

Sunrise Messenger

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Labor Day September 7, 2009

HOW LABOR DAY CAME ABOUT; WHAT IT MEANS

"Labor Day differs in every essential from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Prayer Team

Inspiration for Prayer

The best known picture of praying hands comes from the 15th Century in Europe by Albrecht Durer. Albrecht came from a very poor family of eighteen children in rural Germany. There was no money to put any of the children through Academy. Two older brothers had a dream. One would work in the mines to support the other brother through four years of the Academy. Albrecht had talent for art, so attended art school while his brother Albert worked long hours in the mines. Albrecht became very successful and well known for his charcoal drawings and sketches. During a family celebration of Albrecht's graduation from art school, Albrecht turned to his brother Albert and said, "Now, Albert blessed brother of mine, it is your turn. You can go to Nuremburg and pursue your dream. I will take care of you." Albert replied, "No brother, it is too late for me. Look at what four years in the mines have done to my hands. I cannot even hold a glass to give you a toast. "The bones in every finger had been smashed at least once. Albert had arthritis in his hands and could hardly move his fingers. To honor his brother, Albrecht painstakingly drew his brother's gnarled hand with palms together and fingers pointing to heaven. He simply called this drawing, "Hands". The world renamed his tribute, "The Praying Hands." This simple sketch has been an inspiration to many praying people around the world through the centuries.

We have much to be thankful for in this time. Our prayer team has new plans coming for prayer ministry which include a Prayer Labyrinth and more outreach in prayer. Our next prayer team meeting is September 13th, 2009 after second service.

Anyone interested in prayer is invited.

For Prayer Requests call Barbara Borden at 623-780-1008 for the Phone Prayer Chain or contact Heather LaBelle on line at hmlabelle79@cox.net.

Quote:

“The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Announcements

September 6, 13, 20, 27 – Christian Believers Bible Study – 2:00 pm

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Encouragers – 9:15am

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Praise Band – 7:00pm

September 3, 10, 17, 24 – Choir- 7:00pm

September 4 - First Friday Family Fun Feast – 5:55pm

September 8 – Finance Committee – 7:00pm

September 9 – Seniors Just for Fun – 11:30am

September 10 – Sand Dollar Church – 7:00pm

September 12 – UMM – 8:00am

September 14 – Trustees – 7:00pm

September 15 – Church Council – 7:00pm

September 21 – Chicken BBQ meeting – 7:00pm

September 22 – Missions Committee – 7:00pm

September 23 – Newsletter Deadline

Daily Devotional

Did you know that you can go to the Upper Room Ministries web site (www.upperroom.org/devotional) and sign up to receive the Upper Room daily devotional on line? It is a wonderful service. It arrives in your inbox every day. And it is free. Check it out, this may be just the helpful message you are looking for to stay connected to God on a daily basis.

SENIORS – JUST FOR FUN (Monthly)

Everyone is welcome. Gather at 11:30a.m. on 2nd Wednesday for lunch and conversation at Ironworks Restaurant in Bellair Golf Club (602-843-0909), north on 45th Avenue from Bell Road. Call Marie French for more information. 623-780-1008.

Write it on your heart...

Write it on your heart
that every day is the best day in the year.
He is rich who owns the day,
and no one owns the day
who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety.
Finish every day and be done with it.
You have done what you could.
Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt, crept
in.
Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a
new day;
begin it well and serenely,
with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your
old nonsense.
This new day is too dear, with its hopes and
invitations,
to waste a moment on the yesterdays...

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Welcome Back Choir!

I'm looking forward to another great and fun filled year.

- Jeannette

The Pastor's Pen...

During our August 16, Sunday morning traditional worship service Ms. Lenore and Aaron Renfro (mother and son) joined Sunrise UMC using the “new” UM membership vows that were approved by the 2008 General Conference. The vows of “prayers, presence, gifts and service” were originally primarily “inwardly” focused and institutional in character. They offered little insight or inspiration for disciples of Jesus Christ to engage in God’s mission of transforming the world. The promise to support the church by *prayer, presence, gifts and service* was a pledge used historically in affiliating with a United Methodist congregation.

As a result of action taken during the 2008 General Conference, people who have now joined United Methodist churches since January of 2009 promised to be faithful in “their witness” as well as in their “prayers, their presence, their gifts and their service.” The 2008 General Conference voted to add the witness phrase to the liturgy that the church uses when a person makes their profession of membership. The new phrase highlights the mission and evangelistic responsibility of church membership by those who are joining the church as well as those who are already members of the church.

In the book of James 2:14 we read these words; “Dear brothers and sisters, what’s the use of saying you have faith if you don’t prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can’t save anyone” (New Living Translation). James was the brother of Jesus and tradition says that he was also the first bishop of the apostolic church in Jerusalem. He believed that faith and works were inseparable, that you can’t have one without the other. Faith that does not show itself by good deeds was not faith at all – instead it is dead and of no use to anyone. It isn’t enough to just have faith.

James wanted people to know that there was no way to have an authentic relationship with Jesus that didn’t change who they were. There was no way to be a believer in Jesus and then go on living the way you have always lived! Faith had to be connected to witness, it had to be visible and evident in one’s life or it was not authentic

Christian faith at all. What really matters in the world are Christians who live out their faith by

actually practicing what they preach; living and witnessing what they say that they believe.

Real faith is far more than emotions and feelings. Real faith is something that changes who we are and the way we live. Real faith reorients our priorities and refocuses our sense of direction in life and our reason for being who we are.

There is a poem that speaks directly to what I am talking about. It goes something like this...

“There’s the Gospel according to St. Matthew and the Gospel according to St. Luke, there’s the Gospel according to St. Mark and the Gospel according to St. John. But there’s another Gospel too and that’s the Gospel according to you! You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day, by the deeds that you do and the words that you say. And people read what you write, whether it is faithless or true, so tell me my friend, what’s the Gospel according to you?”

We are called to witness with our lives in a Gospel according to you, a Gospel that people hear you speak and watch you live...and that Gospel must be one Gospel and not two. So, how are things with you?

Blessings! Pastor David

First Friday Family Fun Feast.

September 4, 2009 there will be a First Friday Family Fun Feast Dinner (first Friday of each month) at the church beginning at 5:55pm to 7:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person and no more than \$15.00 per family. The event, sponsored by the finance committee, is all about fellowship; simply having conversation and a good time with your church family. Dinner will be provided. If you have an interest to help with one of the Dinners please contact Norma Tucker 623-780-1008

Missions

Donations for the Month of September:

The Missions Committee is asking for donations of the following non-perishable items:

- Tooth Paste (Colgate, Crest)
- Deodorant (Secret)
- Shampoo (Swave)
- Conditioner (Swave)
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Toilet Paper
- Kibles-N-Bits (Dog Food)
- Puppy Chow (Dog Food)
- Cat Food

Thank you for all your consideration. The items above are donated to members of our church who are in need of a little extra from us what they don't have. Missions could not have been as successful as we have been without all of you and the compassion you have for others. Your donations really are appreciated by many.

We invite you to attend the next Missions Meeting on September 22, 2009 at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Soup Labels: The collecting of soup labels is coming to an end on September 8th. Thanks for your help and support – your Mission Committee.

Need a Babysitter? Attention All Church Members! Do you, or someone you know, need a Babysitter? I am a member of Sunrise United Methodist Church and I have openings, give Stephanie a call @ 623-780-1008

The Annual Chicken BBQ:

The Chicken BBQ this year is November 7, 2009 from 11:00 am to 5:00 PM.

Volunteers needed for:

- Serving Line
- To make cookies, brownies, and wrap goodies
- To Sell Tickets
- To foil wrap Chickens prior to putting on the serving line

Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. If you want to volunteer or would like to be a part of the BBQ, but don't know what to do, please contact Patti Tone' @ 623-780-1008, or e-mail: pattitone@hotmail.com. I'd like to hear from you! The next BBQ meeting is September 21 at 7:00pm!

The Chicken BBQ Indoor Craft Sale

Sell your crafts at the Chicken BBQ on Saturday, November 7th. The Chicken BBQ craft sales will be set-up in the Education Building, out of the sun. Reserve a table for the Chicken BBQ Craft Sale today. Table space is limited so make sure to call in your reservation for a craft table NOW! A sign up list to reserve a table will be in the Narthex. Please contact Patti Tone' @ 623-780-1008, Or e-mail her at pattitone@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Donations for Door Prizes for the Chicken BBQ

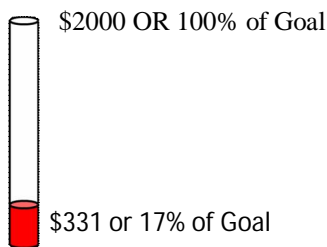
There will be two drawings every hour for Door Prizes from the tickets purchased at the BBQ. We're asking for 8 Gift Donations for Door Prizes that are needed to make the drawings successful. Can you, or someone you may know, make a donation of a new item? A sign up list will be in the Narthex to donate. If you have any questions contact Patti Tone' @ 623-780-1008, or e-mail her at: pattitone@hotmail.com.

New Members Received Into Sunrise UMC

On Sunday, August 16 we received into our membership Ms. Lenore and Aaron Renfro. Aaron is Lenore's son who just turned 18. Aaron will be attending ASU this year. Lenore is hoping for an appointment as a licensed local pastor somewhere in our conference someday, but right now there are no appointments available for licensed local pastors. She is a lay person in the church. I am sure that both Lenore and Aaron will be a blessing to all of us at Sunrise. Be sure to take time to welcome them into our church family!

Parking Lot Update: The donations for the parking lot are being divided into 2 phases. Phase 1: The first \$2000.00 donated will be used for the North end of the parking lot in filling in the cracks. Phase 2: The remainder of the donations will be used for the South end of the parking lot in re-leveling, paving, etc...

According to the July SUMC Financial Statement, SUMC has now raised \$331.00 so far. There is only \$1669.00 of donations left to raise to complete Phase 1. Thank you all for your time and effort in joining together as a church united into one to make this huge event possible. Keep up all your hard work.



**** The Parking Lot Resurfacing is a project of the Sunrise UMC Board of Trustees

We need you to donate so others can hydrate

If you've taken a look at a Valley weather forecast lately, you've seen that it's time to start getting used to 100-degree temperatures. That means summer isn't too far behind, and with

summer comes the Salvation Army hydration

stations helping those in need beat the heat again this year, our Tuesday evening Small Group here at Sunrise will be supporting this effort.

You are encouraged to donate:

- bottled water
- new or slightly used hats or bandanas
- lip balm, sunscreen or sun block (new only)

Please bring the items to church where they will be picked up and delivered to the Salvation Army. Some of the water will be made available to hand out to those needing it by the church. The water drive will continue all summer long.



Anniversaries

“No September anniversaries recorded”

*** If we missed any Anniversaries, please call Church office and provide us the information.**



Birthdays

September

2	Joe Nunez
3	Lee Partridge
3	Mary Ellen Holdridge
5	Julielynn Cleland
5	Jessica Cleland
6	Micah Cleland
7	April Swanson
12	Fern Ann Lau
15	Ryan Trevolt
18	Kerstin Trevolt
18	Mary Wilson
22	Nancy Pittman
27	Bob Nunez

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Sand Dollar Home Church

Will be meeting September 10, 2009 (second Thursday each month) at 7:00pm at the home of: Mary Stein
18410 N 27th Ave, #129, Phoenix, AZ

Short Term Volunteer Needed!

We need a volunteer to do the Powerpoint and to run the program for the Contemporary Worship Services on the Sundays of Sept 6 and 13th. If you would like to help out by serving in this capacity contact Kim Nunez ASAP!

“Member of the Month” Honor!

We want to show our appreciation for the faithful members of the church by devoting an article to one special member each month. And we want you to nominate this special “*Member of the Month*” by writing about how this person has contributed to the well being of the life, ministry and mission of *Sunrise United Methodist Church*.

We will pick one individual from the entries each month to bestow this honor on. Each year the Church honors the members of the church who have died that year on one special day called *All Saints Sunday*. But wouldn't it be a blessing if we were to honor our members during their living years as well.

I hope that you take this opportunity seriously as we honor our members by writing how these special friends and loved ones have blessed the church, the Body of Christ. Please send your articles concerning the “*Member of the Month*” to the Church Office via the mail or E-mail Pastor David at: dmdevine@cox.net.

Pastor David Devine's day off each week is Friday. You can still reach him by telephone if you need to be in touch with him. The **Church Office** is closed Fridays.

North Scottsdale United Methodist Church's last mission to Agua Preita, Mexico for 2009 is

scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 25-27. This will be a combined medical and projects trip. On the **medical** side, we need to recruit 1-2 more MDs so Connie and Jennifer do not get burned out. It would be great to be able to recruit another dentist for the trip. If you know of any doctors you think would be interested in doing short term mission, please let me have their information so I may speak with them.

Some of us will be doing **concrete and brick work on 4 new homes** under construction in La Colonia. Anyone willing to go with us and put together a VBS? An organizational meeting is scheduled for:

AUG. 22 (Saturday)

9am-12pm

Fellowship hall at the church.

Contact: Bryan Ruth, Team Leader at 480-266-4113 or E-mail Bryan at: bryanrutha7@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving on the team.

School is back in session – Please drive carefully!



Editors Note: Articles and Committee Information for **October 2009 Messenger Newsletter** are due on or before **September 23, 2009**. Please submit your committee reports, fellowship information or articles for inclusion into the newsletter via email to Dana and Frank Fischer at: deefischer002@msn.com, or call 623-780-1008.

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Encouragers – 9:15am Praise Band – 7:00pm	3 Choir – 7:00pm	4 First Friday Family Fun Feast – 5:55pm \$5 / person (no more than \$15 /family)	5
6 Christian Believers – 2:00 – 4:00pm	7	8 Finance Committee – 7:00pm	9 Encouragers – 9:15am Seniors Just 4 Fun – 11:30am Praise Band – 7:00pm	10 Choir – 7:00pm Sand Dollar Church – 7:00pm	11	12 United Methodist Men breakfast & meeting – 8:00am
13 Prayer Team – Meets right after 2 nd Service Christian Believers – 2:00 – 4:00pm	14 Trustees – 7:00pm	15 Church Council – 7:00pm	16 Encouragers – 9:15am Praise Band – 7:00pm	17 Choir – 7:00pm	18	19
20 Christian Believers – 2:00 – 4:00pm	21 Chicken BBQ meeting – 7:00pm	22 Missions – 7:00pm	23 Encouragers – 9:15am Praise Band – 7:00pm Newsletter Deadline	24 Choir – 7:00pm	25	26
27 Christian Believers – 2:00 – 4:00pm	28	29	30 Encouragers – 9:15am Praise Band – 7:00pm	Everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. - Matthew 7:8		

