

The Desert Disciple: e-Letter *November 15, 2011*

A Message of Thanks and Hope:

A Big Thank You to those of you who returned your tithing cards and tithing sheets to the Church Office or at the morning worship service on November 13. We will be receiving the Tithing Information through Sunday, November 20. It is important that we have as much of these that are possible as the Church Board will be considering the budget for 2012 based upon the dollar amount that the congregation is willing to commit. So please return your information to us.

The Message of Hope is for the end of this year, 2011. For the remaining one and a half months we find that the pledges for this year have a deficit of \$4,000. The Hope is that these will come in to balance our year. The times we are experiencing are difficult for some of us because of loss of jobs, reductions in pay, medical expenses and other circumstances that require our using extra caution in our giving. The Church needs your prayers for these remaining days of 2011. We want very much to be able to say to you that we have met all of our obligations including our mission money.

Your prayers are needed as you consider the pledges that have been made and have not been paid. In your prayers ask yourselves what you can give if not the full pledge. These would be helpful.

First Christian Church on the corner of Speedway and Euclid is a giving and loving congregation. The past has proven this and it will continue to be a congregation who cares for their building, their love for others, and their desire to be a significant part of the community. All of this is important to First Christian Church as it continues to tell their belief in The God who loves without fault and to be able to say without any doubt or hesitation that, "Jesus is the Christ that guides and delivers".

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HOPE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

*We thank you, God, we thank you –
your Name is our favorite word;
your mighty works are all we talk about.*

Written By: Rev. Mary Workman
Chair, Stewardship and Finance

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

Important Upcoming Dates!



Please mark the following dates in your calendar:

November 18th @ 6:30pm – Listening to the Spirit w/ Special Guest, Angelina Ochoa

November 20th @ Noon – Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall

November 21st @ 7:00pm – 6th Annual Inter-Religious Thanksgiving Prayer Service

November 28th @ 6:30pm – Board Meeting (Budget)

November 30th @ 6:00pm – “God is in the Manger” Study led by Rev. McCormick

Poinsettias for Christmas:



We are now taking orders for Poinsettias. We use these plants to decorate the Sanctuary during December. They are purchased in honor or memory of a loved one. The price is \$12.50 for each plant and the money goes to *New Beginnings for Women & Children*, who provide families the opportunity to become financially self-sufficient. Remember that \$6.00 of the \$12.50 is tax deductible. The order forms will be provided with bulletins this Sunday (11/20). All orders are due by November 22nd. If you would like to order, but will not be a church, please call the Church Office.

Holy Holiday Series II – Thanksgiving Service!

This service has been cancelled. Rev. McCormick feels that 3 services in a row on the week of Thanksgiving is a little too much for everyone. We do invite everyone to join in the 6th Annual Inter-Religious Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Monday, November 21st @ 7:00pm in the First Christian Church Sanctuary.

NOTES FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE



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The Pastoral Search Committee has begun the process of selecting a new pastor for the First Christian Church. Soon, the Committee will be asking for congregational input into this very important process. You will have plenty of opportunity for your ideas to be heard.

In the meantime, if you have something to communicate to the Committee, please contact any of its members. The members of the Committee are: Larry Kimberlin, Jean Bronson, Willis Jackson, Susan Lain, Janis Sherick, Lauren Stadle, Paul DeArman, Darline Holt, and Rudy Troike.

Please keep the Committee in your prayers as they continue this diligent process.

THANK YOU FROM THE SCOTTS:



Judy would like to thank ALL who helped with Wayne Scott. He is now home, and doing well. Judy really appreciates everyone's kindness, thoughts & prayers.

The 'CROP Hunger Walk' Team



The Team included: Delle, Marisa, Cedar, Debbie, William, Justin, Grace, Sharon, Pam, Tony, Susan and Special Guest, Angelina Ochoa!

The team raised \$1,058.77 and walked about 2 miles on Sunday, November 13th. Thank you to all who participated and helped raise money for this wonderful cause.

Memorial Celebration of Elaine Wilson

Sunday, November 27th @ 3:00pm @ Capilla Del Sol in Tucson.

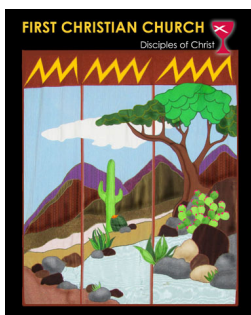
Message from Gail J. Nicewander:

We have waited for a long time for Bill Wilson to decide about a service. In the meantime I have decided to have a celebration through the DWM. Elaine was participating in the retreats and spring events for the past several years until her death this summer. Before that, Elaine and Bill attended some retreats and spring events to sell flashing necklaces, pins, etc. as well as print t-shirts. If you have any of the flashing jewelry or t-shirts especially ones that say, "Feed My Sheep" feel free to wear them to the celebration. There will be an empty booklet For Elaine for you to write any thoughts, poems, or just sign. Any donations that go above the cost of the service will be sent to the kidney foundation. The time was deliberately set for afternoon to allow any Phoenix or other ladies who know Elaine from regional events to attend.

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. 1st 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**. 😊

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE: 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!!