



St. David's Page

"We Are One in the Spirit"

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July in the desert. Wind. Heat. Cool beautiful early mornings. Cool late evenings. Lizards scampering around, doing pushups. Some with their tails chopped off. Roadrunners. Morning Doves cooing. Cooing. Canyon wrens with their sharp whistles. Canyons and coyotes. Spiky plants, spiky to conserve water. People on the water, in the water, drinking water. And church. Here we are on the "holy curve". I like that phrase better than church row because it reminds me that we part of the arc of a story and that we are part of the wonder of this round world. The arc of our story, is that we have been given a cup of cold water to slake our thirst by God. The continuing arc of the story is that we are asked to give others, who are thirsty, a drink of cold water on a hot, dry, dusty day here in the desert of the Grand Circle. A compassionate cup of clean cold water. Literally and metaphorically, this is the work of the church. To accept it from Jesus in our own lives. And to give it to those who ask. Simple. Not always easy. But simple.

Blessings to you all this July.

Your interim,

Pastor Jeff

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Food Pantry Sunday

The first Sunday of the month, **July 3**, is the day when we collect offerings for the food pantry. In July, our collection day falls on **Independence Day** weekend. Think how great it would be if everyone was independent from hunger! In August, Food Pantry Sunday is **August 7** just when some of us might be getting tired of zucchini every night. If you have an abundance of fresh produce at any time, think about sharing it with the Food Bank.



Canned tuna and other forms of protein and canned vegetables are a good contribution. Canned meats, chili mixes and even tortillas come to mind. Meal mixes and ramen noodles are always a good choice, since they can be combined with whatever meat we have on hand. And cereal is still needed, especially healthy but kid friendly cereal.

If you have some time on your hands during the summer, and would like to help out at the Food Bank, let us know. We always need people to help with unloading deliveries or to fill in when someone is off.

Service of Healing and Forgiveness

*This year has been a tough year in Page and the surrounding community. Over the winter, there were a number of suicides which shocked the community. Recently, the community has experienced two deaths by gunshot, along with several injuries all associated with violent incidents. Leaders in the Page community are planning a Service of Healing and Forgiveness. The ecumenical service is open to everyone in the community. It will take place on **Tuesday, July 5 at City Park, beginning at 7 pm.** Mayor Bill Diak will speak, Cathy Gomez will play music and area clergy will participate. Organizers hope that this service will help many in the community address this latest onslaught of violence and death in our community.*

Bike and Build Returns

Once again, we will host the **Bike and Build Group on July 9.** These kids, mostly in their 20's, spend significant time raising money and biking across America stopping to work with Habitat for



Humanity. Our group runs the hottest route, across the south and southwest, working in New Orleans, Dallas, Farmington and Yuba City, CA. Over two plus months, they will log 3500 miles. We have offered to feed them lunch on July 9th as they bike through Page on a shortened day. In turn, they will share their stories of being on the road and their background and goals. If you were here for last year's group, you know these are pretty amazing people with great stories to tell. Pastor Jeff and John Crowther are organizing the lunch, but they can use some help. Please let them know if you can help.



Youth Group Returns!

Youth group is a gathering of the youth in grades 6-12 at St. David's. We meet on Tuesday nights from 6-8, share a meal, learn a little and have fun. After a brief break in June while youth and leaders took some time off, the group will begin meeting again on **July 12**. Leaders Lynne Hoffman and Jefferson Henry have been working on new programs for the kids.

Youth group is a time to learn about what is right while still having fun. Come join us on Tuesday evenings.



French Children's Choir in July

Last summer, Martine and Francis Bardot visited our church. They were impressed with our community and later contacted Mary McDonald about doing a concert here during their 2011 tour. To make a long story short, they will be here **July 17-19** for a visit and concert, then head to Kanab for a concert there.

If you heard the Phoenix Boys Choir in May, then you know how good and how much fun these concerts can be. Francis Bardot's Children's Choir is based in Paris, France and composed of two equal groups of boys and girls who can sing together or separately according to the repertoire. As pupils of the Conservatoire whose former director was and still is their conductor, they get individualized musical and vocal training.

The Children's Choir is a significant part of Parisian musical life and performs with famous orchestras. Each summer they go on a tour which

has taken them all around the world.



We are looking for families who are interested in hosting 2 or more children for the three days that the choir is in town. This choir consists of 48 boys and girls with 12 chaperones. The children must be placed in pairs. The host families should provide breakfast each day for their guests and a sack lunch for them to take on the outings for the day. Community dinners for the choir and host families will be potluck style with each night having a different theme.

To show their appreciation to the host families, the Choir will offer a complimentary performance for the host families and members of the community on the evening of **Monday, July 18**, at St. David's beginning at 7 pm. The concert will be preceded by a potluck dinner for all host families and choir members.

If you are interested in hosting a pair of these truly talented children while they are in town, please contact Lynne Hoffman at "joeylynne@gmail.com" or 928-660

Women's Night Out In august

After a short break, the women of St. David's will meet again at the home of Frances Cline on Friday, August 12. This is a chance for all women in the St. David's community to get together for food and fellowship. The conversation flows from what's going on in our lives, to books read, funny stories and whatever comes up. Details to come.

Meet any time after 6:30 pm on August 12th at France's home at 49 Cheryl Court, off Village Dr. Bring your favorite summer dish to share and prepare to relax. If you have an activity or idea for a get-together, please let Jody or Connie know. We're always up for new entertainment.



Search Committee Report

The Search Committee has been hard at work, reviewing the results of the Holy Cow survey, and the information from our Town Meetings in May. The next step is developing a picture of our parish – who we are, where we are, and where we would like to go. Once completed and approved by everyone, the profile will be part of our request for applicants for a new rector. We hope that parishioners will share any thoughts or ideas about what should be included.

As always, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.