kids get a Refrigerator Door and a GodTime Card each week to let parents know what we've been learning that morning! Then, the next week, stop by the Reward Zone table on the patio and get a Bible Buck for knowing the monthly virtue and definition, Bible verse, Bottom Line, a GodTime Card signed by your parents, or bringing a friend! The Bible is FULL of treasures for us to bury in our hearts!

Children's Rainforest Canopy

Sundays, 9:20 am, Room B

After the Children's Time in worship, children **ages 2-3** have a very special time just for them. With singing and learning for some of the smallest of God's children, join Miss Teri for a wonderful time of learning about God's BIG, BIG love.

Children's Rainforest Rhythm

Sundays, 10:45 AM, Room A

For **children PreK – 6th Grade**, if you love to sing and you love to dance, come join us as we prepare for our next musical production! We'll be singing in worship and taking our musical on the road this year. Don't miss out!



FX - Family Experience - Sunday, April 3 - 11:15 am, Moore Hall

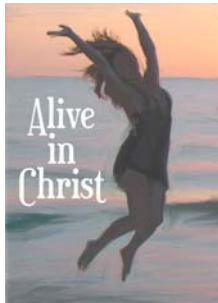
Join us for our –once a month – FX! This is a worship experience for all ages! The Youth of Velda Rose LEAD the worship time each month – and you can't even believe how much fun you will have! ALL are invited! If you missed our last FX, you missed "the kindness zone", Garrett with flour on his head, Angel growling, Stinky McStinkface, our CRAZY bands and much, much more! Don't miss the next one!

Our next FX will be Sunday, May 1.

Camperships

Do you remember the first time you went to Church Camp? The friends, the campfires, the way you experience God in new and powerful ways? We have wonderful camping programs in the Desert Southwest Annual Conference and want to make the experience available to any child wanting to attend.

A week at camp is approximately \$310 for children and our scholarship fund is in need of some help. Last summer we had 12 elementary campers who experienced camp for the first time thanks to your generosity! If you would like to contribute to the VRUMC Campership Fund, please do! You can mark your check "Campership" or bring it by the church office during the week, or contact Cindy Von Barga. Help us keep those Summer Camp memories growing!



The girls in the Youth Ministry had an incredible weekend at "The Revolve Tour." The US Airways Arena was FILLED with thousands of girls from all over Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada. What an amazing weekend of sharing and dreaming. The girls were challenged to "Dream On" of what God is calling them to be...to not settle for what the world says, but to see the BIG dream God has for each of them. Our girls were amazing and inspired by the speakers, the worship, the laughter and just being together. They also

ADOPTED a child by sponsoring a young girl through World Vision. They are committing to \$35 a month, letter writing and prayers to support our new child, Fanta from Ethiopia...wanting to give this young girl the support of a church family. So, please join us in praying for Fanta.

So many came together to support the Youth Ministry through our Silent Auction. What a great night of celebration for everyone! Those that donated items for the auction were so generous in their handmade gifts and precious treasures. Our cooks gave of their time and talents to prepare such an incredible "Thanksgiving" feast and fresh baked pies. Those that came for the evening of entertainment and auction were an amazing gift to all of us – showing support for the Youth and getting to know their servers personally, as well as experiencing their many gifts and talents and fun!

If you are interested in knowing more about our incredible youth, we have a booklet available at the Welcome Center or available for download on the Youth Ministry page of the church website. We truly are a church of all ages!

Pandamania

June 12-16 (Vacation Bible School)



What happens when a pack of fun-loving panda bears invades a church? A WILD celebration of God's unconditional love!!

Mark your calendar now to join us for our incredible journey this summer!

At PandaMania, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that God crafted each of us with his own loving hands! PandaMania will be filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life!

We'll have dinner each night and options for adults, too! If you would love to share in this PandaMania adventure with Christ in helping that week, please contact Cindy Von Barga at cindy@veldarose.org, in the church office...or say YES when she contacts YOU!



AUGUST 2-7, 2011
Monterey, CA

If you love Christian music, camping, amazing worship times and being with 30,000 of your closest friends...this is

for YOU!

Velda Rose will be going and all ages are welcome to join us! **A \$25 deposit is due by Sunday, April 10**, to reserve your ticket! This is an incredible weekend of music and ministry!

Scrip = Free Money

Gift Cards...we all give them...we all use them! Let the *Youth Ministry* be your provider this year! We have over 500 vendors...local and nationwide! Places you shop all the time... like Kohl's and JCPenny, Ace Hardware to Applebee's, Amazon to Bed, Bath and Beyond! We have "Buy It Now" Cards in stock or we can help you make a selection and order the cards you need.



When you purchase a gift card for the full face value, **YOU GET THE FULL FACE VALUE** and the youth are paid a percentage of the purchase from the retailer. Order forms are available on the church website or at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. Orders placed on Sunday mornings are ready for pick-up the next Sunday.

Use them for your usual shopping at CVS, Home Depot and more or get them as gifts! Whatever! It's all free money for the youth! Any questions, please contact Cindy Von Barga at cindy@veldarose.org.

April Birthdays

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| 04/01 Dorothy Kuspis | 04/16 Lorraine Coffey
Richard Poyer
Robert Long
Jeanette O'Blenness
Adam Orr |
| 04/02 Robert Bice
Cheryl Reine | 04/18 Robert Heinz
Delores Kunz
Jeanette Edwards
Daniel Jeter |
| 04/03 Zachary Huntley
Emily Giles
Eileen Bergquist
Edith Moyer | 04/19 Jean Sakshaug
Ray Nance
Loretta Arneson
Carol Opdahl |
| 04/04 Andy Woloshyn
Don Geisler | 04/21 Fern Rud
Lou Dempsey |
| 04/05 Karen Butler | 04/22 Jerry DeLand
Janice Tegtmeyer
Bev Gibbons
Mary McLain |
| 04/06 Frank Yoder
Maggie Foster
Brad Johnson
Roberta Moore | 04/23 Mary Roose
Damien Hill
Dale Gardner
Richard Moore |
| 04/07 Jo Lynn White
Elizabeth Waltrip
Joe Evans | 04/24 Maurice Meschke
Valta Nienstedt
Becky Hertel
Alan Burke
John Laut |
| 04/08 Becky Duffy
Bonnie Ingertson
Sheri Richardson
Stewart Lewis
Jeff Dulmes | 04/25 Maryalice Bentley
Debi Hill
Roger Erskine
Sean Payne |
| 04/09 Betty Neal
Jessica Archuleta
Tamara Mulligan
Connie Harmsen | 04/26 Gillian Thompson
Barbara Clayburn |
| 04/10 Jim Oisten
Andrea Salt | 04/27 Dorothy Hunt |
| 04/11 Sarah Miller | 04/28 Wayne Hegwood
Harry Feigleson
Jen Misch
Karen Torkelson
Roy Knight |
| 04/12 Alice Pakenham
Nell Marsh
Dorothy Jennings
Phoebe Boysen
Adele Wolke
Sheila Arnold | 04/29 Mikaylah Hill
Linda Lewis
John Hill |
| 04/13 Joel Asirsan
Peggy Redmore
Lindsay Olson
Maxine Galland | 04/30 Kerry Evans
Harry Archibeque, Jr |
| 04/14 Earla Long
Colleen Tate
Sheryl McKinney | |
| 04/15 Carla Robison
Becky Cassavaugh
Don Strutz
Jerry Fick | |



60 or More Years

- 04/10 Bob & Nancy MacReynolds (63)
04/14 Francis & Joyce Einarson (60)

50 or More Years

- 04/05 Bob & Jane Collins (58)
04/14 Darryl & Ann Cramer (55)
04/19 Chuck & Pat Hohnbaum (59)

Also Celebrating

- 04/01 Tom & Angie Daggy (22)
04/02 Steve & Lois Benson (45)
04/08 Harry & Barb Myers (11)
04/09 Ron & Lyn Olesen (46)
04/12 Harry & Missy Archibeque, Jr (3)
Jerry & Karen Plumm (36)
Nate & Joy Ruppert (14)
04/21 Thomas & Maggie Foster (4)
04/23 Stephen & Sherrill Weary (34)
04/24 Maynar & Judy Christgau (18)
04/27 Stu & Carol Fraser (48)
04/28 John & Deborah Lee (24)
04/29 Roger & Debbie Plessner (11)
04/30 Tom & Dana Chaney (17)



Members Removed

Jerry & Anita Isbell
UMC Transfer

Laura Riley
Withdrawn

Stefan & Marilyn Thordarson
UMC Transfer

HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.

1. Jesus	5. cross
2. weary	6. endured
3. endured	7. scorning
4. opposition	8. shame

1. Jesus	5. perfecter
2. lose	6. him
3. pioneer	7. faith
4. sinners	8. hand

1. eyes	5. right
2. us	6. grow
3. joy	7. God
4. heart	8. throne

“... fixing our _____ on _____, the _____ and _____ of _____ For the _____ set before _____ he _____ the _____, _____ its _____, and sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____ Consider _____ who _____ such _____ from _____, so that you will not _____ and _____.” HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: “...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

NEXT DEADLINE

Next publication date - 4/21/2011. Items considered must be in the Church Office by **Wednesday, April 13, 2011.**

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Wednesday, March 16
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Wednesday, May 18

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Palm Sunday, April 17

On April 17, we will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The children will regale us with palms and we will reflect on this event that begins a week of preparation for Easter, the day so important and so pivotal to Christians. Pastor Stewart's message, "**The Long Walk Home**" will be part of a service of special music and scripture in the Sanctuary, 7:50, 9:20 & 11:00 am. Pastor Barb's message will be "**Palms or Passion: A Christian or A Disciple of Christ?**" in the New Community Service, 9:20 am, Moore Hall.



Maunday Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Maunday Thursday is the day we mark the time when Jesus gave new meaning to the opening meal of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It is a time when we begin to understand the fulfillment of the promises of God in the events of Easter. Join us for this special evening of preparing our hearts and our sanctuary for the death of Christ and his glorious resurrection. Pastor Stewart's message, "**It Would Have Been Enough,**" ties together the Jewish celebration of Passover and our Sacrament of Communion.

Good Friday, April 22

On this day we will have to opportunities to reflect on this day in the life of Christ. We will have an observance of the **Christian Stations of the Cross from Noon - 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.** This will be a time of self-guided meditation and consideration of the events of that day so long ago.

At **7:00 pm in the Sanctuary,** we will have a special Good Friday Service, led by Pastor Barb, reminding us of this day and all that it promises.

Easter Sunrise, Sunday, April 24, 6:00 am, Sanctuary

Pastor Barb will lead us in this first service of Easter, with the message "**Risen Indeed!**" Music and a message for the time will be presented.

Following the sunrise service, join the youth at **Sonrise Café** for breakfast, **6:45 - 8:30 am, Moore Hall.** Celebrate the Resurrection and have breakfast with friends before going to worship at 7:50 or 9:20 am.

Easter Services, Sunday, April 24

We will have a full schedule of services on Easter, including the processing of the cross. Pastor Stewart's message will be "**New Life From Old**", in the **Sanctuary 7:50, 9:20 & 11:00 am,** and will focus on the power and meaning of the resurrection. Pastor Barb's message in the New Community Service will be "**Out of the Tomb**", **9:20 am, Moore Hall.**