



NEWS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SUN CITY

Pilgrim Roadrunner

MARCH 2024 ~ VOLUME 37 ~ ISSUE 2

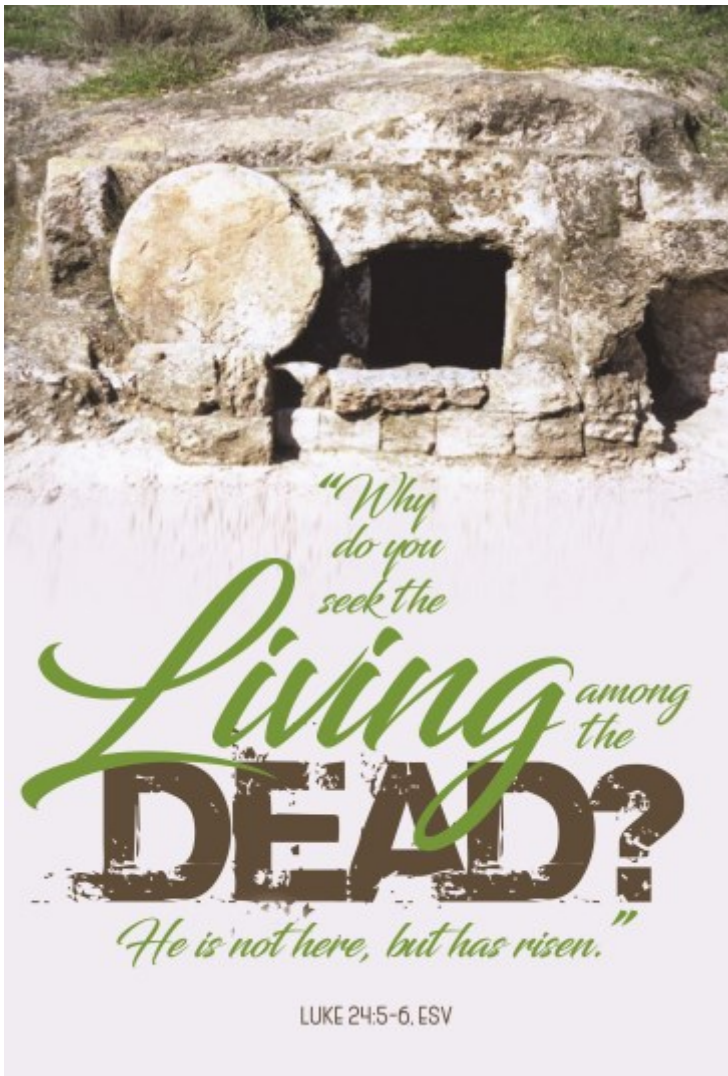
18401 N. 99th Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85373

Phone: 623-977-4241

Visit us on the Web: www.ccscaz.org



The Easter Hope



In 1940, George Orwell, author of "Animal Farm" wrote these words in his daily journal: "I thought of a cruel trick I once played on a wasp. He was sucking ham on my plate, and I cut him in half. He paid no attention and merely went on with his meal while a tiny stream of ham trickled out of his esophagus. Only when he tried to fly away did he grasp the dreadful thing that happened to him. It is the same with modern man. The thing that has been cut away is his soul...and he did not notice it."

In this world where so many people are dead and do not know it, God offers life, and life for all eternity. Jesus brings life to all those willing to accept it.

Easter for millions is about chocolate eggs, the Easter bunny, children's egg hunts, a special meal with family and friends, and perhaps a day off from work. The message of Easter is that Christ has conquered death, defeated the grave, and offers new

significance to our living and a new prospective on our death. Jesus gave his life that we might live, so that we might have a full, satisfying, and exciting life full of peace, joy, and certainty.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all and to your families.

Your friend and pastor,
Dr. Brian Anderson

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Minister	Dr. Brian Anderson
Music Director	Jane Higgs
Organist/Accompanist	Gillian Flack
Office Manager	Terri King
Senior Custodian	Xavier Frausto

2024 OFFICERS & CHAIRS

Church Moderator:	Beverly Eilken
Moderator Elect:	Gene Propps
Church Council Clerk:	Pat Canfield
Council Members at Large:	Naomi Jensen Iris Poling Nancy Oliphant
Board of Trustees Chair:	Bob Harloff
Treasurer:	Connie Burda
Deacons' Board Chair:	To Be Elected
Membership Board Chair:	Carol Suhr
Missions Board Chair:	Bonnie Shetley
Women's Fellowship Chair:	Joyce Dudley/Bev Eilken
Men's Club Chair:	Jack Pomeroy
Sweat Shop Sorority Chair:	Norma Sandvig

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us in-person each Sunday at 9:30 AM. Services are also live streamed on our YouTube channel which is linked from our web site at www.ccscz.org. Coffee fellowship time takes place immediately after the worship service in Alexander Hall.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8 AM—1 PM

Phone: 623-977-4241

Fax: 623-977-0008

Email: admin@ccscz.org

**For pastoral emergencies, call Dr. Anderson's cell phone:
1-781-534-5701**

CHURCH WEBSITE: WWW.CCSCAZ.ORG

Please visit our website for all the latest information about our church! Services and Bible study are also live streamed, recorded, and published on our YouTube Channel.

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/CCSCAZ

YOUTUBE: ccscz.org/YouTube

ROADRUNNER INFORMATION

The *Roadrunner* is published 8 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. Copies are also available on the counter in the church narthex, or you may access it on our website.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Spring is coming, and I am ready for it, just maybe not for the heat coming with it. I have a few miscellaneous notes and reminders from the office for you.

- All the new boards and committees are meeting. I have found sometimes the board chair overlooks telling me of decisions or planned events that come out of those board meetings. I don't know about it if YOU don't tell me. I don't usually see the minutes until a month later when they are approved. So please, take time to stop and let me know of anything relevant, such as a new event scheduled, contract work set up for the building, supplies you're running low on, etc. You can either tell me after your meeting, or send me an email later in the day while memories are still fresh.
- If you need copies or information that is to be provided at your board meeting, please give me advance notice. I much appreciate that over dropping in five minutes before your meeting starts for these things.
- Speaking of events, I need ample time to advertise and prepare promotional materials for events that you plan. I also need to make sure the rooms you want to reserve are open and available for use.
- The Missions Board has selected Valley View Food Bank for the Easter special offering. If you plan to contribute, please be sure to make the envelope and/or your check memo line with EASTER MISSION so I know it is for that and not the general operating fund.
- I am in charge of placing the flower dedication messages in the weekly bulletins. You may have signed up for flowers three months from now, but I really appreciate it if you go ahead and give me your flower message now. It's easier than trying to get it the week before the bulletin draft is coming out. Just complete a yellow slip from the flower sign up board, and place that yellow slip back in the offering plate completed (or put it in my office mailbox).

Thank you all for your cooperation. I work for such an amazing church family.

— Terri King, Office Manager

Moderator's View

Hi! I'm honored to be your Moderator for 2024. I promise to do my best for our church family, and what a great family we are! There are so many hard-working people giving so much in time, energy, and ideas to make our church more successful. I have a hard time saying "no" when asked to do a task for our church. We are about to complete what I am sure will be another successful Rummage Sale. Thank you to everyone for your participation. We will rest a bit afterwards and then get ready for our next event. God Bless.

- Bev Eilken, Moderator

(IMMEDIATE PAST) MODERATOR'S VIEW

Several years ago I was asked to be an observer at a congregational meeting of a church that was having difficulties. Having difficulties was an understatement. Never had I witnessed the level of vitriol that occurred that Sunday afternoon—church people hurling invective and accusations against each other without restraint. These were good Christian people behaving worse than drunks at the Phoenix Open. Eventually, the church survived and healed, but scars and memories remained.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians, "I appeal to you...that there be no division among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." Our Lord taught that unity is possible but requires a commitment to God's truth and love for one another. I pray that crippling disputes such as the ones I saw never happen in our church. These things are poisonous and contrary to the law of Christ. May God bless our church and our oneness in the Lord as we make our way through 2024 and beyond.

— Randy Asendorf, Immediate Past Moderator



2024 MISSIONS MESSAGE

Yes, this article is labeled Missions Message for that is who I believe our church is to those we help each year. We are our Lord's message of hope. It's our message to those in need that we give because our Lord gives to us each and every day. The message that you can never outgive God is as true today as it has ever been. While it's a new year and all of our boards are adjusting to being the physical outreach to our communities, it is also true that the need for help is great. We rely on you to be the hands and the faith in our Lord and Savior to reach those in need.

We welcome Diane Barr and Marilyn Pomeroy to our board and extend thanks to Pat Canfield and Doris Srsen who went off this board as of our church annual meeting that was held in January. Our 2024 Missions Board recently held our first Board meeting of the year to once again share with those in need.

Recipients of our first-quarter budgeted funds are America's Mighty Warriors (wounded military personnel located in Surprise) and Sunshine Acres (children's home located in Mesa).

The Missions Board selected our local food bank, Valley View Community Food Bank (located in Sun City), to receive your special Easter offering donations.

We are helpful stewards for Christ because of your support. 2024 Easter Offering envelopes will soon be available in our church pews. We encourage you to pick up one. Please return it via the offering tray on Sunday morning, drop it off to the church office during our business hours, or mail it to the church office. The last Sunday to turn in your Easter gift is on Easter Sunday, March 31.

On behalf of all of our Board members we extend our thanks for your support and your outreach to help those in need.

- Bonnie Shetley, Chair of the Missions Board

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PERSPECTIVE

It is hard to believe we are into March already. The annual meeting is behind us, and by now, the church boards have held their first meetings to welcome new members and elect officers. Preparations are well underway for the Rummage Sale which is fast approaching, and a sure sign spring is right around the corner. You could say the year is off to a running start, and you would be right.

The Board of Trustees held its first meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting to welcome new members, elect officers and make committee assignments. We are very pleased to welcome new members Deb Teuteberg, Bonnie Nelsen, and Bob Schultz to the board.



A committee established annually by the board is the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is appointed at the February meeting and includes the following members at a minimum: the Treasurer(s), acting as chair; two members of the Board of Trustees; one member from the congregation; Senior Pastor; and Office Manager. In prior years, the Committee would meet in the fall to begin the budget planning process. This year the Committee will hold its first meeting in March and will meet throughout the year to take a closer look at the budget and explore ways to reduce costs. In the coming months, the Committee will be reviewing possible options and making recommendations to the board.

During the year, you will be hearing more about the budget and financial planning for the church. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me, Connie Burda (Finance Committee Chair) or Dr. Anderson if you have any questions or comments.

- Bob Harloff, Chair of the Board of Trustees

DEACONS CORNER

SPRING TRAINING FOR CHRISTIANS



The word Lent comes from Middle English and German words for springtime. In light of the start of baseball season, some people call the pre-Easter season "spring training for Christians." This fresh perspective moves away from the flawed

understanding that Lent must be somber, or that giving something up for Lent is punishment for sin or a way to earn God's favor.

As people of faith, we should never take a season off. But every so often — at least once a year! — we do well to examine where we need to get back in shape spiritually. Perhaps we will indeed opt to give something up: that swearing habit, sleeping in on Sundays, or the cost of a weekly treat so we can donate the money instead. Or maybe we'll take on something new for Lent: a Bible study, prayer routine or service project.

Hebrews describes spiritual discipline as challenging in the moment but yielding righteousness later. The writer urges us, "Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees ... so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed" (12:11-13, ESV). May the spring training of Lent strengthen and heal us all.

- Taken from the 2024 Church Art Newsletter

? ? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples — twice — when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"



Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)



ATTENTION BRIDGE PLAYERS!!!

Come join us on Thursday mornings in Alexander Hall at 9 AM for non-competitive bridge! All are welcome. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors whether or not they attend our church. Please call Carolyn Teats at 630-901-8070 if you have any questions. We meet weekly EXCEPT when there are church events or business that takes place that overlaps with our meeting time. Thank you!



CARE TEAM ALWAYS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

Spring is coming, and Easter draws near...our thoughts of thanks go to our Care Team members who call, send cards and emails, plus visits when possible. These may seem like simple gestures, but to those who are having health problems, are shut in, or have experienced the loss of a loved one, it means a great deal. Receiving a call from a caring person can be the bright spot of one's day.

We always welcome new members joining our group. If you have an interest, just contact Jan Ferguson, Deb Teuteberg, or Terri King in the church office. We'll get right back to you.

Our work is sometimes of a short-term nature, while sometimes it continues. It is certain that those receiving our contacts appreciate them. You will find rewards in helping brighten someone's day, and it is amazing the new friends you make.

It is spring—a time for new beginnings. Think Care Team!

- Jan Ferguson & Deb Teuteberg, Care Team



The Men's Club will meet on Monday, March 25 at 9:30 AM at the Royal Café in Sun City. All men are encouraged to attend! RSVP to Randy Asendorf (623-249-5887) or Dick Clauer (480-766-0605 or email azsrclauer@gmail.com)



**THURSDAY & FRIDAY
MARCH 7 & 8, 2024
8 AM — 2 PM**

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SUN CITY
18401 N. 99th Ave. Just South of Union Hills



March brings our annual Rummage sale, and the women are busy preparing for it. It is an all church project, and everyone is working to make it the best sale ever. Be sure and tell your friends and neighbors about our sale on March 7-8, from 8 AM -2 PM each day.

Our annual Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 17th. It will be a birthday party for our lady nonagenarians (90+ years). Create a new salad or bring your favorite for our Salad potluck lunch. Save the date, and invite a friend or two or more

Blessings,
Joyce Dudley and Bev Eilken
Women's Fellowship Co-Chairs

SWEAT SHOP SORORITY CRAFTERS & QUILTERS

We meet from 8:30 AM—Noon in the choir room on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. (When the office is closed on a Monday, we meet on Tuesday.) Join with us when you can during those hours of fellowship, sisterhood, and teamwork. We take a break at 10 AM to sit together and have some refreshments.



All kinds of project ideas are considered and supported. Our immediate need is for someone to crochet small red hearts for gift attachments. Visit our table by the choir room at the Rummage Sale to purchase crafting materials. Finished

projects are in bins ready to be put out at the annual Art & Crafts Fair next fall. We sold 30 of our Christmas trees last year among many other items, large and small.

We invite all women to join us. We had 14 gathered recently. Call Norma Sandvig (623-566-0220) for information.

— Kathie Mittelsteadt



CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 1PM

Paloma Park, 29799 N. Lake Pleasant Pkwy, Peoria, AZ 85383
Ramadas 10 & 11

Located at Lake Pleasant Parkway & Dixileta Dr., just south of 303.

ALL ARE INVITED FOR FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP



HOT DOGS & BURGERS

PROVIDED

Bring a salad or
dessert to share!

BRING
YOUR OWN
DRINKS!

CARPOOL
FROM THE
CHURCH AT
12:30 PM!

CRAFTING CLASSES OFFERED...



The Sweat Shop Sorority has big news! We will be offering craft-making classes once a month. The first class will be held on Monday, March 25 at 9 AM, and we will be painting salt and pepper shakers. The

class fee is \$10 to cover supplies. We hope to see you there. We will all go home with a set of great looking salt and pepper shakers, as well as memories from a day of fun and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please contact Marilyn Pomeroy at 248-514-5594 to sign up.



HOLY WEEK CANTATA: GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 29) AT 1 PM

Our choir will present a special Holy Week Cantata entitled "Shadow of the Cross", arranged and composed by Lloyd Larson. The cantata will include congregational singing and celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Cantata takes place on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 1 PM in the sanctuary. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this special service.

IT'S PICTURE TIME!

Printing a new photo directory is WELL overdue! My new goal is to have one printed by the end of April. However, in order to accomplish this I need YOUR help! Many of you need an updated photo taken for the directory. If you have not had your photo taken in the last THREE years (2021 or newer), we really should get a new photo of you. If you are a couple, I would like to have both a photo of you as a couple and individual photos taken as well. Church member Shirley Ramaley has graciously volunteered her skill as a photographer for some dates in March and April to take photos after worship service of those individuals needing new photos (which should be quite a few of you). She will be taking photos in the hallway outside Alexander Hall against a gray color backdrop. Note that the backdrop color is gray and so you will want to wear clothing that is not gray as well if at all possible. Please mark your calendar to have a photo taken based on the following schedule:

- **Sunday, March 17:** Choir group photo ONLY after church—Choir members should plan to stay for a group photo in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday, March 24:** Individuals who wish to be listed in the directory can have photos taken after service.
- **Sunday, April 7:** Individuals who wish to be listed in the directory can have photos taken after service.

Give Shirley some time to change out of her choir robe, about 15 minutes or so after service ends to start. If you have questions, or cannot make it on those dates, please contact Terri King in the church office. Thank you!

— Terri King, Office Manager



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024
11:30 AM**

Join us for a salad potluck as we celebrate all the women in our church turning 90+ this year!



In celebration of church member Jan Ferguson's special birthday last month, many of our church ladies wore bonnets to the worship service on February 11.



The following members of our church family passed away recently.



Dr. Elijah Carter
January 3, 2024



Bill Sandvig
January 4, 2024



THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH...

- The **RUMMAGE SALE** is March 7 & 8! We need all hands on deck to help in the kitchen and various departments on the sale days. We also need volunteers to help clean up and reset the hall on Saturday, March 9.
- Invite your friends and neighbors to our **GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA SERVICE** on March 29 at 1 PM. The CCSC Choir will be performing "Shadow of the Cross".
- All men of the church are encouraged to participate in the monthly **MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST** meetings. The next meeting is on March 25 at 9:30 AM at the Royal Café.
- Attend a **SWEAT SHOP SORORITY CRAFTERS & QUILTERS** meeting on Mondays at 8:30 AM. No experience necessary—just come and get involved!
- Contact Deb Teuteberg or Jan Ferguson about **GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE CARE TEAM** to be paired with a member in need of encouragement, visits, etc.
- We are always **LOOKING FOR USHERS, GREETERS AND HOSTS ON SUNDAYS**. If you would like to help, fill out a pink card in the pews and return it in the offering plates.
- Come **PLAY BRIDGE** on Thursdays at 9 AM in Alexander Hall. We are always looking for more players to join this non-competitive group.



March 3, 2024

Rummage Sale Presales [after worship]

March 6, 2024 9 AM—11 AM

Bake Sale Drop Off

March 7-8, 2024

Rummage Sale

March 9, 2024 @ 8 AM

Rummage Sale Clean Up Morning

March 16—24, 2024

Church Cruise—Panama Canal

March 24, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

Palm Sunday Service

March 25, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

Men's Club Breakfast—Royal Café

March 29, 2024 @ 1 PM

Good Friday Service

March 31, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

Easter Sunday Service

April 17, 2024 @ 11:30 AM

Women's Fellowship Spring Luncheon

April 23, 2024 @ 9 AM

Church Council Meeting

April 29, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

Men's Club Breakfast

May 8, 2024 @ 11 AM

Mother's Day Tea

May 12, 2024

Mother's Day

May 19, 2024

Pentecost

May 20, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

Men's Club Breakfast

May 27, 2024

Memorial Day

June 16, 2024

Father's Day

June 20, 2024

Pastor Brian's Birthday

June 22-25, 2024

NACCC Annual Meeting

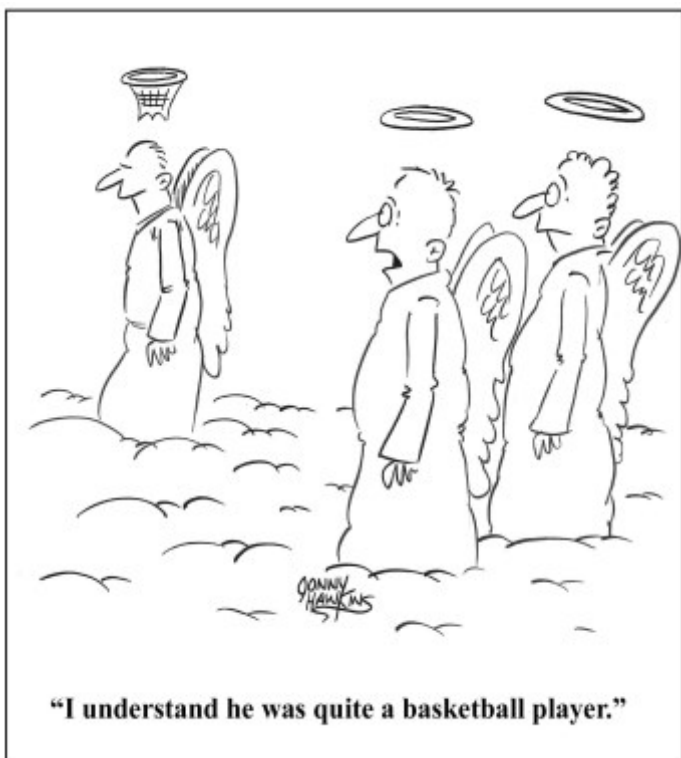


MARCH Birthdays

- 3/01: Chris Palmer
- 3/05: Sam McNutt
- 3/06: Dottie Esbenshade
- 3/06: Joan Johnson
- 3/12: Jack Teuteberg
- 3/13: Pat Hutchison
- 3/14: Arlene Porter
- 3/18: Evelyn Knauss
- 3/21: Bob Pilling
- 3/31: Carol Zimmermann

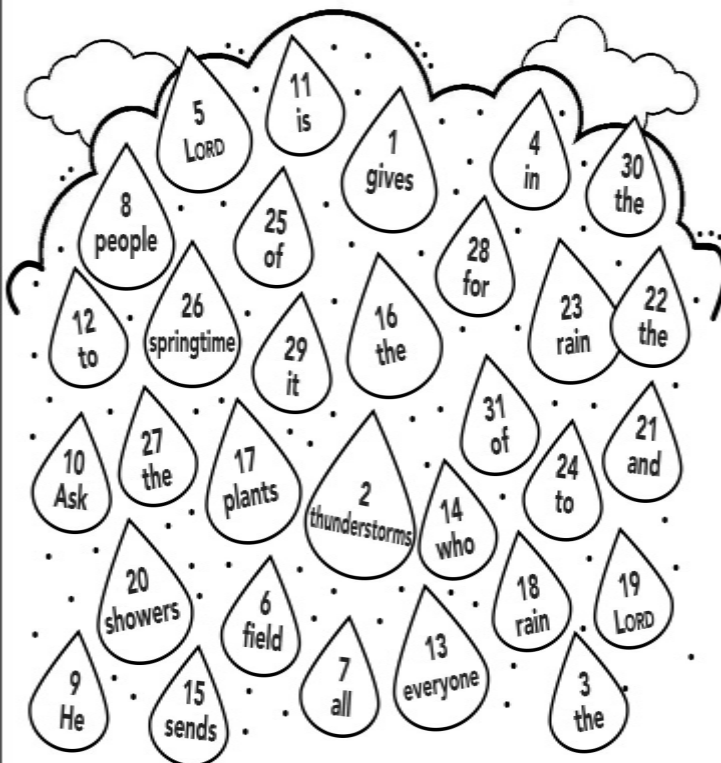
MARCH Anniversaries

- 3/14: Jane Higgs & Gary Sherman



Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



10	16	5	28	18
_____;				
4	22	26		
29	11	3	19	14
_____.				
27	2			
9	1	20	31	23
12	7	8	21	17
_____.				
30	6	24	13	

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV



Don't forget to pick up your new March/April/May Our Daily Bread in the narthex!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01 Church Office Closed <i>Friday Trombones 12:30-2:30 PM</i>	02
3rd SUNDAY IN LENT 03 9:30AM Worship Service COMMUNION SUNDAY <i>Rummage Presales After Worship Service</i>	Rummage Sale Set Up 8 AM 04 8:30AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM Deacons Board Mtg <i>All Stars Practice 4-5:15PM</i>	Rummage Sale Set Up 8 AM 05	Rummage Sale Set Up 8 AM 06 9:00AM Bible Study 9:00AM Flower Committee 9-11AM Bake Sale Drop Off	RUMMAGE SALE 07 1:00PM Choir Practice (in sanctuary)	RUMMAGE SALE 08	09 8:00AM Rummage Sale Clean Up Morning
4th SUNDAY IN LENT 10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i>
9:30AM Worship Service	8:30AM Staff Meeting 9:30AM Finance Committee <i>All Stars Practice 4-5:15PM</i>		9:00AM Bible Study 9:00AM Flower Committee 10-11AM Membership Mtg	7:30AM Bulletin folders 9:00AM Bridge Club 1:00PM Choir Practice <i>Bravo!-West Rehearsal 7-8:30 PM</i>	Church Office Closed ROADRUNNER DEADLINE <i>Friday Trombones 12:30-2:30 PM</i>	
5th SUNDAY IN LENT 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i> ST. PATRICK'S DAY 9:30AM Worship Service Choir Photos Taken After Service	<i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i> 8:30AM Staff Meeting 8:30AM Sweat Shop Sorority <i>All Stars Practice 4-5:15PM</i>	<i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i> 9:00AM Trustees Board Mtg 9:00AM Flower Committee	<i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i>	<i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i> 7:30AM Bulletin folders 9:00AM Bridge Club 1:00PM Choir Practice <i>Bravo!-West Rehearsal 7-8:30 PM</i>	<i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i> Church Office Closed	<i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i>
PALM SUNDAY 24	25	26	27	28	GOOD FRIDAY 29	30
<i>Church Cruise 3/16-3/24</i> 9:30AM Worship Service Member Photos Taken After Service	8:30AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM SSS Crafting Class 9:30AM Men's Club Breakfast <i>Royal Cafe</i> <i>All Stars Practice 4-5:15PM</i>		9:00AM Flower Committee	7:30AM Bulletin folders 9:00AM Bridge Club 1:00PM Choir Practice <i>Bravo!-West Rehearsal 7-8:30 PM</i>	Church Office Closed 1:00PM Worship Service <i>The Shadow of the Cross</i> Choir Service	
EASTER 31						
9:30AM Worship Service [Breakfast After Service]						



18401 N. 99th Avenue
Sun City, AZ 85373
Phone: 623-977-4241

First
Class
Stamp
Required

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
PD # 95289000

In This Issue

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES	10
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	4
BRIDGE CLUB	5
CALENDAR	11
CARE TEAM NEWS	5
CHURCH INFORMATION	2
CHURCH OFFICE NEWS	2
DEACON'S CORNER	4
GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA	7
MEMBERSHIP	6
MEMORIALS	8
MEN'S CLUB	5
MISSIONS MESSAGE	3
MODERATOR'S VIEW	3
PASTOR'S MESSAGE	1
PUZZLE	10
SWEAT SHOP SORORITY	6
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	6

Congregational Church of Sun City

18401 N. 99th Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85373

623-977-4241

www.ccscsz.org

admin@ccscsz.org



PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 AM

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

1:00 PM

EASTER SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:30 AM