

# SOUNDINGS

*Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church*

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## Welcome Dr. Corbett

Our new Interim Pastor, Dr. Lawrence W. Corbett, officially begins his ministry at MdS on September 1. His first Sunday in our pulpit will be September 4. Larry Corbett comes to us with a wealth of pastoral experience and is uniquely qualified to lead MdS through the interim period until a permanent pastor is called.

Dr. Corbett spent the past four years as the Senior Pastor at Central Union Church in Honolulu, Hawaii—a 1700 member multi-cultural congregation. This was a church with many challenges when he arrived. They benefited greatly from Larry's background and experience, as well as education (Doctor of Ministry in Church Revitalization). With Larry's leadership, Central Union has grown financially, organizationally, and spiritually during his pastorate.

Prior to Hawaii, Larry served 18 years as the Organizing Pastor, then Senior Pastor of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale. Over time, Pinnacle grew from a handful of founding members to a congregation of 1400 on a beautiful 20 acre campus. Prior to that Larry served at Valley Presbyterian in Scottsdale and Westminster Presbyterian in Phoenix, as well as Presbyterian churches in Florida and Ohio. As you can tell, the Corbetts have deep roots in the Valley.

Larry and his wife Meredyth, as well as 17 year old grandson Joe, left Hawaii for Arizona on August 1. While waiting for their goods to arrive, they spent a week in California for some well deserved R & R. They are happy to return to Arizona and the home they have maintained in Scottsdale. Reports are that Joe is missing his friends and his musical group in Honolulu, but is pleased to be re-uniting with old friends at his former school.

The interim period between permanent pastors can be a challenging time for both clergy and congregation. It is a time for self reflection, for re-examining our mission, who we are as a family of God, as well as who we want to be. This is a necessary process before we can begin the task of calling a new Senior Pastor.

The Interim Pastoral Search Committee believes they have found the person to lead us in this important process, and the Session agrees. Larry Corbett is knowledgeable, wise, experienced, warm, friendly—and has a great sense of humor. This is an exciting time for Mission del Sol as we begin this next step in our journey of faith.

### SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 4—worship at 9:00 a.m.

September 11

return to two worship services:

worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m.

**Our Mission:** *Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church (USA) is a faith community that receives, proclaims and extends God's love through word and deed, builds disciples through creative worship and exploration of Biblical truth and fosters justice in all God's creation.*

## A Special Invitation—and there's Food! But Wait!!

We are calling these “Sunday Brunch Gatherings” and with six scheduled (see below) we figure that most members will find at least one Sunday suitable to sign up and attend.

MdS is undergoing a very challenging period as we transition to new pastoral care. The Stewardship Committee invites you to a brunch meal, yes; but also some food for thought as well. Many of you know that Elder Mel Young served the Presbyterian Foundation for almost eight years and worked with many churches on their long-range financial planning. Mel studied what made some churches more successful than others, and he wants to share these stories at our brunch gatherings. Mel's background also includes many years broadcasting on the subjects of money, investing and taxes, and he would enjoy your questions and comments.

When you note the dates/times below, notice that three Brunch Gatherings will be held during regular Sunday School (9:15 a.m.) to better serve members with children, and the other three scheduled after fellowship time—all in Mission Hall. There will be three ways to RSVP: email to our Office Administrator [karenfrobe@missiondelsol.org](mailto:karenfrobe@missiondelsol.org) or call her at (480) 820-9944 or watch for the sign-up sheet on the patio. We will use your RSVP for meal planning, but spur-of-the-moment walk-ins are always welcome. We feel this is an important date to make!

### SUNDAY BRUNCH GATHERINGS

September 25—11:50 a.m.

October 9—11:50 a.m.

October 23—11:50 a.m.

October 2—9:15 a.m.

October 16—9:15 a.m.

October 30—9:15 a.m.

## MdS Leadership Team

**Elders:** David Boyne, Bill Brazelton, Christopher Brown, Aaron Bruggeman, Karen Crane, Cynthia Giroux, Bobby Hoeck, Linda Hubbard, Jeanne Lambert, Carolyn McBurney, Clyde Parks, Jeanette Parnell, George Prohaska, Kim Rodriguez, Mike Smith, Jan Spence, Ted Taylor, Mel Young, Melanie Zimmer

**Deacons:** Paula Armenta, Kay Brickley, Karen Bruggeman, Jean Copple, Martin Duncan, Mike Herrmann, Stacey Horen, John Kamau, Stephanie Kinsey, Larry Langer, Janie Parks, Todd Whittard, Kelly Zimmer

**Staff:** Dr. Larry Corbett, Interim Pastor; Bill Ringham, Music Director; Kathy Bernhardt, Asst. Music Director; Beryl Elwood, Organist; Karen Frobe, Office Admin., Susan Osman, Financial Sec.; Rick Smith, Custodian; Joy Garcia, Nursery Caregiver, Dr. William R. Hayes & Dr. Arthur J. Campbell, Pastors Emeritus

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- 9/01 Betty Fiscus
- 9/01 Duncan Graham
- 9/02 James Shearer
- 9/03 Elizabeth McKenna
- 9/04 Paul Bosch
- 9/05 Cliff Vaughan
- 9/06 Robby Moore
- 9/07 William Rickey
- 9/09 Muriel Fanning
- 9/10 Andrea Brown
- 9/10 Joan Graessle
- 9/11 Stu Haasis
- 9/11 Russell Johns
- 9/11 Aaron Seller
- 9/11 Bonnie Smith
- 9/14 Jeanne Crawford
- 9/14 Jeanette Parnell
- 9/14 Iva Rogers
- 9/16 Ted Taylor
- 9/17 Keifer McKenna
- 9/18 Julie Schreiber
- 9/18 Diane Seller
- 9/18 Kayla Shaw
- 9/20 Kathryn Elsaesser
- 9/21 Jarry Moore
- 9/23 Tiffany Biter
- 9/24 Margaret McKenna
- 9/25 Dan Brickley
- 9/25 Judith Campbell
- 9/25 Sophia Horen
- 9/25 Judy Jones
- 9/26 Lew Crawford
- 9/26 Yolanda Crosson
- 9/26 Susan Roxburgh
- 9/26 Al Serpa
- 9/27 George Caudron
- 9/27 Bruce McBurney
- 9/28 Grant Brown
- 9/29 William Vaughan

*All in the Family ...*

***Please keep in your prayers ...***

Larry Coffman, cancer treatment  
 Judith Campbell, heart related problems

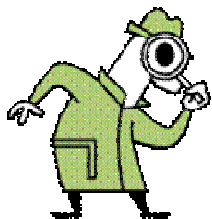
***Thank you from Cynthia Giroux ...***

Thank you to the many people who responded to my need for assistance with legal expenses in regard to my grandchildren. Over \$2300 has been contributed and forwarded to my attorney. The generosity of MdS members in countless ways continues to bless the lives of so many.



the family of Don Brickley. Don was a member of MdS for many years, taught Adult Sunday School and was active on the Facilities Committee. He will certainly be missed by all of us. A memorial service will be held at MdS on Saturday, September 3 at 2:00 p.m. The family requests memorial donations to Mission del Sol, Desert Botanical Gardens, or Americare Hospice Foundation in lieu of flowers.

## Worship Commission's Ten-Most Wanted List



1. People with creative ideas and problem solving skills to: attend monthly commission meetings on a regular basis.
2. People with smiles and a desire to extend kindness to strangers: to work on one of our ushering teams.
3. People with clean hands: to serve communion.
4. Someone who enjoys conversation with other church members and has a telephone: to schedule communion servers.
5. People who have strong opinions about the hymns we sing (we know you are out there): to join a hymn selection team.
6. People who love the beautiful flowers at Easter: to order, pick up and help arrange those flowers.
7. People who think all church flowers should be red: to help arrange poinsettias for Christmas.
8. People with strong arms and are fearless on ladders: to assist with Greening of the Church for Advent.
9. People who own a calendar: to change the colors in the sanctuary for the different liturgical seasons.
10. Any people with busy schedules: for a one-time participation each year with any one of the special services, including, but not limited to, Kirkin' O' the Tartan, Advent Sundays, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost.

All of you who have found yourselves on this list should speak to Linda Hubbard or Jeanette Parnell

## 2012 Kirkin' O' the Tartan

The new year has arrived at Mission del Sol and our Interim Pastor Larry is on board so it's time to plan 2011-2012.

For the past nine years we have celebrated the history and diversity of the Presbyterian church through the Kirkin' O' the Tartan and we will again on October 30 with your help.

The first planning meeting will be September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the MdS library. Time is short so we need extra hands. Please contact Bobby or Don Hoeck at [dbhoeck@cox.net](mailto:dbhoeck@cox.net) and say you'll be there.



### Choir Rehearsal

All voices/talents are welcome to join the MdS choirs. Bell Choir

rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Mission Chorale rehearses at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Jubilee Ringers and Mission Chimes will begin regular weekly practice on Sunday, September 11 after the second service. Jubilee Ringers meet in the sanctuary; Mission Chimes meet in the choir room.



## Mds Gardens

Mds Social Justice Committee is starting a community garden and even if you're not a gardener you can lend a hand! Mds member Keifer

McKenna is helping build raised garden beds for his Boy Scouts of America Eagle Project and is looking for donations for the construction to start by September 10.

Materials needed are:

(6) 6 ft. 4 x 4

(36) 8 ft. 2 x 6

3-1/2 in. #14 wood screws

1/2 in. #8 wood screws

Anyone who can donate supplies (or know someone who can) is asked to contact Keifer at [keifer.mckenna@gmail.com](mailto:keifer.mckenna@gmail.com) or (480) 516-4130. For more information on the garden project please contact [carolynmcburney@cox.net](mailto:carolynmcburney@cox.net).

## Charity Sewing Bee

The Peace by Piece Quilters will hold a sewing bee in Mission Hall on Thursday, September 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This group of dedicated volunteers has been making comfort quilts for seriously ill and traumatized children in the Valley of the Sun for seven years. Quilt recipients are children who receive them at hospitals, fire and police departments, homeless shelters and child crisis and protective centers by the non-profit organization AZ Blankets 4 Kids. They welcome everyone to join them during their sewing bees and willingly give quilt making instructions to anyone with basic machine sewing skills that wishes to learn the art of quilt making. They invite members of Mds to come and sew with them or just drop in to say "hi" or learn more about what they do. For those interested in sewing, bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies (thread, scissor, pins); fabric kits are provided. For more information about the group and their sewing bees you can visit their website at [www.peacebypiecequilters.org](http://www.peacebypiecequilters.org) or contact Lora Riordan at [AZQuilter@mac.com](mailto:AZQuilter@mac.com)

The first **Fiery Food Salsa Challenge** happened at Mds on Saturday, July 23 when it was over 100 degrees outside! Several tasty, colorful and delicious salsas were entered and enjoyed by many.

There were six categories—fruit, veggie, flavorful, HOT, tomatillo, and other—all had entries and all were very tasty!

Our winners were: Fruit—Bobby Hoeck; Veggie—Steve Zimmer; Flavorful (spiciest)—Sue Herrmann; HOT—Todd Whittard; Tomatillo—Phillip Horen; Other—Melanie Zimmer.

The tasting and voting was fun, and it really helped to have the ice cream table handy! Door prize winners were drawn and the following people received a gift of a "foodie" magazine—Wes Herrmann, Sue Herrmann, George Lake, Jean Copple, Melanie Zimmer and Lindsey Herrmann.

The last Deacon sponsored food event for this year will happen October 22 —"Just Desserts." Entrants will be asked to bake two of the same dessert — one for tasting and one for an auction. Hopefully by then the weather will cool off so we can turn on our ovens.

## Tuesday Evening Book Group



The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the MdS library. The book to be discussed is *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks, chosen as both a

*New York Times* and *Washington Post* Notable Book after publication in 2001. This gripping historical novel is based on the true story of Eyam, the “Plague Village,” in the rugged mountain spine of England. In 1666, a tainted bolt of cloth from London carries bubonic infection to this isolated settlement of shepherds and lead miners. A visionary young preacher convinces the villagers to seal themselves off in a deadly quarantine to prevent the spread of disease. The story is told through the eyes of 18 year old Anna Frith, the vicar’s maid, as she confronts the loss of her family, the disintegration of her community, and the lure of a dangerous and illicit love. As the death toll rises and people turn from prayers and herbal cures to sorcery and murderous witch hunting, Anna emerges as an unlikely and courageous heroine in the village’s desperate fight to save itself. Exploring love and learning, fear and fanaticism, and the struggle of science and religion to interpret the world at the cusp of the modern era, *Year of Wonders* is at once a story of unconventional love and a richly detailed evocation of a riveting moment in history.

There is a lot of material for leading a discussion online. Anyone who would like to volunteer to lead the discussion and someone to do a short meditation is asked to please contact Judy Hearn at [jlhearn@cox.net](mailto:jlhearn@cox.net).



Please join us for good times at Circle of Friends, a group of fellow spiritually minded women.

The first meeting of the fall will be Thursday,

September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meet & Greet Room. Please bring your Bible and journal for the Lecto Divina study from Matthew 18:21-22 regarding forgiveness. Time will also be spent deciding on a theme for the year and catching up with each other.

If your last name begins with D, L, S, E, M, T, F or N please bring a snack/goodie to share.

This is an exciting time for a fresh start for Circle of Friends at MdS! Please RSVP to Jeanne Lambert at (602) 689-4999 or [1azokie@cox.net](mailto:1azokie@cox.net).

Sorting medical supplies



Making strides against breast cancer

## TNT

TNT Youth fellowship includes 5th through 8th graders, led by Karen Bruggeman, Kim Rodriguez and Melanie Zimmer. A fun and exciting year is planned. The group meets twice a month in Room 106 on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. In September meetings will be on the 11th and 25th. On Saturday, October 1 the group will participate in the UMOM Walk-a-thon. Please contact Karen Bruggeman at (480) 820-7714 for more information.

## Sr. High Youth

The September schedule for Sr. High Youth fellowship is:

**Sunday, September 4**  
no meeting (Labor Day weekend)

**Friday-Sunday, September 9-11**  
Montlure Mission Weekend

**Sunday, September 18**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
regular meeting in Room 208

**Sunday, September 25**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
regular meeting in Room 208

## Friendly People Wanted

Do you have what it takes to *welcome people* on Sunday mornings? No experience required—just a smile!

We are looking for additional volunteers to be MdS greeters. If you are relatively outgoing, like people and smile a lot, then we need you! Please contact Jeanne Lambert at (602) 689-4999 or lazokie@cox.net to volunteer.



## MdS Shirts Now Available

Sport shirts with the MdS logo are now available, sizes XS-XL are \$20; 2X-6X available at \$2 extra for each size up.

Shirts are 65% polyester, 35% cotton with flat knit collar and cuffs. These shirts will hold their shape for years to come. The MdS logo is stitched on—for dark shirts the threads will be light, for light shirts the threads will be dark. Many colors are available (see sample colors below). To place your order look for the order form on the kiosk Sunday mornings or see Jeanne Lambert.



## Did You Miss Game Night?

Did you miss the second MdS Family Game Night on August 26? If you did, you missed a group of almost 60 people having a wonderful time playing board games, eating hotdogs, not talking on their cell phones, and just having fun!

Congregational Life has had such a wonderful response to this event that more will be planned in the future.



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## Africa Famine 2011



Wardo Mohamud Yusuf walked for two weeks with one child on her back when her 4-year-old son collapsed at her side. The 29-year-old asked the families she was traveling with for help, but they continued on their way. Then she had to make a choice no parent should have to make. Yusuf left her 4-year-old behind. Now at a refugee camp, Yusuf says she is reliving the pain of abandoning her son. Parents fleeing Somalia's devastating famine are having to make unimaginably cruel choices: Which children have the best chance to survive when food and water run low? Who should be left behind? The U.S. estimates that more than 29,000 Somali children under age 5 have died in the country's famine in the last three months.

How can you help? Contact Deacon John Kamau at [kenyisone@yahoo.com](mailto:kenyisone@yahoo.com)



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