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Sabbath Letter to Congregation

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Please click [here](#) to read an important message from Pastor Janessa regarding her Sabbatical leave this August 2018.

50th Anniversary Celebration



All are welcome to celebrate Lionel & Jane Swanson's 50th Wedding Anniversary in Fellowship Hall following worship this Sunday, July 15th! Cupcakes will be served to all.

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Summer Volleyball Schedule

The Adult Recreational Volleyball League's next scheduled match will occur this Monday, July 16th at First UMC Mesa - against the CITD - Jeremy, starting at 8:00pm. Please see Kay Faris or Scott Swinsick if you have any questions.

Out to Lunch Bunch

During the months of June and July, the Out to Lunch Bunch Adult Sunday School Class has been participating in "50 Years and Now What?" with Pastor Janessa. Beginning Sunday, July 29th we will start a new study. We will be exploring the work of noted theologian Frederick Buechner in a study called, Crazy Holy Grace - the healing power of pain and memory. It is designed to help us see that while God seems silent during life struggles, He is ever near. All interested adults are encouraged to join us in Christian growth and fellowship. The class meets every Sunday at 10:15 in room 502 and enjoys lunch out following class once each month. Questions, see Linda Hurlbert.

UMW Gathering

The UMW is going to meet Thursday, July 19th at 9:30am for a movie, snacks and fellowship - more information to follow. Please let Mary Brodzinski know if you're planning to attend this event. Thank you!

Hiring Part-Time Temp for Adult Learning Center

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and answer phones from prospective students, to input records of student data, to help with recruitment and registration, and to be on site during class times. This position will work directly with the church's financial manager.

- 10 -12 hour per week
- August 13th - November 20th (repeated January - April 2019)
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm - 9:00pm and various daytime hours

Qualifications:

- Good organizational and office skills
- Good clerical skills for data entry
- Good communication skills for speaking with students
- Must be fluent in Spanish
- Must be available in the evenings

Please call Linda Mead (480)924-4706

Summer Back to School Supply

Drive

July 1st - July 29th

For families struggling to make ends meet, getting all the items for their children to return to school August 8th can be a real strain on their budgets. For many years, the people of Grace UMC have given a helping hand to the families of the children from Sidewalk Ministry and our neighborhood to make sure they are prepared to succeed from the very first day of school.

School Supplies go on sale in July and we are hoping we can count on you to take advantage of great sale prices and help us collect traditional items to fill backpacks. Here are the items needed to assemble grade appropriate backpacks and distribute them to 100 of our Sidewalk Ministry children by Aug. 4th.

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- #2 PENCILS
- Spiral wide or narrow rule notebooks 70 page ct
- Black, blue and red stick ballpoint pens
- 3 ring 1" to 2" binders
- Erasers - brick type and pencil-top
- Pocket folders in various colors
- Colored pencils 12 or 24 count
- Three prong pocket folders in various colors Crayons 24 count
- Rulers
- Pencil boxes
- Basic & Scientific calculators
- Zippered Pencil pouches
- Highlighters
- Dry erase markers
- Permanent Sharpies
- Glue Sticks
- 100 ct boxes of Kleenex
- Protractors/Geometry kits
- Compasses
- Hand sanitizer- personal size
- Lined Index 3 x 5 cards, 100 ct.
- Manuscript/Primary Writing paper pads

If shopping is not possible for you, please consider making a monetary donation to Grace UMC during the drive, marked "School Supplies". We will have our expert shoppers make your dollars stretch to help fill the gaps in donated items to complete the supplies we need for this School Year.

The drive will run from Sunday, July 1 to Sunday, July 29th and there will be collection bins in the Narthex each week. If you know of a family with school-age children who could use help with backpacks for their children this year, or if you have questions, please contact Ginny Hildebrand at 602.909.0240 or ginnyhildebrand9@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Mesa Hydration Donation

Campaign

The 12th Annual Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign runs from June 4th through September 14, 2018 and provides supplies of water to people in need. The City of Mesa works with nonprofit agencies and businesses to collect the bottles of water which are distributed through United Food Bank to numerous agencies in the valley, including A New Leaf-East Valley Men's Center, Paz de Cristo and Mesa United Way.

Our goal is 500,000 bottles



If you would like to donate to this campaign, please click [here](#) to see a list of drop off locations for your water donations.

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Birthday Blessings To:



Carol Story • Tuesday, July 17th

Roger Pollard • Saturday, July 21st

Events at Grace UMC:

Sunday, July 15th - Sunday, July 21st

Sunday, July 15th

9:00am – Sunday Service

9:00am – Children's Sunday School

10:15am – Prayer Group

10:15am – Swanson "50th Anniversary Cupcake Tower Social"

Monday, July 16th

9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours

6:00pm - Emmaus

8:00pm – Grace UMC Volleyball

Tuesday, July 17th

9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours

9:30am – Grace Quilters

Wednesday, July 18th

9:00am – 12:00pm – Office Hours

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6:00pm – CPR

Friday, July 20th

6:30pm – Meet & Greet Game Night

Saturday, July 21st

No Events

Sunday, July 22nd

9:00am – Sunday Service

9:00am – Children's Sunday School

10:15am – Coffee Fellowship

10:15am – Prayer Group

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Prayer Requests:

Would you like to be part of Grace's Prayer Chain? Please fill out a prayer card with your prayer request(s).

- Kathie Maglio & Family
- Benjamin & Pearl Michael
- Susan Seiferth
- Margaret
- Celeste Innes
- Bob Hummel
- Robin Cook
- Ken Robinson
- Lynda F.
- Skyla & Sydney Swinsick
- Toni Corrigan
- Lilah Rogers

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- Melissa Sarager
- Mary Ann Noreus
- Dirinda Vallee - Roger's Sister
- Skip Erickson
- Please continue to pray for those who are seeking employment.

Cancer patients: Toni Corrigan, Celeste Innes, Nancy Troutman, Jaime Johnson, Jack Brown MD, Glen Kirch, Sharon, Melissa Watkins, Ted Sarager, Peggy Howk, Becky, John Ciani, Keith, Lori Howard

Remember in your prayers our Homebound Members: Darleen Schettler, Shalto Baney, Ramona Baney, Mae Buckles, Dorothy Gosney, JoAnn Hinz, Thelma Jones, Marian McLane, Ray Warnock, Clara France, Ed Schewe, Gary Nicks, Joyce Fritz

Please pray for the following churches during the month of July: White Mountain UMC – Show Low, Wesley UMC – Phoenix, Wesley Foundation at ASU – Tempe, Velda Rose UMC – Mesa

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