



TERRITORIAL

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"Helping People Experience Heavenly Joy"

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INVITING PEOPLE TO COME TO CHURCH

By Nathan Gladish

Think of a time when you were pleased or even honored by someone's invitation to attend something special. Maybe it was a ceremony, a seminar, or an evening out together. Even if you didn't attend, you might still appreciate the person's thoughtfulness.

This message is about the usefulness and enjoyment of inviting people to our church services. One-on-one personal contact is by far the most effective way of advertising. Even if people never respond to your invitations, it's still a good thing to offer them. Here are some reasons and benefits of increasing your welcome:

It's fun. Contrary to popular opinion, it's not always taboo to talk about religion. I find that people enjoy a simple invitation to attend church. Some politely say they already worship elsewhere, but the invitation often leads to another topic of mutual interest.

It's interesting. Everyone has a story about his or her religious background. Say you're getting your hair cut for the umpteenth time by the same person, but you've never talked about your church. At some point you could ask, "Have I ever invited you to my church?" Then you get a chance to say what church you go to and something about why you like it. That could well lead to a fascinating conversation about each other's religious perspectives.

It's important. Swedenborg said, "I am obliged by my conscience to manifest these things; for what is the use of knowing unless what is known to one be also known to others?" (Soul Body Interaction 18). I believe we are all obliged to share what we have with others in our own ways. This cause is so important to the world! It's not right to keep it to ourselves.

It might open a new door. Sometimes in our effort to leave people in freedom, we might simply avoid talking about something that could lead them into greater freedom. When you invite someone to learn about the New Church, you invite the person to enter a new realm of ideas and choices that might make a big difference to him or her.

It shows you care. When I invite someone to church, I get the opportunity to convey the message that I care about my church as well as the person I'm speaking with. Care is so important - "People often don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

It helps to practice. Each time I invite someone to church, I get a little more insight and confidence about sharing something important with others. It doesn't matter what the person's religious persuasion is. I still benefit from the practice. Sometimes I make mistakes, but I'd rather try and fail than fail to try. The more I do it, the more comfortable I get, and the lighter the burden it seems.

The more, the better. The more people we invite, the closer we come to inviting those who will take up the offer with interest. Even those who don't respond themselves might mention the New Church to others who may become very interested.

Share your experience. It's motivating to hear each other's stories, whatever the outcome. Let your church friends know who you have invited and how the conversation went. Everyone benefits from the open exchange.

This year I'm making a more intentional effort to invite many people to our church services. I encourage you to join me in this effort. Invite everyone you possibly can, and let the Lord take it from there. Have you invited your dental hygienist, the UPS driver, your car mechanic, that friendly woman at the farmer's market, your next-door neighbor, your club members, your child's teacher, your barista...?

OFFICIAL NOTICE: Semi-annual Church Business Meeting
Sunday Oct. 21 @ 12:45 PM in the Chapel

Twice a year we gather as members and friends of a church organization to conduct aspects of business as needed. The bylaws require this, and there are certain tasks that need to be accomplished, but I prefer to think of it as an opportunity rather than a requirement. It is regular, healthy check-up and planning meeting. The fall meeting generally does not include elections of Board members or Officers, but we will be taking up important business. I look forward to sharing a progress report on strategic plans and asking for your input and support. I welcome and encourage you to attend and participate.

SUNDAY MESSAGE SERIES

Year-long series: 12 Miracles of Spiritual Growth

As we did last year, once again we are studying a series of three Sunday messages in a row several times throughout the year. The theme is New Testament miracles that the Lord did and how they apply to us nowadays in our personal, spiritual growth. So far we have covered the first three miracles: the healing of a Canaanite woman's daughter, a paralyzed man, and a demon-possessed man. The next set of three will begin on October 28.

INTERVIEW WITH PRAYER LEADER JOY
CONFER

By Steve Gladish

Prayer Group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm at Joy Confer's home.

Joy reported that recently the Prayer Group learned about and practiced different forms of prayer. First, there is Individual Prayer: one person prays for one prayer requester. Then there is Group Prayer: the whole group prays for one person. Finally, there is Group Prayer for a specific goal or value or mission: the whole group prays for Peace, or less violence, or national unity. The prayer group has been focusing on issues of being sympathetic and compassionate: working to listen more carefully and to make the other person feel affirmed and supported.

The Prayer Group has formed a Prayer Chain, where members operate at different times so the day and the prayer requests are being responded to with an unbroken chain or continuity. And the members pray three times a day for their requesters: morning, lunch, and evening. Joy teaches everybody to pray from the heart for people: don't use anything written or memorized. Think about the person and his or her needs, and let your heart respond.

All people wanting a prayer for any reason, call Joy Confer at Sunrise Chapel, 520-298-1245, or her home, 520-298-1495. And once you have made your request, let the Prayer Group know the results.

Prayer is the strongest force in the universe. I had a member of The Rock Church call me recently and answer my online prayer request. Believe me, that made a difference in my life! Somebody I didn't even know cared about me and listened to me. He also gave me advice on how to read to find God's love wherever I looked in the Bible, and in continuity, beginning with Genesis, Psalm One and Two, and Matthew--a chapter in the Old Testament, two or three Psalms, and a chapter in the New Testament. That is so much more fruitful and enlightening for me. I have never been able to read the Word from beginning to end.

Joy answered my prayer request: I got so angry at all the mass shootings in our country in the past month. She said, "No, No, don't get angry. When you get upset, you just add to the negative part of the incident. Instead pray, "I know there is so much good and love in the world; I know the majority of people want peace and non-violence." This adds positive energy to the world. And it helped me as well. Because peace has to come from within you and me first, and then it goes out to the world. Peace begins at home. In our hearts.

THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH CORNER: A VOICE IN THE DESERT

By Mike Brown

As I gaze at the sun setting over the Mediterranean Sea, the Abbey bell in the monastery above me begins its clamorous tolling. The clanging bell carries the urgency of an alarm bell in the night, ringing fast and furiously. It is inspired by the inscription on the bell tower, "Make a loud noise in the desert; life is brief".

As the clanging of the bell calls our attention to God, it is offset by the din of traffic in the streets below. The townspeople are coming home from work with its accompanying cacophony of sounds from motorcycles, cars, trucks and buses. It reminds me of the daily challenge of finding a place for raising the mind to spiritual work, while immersed in the give and take of daily life. How can we raise our voices, to make a loud noise in the desert, so the message of our spirit may be heard?

We could perhaps place a large sign beside the road, with a message in flashing lights, "Spiritual

Try it now. First week free." Or, possibly, we could have Spiritual Growth Missionary Work Teams. Graduates of Spiritual Growth Groups would knock on a hundred doors to tell people about the benefits of spiritual growth.

But of course, we know that the real power of spiritual work comes from what happens inside a person. The still small voice of our spirit speaks to us in powerful ways as we follow our spiritual path. We do the work; we take the classes, we go to groups, we read, we listen, and we KNOW there is more to life than just the give and take of our daily lives.

Life keeps happening. There are traffic, work, relationships, and many demands on our time and energy. Our spiritual work teaches us to be at observation; to watch the passing scene without being caught up in negativity. As the negative messages, irritations, annoyances, and dark feelings show up, we struggle to hear the still small voice within, and to proclaim loudly, within or without, THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE.

Thank you, Lord, for the clanging of the bell. Life is brief.

FUN ACTIVITIES WITH SUNRISE CHAPEL FRIENDS

There are all kinds of ways to experience Heavenly Joy at Sunrise Chapel. Our relationships with one another are such an integral part of that feeling "To feel the joy of another as joy in one's self - that is loving." One way to build relationships with one another is to get together for a little fun, and there are some fun social activities planned for our Fall Season.

October 20 - Trip to Apple Annie's. Come pick a pumpkin or pick up your harvest apples and pies.

October 27 - Oktoberfest/Costume party in Friendship Hall

November 17 - Gaslight Theater trip to see "Scrooge". Tickets are available now - contact Élise or Betsy

December 14 - Christmas Party in Friendship Hall

For more information or to help out with any of our events, speak with Élise Gladish or Betsy Gladish.





NEWS NOTES

By Louise Rose and Billie Baty

We are so sorry to hear of the rough time that STEVE LABOMBARD has had in the hospital. It was one of those cases where the treatment that was intended to make him feel better actually made things much worse. We hope he is on his way to a good recovery. We send our love to him and his wife Kerry.

FRAN BLAESING has returned from a trip to visit her son near Glenview, Illinois. She had a wonderful time but reports that it is so dry there that the trees are in great distress. Makes us feel lucky that we had a good monsoon season.

GLENN and MARY ALDEN have left for Australia, this time for about two years. We loved having them home with us this summer, and we wish them all the very best down under. We look forward to 2014.

JACK and BILLIE BATY had several little vacation trips recently, to Bisbee and to Tombstone. Billie was fighting an illness and finally came down with bronchitis, which lasted for weeks. It is nice to see her well again and back among us.

GEORGE and CHERI REYNOLDS had a wonderful time up in the White Mountains on vacation. It was cool and beautiful.

BEVERLY TIDWELL gets the prize for going the furthest on her holiday - a trip back to New Zealand to visit family and friends there.

FRANK and LOUISE ROSE spent a month up on Mt. Lemmon, sometimes entertaining visitors which included their son Jonathan and his wife Kristin King from Bryn Athyn, and later their granddaughter Alanna and her husband Garth Brown (nephew of Mike Brown) from upper New York state. On Labor Day, they hosted The Arizona Clergy, namely Glenn and Mary Alden, Nathan and Elise Gladish, Garry and Laurel Walsh from Phoenix with their daughters Ashley and Heather. It was heavenly up there, with some crash-bang thunderstorms and lots of welcome rain.

SHAREEN BLAIR's daughter-in-law has sent us the news that Shareen, who was our beloved organist at Sunrise Chapel for seven years, is now living with her son Max's family in Bryn Athyn, PA. She enjoys playing the piano and singing (she also led the choir). She is happy to be back in her home town, able to visit her brother and sisters. She would love to hear from any of her friends in Tucson, whom she remembers fondly. Her address: Shareen Blair, 840 Fetters Mill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19009 Phone: 215-947-1935 She can be reached by e-mail at: janemblair@earthlink.net.

It was nice to meet Shirley Leighton's son LEE and wife CHRIS LEIGHTON when they attended Sunrise Chapel during a recent visit to Tucson. Both Lee and Chris were able to spend a few days with Shirley before Chris traveled to Phoenix to attend a seminar, and Lee was able spend a few more days with his mom before returning to their home in Portland, Oregon.

CLARENCE LINDSTROM recently enjoyed a week-long visit with his son JERRY and his wife SANDY and grandson BRIAN from Louisiana. Clarence was thrilled with a new 40" flat screen television they gifted him. He also appreciated the work Jerry did fixing things around the house and updating his computer! Clarence said he really kept Jerry busy, but I suspect that it was Jerry's pleasure to do so.



CHECK OUT THE SUNRISE CHAPEL LISTING ON www.MyWedding.com

Sunrise Chapel now has a presence on this electronic resource for all things wedding-related. We are listed as a vendor under the category of Ceremony Sites in Tucson. Take a look, and as always, I am interested in your questions, comments and suggestions! ~Nathan

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE:
9/25/12

The Sunrise Chapel Stewardship Committee is an advisory committee of the Board of Trustees. Our self-charter is to encourage members of Sunrise Chapel to give of their time, talent, and treasure as an act of spiritual growth.

Recently we completed the task of developing a Strategic Plan and Financial Projections as road maps to help us work toward our goal of financial self-support by March 15, 2019.

This effort was triggered by the Board asking us to review the congregation's financial status and make recommendations to reach our budget goals for last year.

We are happy to report that the congregation was able to make some hard financial decisions and adjustments so that we met our financial goals for last year and are on a much better track for this year.

One tool that was developed by the Committee and our hard working treasurer, Art Watson, was a standardized Treasurer's Summary Report that allows any Board Member or interested person to see our current fiscal situation in a simple 1-page format. We feel that this report along with the Strategic Plan and Financial Projections give the Board and congregation some valuable tools to track our finances with.

At this point we feel that we don't need to look at our financial progress in the depth we did for the 2nd half of last year and that the Board as a whole could stay on top of the situation.

This brings us to our next task.

Since the Board didn't have pressing issues for us we stepped back and took a look at what we as a group could now do to serve the congregation feel called to do two things.

1) Continue monitoring of the progress and implementation of the congregation's Strategic Plan. It doesn't make sense to develop a plan and a road map and then not follow it. There is a lot of work to be done, and we want to help keep an eye on our progress.

2) The most pressing need we see is in the area of serving more people, so we are going to lead an effort to create a team of people who can focus and work on marketing, and reaching more people with the wonderful, unique offerings of our church.

As a group Sunrise Chapel has always wanted to grow our usefulness to others and has been working in that direction, but it is clear that we need a committee/team/group that focuses on that issue much like our Building Committees have done in the past.

The Stewardship Committee wasn't formed to do this and honestly as a group we don't have the skill set to do it, so our goal is to expedite the creation of such a group. We envision that if a few people are found to work on the team, they can self-charter like we did and then begin the focused work. At our next meeting on Monday October 15, at 5:30 we will start figuring out how to do this.

The Stewardship Committee is currently made up of: Ken Lee, Art Watson, Mike Villeburn, Mike Brown, Vern Wehr, and Nathan Gladish. If anyone would like to join us in this effort please contact me. Ken Lee 520 488-5539

TERRITORIAL STAFF CHANGE

I want it to be known that the last four issues of the Territorial were lovingly, carefully and artistically laid out by TRISH WANN, who volunteered to help with this aspect of our communication ministry. She put a lot of time and creative energy into each issue, and I appreciate her team effort, sensitivity and attention to detail. After four great issues, she has decided she needs to step down to concentrate on her other projects. Thank you, Trish! Excellent job!

Thankfully JUDI HUDNALL has agreed to take on this role. Please welcome her to the Territorial staff! Judi and Tom Hudnall live in Flagstaff, AZ. Their daughter Joy Almond, her husband, Bryan, and granddaughter, Sadie, live in northwest Tucson and are active participants at Sunrise Chapel. When I asked Judi if she would be interested in helping with the Territorial, she responded quickly and affirmatively. She has experience and facility with a variety of software programs and is eager to help. It is great to add Judi to the growing team of Territorial volunteers.

Speaking of which, I also want to thank Stephen Gladish for his help as co-editor, proofreader and mail man. Thank you also to Sammie Alijagic for her help with printing. And thanks to everyone who writes articles and submits information. Finally, thank you to everyone who helps assemble the printed copies each month. ~Nathan



**OUR ANNUAL PATH TO BETHLEHEM:
A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Question: What activity was rained out last year, then held indoors instead and was still a great success?

Answer: The Path to Betlehem, our live nativity pageant.

We invite you to be part of this wonderful annual event Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 6-8pm - rain or shine!

This unique pageant draws people even when it's "cancelled"! Last year, in spite of the rain forcing us to bring the show indoors, we welcomed many people who look forward to it every year.

Please let me know how you would like to participate in and support this important outreach event.

We need...

- People who will help PREPARE THE SCENES to make them beautiful and reverent.
- PARKING ATTENDANTS.
- CHILDCARE helpers.
- Help with ORGANIZING THE CHILDREN and switching them out for breaks so they are not in the cold for the full two hours.
- Help with COSTUMES.
- Someone to WALK THE DONKEY around the grounds. Having animals has been an important part of our live pageant.
- GREETERS who will welcome people as they arrive and talk to them during refreshment time.
- GUIDES who will lead groups of viewers along the road on the back property to see the scenes.
- People to act as SHEPHERDS, ANGELS, WISEMEN, MARY and JOSEPH.
- BAKERS to make Christmas cookies and refreshments.
- People who will SING at the manger scene.
- MUSICIANS for the shepherd scene.

Those who are selected for acting parts need to be available for REHEARSAL a day or two before the performance.

This is something we do to bless the community of Tucson and remind them of the true Christmas story. People love it, and many return year after year.

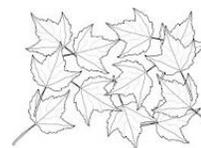
The Pageant is free. We welcome contributions, and ask that people bring non-perishable items for the food bank.

It takes almost the whole congregation to put it on. If you cannot actively participate, you can help by giving us your prayers and support, inviting others, and hopefully attending the pageant with your reverence and joy.

If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact Nathan, in the office, 520-298-1245.



October 2012



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1 6pm Meditation	2 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	3 3:30pm Foundations Class	4 2:30pm Women's Group 7pm Men's Group	5	6
7 11am Worship Service Guest Preacher: Mark Perry	8 6pm Meditation	9 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	10 3:30pm Foundations Class	11 7pm Men's Group	12	13
14 11am Worship Service 12:45pm Board Meeting	15 6pm Meditation	16 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	17 3:30pm Foundations Class	18 2:30pm Women's Group 7pm Men's Group	19	20 Trip to Apple Annie's Time TBA
21 11am Worship Service 12:45pm Semi-annual SRC Bus Mtg	22 6pm Meditation	23 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	24 3:30pm Foundations Class	25 7pm Men's Group	26	27 5:30pm Oktoberfest Costume Party Friendship Hall
28 11am Worship Service AMC Luncheon	29 6pm Meditation	30 6:30pm Bereavement Support Group	31 3:30pm Foundations Class	Nov 1 2:30pm Women's Group 7pm Men's Group	2 10am-3pm Holiday Boutique & Craft Sale	3 10am-3pm Holiday Boutique & Craft Sale

AA & AL-ANON

Monday AA 6pm

Tuesday AA 11am

Wednesday AL-ANON 9:30am, AA 7:30pm

Thursday AA 6am

Saturday Men's AA 8am, Women's AA 11am

Sunday AA 5pm, AA Meditation 7pm

Other Regular Events

Monday & Thursday 9am - Yoga

Tuesday 5:30pm - Self Defense

1st & 3rd Thursday - Global Chant

Friday 6:30pm - Buddhist Meditation



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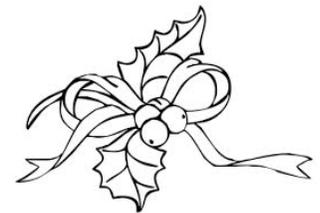
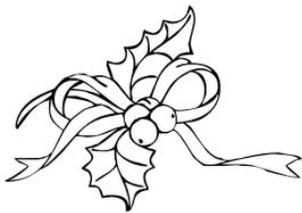
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & CRAFT SALE

Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012

10am - 3pm

8421 E. Wrightstown Rd, Tucson, AZ

This is The Place for Holiday shopping!



Coffee, bottled water, donuts, cookies, hotdogs, and special chili for sale both days

Vendor information, available space, or to register contact:

Kitty Aughey, 296-6488 or 11051 E. Luster Light Place, Tucson, AZ 85748

Tables are \$30 for both days - no single day reservations. To share a table, please send only one check.