

FOOTNOTES

October 2016

Foothills Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friends,

If you had to flee to another country without notice because your life was in danger, what would you hope you would find once you arrived? Thankfully, this seems like a far fetched scenario for most of us, but around the world there are nearly 20 million refugees. Each year our federal government decides how many refugees will be resettled in our country. This year 84,995 refugees were welcomed into the United States and from that a few thousand arrived in Arizona. Earlier this week I had the opportunity to visit Refugee Focus a resettlement agency in Phoenix and learn about ways churches can sponsor new families when they arrive. There's a need for more churches to sponsor families because each month they are receiving new families. If our church would like to sponsor a family our first step is to form a core group who would be interested in leading this initiative. I will put out a notice in the coming weeks to find out who would like to learn more.

Right now we are working on planning for our 2017 ministry year by putting together a proposed budget. We will be sending out our narrative budget on Sunday, October 16 along with commitment cards. On Sunday, October 23 you will be invited to bring your commitment card with you to worship and we will continue collecting commitment cards the following Sundays in case you need more time. I'm incredibly thankful for the generosity of our congregation and our commitment to stewardship at Foothills. Join me in praying for our church as all of our families consider the ways they will give out of the abundance of what God has given them.

My heart is full as I await all of the incredible ways our church will be involved in mission and service over the next coming weeks. Continue to read the rest of the newsletter to find out more information about our first Foothills on our Feet Sunday where we will go trick or treating for canned goods and then join together for an Empty Bowls fundraiser to raise money for our Casa Builders trip to Nogales. Also around the corner is the Phoenix CROP Walk on November 6 and the trip to Nogales, Mexico on November 9-12.

Peace,
Bekah





Mirror, Mirror on the wall. . .

What do you see when you look in the mirror? Do you see a few more gray hairs or a wrinkle or two you didn't notice yesterday? Or perhaps, like me, you notice a little more forehead than you had last time you looked.

Take another look. This time, see yourself as God sees you.

The gospels of Matthew and Mark each record that on at least two occasions God calls Jesus his "beloved son". As you look at your reflection, imagine God calling you a "beloved son or daughter", because that is what we are. God sees beyond our appearance and looks at the essence of our being and loves us as we are. The Psalms remind us several times that we are loved with "abounding, steadfast love". (86:5 & 15, 103:8, RSV)

This is why we are called to give back to God our love, our worship, our service to those around us, as well as a part of the resources that God has given us. The motivation for this is profound gratitude for God's love and blessings.

The next time you look in the mirror, see what God sees—a beautiful human being whom God "crowns with steadfast love and mercy." (Ps 103:4)

Thank you.
Dean



WISE GUYS & GALS LUNCH

Tuesday, October 18th @ 11:30AM
Black Bear Diner (6039 W. Bell Rd.)

Are you retired and enjoy fun, food, and fellowship? Join us for our monthly lunch! Please call Ann Root at 623-975-3804 to make a reservation.





This month we are highlighting two of our new services projects:

Foothills on Our Feet Sundays – As Disciples of Christ, we are called to serve others in our community and beyond. On months with five (5) Sundays, we will worship together and then go out into our community to serve others together. **October 30th** will be our first FOF (Foothills on Our Feet) Sunday. We will have an abbreviated worship service and then be sent out in teams to do a Trick or Treating for Canned Goods Food Drive in the Foothills neighborhood. Since this is the day before Halloween, we are encouraging our children to wear their Halloween costumes for this event and the luncheon following (see below). The homes in the targeted area will have been sent a post card 2 weeks prior to October 30th explaining that Foothills will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items for the Glendale First Christian Church Food Pantry which provides lunches and food boxes for homeless families in our area.



We will need at least six (6) teams to canvas the area. If you would like to be a team leader please let Terry or Linda know. And if we don't hear from you, you will hear from us!

Casa Builders Work Project - In cooperation with Larkspur Christian Church, Sun City Christian Church, and Comunidad Familiar Cristiana Church in Nogales, Mexico, Foothills will be helping to build homes in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico for eligible members of Comunidad Familiar Cristiana. Our first trip will be November 9-12, 2016, and we already have about 10 people interested so far. We will be staying at the Fray Marcos Hotel in Nogales, Sonora and Comunidad Familiar Cristiana Church will provide our meals. The Fray Marcos Hotel has offered us special rates, which are very reasonable. Please be aware that you will need a passport to participate in this project. More information to follow.

Casa Builders Fund Raiser - Our goal is to raise \$2,000 toward the \$6,000 cost to build a home in Nogales, Sonora. One of our fund raising activities will be an **Empty Bowls Soup Luncheon on October 30th immediately following the Trick or Treat Food Drive.** Frank Krevens, will make the soup bowls that we get to take home after the luncheon. The menu will consist of (2) kinds of soup, bread and butter, bottle of water, and chips and salsa. The suggested donation is \$15 for adults and youth twelve (12) years and over, but everyone is welcome! We will also have a trick of treat parade by our children as special entertainment during the luncheon. In order to know how much soup to prepare we will be selling tickets to **the Empty Bowl Soup Luncheon** after church each Sunday prior to this event.

We know our mission and service will continue to grow as we seek to be the hands and feet of God in this world. Please let us know your ideas and your passions for mission and service.

Linda and Terry Immel

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Group Meetings

Deborah group will meet Tuesday, October 25th at 1PM at the home of Bekah with Bekah leading the study. Contact Raye Anne Kish, 623-581-7337, or rayekish@q.com for more information.

Vashti group will meet Wednesday, October, 26th @ 7PM, at the home of Sue McDaniel with Donna Leroux leading the study. Contact Pam at 623-243-6964, or psbobbitt77@gmail.com for more information.

A message from Robyn Lloyd, Foothills' Youngish Women's group leader: "If you would like a 'Tuesday Message' each week text your name and that you want to be included to 602-214-1746. If we haven't officially met, please find me so 'I know you too!" My email is lloyd42206@msn.com.

Young-ish Women's Group will meet on Saturday, October 22nd at 6pm for dinner at Humble Pie across the street from Foothills.



Foothills Women at the Arizona Disciples Women 's Fall Retreat in September.



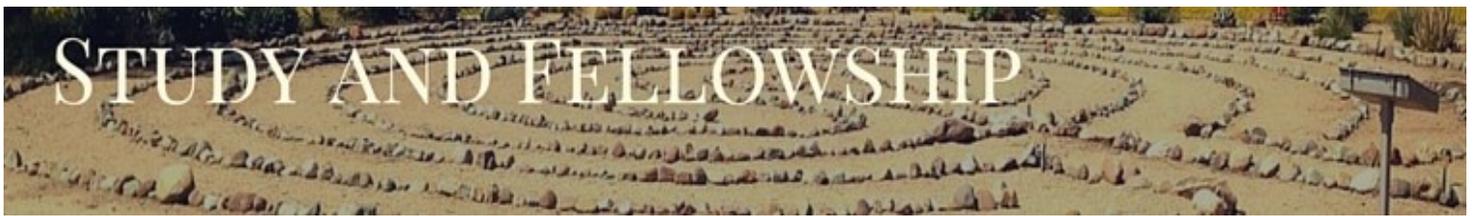
Empty Bowls fundraiser for Casa Builders

Sunday, October 30 at 11:00AM
Foothills Christian Church - Fellowship Hall

- You will receive lunch served in a handmade bowl
- Children 12 & under can eat for free with a disposable bowl
- All funds raised will go towards building a house in Nogales with Casa Builders



CASA BUILDERS TRIP
NOVEMBER 9-12, 2016
NOGALES, MEXICO



MONTHLY BOOK CLUB: Join us Sunday, October 16th at 6PM, in the Admin. Building, to discuss the book “Jesus Feminist: An Invitation to Revisit the Bible’s View of Women” by Sarah Bessey.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: 9:30AM in the Narthex.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Sunday’s at 9AM in Fellowship Hall. The adult Sunday school class is studying “*If... Trading your if only Regrets for God’s what if Possibilities*” by Marc and Parker Batterson.

FOOTHILLS KNITTERS: All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us every Monday at 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall. Come see some of our new patterns.

*It’s time to gather all the items you would like to donate to the NICU at Banner Thunderbird Hospital for Dedication Sunday on October 16th. We have 4 large tubs of items made over the last year! You may also donate sleepers, onesies, booties, etc.

WISE GUYS & GALS LUNCH: Tuesday, October 18th @ 11:30AM, at Black Bear Diner (6039 W. Bell Rd). Call Ann Root (623-975-3804) to make a reservation.



WORSHIP & WONDER (Preschool thru 2nd grade) and **Kingdom Kids** (3rd thru 6th grades) meets every Sunday during worship.

CCF (3rd thru 5th grades), **Chi Rho** (6th thru 8th grades) and **CYF** (high school) typically meets following worship on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

YOUTH GROUPS meet on Sunday, October 16th.

FALL CYF & Chi-Rho FALL RETREATS (High School & Middle School) - October 22nd-23rd at Coolwater Christian Church in Scottsdale. Registrations must be turned into Linda Sexton, David Weed, or the church office NO LATER than October 10th.

New Bible Series for Children: For the next 6 weeks we are going to be offering an opportunity for children to learn more about the bible. We will meet before worship from 9-9:45am in one of the classrooms past the playground gate. Our hope is that the class will better acquaint the kids with the bible and give them a solid foundation on which to build. During the 6 weeks we will work on a challenge of learning all the books of the bible in order with a song and each week spend a significant amount on a major area of the bible. This class will meet from October 9 to November 13.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

October 2nd

World Communion Sunday

Preacher

Rev. Bekah Krevens

Elder

Cheryl Carmichael

Worship Leader

Jim Gawne

Children's Moment

Jim Gawne

Friendship Time

Don & Barb Long

Communion Servers

TBD

October 16th

Preacher

Rev. Bekah Krevens

Elder

Don Long

Worship Leader

TBD

Children's Moment

Walter Rabon

Friendship Time

Pam Bobbitt

Communion Servers

Jenn Emmanuel

Don & Barb Long

October 30th

Foothills on our Feet Sunday

Preacher

Rev. Bekah Krevens

Elder

Terry Immel

Worship Leader

Walter Rabon

Children's Moment

Barb Long

Friendship Time

TBD

Communion Servers

Jim Gawne

Pam Bobbitt

David Weed

October 9th

Blessing of the Animals

Preacher

Rev. Bekah Krevens

Elder

Donna Leroux

Worship Leader

Dana Kuhlman

Children's Moment

TBD

Friendship Time

Dorothy Corder

Jeanette Weis

Communion Servers

Jim Gawne

Sue McDaniel

October 23rd

Preacher

Rev. Bekah Krevens

Elder

John Clifford

Worship Leader

Pam Bobbitt

Children's Moment

Pam Bobbitt

Friendship Time

TBD

Communion Servers

Sue McDaniel



Individually wrapped gluten free communion wafers are served in the communion trays. We will also be stocking some gluten free snacks in the kitchen for Fellowship Time following church. If there is no snack out that fits your need, please request one from the person who is serving that Sunday.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Youth Group Stock Holder Summer Camp Presentation**— Sunday, October 2nd, following worship.
- **Blessing of Animals Worship Service**—Sunday, October 9th @ 10AM.
- **Elder's Meeting**-Sunday, October 9th @ 11:30AM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Table & Board Meeting**—Tuesday, October 11th, @ 7PM in the Admin. Building.
- **Baby Blanket Dedication**—Sunday, October 16th, during worship.
- **October Book Club**-Sunday, October 16th @ 6PM in the Admin. Building.
- **Wise Guys & Gals Lunch**-Tuesday, October 18th @ 11:30AM at Black Bear Diner.
- **Fall Youth Retreat**—October 22nd & 23rd @ Coolwater Church
- **New Member/Friend Lunch**-Sunday, October 23rd, following worship in Fellowship Hall
- **Deborah Meeting**-Tuesday, October 25th @ 1PM at Bekah Krevens' home.
- **Vashti Meeting**-Wednesday, October 26th @ 7PM at Sue McDaniel's home
- **Empty Bowl Luncheon**—Sunday, October 30th, following worship in Fellowship Hall
- **Music Rehearsal**-Thursday nights @ 7PM –Sanctuary
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM**—Sanctuary
- **Foothills Knitters**—Monday mornings @ 9:30AM in Fellowship Hall

HELP NEEDED:

- **We still have many opening for the following areas of service:** Fellowship Hour, Communion Servers, Greeters, and Worship Leaders. Go to signupgenius.com, click on “find a sign up” in the top right hand corner and search for the sign up using the email address: foothillschristianchurch@gmail.com
- **Each Sunday you can bring donations to the back of the Narthex for the following organizations:** ICM Food & Clothing Bank, Streetlight House, and New Life Domestic Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cheryl Carmichael	October 1st
Phoebe Krevens	October 2nd
Cindy Doss	October 3rd
Sophie Braaten	October 6th
Bob Dawson	October 9th
Katie Sexton	October 12th
Dorothy Corder	October 19th
Rion Lloyd	October 19th
Lindsey Bobbitt	October 21st
Steven Simmons	October 23rd
Marv Leroux	October 26th
Lawrence Armstrong	October 29th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Boyd & Sandra Weed	October 5th
Michael & Cindy Doss	October 23rd
Earl & Amy Cooke	October 24th



ARIZONA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

November 4 – 5, 2016

East Mesa Christian Church

Registration available at:

AZdisciples.org



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CARING CONNECTIONS

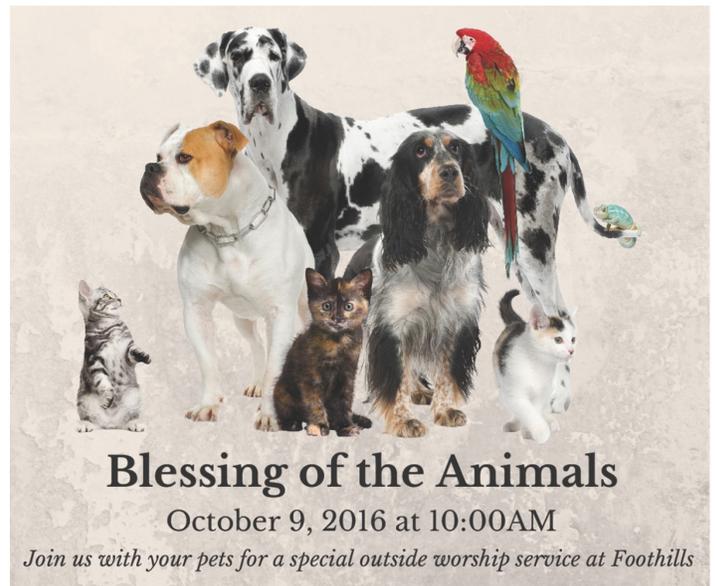
We hold in God's care :

.....The soldiers who were injured or died in September in service to their country and their families and friends. Also, those soldiers returning home who have physical or mental disabilities.

.....ICM, Streetlight USA, New Life Domestic Center.

.....Mark Behle, missionary partner working in Lesotho, South Africa.

Email prayer concerns to
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or call the church office 623-516-9192.



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