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June 2009

# Bell Tower

*Flagstaff Federated Community Church*  
United Methodist ♦ Presbyterian USA ♦ Community

From Pastor Jed ...

## THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Around our house for the past few weeks, high school graduation has been the predominant theme. Our oldest child, Jeremy, will graduate from Flagstaff High School on June 5<sup>th</sup> and head off to Florida State University in late summer. We will have a repeat next year with daughter, Blaire, and another repeat the following year with daughter, Meredy.

As Renee and I watch our children grow up, I'm often reminded of that great line from scripture in Paul's first letter to the Corinthian congregation:

*When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child;  
when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. (1 Cor. 13:11)*

The transition from childhood to young adulthood is an interesting time. Many of you who have been through it with your own children know what I mean. I've talked with some of you about it and you've shared your stories.

Quite a number of definitions of maturity have been offered by experts, but here are a few perhaps best understood by a lot of us:

Maturity is when you not only want to have a puppy to call your own ...  
but also when you remember on your own to give it food and fresh water everyday.

Maturity is when you not only know how to dress yourself ...  
but you remember to put your dirty clothes in the laundry hamper after you've taken them off.

Maturity is when you're not only capable of using a phone to call a friend ...  
but also when you know how to keep the calls short enough that others, too, can have access to the phone.

Maturity is when you're not only old enough to stay at home alone ...  
but when you can be trusted to stay at home with only your friends.

Maturity is when you're not only old enough to drive the car by yourself ...  
but you also pay for the gasoline you use.

Maturity is when you're not only old enough to stay up late ...  
but you're wise enough to go to bed early.

Putting an end to childish ways doesn't come all at once; it's full of fits and starts. For some it comes sooner than for others. I'm still looking for the "light at the end of the tunnel."

Grace & Light,

Pastor Jed

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## GROWING CHRISTIAN

Do you feel closer to God than you did a week ago, a month ago, a year ago? Being part of a faith community not only gives you a place to worship God, but to grow in faith. So, how do you answer the question above? Do you feel closer to God now than before?

If YES.... Hallelujah! Keep growing: worship, serve, learn, pray.

If NO... take steps here at Federated Community Church to grow in faith.

### Worship

Come to church on Sunday and worship in community. Choose the service that best fits your preferable style. Attend seasonal services and special services as they are offered.

### Serve

Be part of a ministry team here at church. Work with others for the benefit of others. Be part of our outreach ministries. Volunteer. Provide for others.

### Learn

Attend a Sunday school class. Read. We have a wonderful church library. Teach a children's class. When you teach, you learn. Meet with others in small groups for fellowship, discussion and insight. Go on a retreat.

### Pray

Take time to pray. Pray in community during worship. Use our prayer team when needed. Read scripture. Recreation is Re -creation. Find silence to meditate. Take time for rest, quiet and thanksgiving.

Feel free to speak to Rev. Jed or me if you need to talk about these steps and others as you journey.

~ Karen Appleby

## UNITED METHODIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE GIFT OPPORTUNITY

As Craig Sidles and Karen Appleby travel to annual conference this month, they will have the opportunity to represent our church as the Desert Southwest Conference celebrates its 25th anniversary. They will be taking gifts from those who would like to give to the anniversary offering of thanksgiving. The monies collected will go toward efforts to start new churches and communities of faith in the future. If you would like to give a gift as well, please make your check out to the DSACUMC and drop it off in the church office by June 21st.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

9:30 – 11:30

Room 14

Come knit and crochet for those in need...  
or for your own projects and the fellowship we share.  
We'll even help you learn to knit.

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO TEACH AND LEAD**

As we end another Sunday school year, we want to acknowledge and say thanks from the bottom of our hearts to those who have served as teachers and leaders.

### **Volunteer Servants**

Sunday school teachers: Rachel and Brittain Davis, Becky Weber, Arne Hassing, Rick Miller (and Mick Henry as his assistant), Jim Fredrick.

Director of our Church Library: Peggy Harris

### **Staff**

Youth Leaders: Jennifer Wytaske and Laura Rambikur

Nursery Leaders: Blaire Schenck, Meredy Schenck, Katie Hartman

Children's Choir Teachers: Renee Schenck with helpers Kathleen Stigmon and

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

We congratulate all those who are graduating this year from high school and college. It is a wonderful milestone in life.

Elle Gruver

Clara Miranda

Jeremy Schenck

Rhys Wilson

Dusty Hamilton

Greg Porter

Jackson Toeniskoetter

We also add special recognition to two of our church staff who have received degrees from NAU...  
Laura Rambikur (youth leader) and David Wimett (choir director).

# *Finding Calm in the Chaos*

## *Flagstaff Federated Community Church's 2009 WOMEN'S RETREAT*

*Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>*

*(We will leave Flagstaff on Saturday 8:00 a.m. and return Sunday before dinner time.)*

*at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale*



### **OUR THEME WILL RELATE TO COPING WITH STRESS IN THE MIDST OF THE CHAOS OF LIFE.**

For a couple years now, evaluations from past women's retreats have requested we look at the stresses in life and how to cope with them from a Christian perspective. We will do that this year by sharing in a Bible study on particular, related scripture and then choosing from the many spiritual places of our retreat center for personal reflection and response.

Session Topics : I: Practical Application, II Physical Application, III Spiritual Application  
Come share in the study, the fellowship of our church women and the gift of retreat.

Leader: Karen Appleby

### **COST AND PAYMENTS**

\$130 per woman (room, meals, leadership, supplies) Rooms are double occupancy (every effort will be made for those requesting single rooms, but there would be a higher cost)

Location will be at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale

Our meeting space will be there also in the Tekakwitha meeting room.

Other noteworthy spaces we will have the option of experiencing are the different chapels, the prayer paths and labyrinth, the Swing, the Healing garden and desert shelters. There is also a swimming pool for those that want to relax in the water.

Space is limited... so register early!

Registration with \$65 down will secure your place.

Register as soon as possible since space is limited.

Second payment of \$65 is due by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Checks payable to the church and turned in to Karen Appleby.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM**

Return with check made out to the Flagstaff Federated Community Church  
for \$65 to Karen Appleby ASAP as there are limited spaces

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email address:

**Transportation**

Will you be driving? And, if so, would you be willing to take others?

Do you need transportation?

**Other Notes**

Dietary restrictions? What?

Do you have a preferred room-mate? If so, please share name.

Other considerations I need to know:

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

by Pat Finney and Tish Bogan-Ozmun

### WOMEN'S SUNDAY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>



United Methodist District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry, will be the guest preacher in both worship hours on Women's Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. "Dr." Lansberry was recently awarded her Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ. Her husband, Mark, also a UMC clergy, was awarded his Doctor of Ministry degree, as well. Congratulations to both "Dr." Lansberrys!

On the Thursday, **June 11th**, following Women's Sunday, the women's ministry invites all women to attend a luncheon to be held at The Matterhorn Restaurant at 11:30 AM. The restaurant will offer a chicken or fish entree from which to choose. The cost is \$12. An interesting program is planned for this event. Child care will be provided as needed.

The women of Federated are very active with several existing groups to choose from. You are encouraged to participate. All of these groups will be designated as Women's Ministry under the umbrella of Discipleship in the church structure on the approval of the Board of Trustees.



I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and the congregation of Federated Church for the Senior Service Award bestowed on me in April at a luncheon in Phoenix.

It was an honor and I appreciated it so much.

- Eudora Larson

## HOW GREEN IS FEDERATED CHURCH?

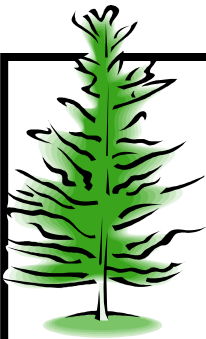
Can we at Federated Community Church save  
14,000 gallons of water?  
6.6 cubic yards of landfill space?  
as many as 62 trees?  
8,200 kilowatts of electricity, enough to power two average  
homes for six months?

**YES, WE CAN!**

All we have to do is collect 1,000 telephone books and take them to the recycle center! Please collect telephone books from your neighbors and your work place to help us reach our goal of 1,000 books, a number suggested by Pastor Jed! Leave the telephone books on the bench just outside Room 9 in the Beamer Building, and please be sure to remove any plastic wrap.

The Youth have agreed to take the telephone books to the recycle center on Saturday July 25 so telephone books need to be at Federated by Friday July 24. Mick Henry will supply his truck and our Youth will supply the muscle!

Please read the statistics again to see how **GREEN** Federated will be when we recycle 1000 telephone books!!!!



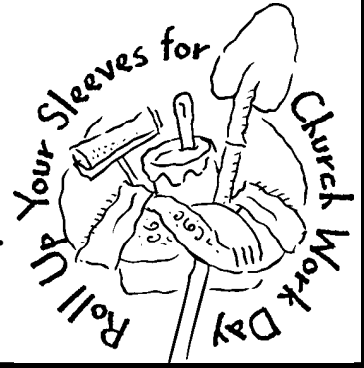
## CHURCH BOOTH AT “PRIDE IN THE PINES” FESTIVAL

Just a couple of hundred feet from the church, Wheeler Park will once again be the location of this year’s “Pride in the Pines” festival on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Both in the spirit of inclusion and in an effort to raise awareness, Federated will have an information booth at the festival.

If you’d be interested in serving in the booth for an hour or so that day, please call Angie Rockow (526.1421) or email her at [rockow@cardiackids.com](mailto:rockow@cardiackids.com).

## WORK MORNING SATURDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

There's a list of objectives the Buildings & Grounds Team wish to accomplish on the upcoming first Saturday morning in June. If you can offer a few hours of your time, it will be greatly appreciated! Things get started at 8:00 AM and will finish up by noon. A light breakfast will also be offered to keep you revved up all morning long!



## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 15 – 19, 9 to noon, for age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School 2009 takes your children to an extreme adventure camp where they Experience and Discover God Everywhere! Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, fun games, challenging crafts, you'll show your kids how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith. Here are the daily themes:

God is with me. I will stay close to God.

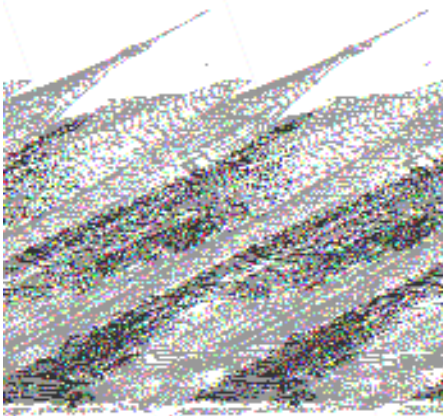
God guides me. I will follow.

God teaches me. I will learn.

God loves me. I will love God and others.

God sends me. I will go.

REGISTRATION forms are available through the church office.



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Please submit articles for the Bell Tower no later than the 15th of the month, preferably by e-mail to:  
zzweber@juno.com

Photographs should be accompanied with descriptive text. You also may leave items (including who, what, where, when, why and how) in the Bell Tower basket in the church office. Copy provided in PC Word format is appreciated. THANKS!