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THE TREE OF LIFE

By Nathan Gladish

In just a few weeks, starting Wednesday July 4, members and friends of Sunrise Chapel will be gathering atop Mt. Lemmon for Arizona Mountain Camp! Everyone is welcome, and it's going to be great! Our theme this year is trees, especially The Tree of Life.

Do you have a special tree in your life? When I was in high school, I spent precious time with my grandfather helping to prune and transplant trees on his several-acre suburban property. It was beautifully landscaped with a great variety of trees – some unusually tall, long-lived pines and other young saplings that he was nursing along. He seemed to know how to care for each and bring out the best qualities. G'pa, as I affectionately called him, taught me techniques for cutting branches and digging root balls. He helped me prepare the soil for new plants. Working together we carefully transported each tree into its new home with as much efficiency and TLC as we could muster.



One Saturday we gently moved a young dogwood from a remote part of the property to a position of honor just in front of the kitchen entrance. I especially love dogwoods for their graceful branches and beautiful spring blossoms. Every time I go back to the house, I smile to see that dogwood thriving, and I fondly remember my nurturing relationship with G'pa.

It's interesting to me that the Bible begins and ends with stories about trees. They are said to be created on the third day. The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil each had a central place in the Garden of Eden. And in the final chapter of Revelation, John describes a vision of the Holy City New Jerusalem with another Tree of

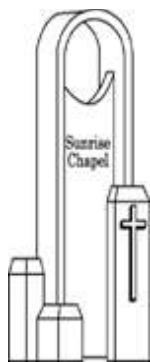
Life in the middle, producing twelve different fruits, "and its leaves are for the healing of the nations." In between these bookend stories, there are references to a great variety of trees – cedars of Lebanon, oaks, olives, figs, and palm trees, for example. Noah's ark was made of gopher wood, and the ark of the Covenant that held the two tables of stone was made of acacia wood.

The teachings of the New Church, through the theological writings of Swedenborg, explain the symbolism of the Bible's tree stories. One of my favorites is the parable of the trees in the book of Judges. A man named Jotham declares a parable about four trees that talk to each other about whether any of them should rule over the forest. The olive, the fig, and the grapevine all refuse, declaring it wouldn't be right to give up the uses they serve in order to rule over the rest of the trees. But the thornbush is happy to exercise dominion over the rest of the trees! The three productive trees symbolize different faith perspectives that lead to fruitful lifestyles. The thornbush represents selfishness that leads away from faith into a destructive lifestyle.

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At our camp this summer, we'll have opportunities to sit and play and learn in the shade of native trees of the Catalina Mountains.

We'll also have opportunities to study a number of tree stories from the Lord's Word and explore how they relate to our spiritual lives. I'm looking forward to it, and I hope you are, too!



**WHY 2012 IS A
GOOD YEAR
FOR
SUNRISE CHAPEL**

By Jack Baty

Hi everybody. I'm just about to begin my fourth year as President of the Board of Trustees of Sunrise Chapel, and I'd just like to point out a few good reasons why we can all feel optimistic about where we are -- and where we're going.

First, we've been blessed with three exceptional pastors in a row - - the reverends Frank Rose, Glenn Alden, and Nathan Gladish. Nathan is just completing his first year, and he's already accomplished so many things.

Since a pastor isn't really in a position to claim credit for much of what he does, I'd like to outline some of his early successes. First, he managed to find some money from the General Church's outreach fund to bring some nifty things with him -- including a projector that can be used to project computer images on a movie screen or even a blank wall. It's been used at the semi-annual and annual meetings to make viewing of various charts and pictures easy for everyone.

We used to have to pay an independent web company \$35 for

each edit to our website, www.sunrisechapel.org, so of course we didn't update it very much or very often. However, Nathan has employed his considerable website creation skills to provide us with a complete and up-to-date makeover of our website. It's better looking and more informative than ever. If you haven't looked at it recently, make sure you spend some time with it soon. (sunrisechapel.org)

Sunrise Chapel is also revamping its Facebook page. We're now taking advantage of so-called "social media" in a way that we never did before. (If you're familiar with Facebook and would like to be one of our volunteer "administrators" to make sure it's updated with the latest and most interesting information, please let Nathan or Billie know).

As those who attended the annual meeting on May 20th saw, we now have detailed plans for growth and outreach to the community. Many of those plans have evolved over the years, but they also have been augmented by the work done by our congregants in the Joseph Project (also know as the Healthy Church Future Project). Some of the goals include providing more services both within the Sunrise Chapel and in the larger Tucson community. Marriage counseling, both for enrichment and to help couples make adjustments to become happier, will begin later this year.

As Nathan is fond of saying, "if we provide genuine services to the community, church growth will follow by itself." One of those services we provide is offering weddings, completed by structured counseling sessions with the pastor, leading up to the commitment ceremony.

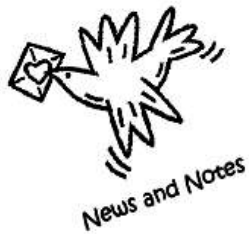
We already rent the facility to a number of outside groups, including AA, AI-anon, Young Champions karate, and many more. We will continue to offer reasonable rentals to the community for worthy uses.

Our annual Patio Sale, put together every spring by the Women's Guild, was a huge financial success again this year. And, of course, the Arizona Mountain Camp maintains a year-round effort to provide the opportunities for spiritual growth for people of all ages, and scholarships for many who would otherwise not be able to attend. Thanks to the volunteers in both of those groups for giving us great success in their events year after year.

Our stated goal to become financially self-sustaining by 2019, without an annual stipend from the General Church, is another cherished goal we are working toward. Not only are we working very hard toward achieving financial independence, but we're finding ways to contribute to our own well-being and that of the wider community at the same time.

What's the easiest path for you to help us grow? You know what areas you're most talented in, but don't overlook the benefit to all of us from just inviting your friends and neighbors to attend a worship service to enjoy the heavenly prospects -- in every sense of the word -- that we see from Sunrise Chapel.

We are very good at reminding ourselves of areas where growth of one sort or another is lacking -- and we should also be ready to acknowledge areas where there are green shoots of progress, provided by the Lord and by our own members and attenders. Keep up the good work!



by Louise Rose and Billie Baty

JANET and ART LEE have left to drive home to Wisconsin, with Art's son-in-law Chris helping with the driving. We are very pleased that Art is well enough to travel. They thank everyone for the prayers, cards and good thoughts these last couple of months.

JOAN FINLEY had a hip-transplant operation on May 22. Her husband Frank says she came through the operation very well. Love to Joan and best wishes for a smooth recovery.

BILL and ANNE FULLER have given their computer to Sunrise Chapel. What a thoughtful gift! When I asked Anne in a phone call how she is doing she gave a cheerful reply "I'm doing FINE!"

MIKE BARNETT is home after a long period of training in Texas. His family (wife Maureen and daughter Josephine) and friends celebrated with an open house. Welcome home, Mike!

Rev. DAVID ROTH of Boulder, Colorado was here over the weekend of May 19-20 to do a professional development review with Nathan. He also had a chance to attend the slide show that Frank Rose put on at the church about the flowers and trees of this area. David blessed us with a lovely guitar and vocal interlude

during the service on Sunday and then stayed on for the Annual meeting afterwards. He is pastor of the New Church in Boulder Valley and also serves as the Bishop's Representative in the western states.

LAUREN WADDELL, daughter of Lex and Grace Waddell, is graduating from the Academy Girls' School in Bryn Athyn, PA in early June. Her parents are driving there to be present at the proud occasion.

Congratulations, Lauren!

SUSIE GRUBB ANDREWS of Bryn Athyn, PA has been visiting in Arizona to be part of the celebration of her sister Marge Grubb's 70th birthday. She hit a very hot time, but she seemed to survive it well. A special Happy Birthday to Marjorie!

NEWS FLASH!!!! Our former Music Director, Tryn Rose Clark and her fiancé Joe Seley have been married by Rev. Frank Rose in Phoenix on May 23 !! We are delighted to wish this special couple every blessing in their life together. We look forward to meeting them again soon as husband and wife. We loved the joyful spirit Tryn brought to the music at Sunrise Chapel.

How nice to see **ALEX EVANS** home for a few weeks from college in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was in church with his parents Dave and Brenda and his brother Eric.

NATHAN and ELISE GLADISH had a visit from their daughter Laura of New York City the week before Mothers' Day. Laura loves living in the big city. We are grateful to her for all the helpful things she did for us while she was here. Come back soon! Then Elise led an earth science field trip for middle school students

from the Oak Arbor School (in Rochester Michigan, where she and Nathan used to teach), taking in some of the amazing geologic features of Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon, the Grand Canyon and other points along the way.

BOB and JEAN ROSS's daughter Diane Ross Dilley visited from Bend, Oregon for a short time. In her typical way, Jeannie came to Sunrise Chapel that Sunday morning to help prepare the refreshments for everyone, and then hurried off to enjoy time with Diane.

ALAN ROSE of Davis, CA came over for a weekend to help his parents Frank and Louise get everything in order for their departure from this world. It's gonna happen sometime, and they want to be ready. (Not anytime soon, though.)

DAVE GLADISH from San Diego completely surprised his Mom, Betsy, by showing up unexpectedly with a bouquet of flowers for Mothers' Day weekend. We enjoyed seeing him in church.

Speaking of **Mothers' Day**, we had a very special service that day, where two mothers spoke from the chancel about their experience of raising children. **DAWN GRAFFAM** and **JANET LEE** both touched our hearts with their loving words about accepting the imperfections in your children and continuing to love them through whatever comes.

LOUIS WOOFENDEN has returned from his amazing trip to Africa where he was a lead volunteer of a project for Engineers Without Borders. His wife Kelly is very excited to have him home again. And so are we. Louis has also won a

marvelous scholarship, but we will tell you more about that later.

CARMELA BARKER had the fun of visiting her daughter in California.

JOY CONFER's son Terrell spent a couple of days with her over Mothers' Day.

Congratulations to **ASHLEE FORD** who graduated from Sabino High School on May 23. Bravo, Ashlee! We're proud of you!

FRAN BLAESING spent a weekend in Sedona with her daughter Robyn Podboy from Ohio, and then Robyn stayed in Tucson with her for a busy week. Unfortunately, after she left, Fran came down with bronchitis and has been fighting it ever since. We wish her peaceful, cough-free days soon. The same wishes to Lynn

Brown who is recovering from the same thing, too, which she somehow caught on her trip east to visit family.

Happy to say, **MARGARETHA DURKA** is now home from the hospital after surgery and a stint in rehab. All the best during your recovery.

VERN and CAROLYN WEHR are enjoying a visit from Carolyn's sister Pauline Vargo and her husband Al Varga. Al is an architect who did some planning for possible changes to our building some years back. Soon the Wehrs will be leaving for the long drive home to Connecticut. We will miss them!

STEVE and BETSY GLADISH traveled to Florida to attend his sister's memorial service in Boynton Beach on May 5. Elizabeth, better known

as Liz, passed away on April 21 at age 70. She suffered from Alzheimer's and from complications from surgery. Liz was a nurse for most of her working life. While there, Steve and Betsy enjoyed getting to know Liz's children better.

Welcome to **JUDY BABCOCK**, Wes's mother, visiting from Big Piney, Wyoming. She is living with Wes and Sue and son Matthew for a time, and they are enjoying each other's company.



We love hearing your news! If you have anything you would like us to put in the Territorial, please call Louise at 721-1091 or Billie at 298-2995. Thanks.

REFLECTIONS ON FATHER'S DAY

And My Father's Passing)

By Bob Maginel

The anniversary of my father's death approaches as we prepare to celebrate another Fathers' Day. I would like to share my thoughts about how his illness and death was a spiritual growth journey for me.

Over the last several years, I was called on many times to help with nurse, driver, cook and housekeeper duties as my parents suffered simultaneous medical traumas. Heart bypasses, hip and knee replacements, and kidney dialysis were just a few of the occasions on which I was blessed to serve and honor my parents.

Last May, I rushed to Albuquerque to help with my Dad's final hospice care. He wanted to pass in his own bed and we were able to accommodate his wishes. He asked me to come and help. That meant many long nights administering medications and pain killers. I was

called to do things to support his comfort that I would never have believed I could do.

God bless the nurses who spend a career providing such care and support. God bless the hospice nurses who taught me how to do what was necessary for the comfort of my Dad.

While sitting the long vigils, I prayed for his comfort and peace for my Mother at this difficult time. I also did some deep soul searching about the relationship (or lack thereof) that I had with my Dad over the years. I could only remember the pains of verbal abuse. I thought of his mistreatment of my Mother and siblings. The negative thoughts overwhelmed me in the still of the night at his bedside.

Thank God, once again, for the spiritual growth training that I have received at Sunrise Chapel. I became aware of the strong negative emotions that "failing to forgive" can generate. I also remembered that the burden of not forgiving his trespasses were my burdens and not his. I wanted to dump this baggage that I had carried for so many years.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

Held on Sunday, May 20

In a moment when he appeared to have lucid thought, and while I administered morphine to relieve his pain, I asked that he accept my forgiveness for the bad things I had done to him. I told him that I forgave him those things that he did to hurt our family. There was noticeable relief, more for me than for him. Perhaps it was the morphine taking away his pain, but perhaps, my forgiveness took away some pain also. I am sure it did for me.

After the cancer and the poisons in his blood took him, I often wish that I had not waited so long for that conversation. I know that I was a coward to delay until his deathbed. I am, however, so glad that I finally offered forgiveness.



I am not sure what peace I provided to my dying father, but I am sure that I am now more at peace with his passing. My spiritual growth training paid big benefits.

As we approach the first anniversary of his death, I know that this Fathers' Day will be more meaningful to me as I give thanks for the blessings of fatherhood (and grand fatherhood) that God has given me. Thank you Lord.

Women's Study Group Forming

Interest is building for a new women's discussion/study group. I would like to start our first meeting during the second week of July.

Let me know if you are interested in joining this group, and what day and time is best for you. I

look forward to seeing you!

Élise Gladish.

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or elisegladish@gmail.com



This year's annual Sunrise Chapel business meeting provided good news about progress in a number of areas. First, the pastor gave an informative and motivational slideshow on strategic plans being developed. These plans will be shared with the financial officers of our church headquarters at the end of June.

Also, the treasurer gave what he called the most positive financial report he has provided since he became treasurer in 2007. That does not mean we don't have a long way to go to reach financial sustainability, but balancing this year's budget while maintaining our financial obligations to our church headquarters is a big step in the right direction.

Annual elections were held for Officers and Board Members, and the following people were unanimously voted in for another term – **Treasurer:** Art Watson; **Property Manager:** Mike Villeburn; and **two trustees:** Ken Lee and Kelly Woofenden.

The rest of the **BOARD MEMBERS** are – **Chairman:** Jack Baty; **Secretary:** Sue Babcock; **trustees:** Kitty Aughey, Valerie Thim and Alex Waddell.



PARADISE MISPLACED

A Novel by Sylvia Montgomery Shaw

This beautifully written novel is a work of historical fiction, with a background at the time of the Mexican Revolution.

Ms. Shaw's early years in Mexico provided her with a rich reservoir of information pertaining to Mexican society in the early twentieth century. This uniquely provided the setting for this saga of royalty and the question of loyalty to the regime which was the family's heritage.

Family members drawn dramatically into emotional relationships form the vivid and meticulously researched description of Mexican wealth and power at the time. One offspring is led onto a path leading to war, poverty, imprisonment, and a mystical friendship with a Tarahumara shaman. All phases of the culture at the time are represented in colorful detail, bringing romance and true love into the lives of the entire family, during the time of the very traumatic revolution.

Twin sons find conflict and jealousy at the core of their psyches, both falling in love with a beautiful woman who is suspected of being a calculating fortune hunter until she is proven otherwise. Another son and daughter complete the family picture, while their doting and devoted mother, staunch supporter of the dictator, takes drastic measures to protect her sons. Playing a large role in the total panorama, her estranged husband appears as a distant and uncaring father. Altogether their separation sets up interesting conditions which pull the family apart.

Personal transformation will appeal to readers of historical fiction, along with those curious about the Swedenborgian approach to love, life, and spirituality. Ms. Shaw cleverly weaves all these aspects of her own history into a captivating story which holds one's attention throughout.

Sylvia Montgomery Shaw is a scholar and writer whose teaching career has taken her to the University of Rhode Island, Clark University, Boston University, and to Bryn Athyn College where she currently chairs the English department. Her timely use of the language, given her background, is truly remarkable and well worth our attention.

We also have something to look forward to, since this book, published in April of 2012 is the first of the Mexican Eden Trilogy, to be forthcoming. Stay tuned...

~Shirley Leighton



MARRIAGE MOVIE NIGHT

With Mark Gungor
(DVD Video)

Friday, June 15

“Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage”

6:30pm **Pot luck supper** and social in Friendship Hall

7:30pm – **Presentation starts**

All welcome, married or single! Childcare on site.

Mark Gungor is a pastor in Green Bay, Wisconsin and one of the top marriage and family speakers in the US. His seminars are both hilarious and insightful, exploring the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships. Entertaining and practical, he offers striking clarity that helps relationships thrive.

Questions? or to RSVP - Contact Nathan or Élise Gladish



ARIZONA MOUNTAIN CAMP IS FOR ALL AGES!!

Come for a day,
or stay for the whole time!

Enjoy the milder temperature
and the relaxing atmosphere.

Have fun, study, pray, walk in the woods,
build community.

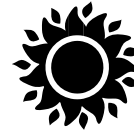
Participate in the Summerhaven
4th of July Parade!

Camp **starts** Wednesday July 4
after the parade.



Camp **ends** Sunday July 8
after the church service.

For a **registration** form,
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Summer Camp

SUNRISE CHAPEL



JUNE 2012

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Our Pastor will be in Pennsylvania for Clergy Meetings from Wed. June 20 till Sat. June 30. Frank Rose will give the sermon on June 24 in Nathan's absence.



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Thank you to everyone who has notified us of your mailing preference for this newsletter.
It is so nice to get your notes of affirmation. Here are a few:



"We love getting the Territorial. Please email it to us."

"I truly appreciate the news from Sunrise Chapel."

"I truly enjoy reading the Territorial."

"Please continue to mail me a printed copy. I do enjoy reading it."

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