



The Church Crier

January – March 2016

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We were pleased to welcome two new members into our fold in November: Daniel Kitchens & Sue Pomainville. What a joy to have these new members who have professed their belief in Jesus Christ and their desire to be a true part of the Desert Congregational Church family. Welcome!!!

DCC LIBRARIAN (PEGGY KING):

The New Year is a good time for us to resolve to increase our spiritual commitment or to learn more about church history. We can also make some time to read for pleasure. Your Library is open to all and contains many Bibles in many versions, books on church history and some nice Christian novels. And, if you have any Christian novels, extra Bibles or any good research books that you no longer want, they will find a good home in the DCC Library.

NEW DCC OFFICERS FOR 2016

Moderator - Nancy Lake

Vice Moderator – Ed Hill

Deacons – Ryan Brooke, Michele Burch, & Vida Hamilton joining Rick Buckles, Laura Hudson, Jim Lamon, Art Van Hofwegen, April Kuhlmeier & Denice Perez

Trustees – Peggy King, Robert Wallace & Gale Yawn joining Barbara Hinderliter, Wayne Mackey, Floyd Carlson, Phylis Croonenberghs, Jean Hill & Sally Hedgecock

Christian Education – Laurel Morrow, Luckie Paxton, & Tim Perez joining Peggy Freshour, Tammy Sandoval & Kathleen Kiper

Nominating Committee – Phylis Croonenberghs, Ed Hill, Becky Patterson, & Chris Pilgrim

Clerk – Karen Kluge, Assistant Phylis Croonenberghs (no change)
Historians – Nokie Harz & Karen Kluge (no change)
Treasurer – Lorrie Carlson (no change)



TRUSTEES BRIEF:

The budget for 2016 was presented at the annual meeting of the congregation and approved. The on-going problem with the pigeons has been taken care of. We have added more security to our buildings. There are now alarms in all 3 buildings and cameras have been added to the security package. Thank you all for the hard work on the Board of Trustees. May God bless each and every one of you.

NANCY LAKE, CHAIRPERSON

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

The men have been holding their monthly Men's Fellowship breakfast with great attendance. Painting of handicap spots completed. The Men's Fellowship donated \$23 per child for Christmas gifts and donated toward the shoebox project. The men are looking forward to helping the Women's Fellowship with their spring rummage sale.

JIM LAMON, PRESIDENT

DEACON UPDATE:

It was such a pleasure for the Deacons to serve DCC in 2015. We had many activities with more participation than usual. Personally, I have mixed feelings about 2015 being my last year as a Deacon. I have learned a lot and I have enjoyed working with my fellow Deacons immensely. Everyone steps up to the plate when asked to and/or volunteers before being asked! How awesome is that! Congrats to the new Deacons & remaining Deacons. May 2016 be a wonderful year to serve the congregation.

CHRIS PILGRIM, CHAIRMAN

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Women's Fellowship is off to a running start to begin the New Year! Our first meeting of the year was held on Monday, January 11th, hosted by Philly's Mackey, and everyone who attended had a great time-thanks Philly's! February hostesses will be Tammy Sandoval and Peggy King and March hostesses will be Peggy Freshour, Laurel Morrow and Llew Smith. We will be holding another Bible Study to begin in March. Stay tuned for further information. This year we are excited to be publishing a cookbook and we encourage everyone (men AND women) to submit recipes. There will be a collection box in the Narthex – also forms for filling out your recipes. Call me or Ginny Whaley with questions. Don't forget that we will be having our semi-annual Rummage Sale the first weekend in May, so look for your donations as you go about your spring housecleaning. Donations can be brought to church at any time to be stored in our big shed. *****FIRST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY LADIES' TEA** - DCC Ladies-make your plans now to attend the first (maybe annual?) Women's Fellowship Ministry Ladies' Tea on Saturday, February 20th, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Invite your family members and friends (do not have to be church members or attendees). Any woman who is 8 years old or older is invited to attend. **(Girls between the ages of 8-14 must be accompanied by an adult.)** If you are planning on attending, or if you'd like to host a table and fill it with your family and friends, please let Laurel Morrow, Vida Hamilton, or Jean Hill know. Our theme for the tea is "Love is" (family, friends, fun, etc.). There is no charge for this event this year but we do ask that if you sign up to come, please show up. **No nursery will be provided.** There will be lots of food and fellowship as well as a guest speaker. We'll look forward to see you there. **Jean Hill*****

PEGGY KING, PRESIDENT

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

We are very excited to welcome 3 new members to our board this year. This will be the first time that we have a total of 6 members on the Christian Education Board! I want to thank them for their willingness to serve, and I look forward to having their additional input as we go forward in 2016. Welcome Tim, Luckie, and Laurel (who has served previously). In Sunday school, we have covered the first 10 books of the Bible, and we are currently focused on 1st and 2nd Kings. We will also continue to encourage the youth to memorize some verses from the Bible; and, we plan to have some special crafts and lessons centered on the holidays and significant Biblical events. On behalf of our board, and the congregation, I want to thank Pastor Allan and the two youth groups for blessing us with the Christmas Eve performance of "Star". We appreciate all the hard work that went into that and it is always a treat to have our youth involved in the worship services of the church. God bless you all!

PEGGY FRESHOUR

PASTOR'S CORNER:
A Word to the Wise for 2016

1 Timothy 3:14...you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Timothy had been saved by grace which is demonstrated by his faith. He discovered the truth through the wisdom found in the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Scriptures often dismissed by modern society as irrelevant ancient writings. (Curious how other early day writings are often cataloged as classics.) Notwithstanding, 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Understanding that all Scripture is not only relevant and timeless, we desire to model the Acts 2: 42 record that states for us, The first century church continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

In the above text the breaking of bread, can hold two reasonable meanings. Breaking of bread can simply mean, sitting down to a meal. Secondly, Theologians offer another acceptable meaning in which this, breaking of bread is the actual, Communion remembrance of Jesus' finished work on the cross. Either idea is acceptable. What is interesting to notice when studying both these possibilities, the fact that both postures are centered around, Fellowship, Gathering, and Communing together.

1 Corinthians 10: 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

The word communion used here by the Apostle Paul can be translated into the Greek word Koinonia. A simple translation of Koinonia is: Communion, joint participation; the share which one has in anything, participation, a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution. Even more simply stated, A gathering of like- minded people.

For us today, we will purpose to always move forward in our gathering of like-minded people centered around the finished work of Jesus Christ.

In conclusion and as previously pointed out, Timothy was to continue in the things that he had been taught beginning at childhood, from the Holy Scriptures. Certainly a word to the wise for us today.

Blessings,

PASTOR ALLAN

EVANGELISM TEAM:

Can God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ use the common person in our church to spread the Gospel in our world today? Yes, actually we are all commanded to live the gospel and if necessary say something about why you live the way you do. Our preacher has been actively preaching about that very thing. We as a congregation have a preacher that studies the word of God, then tells us what the Lord impressed upon him as he reads the Bible. We receive what he tells us and we intend to do what he says. Sheep reproduce sheep. The shepherd only takes care of his sheep with food & life's direction. When we all leave church with good care, being fed well with the word of God, we go to our neighbors, friends, and relatives and tell them what our preacher told us. Model these things we talked about in church and people can become a seeker of salvation, as we interact with other people. It's not a new concept at all. Actually the New Testament disciples were the ones Jesus taught and who God relied on to let the general public know about His kingdom. We definitely are to be the ones to carry the good news to all we discern to be lacking that in or out of church.

A BIG THANK YOU TO LORRIE CARLSON, OUR TREASURER, WHO DOES AN INCREDIBLE JOB KEEPING TRACK OF THE BUDGET. LORRIE IS OUR PRIMARY KEY-BOARD PLAYER AND SHE DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB AT THAT TOO!!! YOU ROCK LORRIE!!!



BIRTHDAYS

January-03-Logan Patterson; 09-Marsha Mayes; 12-Barbara Hinderliter; 14-Wayne Mackey; 15-Nancy Lake; 18-Kylie Robinson; 20-Sharyn Bishop; 21-Bob Guerri; 23-Arthur Pressnall; 24-Matthew Perez; 25-Jeremiah Burch; 28-Vida Hamilton; 29-William Parker; 30-Mary Ann George

February-01-Ginnielee Shrake; 04-Sally Hedgecock; 08-Andrew Batinich; 11-Bruce Burch; 11-Sue Pomainville; 12-Peggy King; 12-Luckie Paxton; 17-Dean Hopper; 20-Patrick McCollum; 22-Alex Ford; 23-Alyssa Kuhlmeier

March-03-Carmen Cabrera; 03-Betty Van Hofwegen; 05-Becky Patterson Lamon; 05-Buddy Nichols; 08-Nokie Harz; 08-Tim Perez; 09-Lily Pressnall; 11-DeDe Guerri; 11-Jean Hill; 15-Daniel Ammerman, Jr.; 15-Wendy McCollum; 18-Rylie Ford; 20-Phylis Croonenberghs; 24-Jenny Bussell; 25-Stephen Wood; 26-Craig Walker; 28-Bertha Robinette; 29-Ruth Ann Dunlap



ANNIVERSARIES

January & February- None

March-22-Wayne & Phyllis Mackey; 26-Bob & Chris Pilgrim; 27-Allen & Laureen Lentz; 28-Ed & April Kuhlmeier

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 03 Jan - Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 09 Jan - Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 07 Feb – Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 13 Feb – Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 20 Feb – Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 20 Feb – Women’s Fellowship Ministry Ladies’ Tea 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- 06 Mar – Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 12 Mar – 4th Annual Gospel Fest – 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
- 19 Mar – Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 26 Mar – Bob & Chris Pilgrim’s 50 Year Vow Renewal & Reception – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)

WEEKLY MEETING DAYS/TIMES TO REMEMBER:

- Adult Bible Study – Sundays @ 9:00 am
- Youth Group, Grades 7-12 - Sundays @ 6:00 pm
- Pioneer Club – Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
- Prayer Team – Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
- Adult Bible Study – Thursdays @ 6:00 pm
- DCC Musicians & Singers Practice - Thursday @ 6:00 pm-
except week of Sat Nite Church when they practice @7:00 pm
on Friday
- Deacons – First Sunday of Each Month @11:15 am
- Trustees – Second Sunday of Each Month @11:15 am
- Christian Ed- Dates to be determined
- Men’s Fellowship-Last Sat of Month @8:00 am
- Women's Fellowship/Shared Luncheon-2nd Mon of the month
@10:30 am