Silence is Golden

“God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.”

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Those are strange words to any preacher, and words which we don’t pay the slightest attention to!

Do you ever have trouble sleeping? Most of us do from time to time, and the reason for our disturbed and sleepless night can be a variety of things: We may be worried about something; Our mind may be in a whirl; or, we may have eaten something that lies heavily in our stomach. (Biscuits and gravy always have that effect on me!)

We can be too warm, and, even after throwing the bedclothes off, we are still hot and cannot get back to sleep. Some of us wander around the house when we cannot sleep, and even in the wee small hours of the morning, there is never complete silence. The small sounds are magnified by the stillness—a dripping tap, a clock, a dog barking some distance away, or the air conditioning unit running.

One of the great heroes of the Hebrews is Elijah. He was called to be God’s spokesman at a dark time in Israel’s history. His role caused him to stand against a corrupt royal family and an avalanche of hostile popular opinion and religious belief. He was a strong determined man who did a good job.

But even the strongest man or woman falters, and one day in bleak despair, Elijah turned his back on his calling and ran away. What did God do to Elijah? He gave him silence, solitude, good food, and rest for six weeks, and at the end of that time, Elijah found himself on Mount Sinai.

Elijah witnessed an earthquake, a mighty wind, and a raging fire. But, God was not in any of those things. Instead, God spoke in a gentle whisper, and in that silence, God spoke and Elijah listened and went back to his calling.

In spiritual things, silence has a language all its own, and as Elijah found, it is a language God often favors. Thomas Carlyle wrote, “Silence is as deep as eternity, speech is shallow as time”.

Let God speak to you in those precious times of silence and peace, and let his word flood and refresh your soul.

Your Pastor and friend,
Brian Anderson
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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM
Fellowship time in Alexander Hall is offered immediately after the service ends.

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Church Website: http://www.ccscaz.org
Please visit our website for all the latest information about our church! You can also listen to Pastor Anderson’s sermons, download Sunday bulletins, and current and previous copies of the Roadrunner.

Roadrunner Information
The Roadrunner is published 9 times a year. Call the church office if you have a question regarding an item printed in the Roadrunner. Copies of the Roadrunner are e-mailed if we have your address, available on the counter in the church narthex, or you may access it on our website.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

2018 OFFICERS & CHAIRS

Church Moderator: Bonnie Shetley
Moderator Elect: Pepper Roady
Church Council Clerk: Pat Canfield
Council Members at Large:
  - Nancy Asendorf (1 yr)
  - Jean Brenn (2 yrs)
  - Gordon Petersen (3 yrs)
Board of Trustees Chair:
Treasurer:
Deacons’ Board Chair:
Membership Board Chair:
Missions Board Chair:
Women’s Fellowship Chair:
Men’s Club Chair:
Entertainment Chair:
Flower Committee Chair:
Sweat Shop Sorority Chair:

PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATES
Please update your 2018 Directory with the following information.

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If you have an update for the directory, please contact Terri in the church office.
What a gift! We were blessed with meaningful Easter celebrations that included Sunrise Service, Fellowship Breakfast and Easter Worship. With the extensive planning by our pastor, church leadership teams, and commitment of many individuals in our church family — we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with faith-filled gatherings on our church campus. Thank you for all you provided to our worshipers. We won’t single out names – we don’t want to miss someone. All of you are important, and all of you are needed. If you did not experience this blessed day of compassion and cooperation with us, then it must be because you were not there. Yes, you were missed.

We have many stars on our leadership teams. Please let them know their ongoing efforts are appreciated. We have several brand-new board participants this year and we are thankful for them. They are truly dedicated and have “jumped right in the pool” of serving our church needs.

Some of our family are already leaving for other parts of the country for the summer. We ask you to please keep in touch; let us know about your “adventures”— whether they are busy or laid back. We will love hearing from you. Send me an email: bshetley@cox.net, or email the church office: admin@ccscaz.org.

After May, our church boards go on semi-hiatus: some of them for the months of June thru September, others for the months of June thru August. Individually, we are still busy and active throughout this time, but our boards/council do not gather for meetings. However, if needed, of course, an emergency meeting will be called. So . . . no emergencies if you please.

Of special note: regarding a message from trustees Scotty MacCleary and Bob Pilling that was printed in our April Roadrunner. We need a list of people in our church family willing to help with services involving our church property. Are you one of those people? Could you help, perhaps with minor projects? Did you let them know? This assistance list is truly an example of commitment ★ compassion ★ cooperation.

— 2018 Moderator, Bonnie Shetley

"Anything about leash laws?"
MUSIC DIRECTOR UPDATE
Get Well Wishes to Jane Higgs!

Our Music Director, Jane Higgs, had surgery at the end of April. She is taking a year-long leave of absence in order to make a complete recovery. Our organist, Christine Kyhn will take on the duties of choir director next season (September 2018 through May 2019) as well as continue as our organist. We wish Jane a speedy and complete recovery following her surgery. We will pray for both Jane and her husband Gary, and we look forward to their return to us next year.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS AVAILABLE
We will now be offering pre-packaged gluten free communion wafers for those with an allergy or celiac disease. Please only take them if you have a medical need for it so that we do not run out. Please direct questions to an usher or the Deacon’s Board if needed. Thank you.
Church Member Bill Sandvig Selected for Honor Flight Experience

The following article is a written account by Bill Sandvig, of his recent Honor Flight experience. Honor Flight Arizona’s mission is to take WWII and Korean War Veterans to see their memorials in Washington D.C. at NO cost to the veteran. For more information about this mission, visit www.honorflightaz.org.

It was an honor for me to be selected to be on the Honor Flight to Washington DC in March 2018 as a Navy Veteran of World War II.

We left Phoenix on Southwest Airlines for Washington DC to crowds of people clapping, cheering, waving flags, and shaking our hands. About half of our group were in wheelchairs and assigned “guardians” to assist them at all times. We stayed at the Baltimore Hilton where we had a fine dinner the first night and a buffet breakfast each morning of our stay.

A luxury bus took us to Washington DC, and we made stops at many of the monuments at Arlington Cemetery. The honor group were all veterans of World War II and the Korean War. So these monuments were of special attention. All of us left the bus to view our special monument in a steady rain, but most had tears in our eyes to think of those who did not return from battles. The bus stopped at many other monuments to give us a chance for photos or just prayers.

The main stopping point was at the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We were given priority viewing for this event, and this was another time for tears and memories amidst the steady rain. This is a must see event for all Americans.

Among the many other gravesites that we viewed were John Kennedy, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Joe Louis, and Audie Murphy. There are over 350,000 graves with about 30 burials every weekday. As we drove out of Arlington, a horse drawn caisson was just ahead of us for another funeral. Dinner that night was at Fort Meade in Arlington Cemetery, a fitting end to the day.

We awoke to snow and the airport was ready to close with a series of huge snow plow machines opening a runway to allow our plane and two others to leave.

Our arrival in Phoenix was highlighted by a military ceremony, flags, and hundreds of people cheering, waving flags, and clapping for us from one end of the airport to the other. Upon our arrival, each of the honorees received a large envelope with thank you cards. My envelope had 87 cards from our church family, neighbors, posse members, and friends. Three of them were from 6th grade children who were studying World War II. Thank you so much to everyone who wrote these cards. It was hard to read them and not cry at the same time.

It was a true honor to have been a part of this honor flight. I will never forget it.

Bill Sandvig
US Navy, WWII
As the April Roadrunner was going to press, our spring luncheon was held on March 22nd. Our Patriotic theme of “Proud to be an American” was carried out in our table decorations, our picnic lunch, our clothing and the song by Barry Blackstone which touched our hearts. Our Uncle Sam guest told us about the significance of each fold of the American flag.

In May, we will be giving flowers for Mother’s Day, honoring all mothers.

During the summer, plans are underway to have some craft sessions to make the Chrismons for our tree decorations for Christmas this year. Chrismons are Christian symbols. In the time of Christ, they used symbols to find one another. Earliest ones were the fish, anchor, sheep, and staff. They carved these symbols like road signs, leading Christians to other Christians and places of worship. Craft sessions will begin on June 12th, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-1 in Alexander Hall. Both men and women are encouraged to participate. Lots of help will be needed, and there will be great fellowship as you work. Ginger Hamilton will be in charge and will put more information in the Sunday bulletins.

In addition to the dates already given, put these dates on your calendar for the coming months:

- July 22nd-August 5th: School Supply Drive
- October 17: Tentative date for Planning Meeting for WF
- Nov 16th-17th: Bake Sale at Arts and Crafts Fair
- Nov 25th-Dec 9th: Angel Tree Project
- Nov 29th: Hanging of the Green
- Dec 13th: Women’s Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

Women’s Fellowship share of the proceeds from the February Rummage Sale is $7140.00 after all expenses were taken care of. Thanks to all who worked to make that possible.

Please continue to support Ann Zabler with your contributions of greeting cards as this ministry is extremely important to our congregation. The box is on the counter in the narthex.

Have a great summer!

Joyce Dudley
Women’s Fellowship Chair

Your Mother is always with you…
She’s the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street.
She’s the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks.
She’s the cool hand on your brow when you’re not well.
Your mother lives inside your laughter she’s crystalized in every tear drop.
She’s the place you come from, your first home…
She’s the map you follow with every step you take.
She’s your first love and your first heart break… and nothing on earth can separate you.
Not time, Not space… Not even death… will ever separate you from your mother…
You carry her inside of you…
- Anonymous -

CHRISMON CRAFT WORKSHOPS BEGIN JUNE 12TH
This five member board continues to meet monthly over the phone to disburse money sent by the local congregational churches to up to 25 sponsored missions all over the world. We also are continuing to contribute to the clean-up after the disasters in Houston, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

Our focus, however, is now turning to the upcoming annual meeting of the NACCC. This year, the meeting will take place June 23-26 in San Diego, California. This location is a great opportunity for our CCSC church members and friends to attend, as it is within a reasonable driving distance. As a board member, I am required to attend, and I know that our Pastor, Dr. Brian Anderson, and two of our church members, Randy and Nancy Asendorf, are also planning to attend. Please contact me at 623-875-5097 if you are interested in attending, and I can give you the hotel information and the planned agenda. You can also find information on the NACCC web site at http://www.naccc.org/2018-amc-information.html.

Missionaries from all over the world will be attending—some entirely on their own resources, and a few with transportation help from MOMC. Since one criterion for our sponsorship of a foreign mission is that it be owned and managed by local (native) citizens, they need to have, or raise, the financial resources to travel to the United States. We will be hosting them at a reception and have devised a fun game (“Missionopoly”) to help them become acquainted with each other, and to share ideas about their mission’s structure and function.

In addition, one of our members, Jamie Bonnema, will be talking about how to organize an out-of-state trip to visit and aid a mission, either in our country or overseas. This is one vital way in which we, as privileged humans, can connect with those not so fortunate but determined to help themselves to obtain better health, better housing, and better lives.

*For more information about the NACCC, visit www.naccc.org.*
Sweat Shop Sorority

Our Sweat Shop Sorority meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the choir room. Our time right now can be described as more relaxed and creative. We work on quilts, and we will teach you quilting too if you are interested! You may have noticed the pretty centerpiece covers on the tables in Alexander Hall that we recently finished.

Of course we have other crafts as well. You might like to introduce your own craft ideas to the group or join in on the projects in process. Our beautiful Christmas trees are always in demand. But we love to have new ideas.

So clear your calendar, find the coffee cup with your name, and if we are lucky enjoy a snack too! Drop in between the hours of 8:30 AM until Noon. We would be thrilled to have you!

And, don’t forget that come summer, with the choir in recess, we will meet every Monday from 8:30 AM—Noon as we prepare for the fall Arts & Crafts Fair and join in weekly fellowship time. You can come every Monday in June, July, and August, or any Monday that fits your summer schedule!

Jean Brenn
Sweat Shop Sorority

The following members and friends of our congregation have passed away since our last Roadrunner edition. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones:

• Kay Shragal—April 21, 2018

Operating the Projector on Sunday mornings has given me a chance to observe what is happening in front of me. I know we all like to visit with those we only see on Sunday mornings—time to catch up isn’t it? Wouldn’t it be nice if we used the time before service to meditate on the week past and the week to come and, how Jesus might enter into those plans; how he may have worked in our lives during the week past? We have a very talented organist who plays some pretty awesome music starting at 9:15 and until service begins. This is for our benefit and enjoyment. Out of respect for her music perhaps we could visit before 9:15 and save the rest for Fellowship Hall after church. Using those 15 minutes of meaningful organ music to meditate and reflect will bring more meaning and depth to the upcoming service for you and for those around you. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,
Pepper Roady
Moderator Elect
SOME THOUGHTS FOR THE COMING MONTHS

MAY

May is the month we honor...doctors, nurses, pastors, teachers, cooks, wait staff, clerks, and Sunday school teachers. We call them by the generic name. MOTHER. GOD BLESS THEM ALL!

For this God is our God, for ever and ever, even unto death. Psalm 48:14

HE said...Call unto me, and I will answer thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3

JUNE

I know of a man prone to stooping down for things like planting flowers or sowing seeds, then later when harvesting the crop, or having a caring conversation with the young person and talking with pets, and praying to God. He works hard. We call him by this generic name. DAD. GOD BLESS THE FATHERS! Dads are needed and not easy to go without.

JULY

AMERICA

Home of the free & the brave
Soldiers who fought for us all!
Some who wound up in a grave
Some who came home very broken
Bodies wounded, pain, confused mind
To them kind words should be spoken
Let us remember them in our prayers
And thank you for your service
Our grateful hearts we share.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Eleanor Poe
Deacons’ Chair
God Answers Prayers

Please see the large bulletin board outside of Alexander Hall for our current list of church family and friends in need of prayers. The prayer list is updated weekly and posted for all to see—towards the right side of the board between the calendar and flower sign ups. We encourage you to take the “take-home” cards available underneath the posted prayer list sign as well.

To place someone on our prayer chain, please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Bonnie Shetley, 623-972-3574; the church office, 623-977-4241 or talk to Pastor Brian. Those of you who would like to be one of our prayer partners, please call Bonnie. New prayer partners are always welcome.

From the Daughters of Mabel Kearney:
“Thank you so much for your kind cards and loving words about our mom, Mabel Kearney. She treasured this church for 35 years. She worked on any project, great or small; industriously cutting cake and serving coffee; and tenderly greeting newcomers. I know there are many of you there who would say that Mabel was the first person who welcomed you to the church. She loved each of you with a devotion that was deep and undying. Thank you for your acknowledgement that her life mattered to you. Very Truly, Paula Brewer & Jeda Homberg”

From Heather Anderson:
“Thank you all so much for your many expressions of love and concern to me following my surgery. Thank you to those of you who brought food to our home and those of you who sent so many cards and gifts. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are something that I will never forget, and I look forward to being back in church pretty soon.”

From Jean Beyer:
“Want to thank everyone for all the cards and support during Dick Steven’s illness and after his passing. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks again!”

From Annie Hall:
“Thank you one and all for the many prayers, cards, visits, and healing thoughts sent my way after my recent accident. You brightened my days and caused me to smile a big smile time after time. For that, I thank each of you.”

Join the Flower Committee!

Ginger and the flower committee need some more help in the flower room with cleaning, organizing, etc. each week. We meet on Tuesdays at 9 AM for 1-2 hours to create all the beautiful flowers you see in the sanctuary and throughout the church. No experience necessary—we just need willing volunteers who want to help! Contact Ginger Hamilton 623-566-2966.

Puzzle!

Find the missing letter in each alphabet below. Then read the words from top to bottom to discover Israel’s promise from Joshua 24:24, NIV.

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Answer: We will serve the Lord... and obey him.
Summer Bible Study

The Book of James: Real Faith for the Real World

Wednesdays in June at 9 AM

(June 6, 13, 20, & 27)

Perhaps no other book of the Bible is more relevant today's culture and spiritual climate than the book of James. It tackles contemporary issues head on and calls us to be both real and relevant as Christian men and women in a world of shifting values and mores.

You won’t want to miss this summer study series as we learn from God’s word and share with each other how to have real faith in the real world.
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**SUMMER Birthdays**

**MAY**
- 5/01: Mike Rush
- 5/03: Bonnie Shetley
- 5/07: Ed White
- 5/11: Sam Jones
  - Sally Stewart
- 5/12: Margaret Selgo
- 5/13: June DeGoede
- 5/15: Doris Srsen
- 5/16: Linda Obert
  - Gypsy Walter
- 5/18: Ing Jones
- 5/21: Helen Burda
- 5/22: Sandy Massey
  - Donna Mohr
- 5/28: Peggy Salisbury
- 5/30: Leatha Conaty

**JUNE**
- 6/01: Peggy Stanley
- 6/02: Betty Hales
- 6/03: Hugh Orr
- 6/03: Thomas Ramaley
- 6/04: Ann Lanese
  - Scotty MacCleary
- 6/06: Sue Dawson
- 6/12: Jean Beyer
  - Terri Seiber
- 6/13: Beth Nelson
  - Deb Teuteberg
- 6/14: Kathy Pilling
- 6/15: Del Sand
  - Jackie Schultz
- 6/16: Maxine Ross
- 6/17: Phyllis Kruisenstjerna
- 6/18: Ellie Adams
- 6/20: Brian Anderson
- 6/21: Judy Clews
  - Dean Crafton
  - Naomi Jensen
  - Esther Moeller
- 6/23: Nancy Johnston
  - Barb Radovich
  - Ann Zabler
- 6/25: Bev Eilken
  - Erv Leifheit
  - Bill Sandvig
- 6/26: Terry Maxwell
  - Eleanor Woods
- 6/27: Bill Muir
- 6/29: Ed Morgan
- 6/30: Gordon Petersen

**JULY**
- 7/01: Charlene Arndt
  - Butch Bowman
- 7/02: Janice Caron
- 7/03: Joan Dare
  - Betty Krebs
- 7/05: Susan Thomas
- 7/07: Gloria Almrud
  - Jack Burg
- 7/08: Steve Dransfield
- 7/09: Jane Higgs
  - Norma Sandvig
  - Carl Wolkenhauer
- 7/10: Maxine Pastori
  - Joe Shragal
- 7/11: Heather Anderson
- 7/12: Ginger Hamilton
  - Bill Walter
- 7/13: Patricia White
- 7/15: Nelson Droege
- 7/16: Ken Signor
- 7/18: Marcia Lynk
  - Mary McKenzie
- 7/20: Marg Burg
  - Ula Miller
- 7/22: Bill Shipley
- 7/23: Ed Massey
- 7/26: David Swanson
- 7/28: Jerry Lenz
- 7/29: Pam Asan
- 7/29: Frances Clinger

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**MAY**
- 5/07: Hugh & Janice Orr
- 5/11: Bob & Kathy Pilling
- 5/25: Nelson & Wilma Droege
- 5/27: Dick & Helen Mansfield

**JUNE**
- 6/01: Dean & Sharie Crafton
- 6/12: Jerry & Starr Ann Lenz
- 6/26: Randy & Nancy Asendorf
- 6/27: Ralph & Pat Canfield
- 6/28: Bob & Donna Mohr
- 6/29: George & Pam Asan

**JULY**
- 7/13: Art & Ginger Hamilton
- 7/30: Ed & Doris Srsen
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**4TH OF JULY Picnic**

The Congregational Church of Sun City

**Happy 4th of July Picnic**

Patriotic Sing-Along & Special Music by Peter & Christine Kyhn

Wednesday, July 4th at 2 PM
Alexander Hall
Ticket Price: $5

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