

Easter Baskets (.COM Ministry)

Once again it's Easter basket time. In the past, Desert Cross has provided Easter baskets to many underprivileged children. The generous outpouring of gifts from our church has touched so many of these children. Last year we provided 117 baskets. We are in need of Easter grass, baskets, candy, jelly beans, and small stuffed toys. The collection box is located in the Tempe Site Narthex. All donations must be received by Passion Sunday, March 28 in order to assemble the baskets for delivery.



Easter Celebration at Spectrum Park

Saturday, March 27
Spectrum Park
near Gilbert Site
starting at 8:30am

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 27
5:00pm-8:00pm
Tempe Site Community Center



No RSVPs necessary. Just show up and enjoy a meal prepared by the Mexico Mission Team. All donations will be given to support the team's expenses. This is a great night to bring your friends and neighbors!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 11
Following the 10:45am service (Tempe Site)

The call committee has completed its work and has made a recommendation to the church council for a pastor to provide leadership in our Gilbert worshipping community. The council at its March 15 meeting accepted the recommendation of the committee and has called a congregational meeting for April 11, 2010 following the 10:45 worship service for the purpose of issuing a call.

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Lenten Worship Services (Tempe Site)

Wednesday, March 24

Lenten Supper @ 6:00pm
Individual Prayer Time in Sanctuary @ 6:15-7:00pm
Lenten Worship Service @ 7:00pm



Holy Week at Desert Cross

March 27-28: Palm/Passion Sunday

Tempe: Sat 5:00pm, Sun 8:00am, 9:30am, 10:45am
Gilbert: 10:15am

April 1: Maundy Thursday (in Tempe)

Seder Meal: 6:00pm
Worship: 6:00pm & 7:30pm

April 2: Good Friday (in Tempe)

Choir Cantata: 7:00pm

April 4: Easter Sunday

Tempe Site:
Traditional Services in Sanctuary
6:00am, 7:15am & 11:00am
Contemporary Family services in Community Center
8:30am & 9:45am
Gilbert Site:
9:00am (On church lot across from Spectrum Park)



There will not be a service on Saturday, April 3 at 5:00pm during Holy Week

Pastor Holm's Thursday Bible Study

Pastor Holm's Bible Study will meet on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Sanctuary Building. We'll be starting our study of the book of I Thessalonians. Visitors are always welcome. Bring your Bibles and your questions and join our conversation. If you would like childcare please let the office know!



Lenten Supper Volunteers Needed

March 24

Tempe Site Community Center 6:00 pm

We will serve a soup supper before the
Wednesday Lenten Worship Services.

We need volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up.

We need volunteers to make soup and bread.

Contact Denise McClellan: dmccllellan@desertcross.org or 480-730-8600

Adult Fellowship

Shamrock Farms Thursday, March 25

Carpool from Church 10:00am Tour Fee: \$7.50 (60+)

Bring a Sack Lunch to Enjoy at the Farm or

Purchase Hot Dogs and Ice Cream at the Farm

RSVP by March 10 We must make a reservation to save your spot

Call "K" Botham 480-496-6792

Books of Faith Galatians Study

March 21-April 18 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Community Center Adult Classrooms Tempe Site

Please join us as we study Paul's message to the Galatians and
his message of grace for us in today's world.

Book Fee: \$5.80 Scholarships Available

To register, contact Denise McClellan
dmccllellan@desertcross.org or 480-730-8600

Divine Acts

Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm (Gilbert Site)

April 13-May 18

Christianity is a religion of stories—stories of God's relationship to humanity throughout history. This class explores the surprising, inspiring, and sometimes confusing stories of the Bible through physical movement, games, and asking where we find ourselves in the narrative of God's love. No prior knowledge or experience of any kind needed, but wear clothes in which you are comfortable moving!

For more information or to sign up contact Ben Colahan at:

bcolahan@desertcross.org or 480-730-8600

Memorial Garden Update

The committee has recommended an increase of the niche cost to \$1950 from the original offering of \$1500 effective April 1. The donation amount will remain at \$1000. If you would like to purchase a niche before the price increase, please contact Doug Bjotvedt at dbjotvedt@desertcross.org or 480-730-8600.

Shoes for Aguilar School



Just a reminder from your Community Outreach Ministry that we have an ongoing collection of GENTLY USED, SCHOOL- APPROPRIATE SHOES for both boys and girls. Place them in the blue bins in the Tempe Site Narthex.

Refugee Resettlement Program

Monday, April 12 @ 7:00 pm

Tempe Site—Community Center Adult Room 1 and 2

Donna Buckles will be here from Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest to share with us the important ministry of Refugee Resettlement and how area churches can help people transition from Refugee Camps around the world to their new home in the United States. Please let Pam know if you would like to come or would like more details about this ministry.

Palm Decorating

Saturday, March 27 @ 9:00am

Please remember – Wait to cut your palms.

If you are unable to deliver the palms yourselves;

Please call the church office at 480-730-8600 before Friday.

Save cutting for Palm decorating Saturday. Thank you very much



Volunteers Needed for Haitian Disaster Relief of AZ

3164 S. Country Club Drive – Mesa, AZ 85210

Wednesday to Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm

Call (480) 926-1009 to reserve your time

Ways to Support Multiple Sclerosis:

Support the MS 150 Bike Ride

Help fight MS and join the movement by supporting Chris Grimmer as he rides 150 miles on March 26-27 with the 28 person team the “Main Street Mashers”. You can go to: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/AZABikeEvents?px=2262932&pg=personal&fr_id=12160 to donate directly online or see Chris at the Gilbert site.



Support the MS Walk

As you may know, many of our own Desert Cross members are affected by Multiple Sclerosis. David Black has been living with MS for 10 years now, and his daughter Kendra Black has conducted a team for the April 11, Boston MS Walk. Kendra is walking, and is asking you to join her in creating a world free of MS by making a contribution to support her efforts. The team name is “Walking for those who can’t” and is comprised of young professionals from the Boston area. Please go to <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/KendraBlack> to make a tax-deductible donation. You can also email Kendra with any questions: Kendra.Black@cox.net.



Wellness Lecture Series:

Patient Advocacy—Speaking Up For Your Health

Monday, March 22 at 5:30pm (Tempe Site) Community Center

Being hospitalized can be an overwhelming experience. Trying to remember, cope, understand and communicate is often difficult with so many doctors, nurses, and health care professionals coming and going and not feeling well at the same time. What are your rights as a patient? Who can help you during your hospital stay? How can you help your loved ones when they are hospitalized or need of medical help? Come and learn a bit more about patient advocacy and rights to make your time under medical care a good and healing experience for you and your loved ones. For more information please contact Pastor Pam or Denise Viker at (480) 730-8600. A light meal will be provided at this event.

Harvest for Humanity Garden

Orientations for all gardeners:

A tour of the garden, mission statement and more...

Ongoing starting Wednesday, March 10 at

1pm-2:00 gardening until 5:00pm

Ongoing starting Saturday March 12 at

9:00am-10:00am gardening until 2:00pm



Save The Date! Earth Day: April 22 at the garden sight. More info to follow

Let Denise know if you can be at the garden. Thanks.

Garden It Forward (G.I.F.) Teams

Garden It Forward is based upon the “Pay it Forward” aspect of giving. First, become inspired to learn about sustainable organic gardening. Next, learn the “how to’s” and apply them to your own garden. Then inspire, teach and mentor someone else to do the same.

Contact: Janice Koons 480-838-8599 jmkoons@msn.com or
Denise Phillips Executive Director: 480-553-8744 or denise@harvestforhumanity.com
www.harvestforhumanity.com



Flowers Donations for Easter

You can help make the Tempe Site Sanctuary beautiful for worship services this Easter with the purchase of a flowering plant. This year we will be using Daisy Mums, Persian Violets and Kalanchoe to decorate the Sanctuary. Offering envelopes are available in the pews with a space for your dedication and your donation of \$15 per plant. Please return the envelopes in the offering or to the office by March 29. Thank you.

Food Needed for Easter Breakfast!

Help out by donating items such as coffee cakes, breads, muffins, bagels, fruits, etc.

Sign up on the sheet outside the Fellowship Hall

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Kesler at (480) 345-2706.

Women's Mexico Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Monday April 5 @ 7:00pm

Tempe Site Community Site (Adult Rm. 1 and Rm. 2)



The interest is growing in having a Women's Mexico Mission trip. Could it be? Looks like it. Please contact Pam if interested but unable to attend the meeting.

Treats for the Troops Thanks

Thanks to your generosity 28 service men and women were sent a box of goodies. I'm sure we've made them very happy. To those who gave us the names, thanks also. We enclosed your names in the boxes as well so you should be hearing from them.

Nidaros Cathedral Boys Choir from Norway

Easter Concert
April 3, 2010 @ 2:00pm
Tempe Site Sanctuary

*Free will offering
Everyone welcome!*



Confirmation Class

No regular confirmation class. Instead this weekend only we will play a game of kickball at 2:00pm at the Tempe Site. Any and all are welcome to join us.



Habitat Planning for Fall 2010 & Winter 2011

Monday, April 26 at 7pm in the Tempe Site
Community Center Adult Rooms 1 and 2

Hope to see you there as we plan for the fall and share what Habitat for Humanity is all about.

American Art Class Notice

The American Art Class is canceled for this year due to scheduling issues around Holy week. Watch for announcements next year. Thanks to everyone who attended the class.

--Cherie Holm
