



Desert Tidings

April 2021

East Mesa Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
~ A Global Mission Church ~



Our Mission:

As followers of Jesus Christ, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we believe God calls East Mesa Christian Church to be:

- A place of outreach, serving from our community to the ends of the earth;
- A place of welcome for all people;
- A place of spiritual growth;
- A place of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Christ-Centered Values

- J**oyfully praise God.
- E**ncourage one another
- S**hare the good news
- U**se our gifts for service
- S**trive for maturity in Christ

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

April Birthdays

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Donna Jermier | April 8 |
| Yvonne Wonders | April 14 |
| Liz Irons | April 15 |
| Linda Gambill | April 16 |
| Jenean Leshner | April 20 |

April Anniversaries

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Nick and JoNelle Greenwalt | April 16 |
| Dennis and Linda Gambill | April 24 |

If you have a birthday and/or anniversary in April and you are not on this list, please contact the church office so that we can update our records. Thank you.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Your Giving Makes It Happen....

Each ministry costs money to maintain. There is no other source of income apart from your offerings for God's work. Thank you for making ministry possible by your faithful stewardship.

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:

Despite the many hardships our church has faced, especially during the last twelve months, we find our church continuing to move forward with enough financial assets to maintain us for the foreseeable future. It appears that every time a challenge is put before us, we always overcome it, thanks to our Lord, who continually looks over us.

As you are probably already aware, many small churches across the country are failing financially, and some are closing their doors forever. That, however, will not be the case with East Mesa Christian Church if we continue to pray regularly for our church, and maintain faith that this is the church of Jesus Christ, who once said, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18). With an attitude of gratitude to our Lord, and full confidence in our faith, we will succeed.

Financially, our revenues were slightly ahead of expenses for January and February, and although at this writing the March ending results are not yet available, it appears that we will end up doing well for the first quarter of this year. As of March 23rd, 2021, we had \$64,688.24 in account checking account, and \$61, 785.26 in the dedicated funds account, for a total of \$126,785.50.

Once again, we can't thank our paid staff enough compliments for the dedicated way they go about dispensing their duties, week after week, because they know that it is the Lord they serve, and they do it consistently and faithfully. Many thanks to Carolin Moorman, Linda Gambill, and Cinda Foley for going above and beyond what is expected of them. We also want to acknowledge a long overdue praise to our President, Janyle Hodges. Despite her many health challenges, she has been a positive force whenever her duties required it, and we are most grateful for her guiding hand when problems arise. Finally, a big thanks to Carolyn Chandler, and all the elders who continue to loyally serve our church. These are the unsung heroes that are needed in every church in America, and we are so grateful to have this team at such a time as this.

Alan W. Hayden – Treasurer

Many of us realize that money is rooted in our attitude towards it; but when we continue to work towards obtaining a Christ-like attitude of humility, and contentment, we quickly begin to realize that money is not an end in itself, or even a source of security or happiness, but rather it is a means of building a community that spreads blessings, sufficiency, and most importantly, projects the message of Jesus Christ to a wider world.

Tithing is first and foremost an act of worshipful recognition of God as the source of our existence and all blessings and providence. Jacob promised God that *“of all that you give me I will surely give a tenth to You.* (Genesis 28:20-22)



Is the church part of your inheritance plan? If you would like more information on how you can include the church in your giving through Christian Church Foundation, please contact the church office.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS and HAPPENINGS IN OUR CHURCH LIFE

Since our last newsletter in March those who have had procedures, treatments and/or have been hospitalized have included: Alan Hayden; Keith Garner; Dick Hubbard's wife, Barbara;

- Keith and Darlene Garner have a new address: 1601 W. Queen Creek Road #237, Chandler, AZ 85248
- We said farewell to Pastor Robin Stallings on Easter Sunday as she moves on to a different career path. We pray for her continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

ONGOING PRAYERS:

Home Bound/Assisted Living: Lorna Hoskins in rehab; Mary Anne Stanke @ Savanna House; Blanche Reid @Alta Mesa Senior Living (same place – just a new name); Mike Weiland, 705 S. Pennington, #102, Chandler, AZ Marjorie Sanders, 19386 E. Oriole Way, Queen Creek 85142; Donald Brening, Acoya Mesa, 6502 Brown Rd., Memory Care Room #15; Mesa 85205; Michael Jermier, Cold Spring Assisted Living, Gilbert.

On going prayer concerns: – Keith and Darlene Garner; Dick Hubbard's wife, Barbara; Marj Stimac's son, Michael, cousins Violet and Jim; Ed Shellenbarger; Pastor Robin; Ben Major; Tom Tenasse and family; Cody Hodges; Mike Jermier; David Hogle; Ruth Wells; Pastor Robin's Mother; Mary Thomas;; Tom Gerken; Marj Stimac's granddaughter, Ella; Evan Kirby; Liz Farmer; Bob DeSpiegelaere; Bob DeSpiegelaere's brothers, Carl and Tim; Carol Meyer; Janyle Hodges; Marjorie Sanders; Charles Kraemer; Cheryl Hanson; Irene Goff; Liz Farmer's Cousin and family; Arlene Young; Tim Madden (friend of Karel Rae Henton); Robin Rames; Mickey Pagels; Donna's Sister, Frances; Mary Anne Stanke's Global Mission sponsored child in Armenia, Mkhitar Gharibian.

Military Personnel – Maitland Rames, Austin Bright and Dillon Laundry and for all of our service men and women that they are kept out of harm's way.



Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM) News

All women who attend Disciples of Christ churches are members of DWM. You are invited to join us on Facebook at the Arizona DWM Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArizonaDWM>

If you wish to receive notifications of events, please email me. I would love to see more of East Mesa at our events!!

Oceana Rames
Moderator
AZ DWM



April 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | | | | 1 Maundy Thursday | 2 Good Friday | 3 |
| 4 <i>Easter</i> Worship 1030am | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 1030 Worship | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 1030 Worship | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 1030 Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

East Mesa Christian Church

706 S. Greenfield Road

Mesa, AZ

85206

480-830-3474 – Website: www.emccaz.org

Office Hours:

Tuesday 9am – Noon;

Thursday 9am – 1pm

The office is closed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

cjmoorman@emccaz.org

cjmoorman44@gmail.com

lgambill@emccaz.org

East Mesa Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
A Global Mission Church

706 S. Greenfield Road

Mesa, AZ 85206

(480) 830-3474

Fax (480) 830-8810

www.emccaz.org



East Mesa Christian Church Staff

Jay Hartley, Regional Minister

Cinda Foley, Organist

Carolin Moorman, Admin Assistant

Linda Gambill, Financial Secretary

Church Office Hours:

9:00 a.m.—Noon. Tuesday-and Thursday

Worship Service is live and online on our Facebook page

9:00 am Adult Bible Class

10:30 am Sunday Worship