

# KOINONIA

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## *From the* **PASTOR**—

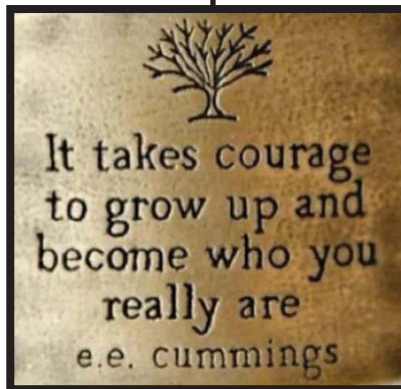
“When I grow up...” is a phrase everyone used as a child. The blank was filled with hopes and dreams of what we might be one day. Our blanks were filled with words like astronaut, doctor, lawyer, teacher, firefighter, play a professional sport, etc. And for a while our hopes and dreams seemed attainable. If I worked hard enough, anything was possible. For some, these hopes and dreams fade into memory and what we once thought possible gave way to something more “realistic” or easier to achieve. For others, our gifts and talents were suited to something entirely different allowing us to see new possibilities. For a large majority, the desire for success (money, power, privilege) is the driving factor in the choice of career. The reality is, more than 70% of people in the United States say that are not satisfied with their jobs.

It is a disservice when we ask “what do you want to be.” The question should be asked “who” not “what.” Our sense of worth should not come from what we do, but who we are. And what exactly does it mean to

“grow up?” Does that mean maturity? If that is the case, I am in big trouble. Does it mean being a responsible parent? Does it mean being married, with 2.4 children, a house (with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances) and white picket fence? These are



**Rev. Michael Patzloff**



not unreasonable questions and many will see the sense in asking them. But if we look closer, these questions are about external things; things outside of ourselves. They do not reflect who we are becoming, but what we have in material goods or fulfilling society's expectations of us.

God desires us to become who we were created to be...nothing more and nothing less. And the answer to the question “who we are”...or more importantly...“who we really are” is not to be found in the “nouns” of life but in the “adjectives” - just, kind, loving, humble, honest, caring,

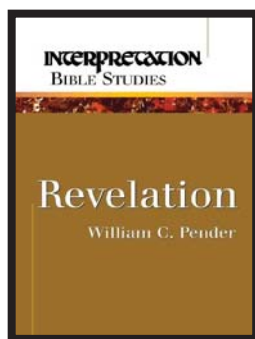
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compassionate, etc. If we are to truly become ourselves, we must do so from the inside out. Let's be honest, the window dressing can be beautiful but if it hides a mess within, it is but a fraud. Just as we may embody the adjectives listed above, there are others that we may harbor as well – pride, jealous, materialistic, lust, anger, greed, lazy, self-consumed.

I challenge us in the days ahead, to ask ourselves the tough question of who we really are and are we willing to actively work in becoming that person. May we be blessed as we grow up.



The Book of Revelation has baffled, terrified, and in some cases been ignored because of the imagery. This study will be using the book **Revelation** by William C. Pender from the Interpretation Bible Studies series. The cost of the book is \$11.00. If you need help covering the cost of the book, please let Pastor Michael know. Used copies of the book can be purchased through Amazon beginning at \$5.24.



The study will begin Wednesday, September 5 at 10:00 AM at Caribou Coffee located at 2080 West Northern



Avenue, west of 19th Avenue. If you are planning on joining us for this study, please RSVP to Mike G. in the church office.

In the hope of the Living One,

*Michael G.*

PS: As many of you know, our child, Oliver, is transgender. In the coming months, we will begin hormone therapy and Oliver will become/grow into her true self as Samantha. It would be helpful in this process if those who interact with our child would use the pronoun "she/her" and the name Samantha. If you have questions about this, please contact me.



The Message Series, beginning in September and through October, will look at biblical folks who, in today's world, would provide indispensable help to us if they were to journey along side us. As John Wesley wrote, "No one can be a Christian alone."

**September 2** - Sacrament of Eucharist/Holy Communion—Rev. Michael Patzloff

*A Close Friend*

**1 Samuel 17:56—18:4, Sirach 6:5—17**

**September 9** — Rev. Michael Patzloff

*Someone to Give Us the Finger*

**September 16** — Rev. Michael Patzloff

*Someone to Mentor*

**September 23** — Rev. Michael Patzloff

*Someone to Help Us Break the Rule*

**September 30**—Rev. Michael Patzloff

## September 2018 Liturgists

Sunday 9/2 LaVonna Goudie  
 9/9 Carolyn MacAlpine  
 9/16 Howard Moses  
 9/23 Virginia FitzPatrick  
 9/30 Howard Moses



LaVonna Goudie

Are you interested in joining the FUMC Liturgist Team?

To volunteer, please contact Mike German, FUMC secretary/media tech.

## Chancel Choir and Handbells Ensemble REHEARSAL SCHEDULES

**Choir Practice** Sundays @ 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary  
 Wednesday evening rehearsals will resume  
 September 5th @ 7 PM

**Handbells Practice** Bell choir practice will resume Sunday,  
 September 16th @ 11 AM

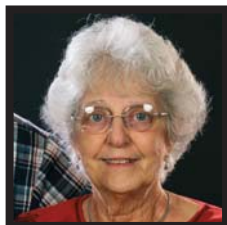


*New Members are Always Welcome!*

Contact Francine Martyn, Chancel Choir/Handbells Ensemble Director

To the congregation at Faith UMC,  
 Thank you for all of your prayers, visits, cards and concerns since my surgeries. They were very much appreciated. Also, thank you for the anniversary wishes. John and I will be celebrating at a later date.  
 You are truly a caring and loving community and I feel honored to be a part of it.


Carol Getting



Thank you, Senator John McCain, for your many years of courageous leadership and faithful service on behalf our state, Arizona, and our nation. Our Faith UMC family sends our deepest condolences to the McCain family during this sad time of loss.

*Mrs. Cindy McCain and family*



# September Meetings @ Faith UMC



- ◆ Tues. 9/11 6:30 PM Church Council
  - ◆ Sat. 9/15 8 AM UM Men's Breakfast
  - ◆ Sun. 9/23 11 AM SPRC
  - ◆ Tues. 9/25 7 PM Neighborhood Outreach
- No Grief Processing Meetings this month.

FUMC Lunch Bunch at the Black Bear Diner on 8/16/18 with guest Dennis Kirini

Dennis Kirini and Esther Frank



## Faith Lunch Bunch News

By LaVonna Goudie

Calling all hungry people who like to eat and chat!

Come join in the fun of lunch with friends where you don't have to cook or clean up! We meet once a month on the third Thursday and all are welcome.

In August, nine Faith friends visited the Black Bear Diner to enjoy the fun atmosphere and very good food. A very special guest was doctoral student Dennis Kirimi visiting from Kent State University in Ohio.

On **Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, we will be going to **George and Son's Asian Cuisine** for lunch and fellowship. It's located in the **Deer Valley Towne Center near the AMC Theater (3049 W Agua Fria Freeway, Phoenix)**. The more attending, the more fun it becomes. Let's meet at 11:30 AM and welcome Fall together!



## Sunday After Service Discussions

Looking for opportunities to dig a little deeper after Pastor Michael's thought-filled sermons? Please freely join one or both of these hour-long small groups.

**HOPE= Honest Open**

**Perspective Exchange**

This lively discussion group meets after the service during Fellowship Time on the second and third Sundays. After taking a summer break, HOPE will resume meeting in September in Room 4 from 11 AM on the 9th and 16th. All are welcome!

**4SWBS =  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Women's Bible  
Study**



All Faith women are invited to join the monthly 4SW Bible Study discussion held on August 26 in Room 4 from 11:15 AM. We will discuss a selected daily devotional, "New Hope" with questions from *The Upper Room* and also hear the scriptural focus, 1 Peter 5: 6—10, read in English, Spanish and Tamil. The prayer focus will be cancer survivors.

Led by Shane Taber and Eunice Moreno Moses, all FUMC women are invited to join our faith-filled discussions.

## *The Deacon's Dialogue*

Faith Friends:

One of the things I appreciate about our faith community is our fellowship with each other. We take the opportunity every Sunday and throughout the week, to be in beloved community, to be a strength and support for each other.

Over the past year, I have come to see our grief processing group as an extension of that fellowship. The conversations held within the grief group are uplifting and resourceful.

I have also come to appreciate many of the skills that we learned through the "reaching new people" program in which the church has been participating. One of the concepts introduced is the idea of getting "out of the castle" – that is, to take our ministries out into the local 19North community.

We have also been encouraged by Bishop Bob and the annual conference to take risks and invite our community to engage with us in new and different ways.

With that in mind, we are going to test a new idea - moving the grief group meetings out into the community, specifically to the IHOP restaurant located near the church at 2000 Northern Avenue, west of 19th Avenue. For our second August meeting, we "tested the waters" and met a little earlier at 5:30 PM for dinner and conversation at IHOP. We found the restaurant to be less crowded and far quieter in the early evening than during morning and lunchtime hours.

Due to the Labor Day holiday and other schedules, the grief group will take a break during the month of September. We will resume meeting again October 2nd at IHOP. Those who are interested may order dinner. We will try this new meeting location during the month of October and then consider if this is something that we would like to continue doing. Please pray for the grief group as we explore this new meeting arrangement.

If you have questions about the Faith UMC grief processing group, please feel free to talk with me about it. I encourage any and all to join us as we explore the grieving process.

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Joshua*

Rev. Joshua L Warner, M.Ed. M.Div.  
Cell # 602-790-1154



**Pastor Joshua Warner**





## *From the FUMC Music Director*

The Faith United Methodist Church Chancel Choir has had an amazing summer filled with a variety of choral anthems and solos performed by our talented choir members. Our choir is a wonderful and fun group of singers who demonstrate their commitment to serving Christ through music every week.

Our fall season officially begins in September, with Wednesday night rehearsals running from 7-8:30 PM beginning 9/5. Our first official anthem will be sung on Sunday, 9/16. The chancel choir and handbell ensemble welcome all who love to perform and will be committed to attending rehearsals and Sunday worship.

Singing in choir is a wonderful way to participate in leadership during worship while singing a wide variety of musical styles. During the fall and winter season, we will be singing songs ranging from classical to gospel and contemporary pieces, all of which will support the scripture for the week as well as Pastor Michael's message.



If you love to sing, and would enjoy the fellowship of a friendly, dedicated group, Faith United Methodist Chancel Choir might be for you! Also, look for info in the weekly bulletin and in future newsletters regarding our Faith UMC Handbells Ensemble, too.

Blessings in Christ,  
*Francine*

FUMC Music Director

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## **Family Promise Week Returns to Faith UMC 9/30 - 10/7**

Family Promise of Greater Phoenix temporarily meets the needs of homeless families by providing meals, a homelike setting, emotional support, and a full range of social, economic, and educational services as the families work their way back into affordable housing. The program's families stay each week at a different local church, which provides evening meals and beds. During the day, parents either go to work or search for work while their children go to school. When not in school, children stay at the Family Promise Day Center.



As part of the network of churches helping Family Promise, FUMC houses several homeless families for one week at a time, several times a year. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the guest rooms used, prepare and serve dinner each night, act as nightly hosts, spend nights at the church, and to wash/dry the linen and towels used. If you'd like to know more about Family Promise at Faith or to volunteer, please contact FP team leaders Gary and Jane Kriege at 623-931-9970 or [gkriege@yahoo.com](mailto:gkriege@yahoo.com).

## *Remembering Eleanor Marie Peterson Heath*

Friends, family and members of the Order of Eastern Star gathered on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to remember Eleanor Marie Peterson Heath, a much loved member of Faith UMC. Eleanor would have celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on August 26, 2018. She passed away on June 28<sup>th</sup> and was interned in the Crescent City, CA Masonic Cemetery. A plaque in her memory has been placed on the church's Memorial Wall alongside her second husband, Charles B. Heath's plaque. During a delicious lunch which followed the Celebration of Life service led by Pastors Michael Patzloff and Joshua Warner, pictures covering Eleanor's long life and many stories were shared. As requested by Eleanor, the Chancel Choir sang "Amazing Grace" with a solo by Virginia FitzPatrick.



**Deadline for the  
October 2018  
issue of the *Koinonia* will be  
Tuesday, September 25th.  
Please submit all articles,  
information, and photos to  
Shane Taber, Editor.  
([sctaber56@gmail.com](mailto:sctaber56@gmail.com))**

### Faith UMC Prayer Chain

The prayer chain at FUMC is voluntary and all are encouraged to participate as personal needs and requests dictate. Please contact the Rev. Joshua Warner with your prayer requests by cell phone, 602-790-1154 or email, [joshual-warner@gmail.com](mailto:joshual-warner@gmail.com). Folks wanting to be added to the prayer chain may also contact LaVonna Goudie, at [plazgoudie@cox.net](mailto:plazgoudie@cox.net) or the Faith UMC office, 602-943-3465.



### Connecting with Faith UMC

**Website:**

[faithumcphoenix.org](http://faithumcphoenix.org)

**Videos of Sunday sermons:**

[faithumcphoenix.org/sermon-videos/](http://faithumcphoenix.org/sermon-videos/)

**On Facebook**

[facebook.com/FaithUMCPhoenix](https://facebook.com/FaithUMCPhoenix)

[facebook.com/groups/FaithUMCPhxGroup](https://facebook.com/groups/FaithUMCPhxGroup)

### MISSION STATEMENT

#### Faith United Methodist Church

Faith United Methodist Church is an inclusive\* Christian congregation dedicated to the care of its constituents in order to serve the local community; and in cooperation with other faith-based organizations, to reach out to all persons\* who seek personal acceptance, require sustaining assistance, or yearn for a meaningful life purpose beyond self.

\*Regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, race, or sexual orientation.





# August Worship & Fellowship Time @ Faith UMC



Communion Sunday

Rev. Michael Patzloff

Guest Pastor Rev. Howard Moses



The Chancel Choir

Sharing our gifts

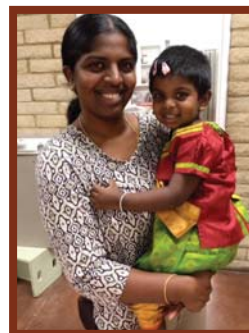
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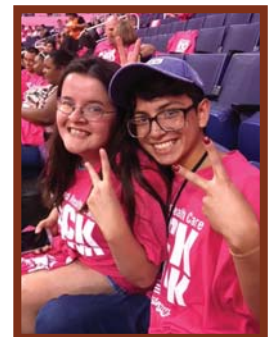


Janette Martyn with Dick & Kay Holmstad

Children's Moment @ Faith UMC



Ariel Luna & Sammy Patzloff at a recent WNBA Mercury game



The Birthday Girls, Barbara & Leandra!

Leandra & Mom Synthia



"Made in 1933"



# *The Times They Are a-Changin’ Even for Faith’s Coffee Chat*

*By Virginia FitzPatrick*

As many of us have gotten older, it has also become more challenging to provide the abundance and variety of food and beverages during Faith’s Coffee Chat fellowship hour. Years ago, there were committees at FUMC that each took a month to serve at Coffee Chat, but that support has been gone for quite some time. A number of us who have faithfully assisted Carol Getting in the weekly preparation, serving and cleanup for Coffee Chat are getting fewer and older. Carol would like to thank all of those who have helped with the preparation, setup, serving and clean up over the past few years. But there comes a time when we must think about just how much energy many of us must expend toward this weekly fellowship program.

We recognize that many of us enjoy the time we spend with our fellow church participants after the service during fellowship time. We are thinking and talking about ways to simplify and reduce the work involved in Coffee Chat. One reason we have been able to provide so many good treats is through Carol’s extensive knowledge of foods, her generosity of time and resources, her being able to make good use of the money collected and prudently shopping sales. And in trying to be more “earth friendly”, we also moved away from paper and plastic products to those that we could reuse and wash in the dishwasher. This does, however, increase the cleanup effort and time. We may need to ask those of you who partake to contribute a little more to the cause.

We are hoping that we can form a committee who could help make decisions about the changes that we need to make and help us to implement a program where the members of the committee might, for example, form teams who would then share Coffee Chat preparation and hosting responsibilities on a rotating basis. **If you think you could commit to being on this committee, please talk with either Carol Getting or Virginia FitzPatrick.** We would like to have this committee established by October, before the holiday season begins. Thank you for considering this invitation.



## ***Maria Christina Franco***

December 28, 1965 - August 6, 2018

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held for Maria Franco on Sunday, September 30th from 11 AM at Faith United Methodist Church. Maria and her family previously attended Faith UMC before moving to Spokane, WA. She is survived by her son, Alex, and three daughters, Diamond, Perla and Serenity.



To West District Laity & Clergy:

Join us as we welcome and celebrate

the appointment of the Rev. Nancy Cushman,

*District Superintendent & Missional Strategist*

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM to 6 PM

Covenant Ceremony at 4 PM, Fellowship 4:30 – 6 PM

At Lakeview UMC, 10298 W. Thunderbird Blvd, Sun City

*A time of covenant, fellowship & goodies!*

*Please, no business on this night – Let's celebrate Nancy!*

*R.S.V.P. to Carla by Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at CWhitmire@dscumc.org*



## **Looking a Few Friendly Faith-filled Folks Free on Friday, Sept. 14th to join Pastor Michael at the FUMC table from 6—9 PM at the 19North Second Friday Community Event!**

- ◆ Featured Food: Shortleash Hotdogs
- ◆ Musical Artist: Lawrence Zubia      Art Exhibit: Rosi Esquer
- ◆ Location: 1820 W. Northern Ave, Phx (next to Albertson's)

**Interested? Please see Pastor Michael or Shane Taber**

**Join us as we enjoy our 19North community, listen to great music, eat some delicious food, connect with others AND share about what's happening at our church this fall!**



**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 PM—6:30 PM**

Treats—Hot Dogs—Bounce House

***Free Admission***



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**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM—1:00 PM**

***Free Space for the  
19NORTH Neighborhood***

*Please call 602-943-3465 to reserve your space.*



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**September 30, 4:00 pm through October 7, 8:00 am - Family Promise**

*Open hearts*

*Open minds*

*Open doors*

**The People of the  
United Methodist Church**



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A loyal friend is like a  
safe shelter; find one, and  
you have found a treasure.

Sirach 6:14 (GNT)



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