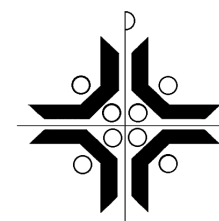
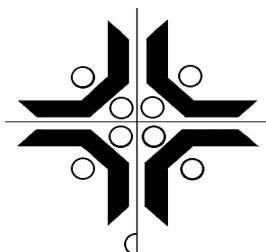


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Fall Review

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 1, 2011

Join us on the Journey!

2011

Crosswinds Presbyterian Church seeks to be a joyful Christ-centered community on a journey to grow spiritually through prayer, study, worship, and service to glorify God.

Family Promise is coming (back) to Crosswinds!

Family Promise is a proven program giving temporary shelter in churches to families who would otherwise be homeless. For one week, two or three times a year, a church opens its doors to families.

Crosswinds will be hosting a group before the end of the year!



Come learn more about Family Promise and how you can be involved.

Sunday, September 18 Pot-Luck (following worship)

Ted Taylor, director of Family Promise, will be with Crosswinds during worship and then will answer all your questions during the pot-luck.



In December of 2000, Crosswinds was the first church for Family Promise of Greater Phoenix (Then known as Interfaith Hospitality Network). The church continued to be a host church until we left the old property. Even when Crosswinds was not hosting guest, the church continued to support Family Promise.

Learn more at familypromiseaz.org

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:40



We Did It Again!

The people of Crosswinds have proven their spirit of generosity once again.



Our Summer Food Drive Challenge was a huge success. Our goal was 2232. Our final push brought the grand total to **2,347 pounds of food and water!!** Your donations helped to keep the doors open this summer at Operation Care. In July, Operation Care usually helps an average of 300 families. This July, 454 families came in for assistance. New families continue to come to Operation Care. The last few weeks alone brought 51 new families. The need continues to be great in this neighborhood.



GOAL:
2232



Sunday, August 28, 2011

We will continue our donations with the Food of the Month. September will be a back to school theme: **peanut butter and jelly, and canned fruit.** Operation Care will be closed for building repair in September, but will stock their shelves during this time.

Thanks to each and every one of you who opened your hearts to this special cause. We do make a difference.

Message from Michael

Study:

Happiness is having friends at church

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11

Many studies over that past decades have "shown that religious people report a higher level of well-being compared with the non-religious."*

A new study that came out in the past year showed that these people also had close friendships within the church or synagogue.

Since that report, some have argued that it is the friendships that make people happy and not the religious experience. The "study finds that when people with similar levels of church attendance are compared, the key factors determining happiness are the social aspect of religion and a shared religious connection built around identity and belonging."

I would argue that those who attend worship regularly, but don't have some sense of identity and belonging, nor some close interaction with others, aren't fully experiencing church. The truth is the heart of Christianity is relationship; relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, and relationships with others, bonded by the power of the Holy Spirit.

So as we begin our fall activities I am strongly encouraging you to do things.

1. Strengthen the relationships within the congregation.

With the coming of fall there will be plenty of opportunities to interact with other members through worship, study, mission and fellowship.

Worship

Do more than just come to worship. Join the choir or Philharmonics, be an usher or worship leader. There will even be opportunities to help plan worship.

Study

Two bible studies begin in September, and another will begin later this fall.

Mission

Crosswinds always has mission projects, and will need extra help with Family Promise coming.

Fellowship

Stick around after worship, or even help with the refreshments. Come for breakfast on Tuesday mornings. There will be pot-lucks, family nights and the Fall Festival. Get involved, and you will make new friends.

2. Invite your friends.

Religious involvement and meaningful relationships is a great formula for happier people. Share that opportunity with others.

May your joy be complete.

Michael

*Quotes from "Study: Happiness is having friends at Church," USA TODAY, December 12, 2010



Thanks to Pam Winn 01-04-2010
BRING FRIENDS TO CHURCH DAY IS SUPER EASY FOR ME ... ALL I NEED IS MY LAPTOP



Looking Ahead:

Crosswinds Selected to Participate in the U.S. Congregational Life Survey



We Need You in Worship September 25!

Crosswinds has been selected to participate in the largest and most representative survey of worshipers ever conducted in the United States. Our responses will be combined with those of worshipers in many other congregations to provide an accurate picture of worshipers in the United States.

The survey will be distributed during the worship service on September

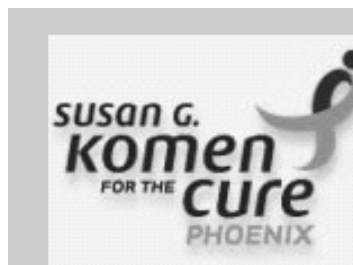
25. There will be time set aside during the service for worshipers to fill out the survey (So you don't have to come early or stay late!) Every worshiper who is at least fifteen years old should take part in the survey.

Our congregation will receive a summary of the responses of our worshipers. The summary will provide a profile showing who we are, our religious backgrounds, and our involvement in the congregation's activities and ministries. In addition, we'll see how our responses compare to a national picture of all congregations. This is a tremendous opportunity and normally a survey like this would cost a congregation hundreds of dollars. And we are getting it free of charge.

So, please make every effort to be in worship on September 25th!



"Please, Ma'am — I'm running out of paper!"



Sunday, October 9

Contact Laverne Nelson for details
(602)569-6217 or lavernerose@cox.net.

Crosswinds Fall Festival

Our annual Fall Festival is October 22! This has been such a successful community outreach that we want to make it bigger and better. Anyone who has ideas for the Festival and would like to help, please contact the church office.

Church Yard Sale

It's not too soon to start thinking about the Church Yard Sale. Be sure to save items that can be donated to our yard sale in November. If you no longer have room for it, we can store it here. Give the office an call and we'll set up a time for you to bring it in.



September 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 10:30am Worship 11:30am Congregational Meeting	5 LABOR DAY	6 7am Prayer Brkfst	7 10am Bible Study 5pm Philharmonics 6pm WaC	1 2	3 10 17	
11 9am Choir 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	12 LABOR DAY	13 7am Prayer Brkfst 10am Lend-a-Hand	14 Treasure Box Deadline 10am Bible Study 5pm Philharmonics 6pm WaC	15 16 17 Presbytery at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	
18 2 Cents/Meal 9am Choir 10:30am Worship Family Promise Potluck Dinner	19 LABOR DAY	20 7am Prayer Brkfst	21 10am Bible Study 5pm Philharmonics 6pm WaC 7:45 Committee Mtg	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	11am-Noon Treasure Box Pick Up 6pm Potluck 7pm Family Game Night
25 9am Choir 10:30am Worship Life Survey	26 LABOR DAY	27 7am Prayer Brkfst 7pm Ladies Prayer at Heritage Presbyterian 6:30pm Cub Scouts	28 10am Bible Study 5pm Philharmonics 6pm WaC 7:45 Sessions	29 30	30 7:30pm Softball 8:30pm softball	

Hang this calendar on your refrigerator so you don't miss a thing!

September Birthdays

Alyse Zatorski
Ann Lau
Charli Groen
Ina Redd
Janet Berg
Jennifer Reed



Joyce Harkness
Mary Price
Douglas Burton
Matthew Morehouse
Patricia Gates
Richard Campbell



Shane Groen
Sherri Helle
Tom Brock
Rick Splitstone
Steve Randell



The ladies of the church are invited to attend a quiet & meditative evening to be



Refreshed in the Spirit

Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m.

To R.S.V.P or for more information call: 602-938-7063
Heritage Presbyterian Church, 5830 W. Greenbriar Dr., Glendale
(one block north of Bell Rd. on the east side of 59th Ave.)

The Treasure Box

Deadline to order **September 14**
Delivery **September 24, 11-12:30**

The following is an excerpt of a letter from Treasure Box.



Dear Treasure Box Friends,

With heavy hearts, we must share...that...September will be the last month that Treasure Box will be serving communities.

Our goal from the onset has always been to serve with 3 E's: Excellence, Executable and Exceeding Expectations. Once we recognized we could no longer continue to do that, we realized that The Treasure Box's season of service had reached its end. Although we are profoundly sad because we love our partners and YOU our customers, it is time to say goodbye.

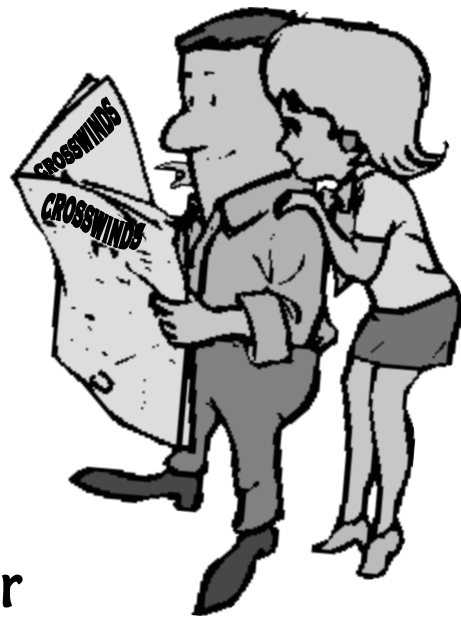
This month, September, will be our final distribution. Our last order deadline will be September 14th, with our final distribution on Saturday, September 24th. We will only accept online orders for September, as it will be on a first come, first served basis. If you need to pay with cash, please contact your local host site to see if they can facilitate your purchase.

We're adding extra value to our boxes this month for you, our loyal customers. Instead of selling off our inventory to institutions, we'd rather put those extra items into the boxes and provide you with the best value possible to thank you for your faithfulness. In addition, we'll be putting some "bonus" items that aren't listed on the menu into our regular monthly Treasure Box as another token of our appreciation. Don't forget to order early since some of the boxes might not last Thank you again, Treasure Box friends! It has been a privilege and honor to serve you these past 3 years!

Warmest Regards,

Steve Guy & Marianne Richards
Executive Director & Regional Manager

WHAT'S GOING ON AT CROSSWINDS



With September Comes Our Fall Schedule Here at Crosswinds

With that we have many opportunities to enhance your family life, study life and service life. We look forward to seeing you involved in our Fall Schedule!

On Tuesday, Sept 6 at 7am you are invited to join us at the **Morning Prayer Breakfast.**



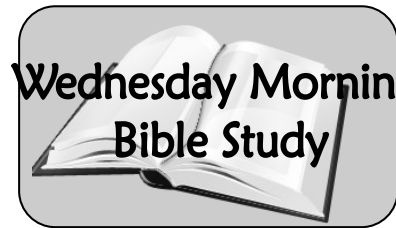
We meet at the church and enjoy breakfast, fellowship, a devotion and prayer together.

We welcome anyone who is available on Tuesday mornings to join us.

Our **Choir** is starting up again as well. They practice at **9:00am on Sunday mornings.** New voices are always welcome. Feel free to come to rehearsal and give us a "test drive". You will get a real blessing praising God with the choir.

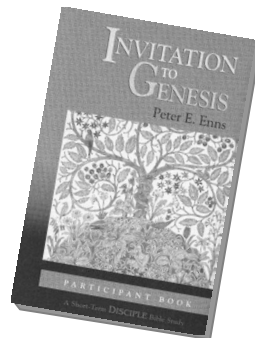


Wednesday Morning Bible Study



We welcome you to join

our **Wednesday Morning Bible Study.** We meet in the Hospitality Room at **10am.** Our study will be an "Invitation to Genesis". A \$10 donation for the book is appreciated, but not required.



The **Philharmonics** have moved their rehearsal time to **Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:00.**

Join us
Saturday, September 24
Family Game Night!



We'll meet at 6pm for a Potluck dinner and at 7pm, the fun will begin. Daniel always has great things planned, and this month will be no different.

This is an excellent, non threatening way to introduce your friends to Crosswinds. Bring them along and let them see how fun and easy it is to get to know people. So, pack up the family and bring the neighbors to Family fun Night!



Wednesday, Sept. 7, Wednesdays at Crosswinds returns! WaC begins with dinner at 6:00pm, followed by studies for all ages at 6:30pm.

The meal is usually simple but always nutritional and a perfect time for fellowship before the classes begin. This is an important part of the body life of the church as well as your individual spiritual growth and we encourage everyone to invest their time here each **Wednesday at Crosswinds.**

(Activities are finished by 8:30 so you make it home for homework or CSI)



Lend A Hand meets monthly September through June and is open to all the women of the church. Although their primary project is providing **We Care Packets*** for distribution, they are active in many areas in the life of the church.

Their next meeting will be September 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Stay tuned for upcoming events like **Sock-It-To-Me Sunday** where we will collect all the new socks you bring in and add those to the We Care Packets.

If you have time and ideas to share, Lend A Hand would love to have you join this group of helpful ladies. Call DeEtta Burgess for more information.

**We Care Packets contain socks, washcloths, bars of soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, conditioner and combs. They are given to Operation Care Food Bank and homeless shelters in the Valley for those in need.*

Adult Study

Presbyterian Theology in Six Weeks!

It's impossible to understand theology in six weeks (or I wouldn't have spent 4 years in Seminary—and still don't fully comprehend it all). But, we can cover some of the basics like -How do Presbyterians understand; the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Church? So com join us every Wednesday at 6:30. **Michael**