



NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

WELCOME Pastor Iain & Rosemary Glithero



Hello. My name is Iain Glithero, and I have the pleasure of being appointed as the Pastor of Desert Chapel as of July 1st 2021.

I am a graduate of Claremont School of Theology. (2000.) and have served several churches in the greater Phoenix area.

I retired in 2014 and have since been a member of St Matthew UMC in Mesa.

It is with great pleasure that I return to parish ministry, albeit part time. I realize that I cannot fulfil all the ministries of a full- time pastor, but I am pleased that many of you have stepped up to fill the voids.

My main areas of ministry will be; Worship, Study classes and Visitation.

I am so pleased to be here as your pastor. It has been several years since I was in Parish ministry, but I trust that I have been placed among by our Bishop as guide, friend, and leader, all with God’s guidance.

By way of introduction, I would like to tell you how I come to be here:

I was born in the central part of England, called the “Industrial Midlands”, in a small town where Coal Mining was the principal industry. My “church life” began at age five when my parents sent me to Sunday School which was on Sunday afternoon. At age eight I was asked to join the choir, and continued to sing in the choir until I left home at 16.

I was successful in passing the school selection examination at age 10 which allowed me to follow an academic education rather than a “trades” education. Not wanting to spend my working life in a coalmine, underground, I left home at the age of sixteen and joined the Royal Air Force as a technical apprentice.

After my Apprenticeship I then served for 11 more years in the “Real Air Force” and left after a total of 14 years. During my Air Force career, I joined an amateur theater company and there met my future wife Rosemary, we were married in 1968.

I did some acting, directing and technical work in several different theaters.

I also completed several educational courses in Electronics and Electro-mechanical Engineering, while serving in the Air Force

Shortly after my service commitment was over, my family and I emigrated to the USA, living in Florida for a little more than six years, and then being transferred to Arizona in 1983.

Our sons, now forty-nine and fifty-one, both graduated from ASU, and one is now an Assistant Principle at a Charter High School in the west valley, and one is a Bio-Medical engineer in California. Both boys are married and we have wonderful Daughters in law and three amazing granddaughters.

I worked in the electronics industry for twenty-five years before beginning full-time ministry in 2002.

I graduated from Claremont School of Theology in 2000 and also took the required advanced classes in 2002,2003,2004.

I was fortunate during my time in the electronics industry to travel extensively, and I visited and worked in more than 10 different countries.

I was blessed to work in Israel several times, and because of my experiences there I later guided tour groups in Israel, Egypt, Greece, Turkey, and Italy.

On arriving in Florida in 1976 we attended a Methodist church and I became a Methodist, I began to study John Wesley, and the Wesley family in general. I have taught classes on John Wesley and the Wesley family, and have in the past performed a monolog dressed as John Wesley.

I have a long standing in Arizona, not quite a native but after 38 years I feel we have some tenure, and look forward to staying here.

For the next year at least, I will serve you as your pastor and do my best to learn your names. (If you will wear your name tags that would really help me!

As you know, my appointment is part time, but I will be here on Sundays, Mondays, and usually Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon. I have a Cell phone number which is for church use only (Vehicle warranty sales persons please note.) 480 548 7344.

I go to bed early, so please respect that and only call after 10PM if it is an EMERGENCY.
Blessings. Iain



A Message from Jeannine Allen, Desert Chapel Lay Leader and Convener of the Leadership Board (aka T-REX)

Next Business Meeting: Wednesday, July 14, 4:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 4:00 pm



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As we have said goodbye to Pastor Sharon and her family last Sunday, this coming Sunday we say hello to Pastor Iain Glithero and his wife Rosemary.

Pastor Iain is originally from England. He served many years in the Royal Air Force before coming to the United States. His wife, Rosemary is originally from Ireland. They moved from England to Florida in 1976 and then to Arizona in 1983. Pastor Iain worked as an Engineer with a large electronics company where he traveled to many different countries, including Israel.

In the early 1990's Pastor Iain received his call to ministry and graduated seminary in 2000. He has worked in Ministry in Sun City, 1st Church Phoenix (on Central) and has been a member of St. Matthews in Mesa. He and his wife are active in the sign language choirs at St. Matthews.

We welcome Pastor Iain as our Half-Time Pastor and look forward to hearing more of his history in the coming months.

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Over the last several months, the Leadership Board has been working very hard to make sure that the transition between Pastor Sharon and Pastor Iain runs smooth. Obviously, there will be many areas that either have been overlooked or that will need fine tuning. Please be patient and understanding with this transition over the next few months.

On another note, we received notice from the Small Business Administration that the PPP Loan we received in May of 2020 (due to the shut down during Covid 19) has been totally forgiven! This is really great news!!

The roof replacement is almost completed. Thank you Keith Hale for all you are doing in making sure this job is done according to the agreements!



Hymn Review by Eleanor Edwards

My Country, 'Tis of Thee by Samuel Smith

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12

O say, can you hear America singing? America's patriotic songs are a record of the country's history. Many of these songs were written when the United States was young. Some songs were inspired by war and some of thoughts of peace and freedom. They all reflect the country's spirit and dreams. "My Country 'Tis of Thee", also known as "America", is one of these American patriotic songs. It served as a national anthem of the United States before "The Star-Spangled Banner" was officially adopted even though the latter was considered not singable.

In early 1832, William C. Woodbridge, from Boston gave the composer, Lowell Mason, a number of songs he had picked up in Germany. Mason liked the music but didn't understand the words so he thought of Samuel Francis Smith, a young ministerial student who was fluent in many languages. Living near the church where the lantern hung on the night of Paul Revere's famous ride, Smith felt himself a strong patriot so he began to translate a German song, "God Bless Our Native Land". At the time he didn't realize that tune was also sung in England for a hundred years under the title, "God Save Our King". He immediately took a small scrap of paper and within a half hour had composed some patriotic verses about America. He gave these lyrics to Mason and the song was first performed on Independence Day by a children's choir at the Park Congregational Church in Boston, Mass.

Samuel Francis Smith was to become a powerful Baptist preacher, college professor, composer of hymns, writer, linguist, and missionary advocate. Despite all of these accomplishments, he is most revered for this patriotic hymn he wrote as a 23 year old student who had been deeply moved by a desire to create a national hymn that would allow people to praise God for our wonderful land. A friend, Oliver Wendell Holmes, penned this at a Harvard class reunion. "And there's a nice youngster of excellent pith, - - Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith, but he shouted a song for the brave and the free. - - Just read on his medal, "My Country tis of Thee!"

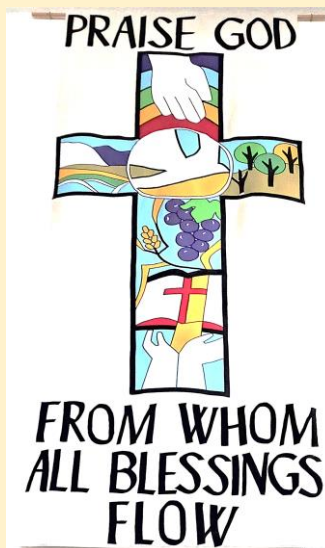
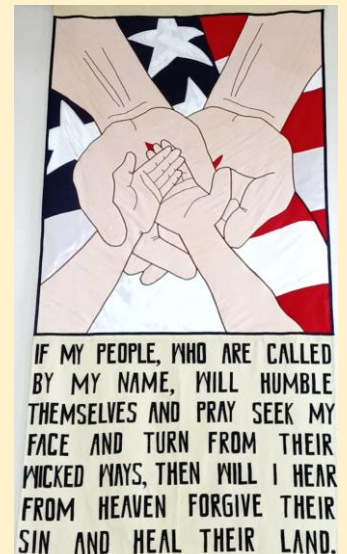
**My country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of Thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims pride,
From every mountain side, Let freedom ring!**

**My native country, Thee, Lord of the noble free, Thy name I love:
I love Thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.**

**Our father's God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright, With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!**

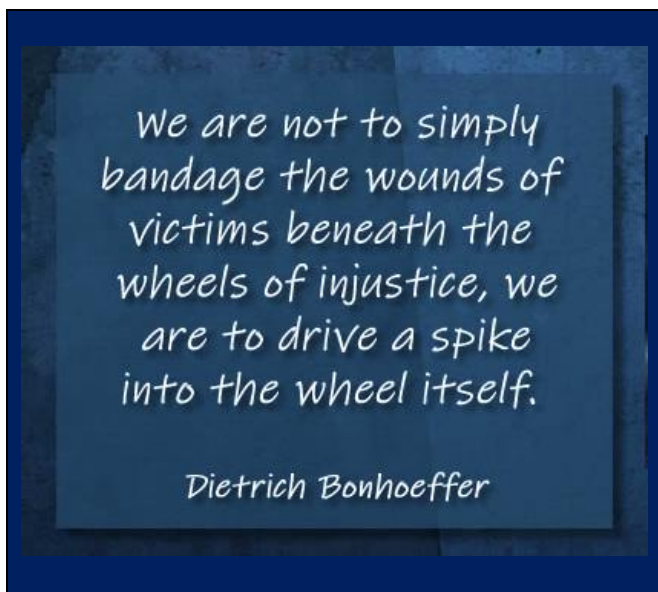
The information for this review came from The Companion To The Methodist Hymnal by Carlton R. Young, Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan, A Hymn Is Born by Clint Bonner, and wikipedia.org/wiki/MyCountryTisofThee.

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JULY 2021

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JUSTICE SEEKING COMMUNITY COVENANT:

Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA)

ACTIONS GROUNDED IN FAITH: We will ground all we do in the justice imperative of the Gospel in a way that inspires communities and activates members' spiritual desire to do justice in the world. Inspired by the advocacy of Jesus for the least, the last and the lost, we will participate in God's ongoing creation by engaging in justice-seeking in our community, the church and in the world.

INCLUSIVITY AND RADICAL WELCOME: We will strive for full inclusion in our own congregation and community. We will be agents of God's reconciliation and inclusion in our church and world.

OPPRESSION IN ALL ITS FORMS IS INTERCONNECTED: We will work nonviolently to end economic injustice, institutional racism, sexism, homophobia, militarism, ableism, and the degradation of the environment. tinyurl.com/y4ddxv7d