New Ministries and Opportunities Sprouting Everywhere!

By Pastor Nancy

We think of summer as a time to wind down, a slow time in the church – but not at NSUMC! (Perhaps it’s good we’re doing a sermon series, “At the Speed of Life: Finding God in a Fast Paced World.”)

We anticipated a BASIS Primary School opening on our campus this month. During the summer, they discovered that the renovations necessary to operate here would be too costly, so they leased the school building across the street. But they need our parking lot to operate, so we are renegotiating a lease. The bottom line is that we will receive the same lease amount next year, but have complete access to our rooms and youth house. This lease gives our education, music and youth ministries a jump-start on expanding their reach.

During the next 6 months . . .

The education committee will:

- continue all their current ministries;
- add a new creative and fun drive-in movie night for families;
- add new response opportunities for Godly Play;
- expand Trunk or Treat;
- cater the Advent Gathering and support outreach by using UMOM’s catering service, Helping Hands;
- reach out to neighborhoods near us, inviting them to our Backpack Blessing Milestone;
- add support for Creative Christians.

Our student ministry will:

- redefine itself, creating a new name and logo for a new generation of youth;
- make improvements to the Youth House and use it as the center of student ministry;
- add scholarships for their Mission trip to Mexico so more families can participate;
- our youth director will work additional hours to make all this come together.

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The music ministry will:

buy orchestral chimes for use throughout the year.

We said we wanted to be Free to Grow and the sprouts are coming up everywhere. But that’s not all…

The First Fruit Offering was so successful that we will make an $800,000 payment on our loan! That is not a typo – an $800,000 payment! The savings from this payment will go to Outreach and Mission. The new ministries we will be free to grow this year include:

- Partnering with the Veterans’ Court to address the needs of veterans so they can get back to work. The first project will be donating flash drives so they can keep their paperwork safe.
- Partnering with Golden Gate and Wesley Center to offer home repair to two families or seniors in need. We look for volunteers for these short-term but big-hearted missions.
- Partnering with UMOM (United Methodist Outreach Ministries) to work with people who come to our doors seeking assistance.
- Providing seed money to our Trinity Opportunity Alliance.

This is in addition to our other mission work! Ministry, worship and service are all expanding- as promised. But that’s not all…

Anyone who has served in our kitchen knows that while it has worked for us, it has limited what we can do, or hindered our dreams for the future. A donor family has given a gift above and beyond the capital campaign to renovate the kitchen. This will fulfill a promise and a dream that has been delayed for many years. Janet Weaver is leading a task force of people who use the kitchen, to determine how we want to use it in the future, and what specific needs we want met in the new kitchen.

Meanwhile, the new Memorial Garden and Columbarium are currently under construction!

The seeds of faithfulness and generosity are sprouting new ministries and opportunities throughout our church. I just keep repeating prayers of thanksgiving for you and prayers of joy to God.

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”

Pastor Nancy
GOD IS SO GOOD!

This office is super blessed to have a new Communications Specialist, Maxine Grandy. Her mother Janice is the Director of the Trinity Opportunity Alliance for our church. Her sister Meridith was just ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church. Maxine is working part time to help us maintain the membership database and communicate to the church and the community through internet-based media. This is a great blessing to our congregation!

Vacation Bible School went wonderfully – so many were blessed. Christian Youth Theater had two camps, and those kids performed “The Wizard of Oz” and “The Pirates of Penzance.” Mars Hill Debate Group will have a summer camp here in August. We are blessed to help others through the use of our buildings throughout the year, and especially with children in the summer.

And then school starts.

On August 16, Sunday School begins, the Chancel Choir sings again, and PULSE goes back to its weekly schedule. Creative Christians gather on Tuesday afternoons and Christian Youth Theater begins on Wednesday afternoons. The mission of Christian Youth Theater is to produce quality, wholesome, family entertainment and to reflect Judeo-Christian values through training in the arts, “Developing character … one stage at a time.” Please call the Church Office 480-948-0529 if you have any questions.

Handbell Camp for All!

Ring in the Fall! Have you ever wondered what it would be like to ring hand bells or to be part of a group making music, but weren’t sure how to start? Now’s your chance! Go to Handbell Camp at Desert United Methodist Church in Glendale on Saturday, August 15, and find out.

There will be classes throughout the day for everyone -- beginners with no music experience, both children and adults; and for youth and adults with music experience, just not with handbells. Children (ages 6-12) will start at 8:00 and end at noon following a mini-recital and demonstration concert by current ringers.

Youth and adults with no music background will begin at 9:00, and those with music experience will start at 10:30. Snack and lunch times are included.

The day ends with a mini-recital of the music learned by each group, which starts at 2:00. Sign up at church between services or email Brent Fike at bfi@cox.net.

Maybe we can encourage you to be part of our wonderful North Scottsdale United Methodist Handbell Choir. We can always use more members. The ones we have are so great; we’d love to have more. And their music certainly blesses our congregation.

There’s no way that I can thank you enough for the many, many blessings I receive, day by day, week by week, from so many of you!

Millions of blessings and much, much love!

Donna Marie Hartley
Suitcase Initiative 2015

Foster children who age out of the system often leave with their few belongings bundled into a black trash bag. Our Suitcase Initiative offers a gift of love and hope from our congregation to these new adults who face their future with no resources, no family, and no further means of support.

This year will be our third Suitcase Initiative. The success of the first two amazed everyone, as our membership stepped up and responded with extraordinary generosity. We bought and filled 45 roller-bag suitcases last year. We put together 25 bags for boys and 20 bags for girls. Church members also donated just under $1,000, making it possible to purchase additional items.

We will begin taking donations of new items and funds to purchase new suitcases, August 9 until the last week of September. Church and Society will have a table in the Fellowship Hall.

Donation Items Needed

- Toiletries, personal items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap, shampoo, etc.);
- Towels, wash cloths and socks;
- Medium size pillow;
- Blanket – full or queen size;
- Bus passes, gas cards;
- Gift cards (Walmart, Target, Westcor, Fry’s, Safeway, etc.);
- Gift certificates (chain hair salons and barbershops, etc.);
- Flash drive/pen drive;
- Small first aid kit;
- Grooming items (shaving kit, nail clippers, comb, brush, etc.);
- Note pads, pencils, pens;
- Day planner, Bible;
- Donations for roller bags - $20.

The Results Are In!

The Free to Grow campaign not only met our highest goal but exceeded it. We have 180 generous households coming together to free us from debt. The final total indicated for the next 3 years is $1,562,893. The First-Fruit offering raised $718,721 to date. By the end of August, we will pay $800,000 of our outstanding principal. The interest savings will allow us to immediately expand our mission and outreach. Because of your generosity and faithfulness we are free to grow in ministries to homeless and low income veterans, impoverished seniors and families in the Golden Gate community, to those coming to our doors seeking assistance, and to youth and young adults who have been in the foster care system. Because of your generosity we are free to extend the hands of Christ to new people in new places.
Annual Conference
by Terry Major

Each year, all churches in the Desert Southwest Conference send their pastors and a couple of lay representatives to Annual Conference. Den-ny Cogan and I attended as your lay reps. This is a gathering meant for wor-ship, as well as a time to address the business of our conference. Annual Conference holds the official announcement of which church each pastor will be assigned to for the next year, and yes, both Pastor Nancy and Pastor Da-vid will be returning to us for one more year. Praise the Lord!

Annual Conference is also a time for service. It allows us the opportunity to go out in the com-munity and bring God’s love to others. This year, some of the service choices were helping Habitat for Humanity, a forum on how to stop human trafficking, and even a chance to be crafty and deco-rate covers that go over IV machines so they don’t seem as scary for children. I volunteered with the Crews’n Healthmobile. This mobile medical unit brings free medical care to thousands of home-less youth. We spent our time putting together resources that the Healthmobile will need, and then got to tour it. I did grab a wish list of items the Crews’n Healthmobile could use, so if you feel like donating to this worthy cause, come see me.

You will all be proud to know that Bishop Hoshibata asked our own Pastor David to speak prior to sending us all out. As expected, he did wonderfully, reminding us that we don’t get to choose who is worthy of God’s love, just get out there and help anyone you can.

As I mentioned, Annual Conference is when we make some important decisions as representa-tives of the United Methodist Church. Resolutions were passed on economic inequality, a Native American day of observance, inclusivity of all people into the church, and an endorsement of sci-ence and evolution, among others. If you are interested in hearing more about any of these topics, Pastor Nancy, Pastor David, Denny and I would be happy to share the details.

Finally, Saturday evening is always one of the most touching parts of the conference. That’s when we have the Service of Ordination. This is a time when those who have felt the call take a step down the path to become ordained. This year, NSUMC’s very own Meridith Grandy was or-dained as an elder pastor. Congratulations Meridith!

If you’d like to hear more, chat with any of us. After all, we were there representing you.

Movies and More for Grandfamilies!

Are you raising your grandchild, or do you know someone who is? Duet invites “grandfamilies” to join them for a free and fun-filled movie night on Friday, August 14, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at 555 W. Glendale Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021. You will also learn about the many additional services Duet offers to help grandfamilies thrive.

Call to reserve your spot by August 7 at 602-274-5022. Yes – popcorn is included!
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Mission Trips. Ever wanted to join a team of United Methodists on a mission trip – either domestic or international? The Conference is interested in developing a coordinated approach to grow and deploy trained teams. These include medical, construction, evangelism/nurturing and Bible Schools. There will be five Leadership Training opportunities in the next several months. These workshops will offer practical guidance in leading mission teams, building connections, partnerships, and communication modalities to share resources, experiences, opportunities, and needs. For more information contact Lorraine and Mike Eyer at (623) 810-5600 or clnmwe@gmail.com.

GOD Deeds. The GOD Deeds project for June was to provide snacks for the summer youth program at Golden Gate. Gene and Gretchen Sater delivered juice and snacks to Golden Gate on June 25.

In September we will host an ice cream truck at Cactus Park and give away free ice cream! We are still finalizing the day and time. Look for an update in the bulletin or announcements. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the event. It could be a great family activity. Interested? Contact Jane Pearson at janepearson@cox.net.

UMOM Watkins Dinners. The homeless do not go on vacation. We need your help in order to continue to provide two dinners a month for the residents of the Watkin’s Homeless Shelter. We need food and volunteers to serve. UMW serves one evening and the larger congregation under the leadership of Rich Jensen serves at the other. It is a great experience for the whole family. Sign-up sheets for donations of food and volunteer serving are located near the Mission Table in the Fellowship Hall.

Books for Vets. We collect books and magazines and deliver them to the Phoenix VA Hospital. They add them to their library for the pleasure of the patients and their families. Clean out your book cases and bring your books to the Mission Table.

Trinity Opportunity Alliance. The Trinity Opportunity Alliance (TOA) continues to provide support for youth aging out of the foster care system. Not only are we connecting youth to employment opportunities and supporting the businesses that employ them, our congregation is providing concrete resources to the youth: another car was donated and several people have offered to provide tutoring and other support! Janice Grandy, the TOA Program Manager, is looking for a volunteer to assist her with some of the logistics and administrative support. If you are interested in participating in this exciting program, contact Janice Grandy, TOA Program Manager at grandysgalaxy@cox.net or 480-227-7668. Visit the web site at www.toaaz.org.
Sermon Series

We hope you find the current sermon series “At the Speed of Life: Making Time for God in a Fast Paced World” meaningful. If you would like to dig more deeply into the topic, we have been using John Ortberg’s book, *The Life You’ve Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People* as a resource.

On August 23, 2015, we will begin a new sermon series called *Conversations with a Skeptic*. In this series we’ll address questions asked by people who are skeptical about Christianity. The sermons will address the following questions:

- **Aug 23** Can you be a scientist and have religious faith?
- **Aug 30** Who wrote the Bible: Old Testament?
- **Sept 6** Who wrote the Bible: New Testament?
- **Sept 13** How can another man’s death pardon me?
- **Sept 20** Why is God called loving but shown with no mercy for Israel’s enemies?

Join us as we wrestle together. We are always interested in topics that would be meaningful to you. Please don’t hesitate to share with us topics that would help you deepen your relationship with Christ.

*Pastor Nancy & Pastor David*

The *Blessing of the Backpacks* on August 16 during the 10:00 service is our first Milestone of the school year. We would like to send the children who attend our church back to school with a bag tag and a blessing! These backpacks are constant companions as the students go about their school day. It is a comfort to have a blessing placed on the children and their bags.

After the blessing, each teacher and child present will receive a bag tag to add to their backpack. The tags stand as a visual reminder of God’s presence in their daily lives. Please bring your child and their backpack to church on Sunday, August 16 to have both the child and their backpack blessed in our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

If you are not a teacher or a student, you can still be a blessing to other children by purchasing a new backpack and bringing it to the Church August 16. The new backpacks will be blessed, tagged and distributed to Vista del Camino, a facility in south Scottsdale (7700 E. Roosevelt St., Scottsdale) which offers after-school-care, clothing, food and school supplies to less fortunate children.
Memorial Garden Under Construction

The Columbarium and Memorial Garden are under construction. They should be completed by the end of August or first part of September.

The Memorial Garden will offer several options as a final resting place. For those who choose cremation, there will be single and double niches in the Columbarium or an area for scattering ashes. For people who are buried elsewhere but want to be remembered at NSUMC, there will be a memorial wall with plaques available. Watch for progress in our eastern parking lot behind the youth house. Pardon our dust while we grow our ministries and serve our community!

Won’t You Join Us In

Becoming a Member of

North Scottsdale UMC?

Our next

Reception of New Members Sunday

will be

September 27, 2015 at both services.

We will offer

New Member Orientation and Dinner

September 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

You can get acquainted with our church, have any of your questions answered, and tour the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor David at PastorDavid@nsumc.com or Laura Brownfield at lbrownfield2@cox.net.

Won’t you join us?

WELCOME MAXINE GRANDY TO OUR STAFF

SPRC interviewed several candidates and chose Maxine Grandy to serve as our NSUMC Communications Specialist. She will manage our membership database and communicate to the church and the community through internet-based media. We are so excited to welcome her to our staff and to enhance our communications both inside and beyond our church.
Annual Conference Endorses Pastor Nancy

In June, the Desert Southwest Annual Conference (DSC) endorsed Pastor Nancy for candidacy as a bishop. This means that the Conference declared that Pastor Nancy has the gifts and graces to be a candidate for bishop. She was humbled and overwhelmed by this affirmation. Her best friend, Rev. Dottie Escobedo Frank was also endorsed. Next year at Annual Conference 2016, the delegates will choose between them to be the official candidate for bishop from our conference. Then delegates from all over the west will elect a new bishop at the Jurisdictional Conference from July 13-17, 2016 being held in Scottsdale.

There are eight Annual Conferences in the Western Jurisdiction. One bishop is retiring this year in our jurisdiction, so one bishop will be elected. Pastor Nancy was also elected to be an Alternate Delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference, so she will be attending the conference representing the DSC. Delegates from all over the west will gather just a few miles from our church at the Doubletree Resort. They will be having their memorial worship service at our church.

Our conference and our church want to offer a warm and loving welcome to all these brother and sister United Methodists. Bob Bergstrom is serving on the Conference hospitality team and will be seeking volunteers to extend our hospitality to the Western Jurisdiction delegations. Over this next year, we are going to learn and experience how our United Methodist system works. It’s going to be interesting!

If you would like to hear more about this year’s Annual Conference ask your representatives Terri Major and Denny Cogan for their impressions and insights or speak to Pastor David or Pastor Nancy.
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| 5    | 6:00 Board of Trustees  
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| 6    | 9am to 5pm Mars Hill Debate Camp  
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5:30 Stewardship Committee  
6:30 Mission Comm  
7:00 N.A.  
8:00 Church Council  
8:00 Dime Dippers |
| 12   | 9am to 5pm Mars Hill Debate Camp  
4:30 UMOM Serves at Watkins Center |
| 13   | 9am to 5pm Mars Hill Debate Camp  
12:30 UMW Lunch Out—  
Bistro du Lac on Hayden Rd  
6:30 Endowment Committee  
6:30 BSSQ  
7:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics |
| 14   | 9am to 5pm Mars Hill Debate Camp  
5:00 Christian Youth Theater  
Season Kickoff |
| 15   | 9am to 5pm Mars Hill Debate Camp  
7:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics  
7:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal |
| 16   | 9am to 5pm Mars Hill Debate Camp  
10:00 Sunday School  
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| 17   | 10:00 Al-Anon  
7:00 Boy Scouts |
| 18   | 10:00 Al Anon  
3:30 Creative Christians  
4:30 Serve at Watkins Center  
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8:00 Dime Dippers AA |
| 19   | 2:30 UMW Board Mtg  
4:00 Christian Youth Theater  
6:00 Staff Parish Relations  
7:00 Chancel Choir |
| 20   | 7:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics  
7:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal |
| 21   | 2:30 UMW Board Mtg  
4:00 Christian Youth Theater  
6:00 Staff Parish Relations  
7:00 Chancel Choir |
| 22   | 4:00 Christian Youth Theater  
7:00 Handbell Choir  
9:00 Card Ministry  
Spirit of the Desert |
| 23   | 5:00 - 9:00 Mars Hill  
7:00 Boy Scouts |
| 24   | 10:00 Al-Anon  
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7:00 Boy Scouts |
| 25   | 7:00 Maricopa County Elections  
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| 26   | 4:00 Christian Youth Theater  
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| 27   | 7:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics  
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United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Membership is open to any woman with the desire to belong, to support our PURPOSE and to participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist Women. For information on how you can join North Scottsdale UMW, contact Cindy Bryant, 480-922-1145, or cindybryant@cox.net.

**Easy ways to support North Scottsdale UMW that don’t cost extra money!**

- **Fry’s Community Rewards Program:** Renewal begins Aug. 1. Group number is 84462. [www.FrysCommunityRewards.com](http://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com)

- **Everyone needs to re-enroll.**

- Albertsons Community Rewards: Pick up a card on the UMW Cart.

- Escrip: Register your credit card at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Group number is 500044649.

- Mission Basket: Donate travel size toiletries and other small personal care items for Watkins Shelter and Wesley Community Center.

- Campbell’s Labels for Wesley Community Center: Save your Campbell’s labels and place them in the envelope on the UMW Cart in the Fellowship Hall. They will help purchase educational equipment and other items for programs at Wesley Community Center.

- Watkins Women’s Shelter: Place recently read magazines, address labels removed, in the green basket on the wire shelves in the kitchen.

### Activities at a Glance

**Wednesday, August 12**

Serve dinner at Watkins Shelter. Contact Cheryl Vieth at 602-867-7079 for details and to volunteer.

**Thursday, August 13**

New Day Luncheon Out at Bistro du Lac (formerly Busters), 8320 N. Hayden Rd., call or email Mary Ann Gayle at 480-945-5969 or [rmgayle@yahoo.com](mailto:rmgayle@yahoo.com) by Monday, August 10.

### The UMW Reading Program

The UMW Reading Program encourages members to expand their understanding of and participation in God’s mission through books chosen by the national Reading Program Committee.

Each woman who enjoys summer reading from the list will help us to attain our goal: a Certificate of Recognition. These titles are on the UMW shelf in the church library:

*The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe  
The Round House* by Louise Erdrich  
*Kind of Kin* by Rilla Askew  
*Eat with Joy* by Rachel Marie Stone  
*100 Simple Things You Can Do To Prevent Alzheimer’s* by Jean Carper  
*Please Look After Mom* by Kyung-Sook Shin  
*Praying for Strangers* by River Jordan  
*I am Hutterite* by Mary Ann Kirkby  
*Alone and Invisible No More* by Allen S. Teet, MD  
*Mind of the Run* by Dottie Pacharis  
*Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson

For a complete list, go to [www.umwmissionresources.org](http://www.umwmissionresources.org)
Adults Invited to Teach Sunday School!

Did you attend Sunday School as a child? Do you remember the love and support you were shown? Could you donate an hour of your week to help support the next generation? Our Church is in need of Sunday School teachers and classroom aides for the 2015-2016 school year. Please share your love for children and God. These are two very important ingredients for being a Sunday School teacher. The more teachers we have, the lighter the load is for every teaching ministry team member. The requirements are few. You prepare for two one-hour lessons every month. We give you the curriculum, supplies, and support. You share your faith journey, love of children and love of God with little ones and big ones (ages two through high school). It is so very important for us to be intentional about sharing our faith journeys with the next generation so that they too can understand and celebrate God’s grace.

We specifically will need teachers for:
- 2 and 3 year olds (one teacher needed)
- Pre-K and Kindergarten class (two teachers needed)
- 3rd-5th Grade class (one teacher needed)
- 6th-12th Grade class (one teacher needed)

If you would like more information, please see Terry Wright on Sunday mornings (in the Education Office in the East Wing next to Room No. 11) or email her at terry@nsumc.com.

Come be a blessing to others!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS’ MEETING

August 9 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Room #11 (next to the Education Office).

We will discuss:
- Highlights for the new NSUMC Sunday School year
- Milestones and related curriculum
- Godly Play curriculum map
- BASIS K-4 Update
- And enjoy refreshments

Teaching positions available:

Creativity Studio: Janet Flourney, Elizabeth Smith, Tom George, Susan Smith, Kimberly-Anne and Matt Sheard

2 & 3 year olds: Barb Cogan, Jessica Daniel

TEACHER NEEDED

PreK - K: Janet Flourney, DelRea Urban, Melissa Koepke

2 TEACHERS NEEDED

1st-2nd grade: Laurie Bieller, Elizabeth Smith

3rd-5th grade: Jennifer Caplan

TEACHER NEEDED

6-12th grade: Melissa Koepke, Barb Rodriguez, Sarah Cushman, Steve Johnson, Brian Bieller

TEACHER NEEDED

Godly Play: Janet Flourney, Carol Chamberlin, Donna Phelps, Carol Adams, Barb Rodriguez, Cherryl Bub, Terry Wright

STORYTELLERS NEEDED

CONSIDERING TEACHING???... This meeting would be a great opportunity to hear about our activities and curriculum. Fellowship is an added bonus! Come join us!
Thank you to our Summer Sunday School teachers

NSUMC is so incredibly blessed to have such an amazing congregation! Many of you stepped up to teach summer Sunday School! You have been a great blessing to our church, families and children! The school year Sunday School teachers thank you, too!

If you see one of these wonderful people in the hallway, please extend a warm thank you for their dedication to the children of our congregation. You are invited to join them, too! Just ask them how much fun it is!

- Susan Smith
- Perveen Priscella
- Nicole Hansen
- Elizabeth Smith
- Christine and Leonard Smith
- Jessica Daniel
- Janet Fratantoni
- Mike and Shanna Franks
- Heather Mitchell
- Leah Bergstrom
- Kimberly and Matt Sheard
- Nancy Hansen
- Mary and David Hinnant

BARGAIN SHOPPERS WANTED

This time of year shoppers can buy glue (both liquid and stick), children’s scissors, reams of copy paper, construction paper and tape for pennies (literally).

If you are a great bargain shopper, our Sunday School children would like to benefit from your talents.

Please bring all donations to the Education Office (next to room #11 in the East Wing). And thank you in advance for your support of the children’s ministry!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015-2016

Mark your calendars because our first day of full Sunday School will be August 16.

Creative Studio, 8:30-9:30 a.m. will meet in the kitchen — Children ages 3-12 will make snacks, complete an experiment or hear a drama story related to scripture passages. The snacks are yummy and so fun to make. The science experiments are oh-so cool. The drama stories are very engaging! Please join our fabulous teachers as they cook, experiment and dramatically present their way through the Bible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND GODLY PLAY, 10:00-11:00 a.m. — Sunday School is for children and youth ages 2 through 18. Ages 2-5 will meet in the North Wing; grades 1-5 will meet in the East Wing; middle school (grades 6-8) will meet in Room #13 and high school students will meet in Room #12.

Sunday School for ages 2 through 12 will begin immediately following Children’s Moments (this occurs about 10 minutes into the service). Children are asked to sit with their parents through Children’s Moments and then proceed to their respective classrooms. Parents may walk their children to class if that is more comfortable for the family.

Youth (this includes middle school and high school students) are to go directly to class at 10:00 a.m. They do not begin in the Sanctuary.

We look forward to another fun-filled and blessed year!
Mingus Mountain Camp

Our denomination owns and manages an amazing camp on Mingus Mountain near Prescott. They offer many different kinds of camps. Opportunities include Mommy & Me, Daddy & Me, Winter Youth Camp, Retreats, Work - Weekends, Hispanic/Latino Ministries Family Camp, and Strength for the Journey and multiple Summer Camps for grades 3-12.

This summer I had the opportunity to be part of the volunteer staff at a 3rd-6th grade camp, June 29 - July 3. The view from the top of Mingus is incredible, the weather is delightful, the facilities are wonderful, the food is great, the adult and youth leaders are amazing and serving is such a privilege!

I invite you to consider:

• - sending your children to their camps. They are led by pastors and qualified staff.
• - joining one of the Mommy or Daddy camps
• - helping them maintain the camp on the Work Weekends.

Please check out these links for more information:
http://www.mingusmountaincamp.org/
https://www.facebook.com/MingusMountainMethodist?fref=ts

Living in His grace,
Terry
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED