



# Desert Chapel News

A monthly publication of Desert Chapel United Methodist Church - APRIL 2012

## Keeping a Holy Lent

*Hang this handy schedule on your refrigerator, or wherever you will see it most, and plan to participate fully in the upcoming events for Lent!*



**April 1 ~ Palm Sunday**—Come enjoy the procession of the Palms as we recall Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



**April 5 ~ Holy Thursday**—worship begins at 7:00 p.m. as we recall the Last Supper and Christ's arrest.



**April 6 ~ Good Friday**—We will recall the agony of the cross—the most amazing Gift we have ever received. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m.



**April 8 ~ Easter Sunday**

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service (followed by Brunch)

8:45 am Easter Worship Service

Come celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!



## WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP PURCHASE A LLAMA?

Once again Desert Chapel Mission Committee is looking for people who would like to help send a llama to a family in a faraway country through the Heifer Project Intl. If you wish to participate, just drop a check in the offering with a notation that says "Heifer Project or Llama".

In the past sixteen weeks the Community Feast has served 2581 plates of food and distributed 872 food boxes. We are very pleased with the way this project continues to grow and many needs are being met.

We can always use more volunteers so if you are Interested, contact Pat Wagaman or Norm Ross.

Bev Hren,  
Mission Committee Member



Please submit May Newsletter information via e-mail, or bring into the church office by Thursday, **April 19, 2012.**

Thank you!

## Upper Room

Are available in the Narthex.

\$1.00/each

# CHARGERS

The Chargers have just finished up a good season of meetings, pancake breakfasts and Caroling. Our last meeting was March 25th when we enjoyed "stone soup" and a time of good fellowship. We thank all who have supported us this past winter season and look forward to the 2012 - 2013 season which will start in November of this year. We do hope that you will consider joining this hard-working fun-loving group. Our main purpose is to raise money for the church and perhaps you will aid in this effort. See you in November!

## Worship Schedule

8:45 am Pre-Worship/Hymn Sing  
 9:00 am **Worship Service**  
 10:00 am Fellowship Time  
 10:30 am **Sunday School-All Ages**

## E-devotionals & Announcements

**eDevotionals** – did you know that you can receive a daily devotional from Desert Chapel? With a scripture, a prayer and more – plus timely announcements, it's a great way to stay in touch with what's happening at church! Simply put your email address on the sign in sheet on Sunday and write "eDevotional" and you will be signed up. Are you currently out of town? Email the church at [info@desertchapelumc.org](mailto:info@desertchapelumc.org) and we'll sign you up!

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## APRIL



Greeters:

Jim Hudgins  
 Marilyn Smith  
 Alice Tubbs

Ushers:

Bob Aussprung  
 Don Carlson  
 Keith Cox  
 Dwight Detlefsen  
 Jim E. Edwards  
 Marilyn Schulz

Communion Servers:

Kathy Bausch  
 Dwight Detlefsen  
 Andrew Detlefsen  
 Angel Detlefsen  
 Al Pajak  
 Gina Pezzino  
 Anita Thompson  
 Connie Wegeng  
 Randi Wilsoncroft  
 Kaylea Wilsoncroft  
 Byrene Woods

If you would like to be a greeter, or communion server, or usher, please call Jim Edwards at 480-288-5903. If your interested and would like to be liturgist or do the children sermon please sign up in the Narthex.

Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank You!



- April 2 Jane Bird
- April 2 Peter Pezzino
- April 9 Juanita Thorpe
- April 10 Roger Ault
- April 11 Taylor Martin
- April 12 Aneyda Romero-Hernandez
- April 15 Lawrence Loomis
- April 21 Sue Brooks
- April 26 Kenneth Edwards
- April 26 Elizabeth Weaver
- April 27 Connie Biggs
- April 28 Erin Raber



**April 7**

Charles & Joan Eveland

**April 8**

Steve & Valerie Pagel

**April 16**

Richard & SuzAnne Christ

**April 17**

Francis & Kathryn Bausch

**April 19**

Everett & Lila Deidiker

**April 19**

Don & Claudette Carlson

**Birthday & Anniversary List**

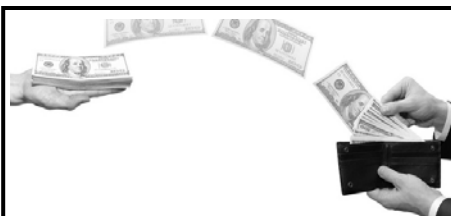
If your name was not listed on the Birthday/Anniversary list (or you know someone who should be), please call the church office with the information. We truly do not mean to leave anyone out.

Thank You!



**Wheelchairs Available**

While it's always good for the church to have a wheelchair or two on hand to assist members with mobility issues, we seem to have more than we can use, and would like to see them being used, not gathering dust. If you, or someone you know, can use a wheelchair, please contact the church office at 982-2259.



**Summer Is On the Way!**

Each year, we endeavor to put aside funds against the summer months, when utilities costs go up and income goes down, and so it's that time again. Can you give a little more? Either a one-time gift or a small (or large!) weekly increase would go a long way to setting us up to continue to thrive over the summer.

Thanks so much!

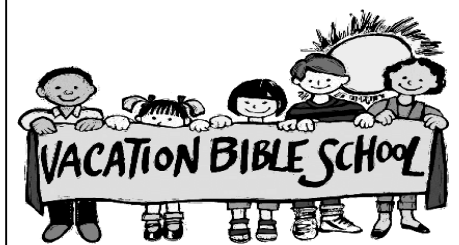
**Board of Trustees**

Your board consist of Gina Pezzino and Mike Hafenbreadl as co-chairpersons. Other members are Marilyn Smith, Jody Wilsoncroft, Mike Gray, Connie Wegeng and Dwight Detlefsen.

We are obligated to care for your church, buildings and grounds. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the choir room. Anyone is invited to attend our meeting and give us your thoughts, comments and ideas. We can only help you more by having your input.

We look forward to meeting and visiting with you!

*Board of Trustees*



Vacation Bible School was March 12 - 16th, the theme was Operation Overboard, going deep into God's word.

There was only 13 children and 4 teen helpers. They seemed to know their Bible verses better this year and really enjoyed the songs and even signed the words.

Our mission project was tooth paste and brushes for our clothes closet here at Desert Chapel. We were blessed with 201 items which also included shampoo, combs, razors, etc. It was a great week.

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS and those who donated to the mission project.



## The United Methodist Women Announcements for April 2012

All Desert Chapel Women are invited to visit and join if you like what we do. We focus on Missions and do it by stewardship with lots of fellowship.

**Priscilla Circle** will meet at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, April 5, 2012 with Lyla Siebrecht as hostess at 10847 Azalea Drive. The program will be a Bible Study "For The Common Good" (Act 2:39-3:2).

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 5 at 1:30 P.M. with Virginia Brown at 844 N. Gila Verde. The program will be "Breaking the cycle of malaria and poverty."

The April **Unit meeting** will be in Woeller Hall at 1 P.M. on Thursday April 12th. The program on "Journey into Borderlands" will be given by Kathy Bausch. Hostess will be Ruth Circle.

**The Executive Meeting** will be on Thursday, April 19th at 1:00 P.M. at Woeller Hall.

## How to get your Announcement, Event, or Meeting Announced

The Desert Chapel Communications team announces the communications submission form. Please use this form to get information out to the church and local community. Find the target audiences to send the information to, and publicize your event. We can help you to produce fliers and announcements in church. We can also update the church website to reflect your announcement. To access this form, go to this website <http://goo.gl/5T4OQ> or scan this QR code.



Hard copies of the form are available through the church office if you would prefer.

Thank you for all that you do!  
*Communications Team*



## Lay Speaking Academy April 27-28, 2012

Have you heard the call from God to develop your teaching and leadership skills in your local church? Lay Speaking Ministries courses may be a way for you to prepare yourself for the many missions and ministries to which you may be called, or improve your teaching and leadership skills, address your devotional life, help you discern your own spiritual gifts, or hone your Christian based skills to lead small groups.

Central East District Lay Speakers Training will be held from 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 through Saturday, April 28, at 5:00 p.m. Both the Basic Course and the advanced course, "Lay Speakers Tell Stories," will be offered. The program will be hosted at:  
Velda Rose UMC

If you have questions, please direct them to John and Susan Bowers at [jandsbowers@yahoo.com](mailto:jandsbowers@yahoo.com) or 480-471-6567(h) or 317-730-0162 (c). Registration brochures are in the office, and in the brochure racks in the sanctuary.

## EMMAUS PILGRIMS

We have two regular monthly gatherings: On the first Saturday of every month we gather at 10:00 am at Mickey D's Restaurant on the trail where Bob Olson is our leader.

On the third Saturday there is a Woman's Gathering that rotates in the homes of the members. Woman's Walk to Emmaus gathering will be April 21 at 10 am at Anita Thompson's home. 6634 E El Paso St. Mesa.

All women who have taken their walk to Emmaus are welcome. Questions? Call Kathy Bausch's cell phone at 928-892-2144.

## In The Garden

### Words & Music by C. Austin Miles



The author of this popular hymn was a pharmacist, a writer of gospel hymns and a photographer. One day, while waiting for his film to develop, he opened his Bible to the story of the first Easter. He started to visualize the scene while staring at his blue wall and had the sensation that he was there at the entrance to the garden. According to the author's great granddaughter, the song was written "in a cold, dreary and leaky basement in New Jersey that didn't even have a window in it let alone a view of a garden".

Miles seemed to become a part of the scene when he read the story of Mary meeting Jesus after the Resurrection. In his mind he saw Mary Magdalene dressed in white with her head bowed - she was walking down a winding path shaded by olive branches. Miles saw her as a person in a stage of bewilderment - full of grief. She was weeping as she looked into the empty tomb. She turned and, thinking the figure who came into view was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him". Jesus spoke to her and the "sound of His voice was so sweet the birds hushed their singing". She looked upon his face, knelt, and cried, "Rabboni". All of the heartache and long, waiting hours were blotted out and she was in the presence of the "Living Present and the Eternal Future."

Miles was so inspired by his vision that he quickly wrote down the words to this hymn and later in the evening he added the music. He intended it as an Easter Song and the speaker of the poem was Mary Magdalene.

The author became a popular music director at various churches and conventions and this hymn was one of the most requested hymns to be included in our hymnal. A few of the well-known singers of this beautiful song were Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Perry Como and Elvis Presley.

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe, his voice to me is calling.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

The information for this review was taken from The Companion To The United Methodist Hymnal by Carlton R. Young, Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan, How Sweet The Sound by George Beverly Shea, Google. com, and Wikipedia.com.

Submitted by Eleanor Edwards



# Community FEAST

Every Saturday  
in Woeller Hall

3 to 5 PM

Everyone Welcome!  
Church Goers, Visitors  
and Community.

## Why Fundraise?

In recent weeks, we have been given the opportunity to join the United Methodist Federal Credit Union, and our leadership are prayerfully considering joining an eScrip program, to which some people are saying, "why?" (One person even asked if we were going to be advertising car dealerships next!)

The short answer is: our anticipated offering (based upon estimates of giving and previous years' records) is not sufficient to meet all of our obligations and fund ministry. Desert Chapel has not met its denominational obligation in many years – last year we only paid 36.7% of our apportioned amount, having paid 35.0% in 2010 and 27.1% in 2009. We need to do better to support global ministries.

Both the Credit Union offer and eScrip are programs that offer benefits to the members and friends of the congregation, while at the same time providing an opportunity to give back to the church without it costing participants any out-of-pocket funds. The leadership is studying how best to meet our needs – and eScrip is just one possibility. If you have other fundraising ideas, don't hesitate to let your leadership know – we're always looking for effective ways to meet our needs!



The "Clothes Closet" is still up and going and we are getting many shoppers. So, of course, this means we could use more volunteers especially on Saturdays from 3-5 pm during the Community Feasts. We always need men's jeans, shoes, blankets, towels and bedding of all types, women's sanitary products, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and roll on deodorant.

We could also use toilet tissue so if you can bring some it would be greatly appreciated.

Our Clothing Closet is open on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and Saturday's from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, we will accept donations during that time. Please do **not** leave clothing, furniture or any other items on the Church premises. We would like to keep our Church grounds clean and free of clutter.

*Thank you for your support!*



### Simple Gifts 2011 The Stories of Desert Chapel United Methodist Church



Our family is writing a book. Since you are part of our family, you are one of the authors.

Join us in this adventure by sharing the great things God has done through Desert Chapel United Methodist Church. Share your personal stories, devotions, events, poems, recipes, or reflections of 2011 and your church family. We have made it simple for you to share your story.

1. Share your story electronically by going to the Church website at [Desertchapelumc.org](http://Desertchapelumc.org) and clicking below the welcome sign.

Or

2. Write your story and drop it with your name in the collection plate attention: Simple Gifts

Everyone of any age is encouraged to share their story. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have questions, find Al Pajak or call him at 480-420-7181.

## The Opposite of Change Is ...

There are many ways to conclude the statement, "The Opposite of Change Is ..." Some would say, "stability" while others would say, "stagnation." Still others would say, "familiarity." "Confusion" would be another answer, as would "entropy."

Without change, there can be no growth. It has been said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results. But to try something new means change, and change is uncomfortable.

For most of us, change brings a death into their lives – not necessarily a human death, but the death of something familiar, something comfortable. The loss that comes with change causes us to grief, including all of the stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. For each of us, these stages are of different duration depending on the nature of the loss, but the fact is, when we face change, we experience all of these feelings to one degree or another.

When Jesus came onto the scene, many people faced loss: the secular (Roman) leaders faced the loss of their power. The common people faced the loss of the routine formulas of religion they had been taught and practiced for generations. The vendors and money changers in the temple lost a lucrative business location. The rich young ruler lost hope (Luke 18:18-23). And the Pharisees and Sadducees (Jewish religious leaders) lost their status, their authority and their power.

Of course the change that Jesus brought was not comfortable – but it was necessary. For generations the people of God had gone back and forth, from obedience and worship of God to disobedience and worship of local deities. For generations, God had sent prophets, priests, kings, and judges, not to mention foreign invaders, to call the people back into relationship with God – and while each effort worked for a time, nothing was permanent.

For the Israelites, sticking to the law and the prophets in the face of all of the opportunities presented to them by the people among whom they lived was tough. It's hard to hold a solemn fast when the neighbors are having a party! Face it, it's much more comfortable to go along with the crowd, to do what feels good even if it's not, quite, right (in the eyes of God?). When you add in the pressures of advertising that bombards us from every side, enticing us, tempting us to conform, being challenged to grow, to change is often unwelcome.

So God decided to bring change, in a big way, to the world, and so Jesus was born and entered life to change it, from within. Jesus brought to everyone the opportunity to begin again, with a clean slate, embraced by the God who loved them so much that he gave his only son, so that whoever would believe in him would not perish but have eternal life.

In Lent, we have looked at many of the spiritual disciplines which draw us closer to God. From prayer to fasting to meditations to the sacraments, we have learned about some of the means of grace offered to us by God which bring us closer to God as we practice them. But for us to really receive the joys of practicing the spiritual disciplines, we have to be willing to look at ourselves, really look – and accept the fact that there is something within us that needs to change – something that God can make new, if we let him.

I hope and pray that, as we go into Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, you will surrender your whole self to God and know the joy that God can bring as he transforms you into the likeness of Christ.

See you in church!  
*Pastor Sharon Pajak*