Feb. 1-2:  A World of Race & the Belhar Confession of South Africa

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Small

An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Formerly director of the PC USA) Office of Theology and Worship; Board of the of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology; National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission.

Feb. 8-9: Speaking Truth About Race and Diversity in Community

The Rev. Dr. Eric H. F. Law

An ordained priest in the Episcopal Church; Founder and Executive Director of Kaleidoscope Institute, providing resources and training for building inclusive community; Author of seven books, including The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb and The Bush Was Blazing But Not Consumed; over 25 years working with all Christian denominations in the U.S., Canada, Asia, Australia, and Europe.

Feb. 15-16: Neither Jew Nor Greek, Slave Nor Free

The Rev. Mark Adams

An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); director of Frontera de Cristo, a mission of the Presbyterian Border Ministries of the PC(USA) in Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

Feb. 24-23: So What Can We Do?

The Rev. Nancy Benson-Nicol

An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); former Associate for Gender and Racial Justice in the Presbyterian Mission Agency; currently Associate for the PC(USA) Theological Education Fund.

Saturdays:  6:00 p.m. – Forums at UPC member’s homes (Please RSVP at www.upctempe.org/missionmonth or by contacting the church office at (480) 966-6267 or upc@upctempe.org).

Childcare is available through 5th grade upon request.

Sundays:  9:30 a.m. – Worship with guest leaders preaching

11:00 a.m. – Adult forums during Church School.
REMINDER!!
The 4th Sunday of the month (February 23rd) is
canned food Sunday. Please bring your
donations to the narthex.

FOOD BANKS IN NEED - Because of an ever increasing demand for food, local Food Banks and food pantries are currently very short both of money and protein foods. The pantry at Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) needs your contribution of foods like tuna, beans, canned meats, ramen noodles, canned vegetables and soups. Bring them, and any other foods, to church and place them in the boxes in the narthex. If you would like to contribute financially, make out your check to TCAA, with “food pantry” in the memo line, and direct it to the office.

PAZ DE CRISTO
As part of the mission of University Presbyterian Church, we prepare and serve dinner at Paz de Cristo to 225 + people, the 4th Tuesday of every month. Each 4th Tuesday we require 12-15 people to prepare dinner from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and another 12-15 to serve (and then clean-up!) from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Paz is located at 424 W. Broadway in Mesa. Besides providing a meal each night of the year, Paz assists families with food boxes, hygiene items, job searches, etc. Thanks for the continuing support from the congregation with peanut butter and jelly, hotel shampoo, soap, lotion, razors, etc. If you would like more information please call Barbara Hillyard at 480-831-3202 or jimbarbhill@cox.net

Especially today, let us remember in our prayers:

- Military service personnel serving stateside and abroad
- Homebound UPC members and friends
  Audrey Chambers
  Marjorie McGuirl
  Trudy Hebert
  Florence Henningsen
  Dr. Ralph and Anne Strong
- Continued Prayers
  Nadine and Gerry Edson
  Keith Danforth
  Ronda Thomas
  Rick Weinberg
  Debi Henry McDermott
  Naomi (Lee) Fix

PRAYER REQUESTS
Notes from Pastor Eric
... on Race and Racism

As I write I am in Chicago at McCormick Theological Seminary for my fourth class on a long journey toward earning a Doctor of Ministry. The title of the class: “Culturally Attentive Ministry.” As we consider such questions as, “What presumptions and predispositions about other cultures and races have influenced your practice of ministry?”, I can’t help but get more excited and more anxious about Mission Month this year. The planning team has collected a top-notch group of leaders to guide our conversations as we seek to learn and grow as culturally attentive Christians.

Scholars seem to agree that race is a social construct of power, privilege and prejudice. Ethnicity is “blood and belonging.” Yet, our country’s history with race is a painful history for many, though there are some bright moments. As a white, heterosexual male, I have come to realize over the past two decades how much privilege and power I have been given, that I did not earn, by this history and system (there are many who have had to work much harder to get much less). Now, I can wallow in my racial guilt, or seek to be a part of transforming the culture that created this system.

Yes, there are white people in poverty, but that cannot negate the reality that so much of our culture has been shaped by the “norm” of white culture. I look at President Barack Obama and so many other optically black people (regardless of their ethnicity) who have excelled, despite the cultural privilege that leans heavily toward people that look like me, and I wonder how much they have given in to the normalization of whiteness exhibited in how they dress, speak, and act.

My wife asked our children, who are born to both European-American and Chinese-American parents, if they knew their cultural heritage. They quickly responded: “Yes, we are half Chinese and half regular.” People laugh when we share this story, but I find it troubling as it epitomizes the “normalization” of white-ness: “regular.”

I am excited and anxious about the conversations we might have in the coming month, a congregation that is some 99% white. What is our response (as opposed to reaction) to the clashes of culture and race (often under the surface), and how do we engage the very necessary conversations of “difference” faithfully as followers of Jesus? A classmate of mine shared, astutely, conversations around race are as much about self-awareness as it is about cultural-awareness—we must know ourselves in order to recognize the prejudice within us in order to seek true reconciliation and forge new relationships with the perceived “other,” whether that other is a black person, a brown person, a Mexican person, a gay person, a handicapped person, etc.

Jesus seems to have captured this self-awareness as an awareness of the true presence of God within him. He then seems to have sought to help others discover that same presence within themselves so they might recognize it in others. Most of his teachings seem to be about how we not only treat one another, but more deeply how we see each other. What lenses do we use to view the “other”? Do we use lenses of fear and anxiety? Mistrust? Or are we able to discover a lens of curiosity and relationship-seeking? Does our lens highlight difference or similarity? Can we discover a lens that values both, and doesn’t minimize one or the other?

I cannot say whether we are being called to become a multi-cultural congregation. I am learning, and as one of our guests, Eric H. F. Law, often shares, there is value in gathering with similar people, but only so it might better help us know ourselves in order to greet, engage and truly love the other. He says it better, but isn’t this what Jesus tried to share and who is the prime example for us of One who was fully able to be himself in the presence of God, and is inviting us to do the same.

In any case, I look forward to being on this journey with you this month and beyond. May we continue to ask questions and wrestle with the gift of ambiguity and hope.

Peace,

[Signature]
**Dinner For Eight (or 7, or 9 . . .) New Groups Forming**

Would you like to get better acquainted with others from UPC? Join the next group of **DINNER FOR EIGHT (or 7, or 9 . . .)** which will begin in **February**.

What is Dinner For Eight? Groups of 7, 8, or 9 persons who take turns hosting a gathering once a month for four months for a meal and conversation. The emphasis is on fun and friendship so you don’t have to be a great cook to participate! During a four month period you will host only once, and will be a guest on three occasions. When it is your turn to host, you decide when and where. Perhaps your group will have a picnic in a park, use the facilities at the church, or host lunch or dinner at home or in a restaurant. It’s up to you!

To participate in this wonderful way of getting to know each other better, **please contact Donna DeLutio at 480-621-8163 or del1069@aol.com**.

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**PrimeTime Meets at 6:15 p.m. on February 12th and 26th**

On Wednesday, February 12, our own Jean Luce will present pictures of some of her recent travels. In the past year, Jean has traveled to Guatemala, various countries in Europe and India. Come hear stories and see pictures!!! Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and for PrimeTime at 6:15 p.m.

On Wednesday, February 26, Corey Woods, Tempe City Council Member, will join us to discuss what’s new in Tempe government. Corey Woods was elected to the Tempe City Council in May 2008 and reelected March 2012. He has devoted much of his life to public service and currently serves as the Director of College and Career Articulation for the Phoenix Union High School District. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and for PrimeTime at 6:15 p.m.

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**Help Us with I-HELP**

Thank you to everyone who has made this mission project work. With all of us working together we are able to provide food and shelter for approximately 40 homeless men and women every month. **Our next night to host is Friday, February 21st.** If you would like to participate in any way, please visit the sign-up sheet on the patio after church. There are many needs in addition to the dinner and breakfast items. They are white socks, underwear, T-shirts, disposable razors, toothbrushes and travel size toiletries. If you have any extra pillow cases, they would be greatly appreciated as well. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Jill Russell at 602-315-9026 (e-mail: jillzy55@aol.com)
There is no longer a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free, male or female, for you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

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RSVP to Saturday evening events by Thursday, 5:00 pm at www.upctempe.org/missionmonth or call 480-966-6267.

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FEBRUARY

1 - Jennifer Fraser
2 - Jo Fancher, Rick Casanova, Danny Maloney
3 - Lance Winslow
4 - Edna Fink, Lawn Griffiths
6 - Betsy Gephart, Barbara Weinberg
8 - Helen Alderson
11 - Kathryn Whalen
13 - Doyle Burke, Al Gephart, Kendric Knorr
14 - Ezra Nuesse
15 - Kevin O'Connor
17 - Bob Pierce, Kay Johnson
18 - Dianna Phillips, Nolan Vale
19 - Kathy Wagner
22 - Don Morton
24 - Mikki Gallagher
25 - Steve Vale
26 - Joan Grey
27 - Pete Godfrey
28 - Sharlan Pierce
29 - Janek Benigno

If your birthday is missing or we have the wrong date, please call the office so we can update our records. We wish a special day to anyone we have missed.

THE TRUSTEE ON DUTY
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS:
GENE DELUTION @ 480-621-8163

Deacon’s Doings

The Deacon of the Month will be at the front of the church to greet members and guests with concerns. For February the Deacon of the month is Carol Allen. You can call her at 480-947-6219. If you have any needs that we could help you with, please contact Cathy Richardson at 480-838-4347.
Tempe Empty Bowls is a free event held on two days at two locations. Come enjoy the great weather outside and listen to local entertainment. Both dates offer the opportunity to purchase beautiful handcrafted bowls for a $10 donation. With your donation you will receive a simple meal of soup and bread generously provided by Whole Foods Market Tempe.

6th Street Park
Friday, February 21st
11am - 2pm - East of Mill on 6th St.
Downtown Tempe

Tempe Library Complex
Saturday, February 22nd
11am - 2pm
SW corner of Rural & Southern - Tempe

Youth Ministry News...

Our new Youth Ministry Team is working hard to discern what it is God is calling us to be and do as a community of Christian faith. I’m excited about where our conversation is going. To grow in our discerning, we have decided to read a book together by one of my mentors, Kenda Creasy Dean (professor of theology at Princeton Seminary) and her colleague Ron Foster, called: The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry (2005).

Please continue to keep our Youth Ministry Team, as well as our Christian Education Committee, and all our committees and teams, in your prayer as we discern together what it is God is calling us to do and be.

Here are some upcoming events for youth...

Feb. 2 (4:00pm-8:00pm) – MSF/HSF Super Bowl Party @ the Cassanova’s
Feb. 9 (6:00pm-7:30pm) – MSF/HSF Regular Meeting – Discussing Race, Racism & the Bible
Feb. 14-17 – Youth Group Snow Trip to Pinetop/Greer! More info and to sign up at www.upctempe.org/youth/snowtrip (no regular meeting Feb. 16)
Feb. 26 (6:00pm-7:30pm) – MSF/HSF Regular Meeting – Race, Racism & the Bible continued.

More information at www.upctempe.org/youth and on the UPC calendar at www.upctempe.org/calendar. And mark your calendars now for some things just around the calendar corner:

March – Christian Practices: What are they? Why do we do them? How do we do them? We will take a look at ancient and modern practices of the Christian faith, and how they could possibly transform our lives.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Eric at eoledermann@gmail.com or through the church office.
ALL CHURCH POTLUCK
Sunday, February 23rd
11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Hosted by the Deacons.
Bring a dish to share that celebrates your ethnic/cultural background

Calling All Volunteers!

The Mennonite and Baptist teams of builders have completed their work in Yarnell and are moving on. We need volunteers to finish some tasks in these houses i.e. texturing drywall, painting, installing washers and dryers, and some carpentry work. A team will be working on these tasks from Monday, February 10-Sunday, February 16th. If you want to join this crew please call Art Campbell at 480-861-7852. Housing will be at the Lighthouse Church in Yarnell while meals will be provided by the volunteers themselves. If you want to schedule volunteering at another time please call Bob Brandon in Yarnell at 928-308-0651 to schedule your work.

Now that the houses for the uninsured are being finished work is soon to begin on houses for the underinsured. This will require many volunteers to keep the cost down. We really need a contractor or one who can read blueprints and supervise a volunteer crews (which need to be recruited) to build the first house for the uninsured. If interested in learning more and being considered for this opportunity please call Bob Brandon at 928-308-0651 or Paul Jones at 928-899-5422.

Lemons and grapefruit and limes, oh my!

Oranges and tangerines, too!

Delicious Arizona citrus:
Do you have too much or wish you had some?

Mission/SJP is organizing a ‘citrus share’ on FEB. 9th during fellowship after worship. Bring / take the extras and enjoy!
Presbyterian Women News
Happenings for Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) Purpose: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study; to support the mission of the Church worldwide; to work for justice and peace; and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA), and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.

February Circle Meetings

Sunday, February 16th, Pima Circle will meet at UPC at 11:00 a.m. in Room 7. Bev Phillips will lead Lesson 6 of this year’s Bible study, *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*. (Meredith Robbins, Circle Coordinator—480-570-6864)

Wednesday, February 19th, Chinle Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at UPC with Mary Danforth serving as hostess. Bev West and Kay Hosek-Knauss will do the devotions and Jo Fancher will lead Lesson 5 of *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*. (Kay Hosek-Knauss, Circle Coordinator—480-777-7827)

Monday, February 24th, Kayenta Circle will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge at UPC. Chris Casanova will lead Lesson 6 of this year’s Bible study, *An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*. Suzanne Niemann and Debbie Sands will provide refreshments. (Sally Niles, Circle Coordinator—480-759-6238)

Spring Gathering Retreat
Presbyterian Women of the Grand Canyon Presbytery will hold their Spring Gathering Retreat on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Paradise Valley. The theme this year is *Fall Afresh on Me*. The guest speaker will be Dr. Tim Smith. Registration fee is $15.00 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is February 21st—contact your circle coordinator for a flyer and registration forms.

Man and Woman of the Year Voting
Circles will vote for Man and Woman of the Year during their February meeting. Voting will close on February 24th.

Have You Read Your 5?
The deadline is fast approaching for meeting your goal of reading five books from the 2013-14 PW Reading List. Women who read five or more books from the current reading list receive recognition at the PWP Spring Gathering. If you have read at least five of this year’s PW Reading List books, notify Donna Yordy, PWP Moderator, by email dyordy3@yahoo.com or phone her at 480-837-6169 no later than February 15th.

Important Dates:
February 4th – Coordinating Team Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
February 24th – Voting closes for Man and Woman of the Year
March 1st – PW of GCP Spring Gathering Retreat at Franciscan Renewal Center
March 1st – World Day of Prayer, Church Women United
To my dear UPC family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the love and support you have given us as we said goodbye to our daughter and sister Lisa. Just one month ago today she left us, and since that sad December morning, all the prayers and cards and phone calls have helped so very much. The faith we share and this community of love together have helped the healing begin. Peace, Carol Allen

Dear UPC,

We would like to thank you for your recent $1,000.00 donation to Tempe Community Action Agency's Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (IHELP). Tempe Community Action Agency is a non-profit human service organization working with the community to provide stability and independence to children, families, the working poor, seniors and the homeless through programs including: prenatal education, case management, workforce development, the food pantry, and home-delivered meals.

The Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (IHELP) was established in 2005 with three congregations participating and services available just three nights per week. The program now includes more than 35 congregations donating space and meals to help the homeless. Services are now available seven nights per week.

The program is primarily funded by private donations and your generous gift directly impacts the success of the program! For more information about TCAA and the programs provided please visit our website at www.tempeaction.org.

Sincerely, Beth Fiorenza, MPA, Executive Director

The Valley Chamber Chorale

The Valley Chamber Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Christopher Samuel, will give two concerts during the month of February. To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Phoenix—considered by many to be the “mother church” of Lutherans in the state of Arizona—the Chorale will sing a program of music (mostly) by Lutheran composers at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 23 February at Grace (1124 North 3rd Street, Phoenix 85004). The day before, on Saturday, 22 February, the Chorale will perform the same program at 4 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church (7100 N. Mockingbird Lane, Scottsdale 85253).

Both concerts are free to you. (However, you probably know that they aren’t really free to prepare and to present; consequently, donations in any amount to underwrite our efforts will be truly appreciated.)

Please join us for this festive occasion. As always, we hope that you'll also invite family members, neighbors, and friends—and even strangers who happen to enjoy choral music! We'll look forward to the opportunity of singing for you.
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**February 2014**
See You Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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The Rev. Eric Ledermann
eoledermann@gmail.com

Monday – Thursday
8:30 am – 1:00 pm
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – CLOSED FOR LUNCH
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday
8:30 am – 1:00 pm
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – CLOSED FOR LUNCH
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Worship with us on Sundays at 9:30 am

VISITORS WELCOME!
Child care is available

Pastor - Eric Ledermann
Music Director – Carol Rickel
Clerk of Session - Sara Hershauer
Administrative Assistant - Dianna Phillips
Accompanist - Jaime Namminga
Custodian - Carrie Miter