



Desert Chapel News

Obviously, these are very trying times—so much new information to process every day, and so much uncertainty. We are all a bit off balance and that is very understandable and normal.

Because of our need to continue social distancing (and in some cases, quarantining) we don't have an opportunity to greet one another face-to-face and check up on each other's well being. So, expect to get a phone call in the very near future (if you haven't already had one) from a volunteer from Desert Chapel.

To that end, below are a few pieces of information the volunteers will be asking and/or sharing:

1. We're calling to check in and see how you are doing.
2. Have you been able to connect with worship online at our webpage? (desertchapelumc.org)
3. If you wish, you can do "drive-thru church" - on Sundays from 8:30 - 9:30 am, for a smile, a prayer, and (if you wish) to drop off their offering.
4. Have you been receiving emails from the church, including daily scriptures and prayers since 3/25? If not, please email the church - info@desertchapelumc.org - in order to get your email address added.
5. Did you receive the letter telling them about the closures? If not, please give us your current address so we may update it.
6. Have you had a chance yet to send in their offering? Remember, the expenses will continue even without worship!
7. If you're able—any extra donations that you could make during this difficult time would be much appreciated as we are actually running behind in our income.
8. In addition to fixed expenses (utilities, payroll, office equipment, etc.) we all need to keep supporting, to keep praying, and to keep giving. And these active ministries: blessing box, clothing closet & community feast are being held on a "to-go" basis.
9. And, as of this date, we are planning worship in the parking lot on Easter - we'll send updates as we have them.

10. Do you have any prayer requests?
11. Would you like someone to pray with you?
12. Remember, you can call and leave a message at 480-982-2259 (church) if they need to reach someone, or you can email to info@desertchapelumc.org.



Christ Arose! Robert Lowry

He is not here but is risen; remember how He spoke unto you when He was in Galilee saying the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words. Luke 24:6-8

“Alleluia, He is Risen!”

“Alleluia, He is Risen Indeed!”

“Many evangelical churches have celebrated this triumphant day and have been inspired anew with the singing of this beloved Easter hymn written and composed by Robert Lowry in 1874.”

Lowry was born in Philadelphia in 1826, accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 17, and in 1854 graduated from Bucknell University with high Scholastic honors. He was the pastor of several important Baptist churches and his many musical publications did much to improve the cause of sacred music in this country.

During one Easter season he was impressed with the resurrection of Christ as recorded in Luke. He seated himself at the little pump organ in the parlor of his home and his thoughts led to the words and music of “Christ Arose”.

Lowry felt that the writing of a hymn must be readily understood by the Christian consciousness which comes from the experiences of the writer and “- - - is clothed in strong and inspiring words”. His musical creations came to him at various times and he would immediately put them on paper and then play them on his organ. The words and music of this hymn depicts a vivid contrast between the two different moods of death and resurrection.

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose with a mighty triumph o'er his foes,
he arose a victor from the dark domain
and he lives forever with his saints to reign,
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!

The information for this review came the The Companion To The United Methodist Hymnal by Carlton R. Young and Hallelujah, What A Savior and 101 More Hymn Stories by Kenneth W. Osbeck.

Submitted by Eleanor Edwards

Needed!!!

We are looking for people who would be interested in learning how to run the sound board in the sanctuary during worship on Sundays and/or church special events. If you are interested or need more information please contact the church office at 480-982-2259. Thank you!



Thank you for your continuing support to the Clothing Closet and we have been truly blessed with your donation. Arizona climates are especially a hard time for our people in need.

Bath towels, Washcloths, Blankets, sleeping bags and Men/Women Socks & Underwear are definitely in need at this time!!!

We also can always use soap, deodorants (roll on), shampoo, conditioner, lotion, lip balm, razors, toilet paper, depends (size large and x-large), sanitary napkins, laundry soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and wipes. (Your generosity is much appreciated)

Volunteers are always needed on Saturday's from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Join us for Community Feast and let's show our community how Desert Chapel serves Apache Junction. We will accept donations during that time, or at the office Monday-Thursday between the hours of 8:00am—3:00pm. 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!*

**Greeters, Ushers,
Communion Servers -
April 2020**

Greeters:

Denise Ashford
Gordon Falkofske
Ron Long
Clarence Mittleider
Paul Mosier
Pat Wagaman

Ushers:

Denise Ashford
Jim E. Edwards
Keith Hale
Ron Long
Bob Phillips
Marilyn Schulz

Communion Servers:

Eleanor Edwards
Jim Edwards
Joel Fitzgerald
Karen Fitzgerald
Merlin Gross
Ardis Gustafson
Keith Hale
Thelma Harris
Hulda Schmitt
Virgil Schmitt

If you would like to be a greeter,
communion server, or usher, please
contact Jim Edwards @ 816-289-
9847. If you are interested in being a
liturgist or give the children's sermon,
please sign up in the lobby. Your help
is greatly needed and appreciated!
Thank You!

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Office Hours:

None scheduled during this period
of social distancing, etc.

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April Birthdays

Linda Jensen	04/03
LaVon Bishop	04/11
Dakota Pruet	04/23
Elizabeth Weaver	04/26
Connie Biggs	04/27
Arlene McNeece	04/28

April Anniversaries

Everett & Lila Deidiker	04/19 - 63 Years
Steve & Valerie Pagel	04/08 - 31 Years

Schedule of Worship Services for Holy Week



Did you know that April 5, less than a week away, is Palm Sunday??

- We will be worshipping together by videocast once again - it will be broadcast beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- We invite EVERYONE to bring a palm leaf -either a real one or the one that you printed from the previous e-mail that was sent out by Pastor Sharon. Then join us at 10am on Palm Sunday for a Parade of Palms in Cars! We will drive in a line through the neighborhood waving our palm branches out the window and shouting "Hosanna!"
- You may also hang your palm branches up at home - on your door, in your living room, wherever you wish! Let's celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in this special way this year!



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday - and we will be live-streaming our worship services at 7pm on both Holy Thursday and Good Friday - you will want to make plans to join us then! There will be some preparations you can make at home - watch your email for more information later in the week!



And EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL! We will be holding a "Drive In Worship Service" - beginning at 9am on Easter Sunday! Come to worship outdoors - sit in your car, bring a chair - it's up to you! We will gather together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!