



The Catalina News

The Newsletter of Catalina United Methodist Church

*Every Sunday At
Catalina*

Worship in the Chapel
8:15 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship and
Sunday School for all ages

The Refuge
Fellowship Hall
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Alternative Worship and
Sunday School for all ages

Sunday School
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
for all ages
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.
for children

(Children come to worship with
their families, then leave for
Sunday School following the
Pastor's children's moment.)

Catalina Youth
Sunday School at
9:30 a.m. in the Middle
School Youth Center (E225)
Youth Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
UMYF - 6:00 p.m.

*Catalina,
where all are invited
and all are welcome*

South District Leadership Event

All are Invited to
The South District Leadership Event
Saturday - - - February 4, 2012
Christ Church United Methodist

An
Opportunity
To
Network
"Have Fun"
And Learn

Cost: \$8.00/person for lunch, snacks and materials
8:30 a.m. - Gathering, Registration and Refreshments
9:00 a.m. - Welcome and Announcements
9:15 a.m. - Worship - The Rev. Sharon Ragland
10:15 a.m. - Workshop 1
11:45 a.m. - Salad bar lunch, cookies and drinks
12:30 p.m. - Workshop II (Workshop selection is the same as 10:15 a.m.)
2:00 p.m. - Safe Travels
Please contact the church office for registration forms

Church & Society/Blenman News



Thank you Catalina. You are a living example of the pledges of personal civility and commitment made on Remembrance Sunday. Your gifts and service to Blenman School demonstrate your commitment to treat others with respect, consideration and compassion. In the year since Tucson's tragedy you provided many hours of tutoring for children and their parents, over 3,000 Snak Paks, \$500 worth of shoes, \$500 for \$25 food cards, jackets, coats and hand knit caps. You helped provide books for a lending library for Mission Vista refugee parents and children. Your contributions filled Christmas gift lists for 5 families-including 9 new bicycles.

Catalina continues to earn a place on the Blenman Kindness Wall.



It's that time of year to help the Blenman students continue their kindness to one another through the giving of Valentines. Your contribution of boxed Valentines insures that all students can share expressions of kindness, love and respect on Valentine's Day.



The Catalina United Methodist Church Foundation has in the past been very proud of the accomplishments of our many scholarship students. Many have gone on to be teachers, Methodist ministers, and successful in other careers. Now the Foundation has arranged for this year's current scholarship students to lead and participate in all three services in the main sanctuary on Sunday, January 29. The sermon will be given by Jessica Goad who is finishing her final semester at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas. Jessica's scholarship is from the Foundation's Ministerial Scholarship Fund first started by our former Rev. Stan Brown. The reading of the scriptures will be by Sarah Gaines who is working on her Doctorate in Special Education at the University of Arizona. Sarah's scholarship is from the Foundation's Sarah Williams Scholarship Fund. Kailey Caldwell will be the pianist for the services. Kailey is studying music at Pima Community College and her scholarship is from the Foundation's George and Elsie Nelson Scholarship Fund. Kelsey Lange will be using Sign Language to interpret the spoken word. Kelsey is studying at NAU and will be graduating this May with a degree in Public Management. Kelsey's scholarship is from the Foundation's Bob and Joan Briggs Scholarship Fund. The Foundation is so very proud of these wonderful students and we know you will be as well.



Tucson Chamber Artists, southern Arizona's professional chamber choir and orchestra, presents Johannes Brahms's beloved *Ein Deutsches Requiem* Sunday, February 19, 2:00 p.m., at Catalina United Methodist Church. For advance ticket discount Call 401-2651 or www.TucsonChamberArtists.org.

In Memoriam

Myrtle Ann Baker
November 12, 1931 - January 13, 2012

Upcoming Sundays at Catalina

February 5, 2012

**Worship in the Chapel and Sanctuary
8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Message by Rev. Dr. Ed Bonneau
"On Eagle's Wings!"

Scripture: Isaiah 40:27-31; Mark 1:29-39

Music at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

"Amen"

By Fred Bock

9:30 - Ensemble

11:00 - The Sanctuary Choir

February 12, 2012

**Worship in the Chapel and Sanctuary
8:15; 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

Message by Rev. Dr. Ed Bonneau
"What is Ailing You?"

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Mark 1:40-45

Music at 11:00 a.m.

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

By Harry Causey

The Sanctuary Choir

**The Refuge Alternative Worship in the
Fellowship Hall**

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

February 5, 2012

Message by Richard Jones
"How to Grow Your Soul: Self Examination"

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

February 12, 2012

Message by Richard Jones
"How to Grow Your Soul: Sabbath"

Music by the Cornerstone Band

*Services in the Hall feature contemporary music
and a casual atmosphere*

Catalina's United Methodist Women will have its quarterly unit meeting on Saturday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mary Eva Johnson will present our annual pledge program and Betty Pritts will lead a service on 'Prayer & Self-denial'. Lunch will be provided. Join us for fellowship and spiritual reflection.

The executive committee will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the church library.

FRUIT HARVESTING for 2012 is scheduled for February 12!

This is one of the highlights of the year and everyone can be involved! We gather at 2:00 p.m. and go out and harvest unpicked/unused citrus from people's trees. The fruit is taken to Ishkash*taa (fruitmappers.org), and they distribute it to Tucson refugee families and to over 20 local groups (such as Casa Maria and the Community Food bank).

Here is what we are doing:

1. Sunday, February 12, we will participate in a group fruit gleaning. Meet outside the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. and we will be back by 5:30 p.m. at the latest. Dress to be outside.
2. Next Sunday, February 5, there will be sign up sheets to help in the narthex and the hall and in Seekers Class and Homebuilders Class.
3. We need trees to pick. If you (or your neighbors) have trees to pick, let me know. Email me at richard@catumc.org or call me at 403-2403. If you have neighbors or friends with trees, please ask them and forward me the info.
4. We need pickers! This is an event for all ages. It is a good project for families. Let me know if you are going to come and help pick. Put your name on the sign up sheet or email or call me.
5. We need bins/boxes to store the fruit. Milk crates work best, but sturdy boxes are good, too. Bring these to church this Sunday or next. You can bring them to the church office or to Fellowship Hall.
6. We need drivers to drive pickers to the various trees we will pick. Last year we rented vans and that is expensive. I would love to have enough drivers to not rent vans. Again, sign up or email or call me.
7. We need 3-4 pickup trucks. You would be surprised at how much fruit we gather! This last week I filled my entire pickup with the fruit from ONE tree! So, we need pickup trucks to go with each picking group and carry fruit and equipment.

This is a great opportunity to help people in need and to partner with a great organization! Ishkash*taa works with many of the same refugee families that we work with through Blenman School/Mission Vista. Ishkash*taa is a local organization with United Methodist ties--it was started out of St Francis in the Foothills UMC.

If you have questions or need more info, email me (richard@catumc.org), phone me (403-2403 and you can text that number too), or see me at church.

Thanks for all you do to make Catalina such a GIVING place!

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men - Winter meeting - Saturday, February 4, 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker - Sidney Finkel - *Role of Demonization in Race Relations.*



Prayer of the Day –
326-0438, press 1

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER SEMINAR

Parenting teenagers can be wonderful, stressful, confusing, exasperating, and joyous--sometimes all at once! We want to work with you in this wonderful endeavor of raising your teens (and soon to be teens)! We are offering the seminar "Understanding Your Teenager" at Catalina on Saturday, February 18, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Attendees will learn what to expect from their children during the teen years and how to parent them with greater confidence, love and understanding. Our six "principles for effective parenting" will give parents the road map they need to successfully guide their teens through the rough waters of adolescence.

At Catalina we want to equip the parents in our church to fulfill their responsibilities to raise their children. And we know that the parents in our church want to do their best for their children, too. How do we as the church help our parents meet the challenges of raising their children, especially through the teen years?

Our presenter will be author and speaker (and parent and grandparent!) Wayne Rice. There is an insert in your bulletin with more information. The cost is \$30 for both parents or \$20 for one. You can register by calling the church office (327-4296) or emailing Richard (richard@catumc.org) or online at <http://understanding-your-teenager.posterous.com>. This website has all the information you need!

CATALINA MEMBERS ARE ANGELS AGAIN!!

Through the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Project, almost 400,000 prisoners' children received a gift from their incarcerated parent and great hope through the Gospel in 2011. That's almost 400,000 children who feel closer to their absent mom or dad, closer to a local church, and closer to Jesus Christ! Our actions let children know that the parent loves them and let the prisoners know that we care about their relationships with Jesus Christ.

As said in years past, the efforts of members of the congregation of Catalina United Methodist Church assured that we delivered love to the hearts of prisoners and their children. You prepared letters to caregivers, made angel tags and tracking cards, bought gifts, wrapped gifts, sorted gifts by family and deliverer, and delivered the family Santa sacks. CUMC performed all these tasks and assured a successful 2011 Angel Tree Project for 112 happy children and 46 families this year.

A prisoner whose children were included in the 112 wrote, "Your love and support have been a huge blessing in my life....Your ministry helps show my family God's true love and how Christmas is about our savior Jesus Christ, God's gift to mankind." Another wrote us to say how appreciative she is to have had a chance to do something for her babies and asked that we pray for her and her family.

Thank you all for being the Angels you are. You helped make miracles happen. God bless you. Call me if you want to become more involved with this ministry.

Angel Tree Coordinator, Rebecca Gill



PLEASE REMEMBER...

To call the church office when a family or church member is in the hospital. Our pastors feel privileged to visit and pray for you. (Note: The hospitals do not notify us).



Eye Glasses and Expired Hearing Aid Batteries

There is a collection box in the church office for used eye glasses and expired hearing aid batteries.



Youth News

NEWS FROM STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

YOUTH GROUP MEETS TONIGHT! We start in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m., and we finish at 7:00 p.m.! In high school youth group we will introduce our **HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP** for summer 2012! Don't miss it!

SUPER BOWL PARTY! Sunday, February 5 beginning at 3:00 p.m.! We will put the game on the big screen in Fellowship Hall, we will have a game system going on the big screen in the youth room, and we will have available many other activities (pool table, ping pong, foosball, board games, etc.). Of course, there will be nachos! We will be hosting some other South District youth groups for the party, so we should have a big crowd! This is a great event to bring a friend! The event is **FREE**, but we would like you to bring a snack to share with the group (veggies and dip, fruit, desserts, chips, etc.). We will provide hot dogs and sodas.

New Website!!!

Check out our **NEW WEBSITE** on Sunday, January 29. A special design forum will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel and consecration of the new website at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information please contact Kristin.

Dear Church Family,

On November 21, 2011, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) was notified by the Finance Committee that we needed to reduce our budget request for 2012 by 5%. SPRC held a called meeting on December 7 to discuss how to reduce our budget and the effect the reductions would have on Catalina's staff.

Members of the Finance Committee attended the meeting to give SPRC perspective on the decision for the 5% cut. We learned that our payroll is almost half of our total budget and that most churches in the Desert Southwest Conference with same size membership have a payroll around 30% of their total budget. We also learned that our church was having trouble meeting the 2011 budget and that many members were wanting Finance to find a way to lower our apportionments set by the Conference. Since church payroll is used twice in the formula for apportionments, this area needed to be reduced to help lower Catalina's apportionments.

With much discussion, SPRC identified potential cuts but delayed action on salary reductions until 2012, hoping that when the pledge drive was completed and Finance revisited the 2012 budget that additional funds would be available to SPRC. At the December 14 Administration Board meeting, the 2012 budget was adopted with the 5% SPRC cuts along with additional reductions in other areas.

We had staff members during the last month voluntarily take cuts to their hours and salary – thank you. Our Day School has donated funds to cover staff that work with them – thank you. Unfortunately, SPRC still had to take additional action to comply with the 2012 budget. Reductions in the SPRC budget were made from every area of staff – ministerial, program directors/assistants, office, and custodial.

With much prayer, discussion, and heavy hearts, on January 4, SPRC made difficult decisions regarding pay cuts. We are happy to report that no positions were eliminated. We appreciate the sacrifice staff had to make.

SPRC values all Catalina's staff – we are blessed to have these wonderful, dedicated people working here. The staff has known about the payroll reduction request since Thanksgiving and have given us a lovely Christmas Season under much stress. Please let them know how much you appreciate them.

Please keep our staff, SPRC, Finance, and Administrative Board in your prayers.

Blessings,
Robin Plemmons (SPRC Chair)

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There are no upcoming events at this time.

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Welcome to Catalina United Methodist Church! Whether you are a frequent visitor to our website or this is your first time, we are delighted to have you visit! As you browse through the many opportunities there are to worship, grow and serve, you will find that Catalina is a place for all God's people.

If we can answer any questions, please feel free to contact the church office or any member of our staff. We are here to serve and we welcome your questions or comments.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

During this week keep the following persons in your prayers:

PRAYER REQUESTS: Eric Anderson, Jane Ashcraft, Joe and Liz Bassett, David and Mildred Baum, Van Cordova, Jane Denst, Rose Gerard, Bessie Hannahs, Lillian Harper, Janne Hart, Jo Anne Jones, Ardyce Lange, Ruth Little, Art Martin, Martha Moody, Elizabeth Owens, Kathryn Patterson, Daniel Penner, Jim Peters, Martha Pullen, Jennifer Rice, Alva Ruiz, Sam Smiley, Jean Smith, Beth Swan, Nicole Wadington, Shirley Weldon, Jim White, Marjorie Wightman, and Dottie Winterbauer.

CONTINUING PRAYERS: Lois Armstrong, Linda Brinkman, Emma Lou Collins, Della Dennis, Eunice Evans, Lois Nickels, Iva Richey, Violet Ryan, Sharlyn Stitzer, Doris Stokes, and Dorothy Wheeler.

KEEP OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kristen Borg, Kailey Caldwell, Chris Dunlop, Patrick Dunlop, Sarah Hill, Tyler Jones, Chloe Kolaz, Kelsey Lange, Kelly Latimore, Cody Melcher, Caitlin McCurry, Eric O'Brien, Stefanie Plemmons, and Cassie Wingert.

Please call the church office if you have a family member in college that is a member of Catalina that you would like added to the list.

OUR MILITARY HEROES

We honor the service of these special people to our country. Please keep them in your prayers.



Kuwait - Orlando.

Afghanistan - Brian Adams, Alex Campe, Nick Cramer, Corey Glasford, Michael Marts, Joel Mason, Brian Osborn, Sgt. Robert Redfern, and SSgt. John Swearingen.

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SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 12

Jan. 30 Psalm 147:1-11
Jan. 31 Isaiah 40:21-31
Feb. 1 Hebrews 2:14-18
Feb. 2 Luke 2:22-40
Feb. 3 Psalm 24
Feb. 4 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Feb. 5 Mark 1:29-39
Feb. 6 2 Kings 5:1-14
Feb. 7 Psalm 30
Feb. 8 Psalm 78:1-39
Feb. 9 Romans 12:1-8
Feb. 10 Romans 12:9-21
Feb. 11 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Feb. 12 Mark 1:40-45



We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you are in need of a caring, confidential Christian ear, call the church office at 327-4296.



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Office Hours

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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You are invited to visit our website...

www.catumc.org

Take a tour of our campus, read the latest issue of the *Catalina News*, and see the many opportunities for you to "plug-in" at Catalina. There is also a listing of our staff and their e-mail addresses.

We welcome your comments and questions!