

VELDA ROSE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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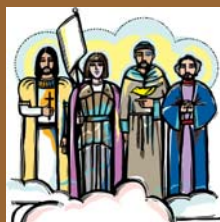
“For the vision is for the days yet to come.” Daniel 10:14

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October 20, 2011



November



For All the Saints
November 6



November 6



November 24



November 27



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Saturday, November 19
7:00 pm. Moore Hall

Join us as we hear great gospel music from our special guests, **Servant Song**, with lead singer **Vicki McDermott**. **Servant Song** is a small all-female group that blends beautiful harmonies of old Gospel favorites and hymns.

They are part of a group of Christian Faith Leaders, musicians and artists called “**Music Serving the Word**” based out of the Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, AZ.

See more about this group in this newsletter.

A suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door gets you in — the fun is up to you!

Church Conference

Each year, every United Methodist Church has a “Church Conference” in which we set certain programs and make plans for the future. This year is going to be very different.

On **Sunday, November 20**, Velda Rose UMC and six other UMCs in the area will gather here and have their charge conferences. Each church will have a short program of their own in a separate room and then come together in the Sanctuary to hear of the programs, joys and concerns of each church. This portion is to last 5 – 7 minutes per church. The conferences will begin at 2:00 pm.

This process promises to be an interesting experience and all are invited. All full members will be eligible to vote but all will have voice.

Shoe Boxes

The Children’s Ministry is in need of some empty shoe boxes and lids. If you have any you can spare, please leave them at the Gazebo on Sunday mornings or bring them to the church office during the week. Thanks so much!

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, November 6
2:00 pm, Patio

We will have an outdoor worship service for a Blessing of the Animals in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi who loved all of God’s creatures. All people who love animals, along with all pets and their human friends, are invited to this service. Bring your dog, cat, lizard, rabbit, pig, hamster, fish, tortoise, bird...whoever shares your home with you in celebration of God’s gifts of animals.

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 24
10:00 am. Sanctuary

In a tradition that is older than our country, Thanksgiving is a celebration of God’s grace and bounty on lives that, even today, can seem precarious. We take this opportunity to give thanks for all that God has done for us and you are invited to join us. A few minutes out of busy days is a great time to be refreshed and renewed, not to mention reminded of God’s place in our lives.

Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 24
11:00 am—2:00 pm, Moore Hall

We will again celebrate Thanksgiving with a dinner for the community. There is no charge for the meal and all are welcome.

A tradition that has grown in this church over the last seven years is our Community Thanksgiving Dinner. It is served, at no cost, to anyone from the community as well as to those in the church who wish to attend. It is a nice opportunity to join others for fellowship and the traditional Thanksgiving meal with turkey, dressing and all the fixings.

If you would like to help cook or serve the meal or donate food, please call the church office during the week or sign up at the gazebo or the Thanksgiving Dinner table on the patio on Sundays. The meal will be served following the Thanksgiving service. All are welcome.

“Helping the Love of God bloom in you.”

"Did You Hear...?"



I have an issue to discuss with you and I don't want it to come across as negative. I am trying to encourage people to do the good thing and not get caught up in the bad, although it is easy to do. The subject is "gossip". The dictionary defines gossip as "a conversation involving malicious chatter or rumors about other people."

This has always been something that has bothered me about the church, any church, and that is there are always people who are quick to spread rumors about people or activities in the church without checking to see if they are true. We don't have many of these around here but I know they exist and I hope we can get beyond them.

We recently closed the food pantry because we were short of the basics necessary to give out appropriate food boxes. Yet, in a few days, I had someone come to me and volunteer to help fill boxes because they heard the pantry was full of food but no one was around to box the food! Well, this was far from true but, how do you counter that idea? How do you stop a rumor because most of them are wrong?

In the Book of James, in the New Testament, we read "So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!" The tongue is such a problem in our lives and yet it is an important part.

It is with the tongue that we share the Good News of Jesus Christ and it is with the tongue we tell lies and spread false information. The tongue can start a war and it can stop one. It can speak of love and it can speak of hate. What it does is controlled by our heart and what we say is a reflection of what we think and feel.

The greatest problem is that once spoken, a word can never be taken back. We can speak words that hurt another and there is nothing we can do to take those words back. Sometimes we can make apologies, but they may not be enough.

As Christians, we are to speak words of love and caring. We are to tell people of the great love of God for us and show them through our words. We are to speak God's words to the world and it is all a great calling for it takes a commitment to speak the truth in love rather than speak words that hurt.

I hope we can find out if something we hear is true or just another idle story before we tell others. Sometimes to tell others is important, for it helps us get out the Good News.

Let us always speak the truth and speak words that build up rather than tear down. May God give us the words to speak.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Stewart



Stewardship in Today's World

When we join the United Methodist Church, we promise to uphold it with "our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness." This is the definition of "stewardship" in the United Methodist Church and one that will be explored by Pastor Stewart and Pastor Barb in a series of sermons in their respective services. Our "Pledge Sunday" will be on November 20 when we give thanks for all that we have and all that we are.

This program will be our Stewardship program for the year and set us on a course for 2012 that promises to be one of vitality in the name of Jesus Christ.

Medicare Workshop

An EDUCATIONAL ONLY meeting, presented by **Kate Haase**, CSA (Certified Senior Advisor) to help you understand Medicare, will be held **on Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 am in Martin Hall**. There have been many changes in recent years to Medicare, including for 2012. What are some of the changes, what could they mean to you; now and in the future?

This is educational only. NO specific plans will be discussed. There is no cost to attend.

Advent Readers & Candle Lighters Needed



Would you like to be a part of the Advent season during worship service? Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, and December 4, 11, 18 and Christmas Eve, there will be an Advent reading and a candle (s) to light.

Call the church office to reserve your time. Couples, groups, families and youth have all shared in the readings.

Advent Devotionals

"The True Gifts of Christmas" is a collection of devotions to lead us through the four weeks of Advent right to the Manger of Christ on Christmas Day.

Copies will be **available** at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex and on the New Community Worship Table beginning the **first Sunday in Advent, November 27**. Take one for yourself, and one to give to a friend.

Vows for September

	General	Special	Attendance
4	16383.61	945.00	477
11	10176.45	619.00	520
18	8242.35	1012.00	556
25	16860.86	1125.25	554
Total	51663.27	3701.25	2107

A Special Weekend with "Music Serving the Word"

Velda Rose UMC is excited to host the organization called "**Music Serving the Word**," (MSW) a group of Christian faith leaders, musicians and artists that offer concerts and workshops, helping churches deepen and enliven their worship experiences. They will be with us **Nov. 19-21**. MSW is based out of the Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, but travels nationally and internationally. The MSW folks will be offering a number of different experiences for us.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, MSW will offer their signature **Soul Scape** worship service during the New Community Service at 9:20 which will combine spoken word, music, and multimedia as we focus on the theme of offering our Gifts and Commitments to the work and ministry of Jesus Christ on this pledge and Thanksgiving Sunday.


Then, on Monday, Nov. 21, 7:00-9:00 pm, also in Moore Hall, the MSW staff will present a **workshop on worship**, targeting especially musicians, the AV Technicians, multimedia designers, also worship leaders and planners. But, even if you are not directly involved in those fields, everyone and anyone is welcome to attend.

Look for more publicity to follow this month! Vicki and Dwight Killian (MSW Director and string bass player) will also be in worship on Nov. 13 to offer a bit of special music to give us a taste of what's to come!

"A child of God should be a visible beatitude,
for joy and happiness, and a living doxology,
for gratitude and adoration."

—Charles H. Spurgeon

The Newsletter Newsletter, November 2011



UMOM Dinner to be served by:

Tuesday, November 15
CONGREGATION VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, December 20
YOUTH MINISTRY

Tuesday, January 17, 2012
CONGREGATION VOLUNTEERS

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



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.

Church Leadership

Rev. Minerva Carcaño, Resident Bishop

Rev. Bob Burns, District Superintendent

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

Cindy Von Barga, Director of Family Life Ministries

November Sermons

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

Nov. 6: Pastor Stewart preaching: "*Generous Hearts*," John 4:31-38; 2 Corinthians 9:1-12 **All Saints Sunday**
New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: "*Making Disciples: Respond to God's Call with God's Gifts*," Romans 12:1-18

Nov. 13: Pastor Stewart Preaching: "*Share the Good News*," John 1:43-51
New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: "*Making Disciples: A Waste or a Witness*," Matthew 26:6-13

Nov. 20: Pastor Stewart preaching: "*Thanks*," Luke 6:38 **Thanksgiving/Pledge Sunday**
New Community - "**Music Serving the Word**": "*SoulScape*," Matthew 25:31-46

Nov. 24: Pastor Stewart preaching: "*Being Pilgrims*" **Thanksgiving Day**

Nov. 27: Choral Cantata
New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: Advent Theme: "*The Trees of Life: Sings of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*"
"*Hope: Reading the Signs of the Times in the Fig Tree*," Mark 13:24-37



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

We're building faith wherever we go!

Sunday, Nov. 20, Noon: A Thanksgiving Special Effect.

Sunday, Nov. 27: We are baking and decorating cookies for our neighborhood!

Come on over and join for some amazing fun! Questions, please contact Cindy at cindy@veldarose.org or the church office.

Got Puppets Wednesday's, 5:00 pm Upstairs Moore Hall



God's MP3's (God's Mighty Powerful Puppets and People) have a HUGE season ahead with LOTS of ministry opportunities. For anyone Third grade to adult!

Come and join us for practices and see how God can speak to people through puppets!

Resources for Parents

Stop by the Gazebo 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.

Calling All Kids!!!



We would love for ALL of you to be involved in our Children's Christmas Musical this year, "The Great Christmas Giveaway!" There are parts for everyone...singing, speaking, props, crowd... plenty of room for all!

Join us on **Sunday mornings from 10:45 – 11:15 for practice!** The performance will be Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm. PLUS we will be taking the show on the road this year, too! THEN join us at Amazing Jakes for our cast party in January!

Any questions, please give Cindy a call in the church office or email cindy@veldarose.org! Can't wait for Christmas this year!



Youth Ministry

Oct. 26: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner
7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group

Oct. 28: 5:00 pm. Castles-N-Coasters

Oct. 30: Sunday, 11:15 am, FX
4:00 pm, BLOCKtober

Oct. 26: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner
7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group

Nov. 5: Saturday, 4:30 pm, Winterjam

Nov. 6: Sunday, 2:00 pm, Blessing of the Animals
5:00 pm, Giving Thanks Dinner

Nov. 9: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner
7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group

Nov. 10-12: Thursday-Saturday, 5:00 pm, Fall Retreat

Nov. 13: Sunday, 5:00 pm, Youth Ministry

Nov. 16: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner
7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group

Nov. 23: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner
7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group

Nov. 24: Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 27: Sunday, 11:15 am. FX
5:00 pm, Youth Ministry

Nov. 30: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner for a Dollar
7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group

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!

Castles-N-Coasters

Friday, October 28, 6:00-11:00 pm



Join us for Church Night on Friday, October 28. For \$12 we get unlimited rides and more fun from 6:00 – 11:00 pm. This is open to anyone...any age! Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15.

Any questions or for more information, please contact Cindy at cvonbarga@cox.net.



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Potluck Luncheon/Unit Meeting
Thursday, November 3, Noon, Moore Hall

Hostesses/Worship Table: Circle 4

Program: Kathleen Norby
"Why they call them Christmas Carols"

No cost for this luncheon. Please bring your own table setting. Circle members are asked to make reservations through their Circle. Guests are asked to call Nadine Lieske, 854-4478, by Sunday, October 30.

Coming Events:

Nov. 4: Church Women United

November Circle Meetings

- Circle 1** Wednesday, Nov. 15, 9:30 am, Martin Hall
- Circle 2** Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1:00 pm, Martin Hall
- Circle 3** Thursday, Nov. 17, 1:00 pm, Martin Hall
- Circle 4** Thursday, Nov. 17, 1:00 pm, Moore Hall
- Rebecca Circle** Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:00 pm, Rm 305

UMW Executive Comm. Meeting

Tuesday, November 29
9:00 am, Martin Hall



**Brown Bag & A Book
(BB & B)**
Tuesday, November 1
11:00 am, Martin Hall

We meet the first Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to join us.

November 1: "Enrique's Journey" by Sonia Nozario.

If you would like to read ahead:

December 6: "Spoken from the Heart" by Laura Bush.

January 3, 2012: "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett.

Need more information, please call Donna Jensen at 984-0171 or email dgjensen50@msn.com.

UMW Cards & Cutlery Sales Sunday, November 6, 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.

United Methodist Women Unique Boutique & Gourmet Food

You won't want to miss the opportunity to come to the Unique Boutique and Gourmet food sale. With the holidays just around the corner, you can find some wonderful gifts for giving or perhaps something for yourself. The United Methodist Women are sponsoring this event. We will always be happy to accept donations of crafts or food items.

Watch for updates in the weekly bulletin. If you have any questions phone **Becky Jackson** 832-9056 or **Dot Michaelis** 656-3393

Butchers, Bakers & Candlestick Makers

The Children's Ministry is in need of some bakers... cupcakes and sugar cookies. If you would be willing to help us out during this holiday season, please contact Cindy in the church office or at cindy@veldarose.org. Thanks so much!



Breakfast: 7:30 am
Tuesday, November 1
Velda Rose UMC, Moore Hall

100 Faces of Faith

The Youth Ministry project to interview 100 people from our church family is continuing. 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 mornings at 10:30 or contact Cindy in the church office at cindy@veldarose.org. Thank you for sharing your faith and encouraging our youth.

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Violet Larney has given a very special gift to Velda Rose UMC Rummage Building. This is a note from her on why she did this.

Dear Friends of Velda Rose,

What I am going to do in a few minutes will make me just about as happy as I am when I discover a perfect blouse for only one dollar at the Velda Rose Rummage Sale! "Who is

this woman?" you ask. "She must have had rich parents, or married into money," neither of which is true. Forgive me if I reminisce a bit about my past.

My mother and father met in the Bowen Methodist Episcopal Church in Chicago. She was the organist, and he sang in the choir (and I became their only child). I was a teenager in Chicago during the Great Depression. My father had a poorly paying office job during that time, and he died of pneumonia at age 47, when I was a senior in high school. We were left with about \$2,000 from his life insurance policy and \$3,000 in a savings account. I had no trouble getting college scholarships, since I was Valedictorian at Lake View High School.

Mother and I shared an apartment wherever I went to college, and we made about \$5,000 last for five years while I earned a Bachelor's Degree from Illinois State University, and a Master's from the University of Illinois. (Both degrees were in mathematics.) I was so excited when I got a job teaching at the St. Charles High School (in a suburb of Chicago), where I made the great salary of \$1,500 a year! (That was during World War II.) Even then I put money in a bank account or in U.S. Savings Bonds, having learned (the hard way) how to spend less than my income.

Having endured two years of pranks by my high school pupils, I left high school teaching, and went up to Madison as a Teaching Assistant at the University of Wisconsin, where I studied hard and played hard for six years. (My mother took care of the housework.) One day I was studying in the Main Library, when a tall, handsome guy came up to my table, introduced himself, and asked for a date. I said "Yes", and learned that he was Norbert Larney from New York City (where he had graduated from exclusive Stuyvesant High School), and that he was an officer in the Royal Canadian Air force during World War II.

Skipping many details, let me say that Norb and I became engaged in the spring of 1949, and were in the same graduation ceremony in June, 1950, at Wisconsin. He received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, and I was awarded a Ph.D. in Mathematics. So many G.I.s graduated in 1950 that jobs were scarce that year. Norb got one in Chicago at the People Gas, Light, and Coke Company, and I became an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. In spite of the obstacles, we were married in downtown Chicago at the First Methodist Church on Nov. 22, 1950. (That was the eve of Thanksgiving, so I had four nights to spend with him before I took the train back to Kansas).

In an attempt to end this long (boring) story, let me say that at Christmastime, 1950, we played house for two weeks in an apartment hotel in Chicago. Then in January, 1951, Norb moved down to my apt (shared with my mother) in Kansas, went to college again, and in Jan. 1952 got his Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Kansas State.

Again we were separated for half a year when Norb went to Pittsfield, Mass., to work for General Electric while I taught the spring semester at K-State.

Now comes the good part! I was given a Professorship at the college which became State University of New York at Albany, Norb got a transfer to G.E. in Schenectady, and we rented a brand new apt. in Albany for \$78 a month. He drove his 17 miles to work, and I walked my two. (We have never owned two cars.) After five years of renting an apartment in Albany, we designed and had our home built (with a separate apt. for Mother). Our life-long friends in Albany were those we met at a Couples Club party at Trinity Methodist Church, where Norb was an usher for many years.

A note concerning our financial philosophy: Never buy anything unless you have the cash to pay for it. We adhered to this rule except for our Albany home, on which we had a 12-year mortgage for \$15,000. We paid it off in four years, and heaved a sigh of relief!

Norb and I had a wonderful life together, and enjoyed visiting every state in the union. We loved Lake George, which is 32 miles long, surrounded by the foothills of the Adirondacks, and dotted with islands. (The southern end is just 60 miles north of Albany.) We would stay overnight in our boat in areas where there is no sign of houses, cars, or roads. We enjoyed camping on the islands before we got boats large enough to sleep on. We also get interested in RV's, and had fun travelling in our Airstream trailer (remember those silver bullets?) and later in three different motor homes. At one time I could say we have hiked in every National Park in the US, including the two in Hawaii but not the remote ones in Alaska. (They may have added a few more in the past decade.)

We retired in 1982 and, having friends in Mesa, we bought a home in Leisure World in 1985, selling our Albany home in 1987. We spent the last summer up at Lake George in 1992. Motor homing led us up into the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Summit County, Colorado, near Breckenridge, where we began renting condos for the summer, and made many friends through hiking. (Norb and I planned and led the Leisure World hikes for 12 years)

In November, 2000, we had a dinner party (194 guests) in a Leisure World ballroom to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We continued the celebration in February 2001 by boarding the Nieuw Amsterdam for a 72-day cruise. Unfortunately, two weeks before the cruise began, Norb complained that his left leg hurt. He began having so much pain that, 30 days into the cruise, we left the ship in Sydney, Australia, and flew home. After many tests and doctors, the verdict was announced in June: he had terminal cancer, with three to four months to live!

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Violet Larney continued:

We had joined Red Mountain United Methodist Church when we first moved to Mesa. In the summer of 2001, heavily sedated, Norb drove me to several churches, as we both thought I should attend one closer to home. He chose Velda Rose because he liked the sound system, saying he could actually hear what the minister was saying! (Leave that to an engineer to base his choice on the sound system!) Norb was in the hospice on Arbor Ave. when he died the evening of October 16, 2001, as I held his hand. I joined Velda Rose on the following Palm Sunday.

Now we must get back to the mundane topic of "money". People look forward to those rummage sales, especially since they know the proceeds are being spent wisely for worthwhile causes. We certainly had need for a building in which to store and sell the myriads of items. Now we have that building! Hating mortgages and interest, I was appalled to learn that our church is paying over 6% in interest, and has no hope of paying off the principal in the near future.

In memory of my dear husband, Norbert H. Larney, I am presenting Velda Rose United Methodist Church with a check for \$200,000., which is to be used to pay off the credit union mortgage on our new rummage building. Coincidentally, after making this decision, I discovered that the building was to be dedicated on October 16, 2011, which is exactly ten years after Norb died. In September everyone was remembering "9/11". My own 9/11 is 10/16.

Sincerely, with Love,

Violet H. Larney

Watercolor and Transformation **Tuesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6** **2:00-4:00 pm. Martin Hall**



Come and PLAY with water and color, just like you did as a kid! Pastor Barb will lead six sessions combining teaching the basics of watercolor painting with the dynamics of personal transformation.

Sounds serious...but seriously – it's all about playing! No experience in watercolor is necessary. Freeing one's creative imagination is an essential component to experiencing transformation. Pastor Barb will invite the flow of watercolor and your imagination to open the doors to the flow of God's Spirit!

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Gazebo. A \$25 donation for materials is appreciated, or donate what you can.



A Gift Given in Honor of:
Ed & Carole Hughes
to the
Choir Memorial Fund
by: Irene Niles

Life-Learning for Adults at Velda Rose

We have a few new additions to our class schedule in November. If you are part of our winter family and you've just returned, or arrived in town, and are wondering about joining a class already in session, feel free to contact the teacher, or Pastor Barb in the church office, 832-2111.

Wednesday Night PATHWAYS:

Join us for our Wednesday Pathways, our multi-generational education and fellowship evening! Both youth and adults are invited to participate in various classes (listed below), with a light supper in Moore Hall in between the class sessions at 6:00 pm.

"Transfiguring Mountains: A Spiritual Topography"

Transfigure: *to change in outward form or appearance; transform; to change so as to glorify or exalt.*

Mountain: *a natural upward projection of the earth's surface, higher and steeper than a hill, anything of great quantity or size, a serious or considerable difficulty or obstruction to overcome, a challenge.*

Topography: *the study or detailed description of the surface features of a region, or the configuration of any object, schema of a structural entity, reflecting a network of distinct areas having a specific relation or a position relative to one another.*

Pastor Barb will lead this class in reading and discussing her original thoughts and writing about how we navigate in our spiritual lives and our relationship to God as we might if we were hiking over mountainous terrain. Through understanding the life challenges (the "mountains") we face over and over again, and how God responds to us, how God validates and guides us through our experiences, helps us to "transfigure" those mountains into opportunities of spiritual deepening. We will use the metaphors of sacred mountains from scripture, like Moses on Mount Horeb/Sinai, or Elijah on Mount Carmel, or Jesus giving his Sermon on the Mount, or praying on the Mount of Olives, to explore these dynamics.

The class will meet **Wednesdays in the Library, 5:00-6:00 pm, Nov. 2 – Dec. 14** (with the exception of Nov. 23, before Thanksgiving when there will be no Pathways dinner).

Songs of the Faith

Do we listen to the words we sing during worship? Do we think about the message they are giving us? Would you like to learn more about them? Pastor Stewart will lead a two-session study on the words of some of our favorite hymns. No resources are needed. We will use hymnals which will be provided.

The class will be on **Wednesday evenings, Nov. 9 & 16, 6:45 pm, Martin Hall following our Pathways Dinner.**



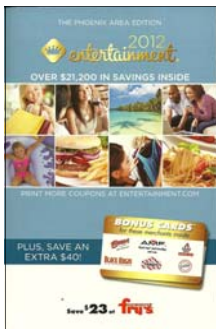
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

We're low on toothbrushes and toothpaste, so if you're going to the dentist please don't forget to ask for an extra set for missions. They're being distributed to Mexico, UMOM, and Wesley Medical Center. Thanks for your support on this project.

UMOM Meals

Thank you to the choirs who served the UMOM meal in October.

Entertainment Books Are Here!!



Entertainment Books for 2012 are here and are for sale!

For only \$30, the books are loaded with discounts and coupons for places all over the valley – over \$21,000 worth! This year you can even order your books online and get access to even MORE coupons and savings. PLUS, you can order books for family and friends in other cities and the Velda Rose Youth still get the benefit of the sale!

Books are available on Sunday mornings on the patio or in the church office during the week. Thank you for supporting the Youth Ministry!



Fitch Library

Sundays: 8:00 - 12:00 AM

Wednesdays: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

The written word is so great and lasting. Uplifting, amusing, entertaining, comforting. Walk through the library doors and browse or borrow books. The United Methodist Women have many books hot off of the press!

Coming Soon!

Our organist, **Kathleen Norby**, has been busy recording a CD with the assistance of Sound Technician, **Mark Williams**. We know you enjoy Kathleen's music each Sunday morning and her CD promises to provide something that everyone will remember and enjoy. The opening number is Majesty.

These CD's will be available soon for a small cost of \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Kathleen and Mark are both donating their time and expertise so that all proceeds will be given to the UMW to help pay for our new Rummage Building. Kathleen is even paying for the blank CD's and covers. UMW really owes her a debt of gratitude. Christmas is coming and these CD's will make wonderful gifts for your loved ones.

WINTERJAM Tour Spectacular Saturday, November 5



Join us for this awesome evening of music at US Airways Arena! **Newsboys, Kutless, Red, Matthew West, Fireflight, KJ-**

52 and MORE!

Tickets are \$10 at the Door! Show starts at 6 PM... but we're getting there early for those great seats!!

Any questions or for more information, please contact Cindy at cvonbargen@cox.net.

Gift Cards — It Pays to Use Them!

Shopping with gift cards is an easy way to support the Youth Ministry every time you shop. We offer a great variety of brands in addition to your weekly gas and grocery purchases. From dining



and entertainment to home improvement and beyond, we have all your shopping needs covered! Orders for gift cards placed by Monday morning will be ready for pick-up on Sunday.

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

We have some common ones in stock. Pick up an information packet at the Gazebo on Sunday mornings or in the church office. Any questions, please contact Cindy at cindy@veldarose.org.

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

You Are Invited...Giving Thanks Dinner Sunday, November 6 5:00 pm, Moore Hall



The Youth Ministry would like to give a HUGE thanks to all those in our church family who supported the Youth in their Summer Mission Experiences to San Diego (Jr. High) and Heifer Ranch in Arkansas (Sr. High).

We would like to invite you to join us for a delicious dinner and an evening of seeing and hearing of the ways God used the young people of Velda Rose and how our lives were changed.

Please get a **FREE** ticket at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. We can't wait to say "THANK YOU" in person!



We can't thank the congregation of our church enough for their huge support of the Food Bank Drive. Our shelves look much better and we are handing out lots and lots of food boxes. We are always in need of boxes to put the food in. Bring them to the church office anytime during the week. Watch your bulletin for food items needed. This is an ongoing mission that never quits.

*Missions Committee &
Velda Rose UMC Office Staff*

Thank you to the Velda Rose family for all the prayers during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. Special thanks to Pastor Barb and Pastor Bob & June Deits for their visits during my hospital stay. I'm now at home recuperating and doing well.

Gene Ball

A BIG THANK YOU to Velda Rose UMC for your prayers and concerns all summer while I've been in North Dakota. I am now recuperating and look forward to wintering in Arizona.

Lorraine Coffey

Thank you to all of our church family and friends for your prayers and concerns for my granddaughter, Sarah Swaim, during her battle with cancer. She continues to do well and is back in college. Both she and her mother have appeared in front of Congress twice to try and get them to appropriate funds to try and find a cure for cancer in children. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Carolyn & Bob Morrow

Thanks for the Children's Sabbath!

A HUGE thanks to all the children who participated and led worship for our Children's Sabbath this year. Each one of you is such a very special gift to our church family. You bring so much joy, love and enthusiasm with your prayers, your music, your reading, your singing and just by being YOU! Parents - thank you too for sharing your children and encouraging them in sharing their faith that you continue to encourage in them! Thank you all for sharing God with all of us!

*Cindy Von Bargaen,
Director of Family Life Ministries*

Happy Thanksgiving



"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and comote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."

—The Turkey



WELCOME
to Our Church Family

*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 September 25, 2011

BENTZ, Raymond & Marian

2329 N. Recker Rd, #119, Mesa, AZ 85215-2766
812-240-0552

Transfer - Memorial UMC, Terre Haute, IN

HELPER, David & Cathryn

303 S. Recker Rd, #65, Mesa, AZ 85206-6028
981-8081

Transfer - Sabinal UMC, Sabinal, TX

MCCORMICK, Nancy

4121 E. Capri Ave, Mesa, AZ 85206-1939
832-6356

Transfer - United Methodist Church, New London, OH

NUTTER, Howard & Shirley

1903 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206-5316
306-8647

Reaffirmation of Faith

WALKLIN, Barbara

170 N. Oak St, #234, Gilbert, AZ 85233-5449
641-0655

Affirmation of Faith



Elmer & Nancy Houghten - UMC Transfer

500 Christmas Stockings are ON THE WAY!

Thanks to some very generous church and community friends, we are the recipients of 500 handmade, hand painted Christmas stockings to deliver to our shut-ins, local elementary schools, and children in the community.

We are gathering items to place in the stockings... cereal bars, sampler size soaps and shampoos, toothbrush and paste, toys, socks, etc. Any donations would be great!

There will be containers on the patio for collecting the items. If you would like to help with the stuffing or delivering, please contact Cindy at cvonbargaen@cox.net or in the church office.



OUR VOWS

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

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Adele Wolke
Agnes Alldredge
Alice Annear
Alice Atkinson
Alvin Crandall
Ann Greenberg
Betty Barger
Betty Myers
Budd Allen
Charlotte Saum
Dawn Norman
Diane Fischer
Dillon Owens
Donna Collins
Doreen Ingham
Dorothy Troute
Dorothy Wirtz
Dylan Ellefson
Edith Moyer
Eileen Jackovich
Elizabeth Genevese
Elsie Thomas

Esther Powers
Esther Sundberg
Ethel Burlingham
Gene Ball
Geneva Richardson
Gerry Primus
Greg Stervinou
Guyneth Gottschalk
Hannah Turowski
Harmony Williams
Harold Swanke
Helen Davies
Helene Keller
Jane Black
Jean Bennett
Jim Kirk
John & Arlene Spykerman
Joyce Bennett
Judy Rhinehart
Justin Collins
Kristen Walker
LaDeen Shepherd

Lenore Ravert
Linda Bates
Lloyd Waltrip
Lois Schoech
Lorraine Coffey
Louise Green
Lowell Stock
Lydia Kratzer
Marian Pilkington
Marian St. Peter
Marise Sanborn
Marjorie Corr
Mark Florey
Mark Hennen
Mary Donohoe
Mary Ann Chelf
Mathew Hale
Maxine Galland
Melva Metzger
Nadine Rothrock
Nell Marsh
Parker Holm

Paul & Pauline Warg
Phyllis Snowden
Randy & Joan Bailey
Ray Kerr
Reese Cole
Richard Miller
Robert Willhoit
Ruth Bulfinch
Ruth Eldred
Ruthe Lewis
Sarah Swaim
Sheri Richardson
Steve Wanner
Suzi Reed
Tina Danielson
Tom Partington
Tommy Forsberg
Virginia Frey
Virginia Reedy
William & Amber Brooks
OUR TROOPS

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



CALL: Marian Lorenz - 807-9739

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.



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

Eva Foster - May 12
Jeanne Johnson - September 24
Lois Hedges - September 25
Richard Jensen - September 27



George Benham - Food Bank Fund
Given by: Margot Benham
Mary Zeller - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
Given by: Elwin Zeller
Hyacinth Kroeppler - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
Given by: Lloyd Kroeppler
Jarroldine Mair - Table Fund
Given by: Carl & Doris Anderson
Jarroldine Mair - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
Given by: M/M William Campbell
Quinn Shuler - Skype Fund
Given by: James & Kathryn Shuler. Joan Owens
Merrilyn Stock - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
Given by: Lester & Patricia Ott
Norbert Larney - Rummage Building Fund
Given by: Violet Larney

Our Sunday Morning Classes



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

Sundays, 9:00 am, Martin Hall

Our traditional SS Class meets for Adult Bible Study looking at Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Matthew. For more information, call **Ginny Vaughn** at 832-1795.

New Horizons

Sundays, 10:45 am, Martin Hall

Begins meeting weekly Sunday, Nov. 6, (during the summer months, the class meets only the first Sunday of the month). Class members often go to lunch together following class, if they are able. The class will be selecting the curriculum they will be using when they meet. You are welcome to join this lively class! For questions, call **Pat & Lee Nixon**, 985-0839.

Journey through the Bible

Sundays, 9:20 am, Rm 610

"More Bad Girls of the Bible" is the study. Join Mary Joseph as she leads this class.

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.

The Middle

Sundays, 10:45 am, Library

using "**Wired World**" current event discussion topics relating what's happening today to our faith, led by **Howard Orr**.

Christian Awareness

Sundays, 10:45 am, Room A (begins October 30)

Rev. Ernie Bringas, who teaches Religious Studies at Glendale Community College, will be leading the class. We will be studying a new book by **Marcus J. Borg** called "**Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power—And How They Can Be Restored**". Our class members are all over the theological spectrum. Bring an open mind and accepting attitude. Book orders will be taken at our first class meeting. For questions, call Jan Stallard at 830-9173.

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 be doing **100 Faces of Faith** interviews during this time as well.

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.

The Faith Forest

Sunday Mornings for Children PreK-6th Grade



During the month of November, the children of Velda Rose will be learning about **Gratitude** — **letting others know you see how they've helped you**. The Bible tells us to show gratitude to God...but that's not enough!

We should also use the same gratitude to show our appreciation to all the people who help us every day. We don't do as much by ourselves as we think we do. Sometimes it's as simple as remembering to say "Thank you." Sometimes it's writing a special note or giving someone a hug. The important thing is we remember and recognize what others do for us as we thank them for their help.

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 and 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 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!

The Faith Canopy

Sunday Mornings for Children ages 2-3 in 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 at 10:45 in Room D

for children age 3 – 6th Grade

If you love to sing and you love to dance, come join us as we begin to prepare for our next musical production – "**The Great Christmas Giveaway!**" We'll be singing in worship and taking our musical on the road this year.

FX - Family Experience is REVVING THE ENGINES this month!



Join us on **Sunday, October 30, 11:15 am in Moore Hall** for our – PITSTOP FX! This is a worship experience the whole family – parents and kids and all ages! The Youth LEAD the worship time the last Sunday of each month – and you can't even believe how much fun you will have! If you missed last month, you missed Reginald's version of God creating the world, the creativity smackdown, Miranda's fashion creations ...well, you just had to be there for that one! ALL are invited!

Our next FX will be Sunday, November 27.

THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

THIS MONTH'S
anniversaries

70 or More Years

- 11/10 Wayne & Betty Meyers (72)
11/14 Wayne & Ara Mae Calhoun (75)

60 or More Years

- 11/04 Veryl & Eleanor Kaiser (61)
11/05 Merle & Ann Brenden (62)
11/11 Gene & Bette Lang (61)
11/12 Roy & Bonnie Sager (61)
11/14 James & Avis Patton (69)
11/21 Ken & Loral Kauffman (63)
11/22 Wayne & Lucille Hegwood (65)
Warren & Charlotte Saum (61)
Guy & Edith Swecker (64)
11/26 Ivan & Ruth Beeman (69)
11/28 John & Belva Bull (65)
Wayne & Elsie Playford (65)

50 or More Years

- 11/02 Dale & Sonja Smith (54)
11/04 Doug & Charlene Culver (50)
11/14 Cliff & Judy Lowum (52)
11/22 Jerry & Arlene Fick (53)
11/27 Clinton & Lila Bartlett (56)

Also Celebrating

- 11/02 Dave & Michelle Hoy (20)
11/11 Judah & Amy Nativio (5)
11/12 Larry & Debi Hill (35)
Jim & Susan Kenyon (25)
11/17 Doug & Isabelle Gangey (10)
11/18 Lloyd & Elizabeth Waltrip (11)
11/21 Tim & Joan Most (30)
11/22 Alan & Lu Harris (14)
11/23 Jerry & Janet DeLand (45)
11/24 Jeffrey & Barbie Van Hoy (27)
11/25 Win & Jackie Mann (39)
11/28 Api & Ki Finau (23)
11/29 James & Nima Thuraisingam (21)
11/30 Joe & Pat Goss (48)

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| 11/01 Charlotte Saum
Nadine Lieske
Rollie Tillery
Lita Latu | 11/17 Sosaia Mapakaitolo
Win Mann |
| 11/02 Marj Feigleson
Jinny Mosier
Patricia Campbell
Hateni Mamatuki | 11/18 Ann Culver
Hannah Mox |
| 11/03 Jackie Gissel
Carissa Zamora
Marian Lorenz
Ed Jackovich
Ellie Frederick | 11/19 Skyler Archibeque
David Cisneros
Kit VandeWalle
Elaine Schwendener
Dan Husted
Ann Perry |
| 11/05 Louis Whitehead
Dick Byrne
Toafa Latu
Sandy Kuchan | 11/20 Iva Mae Hileman |
| 11/06 Abigail Cook
Delores VanDerWal
Benita Clabaugh
Laura Cays
Steve Morgan
Wanda Katzman
Gene Ball | 11/21 Boyd Arnold
Mary Gresham
Czarina Cisneros
George Phillips
Robin Cook |
| 11/07 Betty Drake
Richard Manley
Amy Sanders
Scott Michalski | 11/22 Debbie Plessner
Brody Archibeque
Barb Doerrer-Peacock
Nancy Schubring
Jack Twitchell
Kassidee Summers
Greg Stervinou |
| 11/08 Kyle Sanchez
Mary Donohoe
Richard Stanearth
Bud Jenkins
Ellen Hossler
Myrna Bowman | 11/23 Lee Doty
Richard Miller
Merle Brenden
Nadine Burley
Jo Hartke |
| 11/09 Woody Boyd
George Bakle
R. J. Boysen | 11/24 Pat Hohnbaum
Elsie Thomas
Deanna Frader
Sepa Koloamatangi |
| 11/10 Peg Daugherty
Lorraine Martin | 11/25 Gwen Feick
Rosie Zentner
Robert Sacks
Betty Ford |
| 11/11 Tim Tarvainen
John Hogenson
Joe Goss | 11/27 Kordel Cresswell
Heidi Boysen |
| 11/12 Phil Hlrst
John Quade | 11/28 Budd Allen
Ray Montgomery
David Sanders |
| 11/13 Linda Miller | 11/29 Missy Archibeque
Ana Liku
Delores Denny
Trevor Jones
Joan Whitehead
Jane Gerrard |
| 11/14 Frank Ford
Jean Bennett
Floyd McCall
Carol Zamora | 11/30 Kaitlyn Misch
Boyd Mox
Robert Simpson |
| 11/15 Howard Nutter
Marco Fetty
Ed Hughes | |
| 11/16 Melanie Yakel
Pat Nixon
James Deaton | |



SIGN OF THE THANKFULNESS

Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



PUZZLE

Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house LORD	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

" _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ ." PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)



NEXT DEADLINE

Next publication date - 11/17/2011. Items considered must be in the Church Office by **Wednesday, November 9, 2011.**

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Don't forget to join us for our NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK Party in **Moore Hall!** All of the characters from PandaMania! will be back, along with a hayride, a zoo full of baby animals, a costume contest, **Trunk or Treat Street**, a delicious chili dinner, lots of games and much, much MORE! Invite your family and friends. There is something for everyone on our block! **KIDS** – bring along your best costume for our costume parade and be part of the **Best Dressed Costume Contest!**

Trunk or Treat Street

CHURCH FAMILY – Clean out the trunks of your cars, vans or golf carts and decorate them to greet all the children of the neighborhood with treats of candy or games and a friendly smile of God's love! Bring your car to our TRUNK OR TREAT STREET by 6:45 pm to join in our line-up of trunks and join the evening of fun!



Tables of Eight

Our kick-off dinner is Friday, November 4, 5:00 pm in Moore Hall. Couples and singles are paired together (group of eight) to meet once a month for an evening of food and fellowship. You meet four times. After that time, those who are interested will be assigned to a new table for the next four months. We meet November through June.

Everyone shares in providing the meal if you are meeting at someone's home. Your group will decide what you do—eat out, picnic, card party, event, etc. For more information, please contact **Delores Denny**, 654-2157.

All Saints Sunday November 6, All Worship Services

We will remember those who have died in our church family in the past 12 months. The time of recognition will be at all of the morning worship services.

Please call the church office by Noon, Tuesday, November 1, to request your loved one be added to our list.

