

THE VISION

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

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April 21, 2011

Confirmation 2011

We will **receive into membership** the youth who have been "firming up" their faith in Christ this year on **Sunday, May 22**.

The youth have learned and loved and grown closer to Christ and to each other. Their very faithful mentors have been instrumental in grounding them in the journey of faith which we all travel.

Celebrate with them, and all of Velda Rose, as we welcome this next generation of church leaders.

Welcome 6th Graders

If you are completing 6th grade and ready to move on in to JR High, we invite you to be a part of the incredible Youth Ministry of Velda Rose.

We would like to invite you to join us for a Family BBQ and Volleyball on **Sunday, May 15 at 5:00 pm at Red Mountain Park**. We also invite you to join us for summer volleyball and any other fun (or boring) ministries and activities we have going on this summer. So, welcome to the family!

Please Start Saving for Pandamania!

We would like to BORROW some items for our summer VBS...stuffed (or anything) PANDA, paper lanterns, oriental items, large silk plants...we also have a list of items to be donated. There is a board on the Patio on Sunday mornings with the items needed.

If you could help us with any of these items, please bring them to the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or the church office during the week by Sunday, June 5.

Velda Rose Adult Educational Opportunities

As the days grow warmer, many of our classes at Velda Rose take a break for the summer. In the class opportunities listed, be sure to note when their ending time will be. Most will start up again in September or October.

HOWEVER – a few summer opportunities are currently taking shape and will be outlined in the next newsletter in more detail! Stay tuned for more info on...**Movie nights** with Pastor Stewart, some **special sermon series**, "**Watercolor and Transformation**" class blending creativity and spirituality led by Pastor Barb, **labyrinth-walking** experience and introduction, a weekly **Cool & Calm Centering Prayer** hour, and maybe others!

Bible Study Graduates Sunday, May 22

We have many who are completing 32 weeks of incredible Bible Studies through the DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY. We are blessed to have Disciple I, II and IV being offered at Velda Rose. We have had so many individuals who have dedicated their time to learning more about the Bible and what it means to be a Disciple and follower of Christ.

Come and celebrate with them in worship.

All School Graduates!

Join us on **Sunday, May 22**, as we recognize and celebrate all of our graduates in the **9:20 am worship service**. We will celebrate those graduating High School, College and Technical Schools with a special presentation and welcome by the church family.

Join us on the Patio at 10:20 am for cake and coffee in celebration of their accomplishments.

If you, or someone you know, is graduating this spring, please Cindy in the church office at cindy@veldarose.org or 832-2111 so we can all say, ConGRADulations!



May 5



May 8



We're Proud of You!



“Remembering Eden”

Most people are familiar with the stories in Genesis about creation and the place called “Eden.” Our journey toward God seems to be also a journey back to Eden, to the idyllic place where we don’t have worries or cares and life is good. We find it hard to imagine what life would be like but we try anyway. Some people try to win the lottery to find their own “Eden” but lightning is more likely to strike than a person is to win. We dream of retirement as being a time of putting aside our anxieties of life and work and begin to enjoy the “good life” but that too doesn’t seem to happen the way we think it will.

Our alternative, one that should be obvious, is to care for the place we are, the place we live, and celebrate life here on earth. To do that we must consider that the place we live has needs and our responsibilities are to care for it. We must admit that we have lived during times when little consideration was given about the future of the earth. We are usually more concerned about our future rather than the future of the land we live on, the water we drink and the air we breathe. Until recently, we have not given a lot of thought to what our grandchildren will have available to them and how the quality of life they will have, saying nothing of our great-grandchildren or generations beyond that. Now, we begin to consider these things and the changes in our lives and our lifestyles that will need to happen.

As with anything that requires change, it can be difficult, but if we keep in mind the goal, we will do well. God put human beings in the garden to care for it. When they were thrown out, they seem to have forgotten the part about “caring for creation.” Now, it is starting to catch up to us and we are challenged, more than just in a physical way, but in the spirituality of caring for creation.

Join me on Sunday, May 8, when we will look at this issue in our worship. I know it’s Mother’s Day, and we won’t forget that, but we will also consider Mother Earth and the life we have from her.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Stewart



Celebrating Mother Earth

On Mother’s Day this year, May 8, we will be observing “Earth Day.” It will be a service to help us remember that it is from the earth that we receive life just as we receive life from our mothers. Special music and a message to help us look to what it means to care for this planet we live on will be the focus of our service. As the church looks to move into being more “green,” we will consider what that means and how it affects our relationship with God.



Holy Humor Sunday



Each year we celebrate “Holy Humor Sunday” on the Sunday following Easter. It is a Sunday to continue the celebration of the resurrection of Christ and to laugh at the devil. This year, on May 1, we will hear about Noah and the Ark and God’s great lesson to us in that event. Special hymns, special music and a unique message will make this a fun Sunday. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion with smiling faces! Join us for this special celebration of life and humor.

Supporting Ministry

The church is able to be in ministry, to help the hungry, those in need in so many ways, as well as reach out and share the Good News because you provide the support. If we had unlimited funds, we could fulfill the visions of all who are called to ministry in this church, but the reality is, we don’t. We have generous people who give of their resources and live up to the challenge to support God’s work here at Velda Rose UMC. Your support is vital, whether it is large or small. God has given you the opportunity to share with us and we value your support.

Here are the figures for the first quarter of 2011:

	2010	2011
Receipts	\$244,716	\$237,268
Disbursements	\$219,133	\$212,852

The goal each year is to go one step further, receive a little more in order to grow in our programs and ministries. Your gift is indeed important.



We need the help of some volunteers to assist with the ministries in our church. We need **patio greeters** who are willing to spend time between services greeting people as they arrive. They will be on the patio and have special aprons to wear letting people know who they are. If you are friendly and like meeting new people, please let Pastor Stewart know and we’ll find the place for you.

We also need some **computer operators** to assist with the traditional worship services. These individuals operate the projection system during the service. We need people who are computer “literate” but you don’t need to know our projection system, Easy Worship, as we will train you. We would expect a weekly commitment to the particular worship service with notice if you will be absent a particular Sunday. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Pastor Stewart.

Vows for March			
	General	Special	Attendance
6	25256.90	1910.00	1392
13	14229.45	643.00	1199
20	14476.75	676.00	1346
27	11637.88	1261.25	1284
Total	71644.57	4490.25	5221



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



Coffee Servers Needed

We need volunteers to help serve coffee once a month on Sunday mornings during June, July and August.

Please call Mary Joseph at 396-2320 if you can help.



Breakfast: 7:30 am
Tuesday, May 3
Wildberry Restaurant
4805 East Main Street
Mesa, AZ 85205

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.

Caregiver Support Group

Resumes September 6

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

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, 4:00 pm, Martin Hall

Canterbury Bell Choir

Resumes September 7

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 Bargaen, Director of Family Life Ministries

May Sermons

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

May 1: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"Noah and the Boat,"* Genesis 6:9-22

Holy Humor Sunday

New Community - Cindy Von Bargaen preaching: *"Now What?"* John 20:19-31

May 8: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"It's Hard Being Green,"* Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25, Romans 8:18-25

Mother's Day

New Community - Donna Jensen preaching

May 15: Pastor Barb preaching: *"In the Sheepfold...and Out,"* John 10:1-10, Acts 2:42-47

New Community - Pastor Paula preaching: *"Be Validated with the Divine Guardian"* I Peter 2:19-25

May 22: Cindy Von Bargaen preaching: *"The Common Thread,"* John 14:1-14

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: *"The Killing Stones - Living Stones,"* Acts 7:55-60, I Peter 2:2-10

May 29: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"Remember,"* I Samuel 7:7-13

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: *"Knowing the Unknown God,"* John 14:15-21, Acts 17:22-31

Faith factor

(All kids going into 3rd-4th-5th-6th Grades)

We're building faith wherever we go!

Sunday, May 1, Noon: Join us for a picnic and hike at the Riparian Preserve. Pack a lunch and a drink and be ready to go.

Sunday, May 15: Mystery Adventure.

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.

Special order forms and packs of cards 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

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

Apr. 30: Saturday, City Harmonic Concert

May 1: Sunday, 4:00 pm, Youth Ministry

May 4: Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Dinner
Confirmation, 7:00 pm

May 6: Friday, Newsboys Concert

May 7: Saturday, 8:00 am, Car Wash

May 11: Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Dinner
Confirmation, 7:00 pm

May 15: Sunday, 5:00 pm. Family BBQ and Volleyball

May 18: Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Dinner
Confirmation, 7:00 pm

May 22: Sunday, Confirmation Sunday
Noon, Confirmation Lunch
4:00 pm, Youth Ministry

May 28-30: Saturday-Monday, Devoted Retreat

*Questions???? Contact Director of Family Life Ministries,
Cindy Von Barga, 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 want to join a crowd of kids from Velda Rose, we have a great group headed to Elementary Camp June 6.

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



**United Methodist Women
(UMW)**

**Potluck Luncheon/Unit Meeting
Thursday, May 5, Noon, Moore Hall**

Hostesses/Worship Table: Circle 2

**Program: "What's Up for the Youth"
Cindy Von Bargaen**

Coming Events:

May 6: Friday, Church Women United, 9:30 am

May 14: Central East District United Methodist Women Day of Mission - **"Hands that Work Together"**

At our April meeting we discussed having a few times to meet for the UMW during the summer. There was a great response to this suggestion. We had 28 ladies who signed up saying they would be here during the summer and would love to go out to lunch during July. This is exciting since usually UMW activities just die down during the summer except for a few of the Circles planning a few times together.

We will plan a luncheon at a restaurant and include devotions and having time to just chat. More information on time and place will be published in the June Vision, so be sure you check that out. You are welcome to bring a friend. We'll try to have each Circle's callers get in touch with those that are listed as being interested, so if you missed our April meeting and did not get your name on the list, please contact Nadine Lieske at 854-4478.

Don't miss out on our summer fun.

May Circle Meetings

Circle 1 May 18, Wednesday, 9:30 am, Martin Hall

Circle 2 Not Meeting

Circle 3 May 19, Thursday, 11:30 am, meet at the church parking lot to carpool for lunch at Red Mountain Ranch

Circle 4 May 19, Thursday, lunch out

Circle 5 Every Wednesday, 9:00 am, Room 610
(May 11 will be the last meeting until Fall)

UMW Executive Comm. Meeting
Tuesday, May 31
9:00 AM Martin Hall

**Young Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am
Room 610**

Join us for our study entitled "The Organic God" – exploring having a natural and "unpolluted" relationship with God, co-led by Janet Cassaday & Pastor Barb. This class will **end on May 11.**

Child care is provided.

Brown Bag & A Book (BB & B)

Tuesday, May 3

11:00 am, Martin Hall

BB&B meets the first Tuesday of the month. Our book will be **"In the Company of Others"** by Jan Karon.

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

UMW Cards & Cutlery Sales

Sunday, May 1, 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

Our luncheon will be at the Arizona Culinary Institute on Friday, August 12.



Please make your reservation with Carol Opdahl, 629-8099. **You must pay the \$5.00 registration fee to her by May 13.** The remainder of the cost will be \$17.50 each and include your choice of an appetizer, entrée and iced tea or coffee, and a gratuity.

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 experiences to 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 Bargaen at cindy@veldarose.org. or check the Youth Ministry website.

Missions Committee



Thanks, UMW for serving at UMOM in April.

United Food Bank Drive

Thanks for all the money and food everyone donated! You filled three bins and gave \$572.27 to the food drive. That's going to help lots of people! Great Job!

UMCOR Birthing Kits: 100 kits needed

We have enough collected to make 32 birthing kits. We need the following items:

4 rolls of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting

3' x 50' (found in the painting supplies)

136 receiving blankets - Flannelette or Flannel

(no thermal or fleece blankets)

Sizes: 36"x 36", 30"x 30", or 32"x 32"

15 soap bars:

small bar 1 oz. to 3 oz. size

35 pairs gloves:

surgical, latex or thin rubber gloves are acceptable

Items can be dropped off at the Mission collection boxes on the patio

Local Elementary Schools: UMW and Missions are supporting local elementary schools. The four schools are Jefferson, Stevenson, Taft and Sousa.

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. 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.

If you have any questions about any of the projects or see one you would like to help with, please contact me at 926-0348 or email jtsalt@mindspring.com.

Jeanne Salt, Missions Committee Chair



Fitch Library

Sundays: 8:00 - 12:00 AM

Wednesdays: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Winter Family: hope your home was nice and safe. We did enjoy having you here at Velda Rose UMC. Please visit us again. We are going to miss you. Drop the library a postcard, we would love to hear from you.

100 Faces of Faith

The Youth Ministry would like 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.

Musical Instrument Museum



The most extraordinary museum you will ever hear! Join us for this tour of Arizona's wonderful new museum. Join us Monday, May 9, 8:30 am to arrive at the museum at 9:30 am. Cost is \$15 for the 90-minute self-guided tour. You will have time to explore the museum and we will take time to have lunch at the Museum Café. A wonderful experience for eyes and ears!

Please sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or by calling the church office.

The Rose Turns Green



When enjoying a meal at Velda Rose, why not bring your own table service, including a cup. That way we eliminate a lot of paper & Styrofoam goods going into the landfill.

If you don't have recycling available where you live, there are recycle bins available at the church.

Please be sure you bring your newspapers and aluminum cans to the church for recycling. The youth benefit from the newspaper recycling (yellow/green dumpsters) and the UMW benefits from the recycling (sale) of the cans.

Let the office know if you can get the "Vision" by Internet. Think of the amount of postage, paper and printing you will save.

We need a few volunteers at each meal served to help run the dishwasher in the kitchen. Contact Nadine Lieske at 246-7318 for more information.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts. 20:35

The Green Committee

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 Bargen. Help us keep those Summer Camp memories growing!

Summer Reading Program



Travel to another part of the world... grab a book and read! Our summer reading program begins June 1 and concludes on August 31. We have some AWESOME books for you to read this summer!

Register in the Library beginning Sunday, May 15. You will complete a registration card and get a booklet of ideas and information, along with some wonderful books especially for you!

Recognition and awards will be given at the end of the summer. So see where you can go by reading a book!

Summer Devo Backpacks

Check out one of our backpacks filled with fun devos and a friend, "Rosie," for a week or two this summer. Take Velda "Rosie" along with you this summer...on vacation, to Grandma's house, to the park...wherever you go. Keep her for a week or two and take a picture of her on the slide, at the Grand Canyon or even at Chick fil-A. Keep a journal of "Rosie's" travels and we'll see where she can go this summer.

The backpacks will be at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week beginning Sunday, May 15. Oh the places we will go!

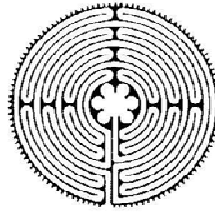
God Bless You

Prohibitions against prayer are now common in most public school graduations. But some students at a high school in Washington, Illinois, came up with a way around the ban.

Ryan Brown, a graduate scheduled to speak, paused to bow in silent prayer as he approached the podium. Moments later, with all eyes on him, Brown faked a sneeze. In response, a handful of his friends shouted, "God bless you!"

The Newsletter Newsletter, May 2011

Confessions of a Labyrinth Wanderer



I don't like to get lost, but I do like to wander. Some of the most profound times I hear God's voice and receive God's inspirations are when I'm walking. It's as if sometimes my moving feet are better at divine conversation than my mouth or my brain. Maybe God's Spirit doesn't "dwell in the sky" as we sometimes lapse into thinking...but maybe it lives and moves in the earth, and comes more readily up through our feet when we walk – like mud between our toes!

During our first senior pastor-associate pastor-get-to-know-you lunch, as Stewart and I were savoring our enchiladas and carne asada, I tossed out a tentative feeler that only hinted at one of my deep spiritual interests: "Are you familiar with walking labyrinths..." He snatched the bait, and since January we've been circling around the idea of installing a labyrinth here on the campus of Velda Rose.

For those who don't know, a labyrinth is single-path design that has been laid into floors and carpets and gardens and deserts as a kind of prayer-walk. There are many designs, but on the favorites is called the Chartres labyrinth because it was laid into the sanctuary floor of Chartres Cathedral in France during the Middle Ages, as a kind of substitute pilgrimage for family members whose young men had left on the Crusades to the Holy Land.

On a labyrinth, the walker follows the one path that leads eventually to the center (during the stage called "Release"), one pauses in the center with an attitude of openness (the stage called "Receive"), and then follow the path back out ("Return").

As in most spiritual practices, at any given time, one may or may not have some bursting inspirational moments, but over time, the labyrinth walk can be a way to release tension, regain focus, center on God's presence, and reclaim and renew one's creativity.

We will be exploring over the summer the dynamics and possibilities of creating labyrinth as a new sacred space for our campus. Let me know if you are interested in being part of the wonder of Labyrinth wandering!

Blessings,

Pastor Barb

Pastor Barb





We want to thank our many church friends for attending Harold's Memorial Service and for the memorials in his name. We so appreciated all the cards, calls, visits and prayers for him while he was in the care center during his illness. Thanks to Marian Bakle and the ladies on the Reception Committee that served the refreshments. We are grateful to Pastors Stewart, Barbara, Paula, Bob and June Deits for their visits, prayers and to Bob for his special memorial service at the church and in the Rose Garden where Harold is now at rest. How fortunate we are to have so many wonderful caring friends at Velda Rose. God's blessing and Love,

Alta, Lee, Dawn Norman & Family

Thanks to Joe Goodman for donating the ham for the Rummage Sale Luncheon.

United Methodist Women

It was a great comfort to my family and I to receive cards, phone calls and messages after the death of my son, Randy. It is so consoling to know there are so many caring friends. Thank you to all.

Dorothy Peterson

A HUGE thanks to all those who supported our Youth Ministry through our Silent Auction. To our phenomenal cooking crew of **Marj Troute, Jill Prather, Geri Edson, Adair Quam and Ruth Polanec**...your feast was delicious and your support PRICELESS! To our auction item getters and preparers **Lody Hodge, Michelle Hoy, Sandy Kuchan and Rita Canfield**...beautiful, wonderful and life saving! To those who graciously donated and generously purchased...THANK YOU! We could not do what we do without your support! There will be more youth able to participate in ministry events this summer because of all of you.

Cindy Von Bargaen, Youth Ministry

Our newspaper recycling program continues to be a huge success...to the Youth Ministry and the environment. The youth benefit by every paper, magazine or piece of junk mail placed in our bit containers. Thank you to the many people who support this effort every week by bringing their own papers. Thank you to those who are the drop-off point for their whole neighborhoods! Thank you to those who continue to load your cars and vans with bags of papers. We don't know all your names but we appreciate who you are and all that you do!

Cindy Von Bargaen, Youth Ministry

Members Removed

Foster & Violet Song
UMC Transfer



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

Opal Lindstrom - March 28

Betsy Schumacher - April 2

Rev. George Thompson - April 10



Dorothy Peterson on the death of her son Randy March 22, Ed & Carole Hughes on the death of Ed's mom, Mildred Hughes, March 31; and Carl & Maureen Richardson on the death of Carl's sister Pauline.

Harold Norman - Harold Norman Memorial Fund
Given by: Joan Hartke & Bud Jenkins, Donna Hoy

Harold Norman - Memorial Garden Fund
Given by: Marian Lorenz, Grace Van Brunt, Lorraine Coffey, Tom & Joan Anderson

Harold Norman - Building Fund
Given by: Kathy Kolbo, Barbara Tucker, Phyllis Fields, Don & Ellie Frederick, Alta Norman & Family

Harold Norman - Van Fund
Given by: Florence Lawhead, Virginia Reedy, Mary Ellen Kitchen

Mildred Hughes - Music Fund
Given by: Florence Lawhead

Hilmer Brost - Music Fund
Given by: Hilde Brost

Mitzie Brush - Building Fund
Given by: Keith & Donnalouis Ahlstedt, Leonard & Doris Culver, Ken & Kathy Andrews, Gerard & Gertrude Borst, John & Margery Bryant, Gary & Mary Ann Chesnut, Jack & Judy Forrest, Carol Fraser, Paul & Myrtis Gustafson, Louise Klinkenberg, Diane & Roger Lanctot, Daniel & Susan McDermott, Harry & Barb Myers, Susan Sorenson, Elwyn & Betty Weckesser, Donald & Dorothea Taylor, Kenneth & Phyllis Ahlstedt, Betty Nelson, Anne Perry, Marbeth Kobak, JoAnn Kirby, Marv & Darleen Koopman, John & Sue Bryant, Joann Malic, Lucille Evans, Sandy Foreste, Karen Garrett, Linda Heitkamp, Corinne Morton, Lois Marsh, Carroll McFayden, Jackie Makarowski, Rollie & Sue Sorensen, Gail Richards, Russell & Shirley Lindner

Mitzie Brush - Columbarium Fund
Given by: Gordon & Helen Pecha

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

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





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
 Betty Barger
 Betty Myers
 Budd Allen
 Byron Ayers
 Charlotte Saum
 Dan Walkowiak
 Dillon Owens
 Donna Collins
 Doreen Ingham
 Dorothy Troute
 Dorothy Wirtz
 Dylan Ellefson
 Earle Scholl
 Ed Appel
 Edith Moyer
 Eileen Jackovich
 Elsie Thomas

Esther Powers
 Esther Sundberg
 Ethel Burlingham
 Eulala Adams
 Geneva Richardson
 Guyneth Gottschalk
 Hannah Turowski
 Harmony Williams
 Helen Davies
 Helene Keller
 Hugh Pangman
 Isabelle Kravik
 Jane Black
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OUR TROOPS

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

Prayer Request Book

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.

OUR PRAYER CHAIN



CALL: Marian Lorenz - 807-9739

Disciple Classes Coming to a Close

Disciple I, II, & IV will be concluding in May. The Disciple courses are extensive, 32-week classes that help participants immerse themselves through the year in bible study. New courses will begin again next fall. Consider making a step to join a new level of Christian discipleship by taking part in the Disciple Bible Study! Disciple I ends May 10, Disciple II through May and Disciple IV ends May 19.

Thanks to **Mary Joseph, John Kleinbach** and **Cindy Von Barga**n for their dedication in teaching these classes.

Life-Long Learning

We will celebrate Life-Long Learning in worship on Sunday, May 22, as we recognize our high school and college graduates, those who have participated in Disciple I, II and IV or any other short- or long-term studies; our Christian Education leaders and learners, confirmation mentors and more.

There is so much to know about the love and grace of God and how to live as Christ has called us to be...we can't learn it all when we are children...it takes a lifetime! See if there is a learning opportunity for you in our summer or fall offerings.

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 Bargen 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, May 1**, to reserve your ticket! This is an incredible weekend of music and ministry!

Register by contacting cindy@veldarose.org. For more information, check out the link on the Youth Page at www.veldarose.org or contact Cindy in the church office.

Free Money with Scrip

It's the season for gift cards! If you are in need of gifts for weddings, graduations, showers, Easter baskets, Mother's Day, Father's Day or just because, the Youth Ministry has you covered! We have gift cards for hundreds of retailers across the country!



Orders placed by Monday morning will be ready to pick-up the card the next Sunday.

Use them for your usual shopping or give them as gifts! Whatever! It's all free money for the youth!

Any questions, please contact Cindy Von Bargen at cindy@veldarose.org.

Mega Movies

Begins, Wednesday, June 1
9:45 am, Martin Hall



The hall will be transformed into a movie theater this summer as we welcome any and all to join us for FREE movies.

We will have some snacks and a great movie on the BIG screen! Parents can get a little break or stay for the show! Bring a friend...or lots of them...wear your Velda Rose t-shirt and get some Bible Bucks...join us for "**Clifford's Really Big Movie**" which will be our 1st of 10 movies we have this summer! MORE MEGA FUN TO COME!

Youth Volleyball

All youth currently in 5th – 12th grades

Summer Volleyball is here! Practices begin in May and the games start on Wednesday, June 1 and continue through the summer! It's a great time to be with old friends and make some new ones in the church and in the District! Start practicing your serves and get to the net! Watch for more info.



Adult Volleyball

Adults, this is your chance for some spikes, digs and wonderful fellowship, too! **All ages 18 or older** are invited to join in the Central East District UMC volleyball league that will have games on Monday evenings through the summer beginning June 6.

If you are interested in playing, or know someone who is, please contact Tamara Mulligan at tamaramulligan@cox.net SOON!

Childcare WILL be provided. We'd love to have you be a part of this summer event!

Slime Time Live

Mondays beginning, June 6
7:00 - 8:30 pm, Moore Hall

We are going to have a blast on Monday nights this summer with water wars, scavenger hunts, animal adventures and...well, just come and see for yourself!

All children through grade 6 are invited to join us for "summer camp without leaving town." We'll have fun and games, crafts and music each Monday night of the summer!

So mark your calendars and be ready for some serious slime!



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 Mary Joseph as she leads this class through the month of May.

New Horizons

Sundays, 10:45 am, Martin Hall (**1st Sunday of the month**)

Class members will take turns leading each month on topics of their choice. Lunch follows class. Questions, call Gene June Osborne at 984-1583.

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.

(May 29 will be the last class until Fall)

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.

(May 15 will be the last class until Fall)

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.

(May 22 will be the last class until Fall)

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. We will also be doing **100 Faces of Faith interviews** during this time.

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 May, the children of Velda Rose will be learning about **Forgiveness— deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.** Instead of trying to get revenge, we will learn how the parables of Jesus teach us to forgive.

Sometimes we like to hold onto grudges and hurt and anger and carry it with us all the time. We are going to empty some "buckets" and use a lot of erasers so we can live life like God wants us to, full of forgiveness and mercy. 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, May 1 - 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!

Our next FX will be Sunday, June 5.

Some of Our High School Graduates



Rebecca Blank will be graduating the IBE program at Westwood High School. She is graduating 19th in her class of 597 with a Presidential Scholarship. She is still deciding on where to go to college. Her first choice is Richmond, the American International University in London. She plans to study International Relations with a minor in International Business. She would like to

enter the Foreign Service and work abroad or work for the State Department in Washington, DC. Beckah is an accomplished pianist and has been a faithful member of our Canterbury Bell Choir.



Adam Orr will be graduating Mountain View High School ranked 8th in his class of 810 and a GPA of 4.51. Adam has been a member of National Honor Society, Gaming Club, Racquetball Club and Spanish Club. He is a National Merit Commended Student and an AP Scholar with Honor. He has earned Distinguished Delegate at ASU's and MCC's Model

United Nations and Best Policy Statement at ASU's Model United Nations. Adam is going to attend the Barrett Honor's College at Arizona State University and major in Molecular Biosciences/Biotechnology with a goal of being a Genetic Engineer. Adam is a leader and role model in our Youth Ministry. He is inspirational and fun with a deep spiritual soul. He is a true minister in the way he serves and loves and gives to others.



Abby Thompson will be graduating Mountain View High School. She is going to the University of Arizona and attending the Honors College. She's not totally sure what she will be studying but is considering a major in Speech or Occupational Therapy, or some sort of engineering. She has been awarded Arizona's High Honors Tuition Waiver and Wildcat Excellence Scholarship. Several more scholarships

are probably on their way. Abby is a hardcore athlete with great skills as a pitcher in Fast Pitch Softball and on the volleyball court. She has been a leader in the Youth Ministry and an avid player on the Youth Volleyball Team.



Breanna Duffy is graduating 4th in her class at Red Mountain High School. She has been the Band Council President and a member of the Marching Band and Winter Guard. She is probably going to the University of Arizona but is on the wait list at the University of Pennsylvania. She's still deciding on a major, but probably will be working in the Medical Sciences. Breanna is an incredible flute player and a faithful

member of our Canterbury Bell Choir.



Hannah Eaton will be graduating the Arizona Agribusiness and Equine Center Charter School in May. She has been dually enrolled at AAEC and Mesa Community College. She will be attending another semester at Mesa Community College and getting her General Associates Degree in December. Then it is on to

Northern Arizona University to major in Hotel and Restaurant Management with plans to eventually own her own bed and breakfast. Hannah continued to be part of the Youth Ministry of Velda Rose after her dad, Rev. Michael Eaton, was appointed to Desert Chapel UMC in Apache Junction. She is a gifted musician, a lover of animals, a caring, compassionate and incredibly talented young woman.



Graduates

Disciple I

Tara Negrette
Carole Oelke
Bonnie Stolins
Bruce Williams
Facilitator: Mary Joseph

Disciple II

Carol Zamora
Rhonda Morgan
Carolyn Morrow
Sam Atwood
Shirley Manfredi
Nancy Mueller
Facilitator: Cindy Von Bargaen

Disciple IV

Rollie Tillery
Carol Opdahl
Brad Johnson
Gill Baker
Irene Baker
Facilitator: John Kleinbach



Graduates

Bryce Kuchan
Dylan Kuchan
Bobby Canfield
Angel Vergara
Garrett Hoy
Miranda Zamora
Sierra Monk
Seth Veik
Kim Vu
Aspin Huntley
Zachery Huntley
Caitlin Sosa

Mentors

Ashleigh Orr
Laura Kuegemann
Barbara Walker
Jill Prather
Carolyn Morrow
Marj Trout
Adair Quam
Judy Hartmann
Al & Nancy Shubring
Bonnie Williams

Facilitator: Cindy Von Bargaen

May Birthdays

05/01 Mike Reine Ray Kuehl Wayne Meyers Dorothy Williams Steve Brenden Corrine Veik Joan Most	05/15 Elizabeth Bowen Abby Thompson
05/02 Virginia Wenge Oneita Gommels Roger Plessner Kim Vu	05/16 Hayven Mox Eve Foster Wayne Playford
05/03 Tara Negrette Diane Van Hoy Marvel Schlick	05/17 Jean Sitka Joann Stonerock Jim Kuchan Jim Jorgensen Eleanor Style Shirley Hodgson
05/04 Helen Strader Caitlin Sosa Larry Jones	05/19 Jennie Boyle Violet Larney Bill Davies
05/05 Dave Hoy Dick Brush Carol Holland	05/20 Phyllis Fields Cathy Alesandrini Steve Gartlett Brett Garlett Dick Gissel
05/06 Steven Hill	05/21 Robert Bargman Brittany Summers Barbie Van Hoy Deanna Veik
05/07 Nancy Nance Ethan Hill	05/22 Jane Black Hazel Boyd Harry Zeisloff
05/08 Norm Fenske Mary Joseph Jan Leith Janet DeLand Jim McGuire Kyle Peterson Milt Holec	05/23 Mary Eager Donna Bargman Shirley Johnson Miranda Zamora
05/09 Pilisita Mamatuki Matthew Molyneux Nate Ruppert Hank Burgunder Maggie May Coppock Tyler Mecl George Heasley Arlene Oisten	05/24 Dot Michaelis Bonnie Stolins Courtney Coppell
05/10 Ralph Ketron Frank Haas Carol Oelke Jim Oelke Moki Liku Barb Hamilton	05/27 Barb Bomgaars Sharon Burgunder Dillon Breseman Tess Baldwin
05/11 Phyllis Hendricks Avis Patton Britanie Schreiber Bonnie Fik	05/28 Terry Manley Charlotte Archuleta Jeanette Hawley Grace Lueck
05/12 Donna Collins Sara McElroy	05/29 John Inglebright Howard Schneider Ann Greenberg
05/13 Betty Sayers	05/30 Paula Kaipelea Barbara Havens Dakotah Wamack Bob Smerud Berl Claiborn Emma Provost Norm Arneson
05/14 Leota Haas	05/31 Elmer Houghten Scott Brannan
05/15 Joe Goodman Marj Troute	



60 or More Years

05/14 Ray & Fran Kuehl (68)
05/18 Bill & Ardith Cook (64)

50 or More Years

05/02 Ray & Donna Kerr (58)
05/08 Bill & Lou Dempsey (57)
05/09 Norm & Barbara Walker (57)
05/28 Ray & Nancy Nance (57)
05/31 Elmer & Nancy Houghten (58)

Also Celebrating

05/02 Steve & Rhonda Morgan (41)
Tom & Harriet Stamm (41)
05/03 Howard & Cori Orr (19)
05/06 Kyle & Karen Peterson (12)
Richard Stanearth & Ellen Hossler (9)
05/10 Horace & Beatrice Weaver (30)
05/15 Louis & Joan Whitehead (35)
05/17 Dave & Trill Perrin (47)
05/29 Paul & Cynthia Borneman (35)



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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!



Easter Services, Sunday, April 24

Sunrise, 6:00 am, Sanctuary, Pastor Barb: *Risen Indeed - Come & See, Go & Tell!*

Sonrise Café, 6:45-8:30 am, Moore Hall, Celebrate the Resurrection and have breakfast with friends. All are welcome. Served by the Youth Ministry

7:50, 9:20 & 11:00 am, Traditional, Sanctuary, Pastor Stewart, *"New Life from Old"*

9:20 am, New Community, Moore Hall, Pastor Barb, *"Out of the Tomb"*

We're Building a Bamboo Forest!

We are building the set and decorations for our Summer Vacation Bible School: PandaMania! Where God is Wild About You! We are in need of minor construction and major painting and lots of other miscellaneous projects to prepare our Bamboo Forest for the children coming in June.

If you would be willing to help with the construction or painting, please join us on Wednesday's at 1:00 pm beginning Wednesday, May 11. We'll have the paint and the brushes, just need you!

