

## *The Desert Disciple: e-Letter* *October 15, 2011*

### **Message from The Interim Minister:**

Dear Friends,

This month is the busiest I have had since coming to FCC in April. It is exciting to see so many old and new faces in worship. All these activities require time commitments from many people. "Showing up" for God and each other can be wearing. Amidst the busyness of our life in and outside the church, it is easy to get caught up in the tasks at hand and lose sight of the joy of the moment. Small resentments can build into large ones, or the sense of isolation can grow, even in a crowd. We hope to offer programs that provide balance between moments in which to "be" and breathe God in, as well as to learn and serve.

A balance of these elements is necessary to maintain healthy ministry. I was once told that the definition of "balance," was to swing, sometimes wildly, from one extreme to another, but to pass "center," recognize it, and know how to get back to center when we lose sight of it. That is why, in addition to the special social events, educational programs and service projects, we offer small group activities such as "Listening to the Spirit" and Sunday morning Bible Study before worship.

This month in Listening to the Spirit, we begin working with the Enneagram. I have found the Enneagram one of the most helpful tools for emotional and spiritual growth of any I have encountered. I am not an expert but know enough to get you started on a path to self-discovery and spiritual practice that is very compatible with the Christian tradition. Come on Friday, October 28 from 3-5pm and learn more about the Enneagram and your personality profile.

We hope to see you in church. If you can't attend, please call the church office if you would like a visit from me, or one of the church elders. Together, let us rejoice in the large and small ways in which God shows up for us in and through out lives, as individuals and as church. Even in the busiest or most challenging moments of our lives, God is with us on our journey.

Blessings,

Delle

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:  
REV. McCORMICK CAN BE REACHED AT (520) 204-6295**

## Upcoming Meetings!



Please mark the following dates in your calendar:

**October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm** – Elder's Meeting in the Parlor

**October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm** – Worship Committee Meeting in the Parlor

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00am** – Labyrinth Meeting w/ Desert Spring in the Parlor

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:15pm** – Children's Sabbath Picnic at Catalina Park

**October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm** – Outreach Committee Meeting

**October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm** – Personnel Committee Meeting

**October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm** – Listening to the Spirit – in the Parlor

**October 30<sup>th</sup> @ Noon** – All-Church Listening Session, following worship in the Parlor

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU! from DWM:



The H.A.G.A.R. (Help Abused Grow and Recover) offering at this writing was \$420. All thanks to the members of FCC. A portion of that giving always comes back to help groups in Tucson as well as other communities in the state. The Sunday Luncheon was well attended. Thank you, to those women who supported the luncheon by bringing all the food, except the chicken which was provided by the DWM.

*Congratulations to Jane Thornburgh who went home with the afghan.* Three of our



women attended Church Women United where Phyllis Hallman shared her experiences in her Women to Women trip to Africa. People throughout the state gave Phyllis bookmarks to share with the other women and girls. First Christian Church, principally Susan, sent a suitcase full of flip-flops. These gifts were received quite warmly. There was a picture of the kids playing soccer with their flip-flops all piled together on the side line.



The next DWM Ruth/Rebecca group meeting will be on the second Tuesday of November. That is November 8th at noon. Bring a sack lunch and study your next chapter in New Day. We are so enthused about our new members.

## Holy Holiday Series... starts November 1<sup>st</sup>!

*For some among us, holidays touch a special place of sadness and loss. While the rest of the world seems to be celebrating, spending time with loved ones, actively participating in conspicuous consumption, others long for a faith practice that breathes peace and healing into those frantic times. This year, F.C.C. offers three special services for those who wish you make the holidays more "Holy-Days." The Revs. Delle McCormick & Mary Alice Do will offer services around Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Each "Holy-Day" celebration will include a time for reflection and worship. **Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> marks the first of three Holy-Holiday services (Halloween/Day of the Dead). Please join us at 6:30pm in the Chapel. If you have a special candle, you'd like to bring and light, we invite you to do so!***

## Church Women United – World Community Day!



Share prayer, song, cookies, and friendship!

**Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at the Pima Friends Meeting house (931 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave).**

The free celebration includes an ingathering for Tucson's own Iskashitaa Refugee Resettlement Project. Please go through your sewing basket and bring yard goods, thread, yard, quilting supplies, sewing notions, crochet & knitting needles, and scissors. If you have extra, please also bring bed sheets (for weaving rugs), sewing machines, irons, and ironing boards. Iskashitaa will distribute your gifts to refugees in Tucson who support their families by making needlework and basketry to sell. - - Free Parking & Childcare (if given one weeks notice).

## **CROP WALK! – November 13<sup>th</sup> @ Reid Park**



What are you doing **Sunday, November 13**? Would you like a way to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise **AND help change the world**? Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at Reid Park Ramada 31. Registration starts at **1:30** and the Walk starts at 2:00PM. See **Rev. McCormick** for more information. You can follow the below directions to register online, or you can sign up in the Narthex on Sunday's. Remember that 25% of this year's donation will go to Tucson's Casa Maria and Tucson Food Bank.

### **Register to walk with CROP WALK:**

- ✓ Go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)
- ✓ Click on CROP WALK, "Find your Walk now"
- ✓ Click Arizona and Tucson
- ✓ Select "Join a team" and select "First Christian Church, Tucson"
- ✓ Call or email the church office ([tucsonfcc@gmail.com](mailto:tucsonfcc@gmail.com) or 624-8696) or register for walk in Narthex before or after worship
- ✓ Pick up your "My Crop Walk Donation Envelope"
- ✓ Begin getting sponsors for your walk.
- ✓ Turn in Walker envelopes with cash or checks to your Team Captain at Reid Park Ramada, November 13 at 1:30 pm.

**Our church goal is \$1,000. So please get motivated to help stop world hunger.**

- **IF YOU CAN'T WALK, YOU CAN ROCK!** You can get sponsors for rocking during the walk.
- **IF YOU CAN'T WALK OR RICK, YOU CAN DONATE.** Just follow the instructions above and donate online, or sign up to donate with a walker.

*For more information, call or write FCC church office manager.*

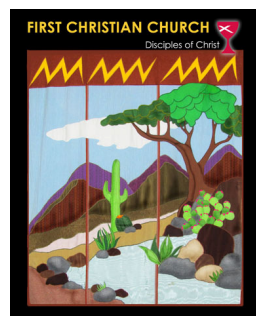
## **4 Bedroom House for Rent (Price Reduced!)**

If you know anyone looking for a new place, please refer them to the property management company, Casa Vista Properties (742-1477). The house 1036 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave is a 4 bedroom/2 bath. Washer & Dryer hook ups are available. A stove and refrigerator is included in the kitchen and spacious living and dining area, all for only **\$1,300/month**. ☺

## **Let's Think Stewardship!**

We are approaching that time in our Church's ministry that we will be working towards the Church's life for 2012. Within this month of October you will be receiving information concerning this important decision for each of us. A letter will be send along with a pledge card as well as a Stewardship of Time sheet. When you receive these, take time to prayerfully consider your time, talent and tithe for the church. November 13 will be considered Stewardship Sunday. There will be a special time on that Sunday for each of us to place our 2012 pledges in offering during the service.

## **CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE: [www.firstchristianchurchtucson.org](http://www.firstchristianchurchtucson.org)**



This website is becoming a great resource! If you haven't typed the web address into your browser, you need to! Some pages are still being constructed, but I promise you'll love the new site and the progress that has been made!

The church calendar is now available to view from our website. And not only is the time and title of event listed, but also a brief description of the event/meeting/etc.

You can also find AUDIO Recordings of Rev. McCormick's sermons each week.

\* Don't forget to check out our Facebook page, too!!