

# Circuit Rider

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## *It's Shoebox Time... We have 100 boxes to fill for Operation Christmas Child!*

Missions has started collecting items for "Operation Christmas Child," our shoebox ministry. We have 100 shoeboxes to fill! What goes in is fun...what



*A package sent from our church made its way to a 3-year-old boy in the Philippines, whose mother sent us photos via Facebook.*

comes out is eternal. 124-million children around the world have received a shoebox of gifts and the message of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It has been over 20 years since Samaritan's Purse began delivering Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to share the true meaning of Christmas with children around the world. These boxes have been delivered to 150 countries. Millions of children have heard the Gospel through local church partners

and have trusted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Our church just received a letter from a child in the Philippines who received one of our shoeboxes. It says, "Hello this is my love letter for all before anything else, I just wanna say have a warm bless day. I'm so very happy and thankful for the school supplies that you gave us. It's a big-big help for me and the other students here. We're so very thankful that you all come into our life even if we didn't already meet each other but still we're connected and we feel your love." signed, Kristine Cabalo.

This is exactly how the letter was written. If you would like to read the entire letter, the Missions Team will have it on display in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Come share this

ministry with us. **The collection end date is November 20.** We will have information on what items go in the shoeboxes and how you can help with the processing costs.

Let's not forget our local missions: We feed the women at the Watkins Shelter the first Sunday of the month. We could use more help from church members... driving the van, preparing the food, and serving. We will also take donations of turkeys or ham. Missions will prepare and serve these at the Watkins Shelter.

You have always stepped up and made our Missions such a success. In this time of Thanksgiving we would like to say thank you for your donations of food, time, and money. May God bless you during this holiday season!



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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm; closed Friday at 1:00 pm

### Sunday Schedule

8:00 am (Lay-led Communion) • 9:00 am Worship • 11:11 am Worship

10:10 am Sunday School Classes for all ages

Rev. Kim Gladding, Senior Pastor



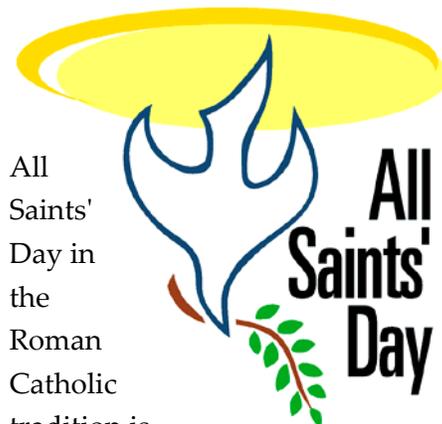
### HoneyBaked® Gift Cards

Honey Baked Gift Cards are now available! They have no expiration and they come with a \$5 coupon. They can be used to purchase anything in the HoneyBaked Store

(there is one at 51st and Olive), or they can be used online.

They have a large selection of food items such as cakes, sandwiches, ribs, whole turkeys, turkey breast, ham, etc. Gift cards are sold in denominations of \$25 or above, and the church will receive 20% of all sales.

See Ted Turner, David or Shelley Mosley to purchase. If paying by check, make it out to First United Methodist Church or FUMC.



All Saints' Day in the Roman Catholic tradition is

celebrated every year on the first day of November. This special day was known as *All Hallows* or *Hallowmas*, which comes from the root words *hallows* meaning *saints* and *mas* meaning *Mass*. The night before All Saints' Day, Halloween, is also known as the *Vigil* or *Eve of All Hallows*. This casts a little different light on Halloween, a night many dress up in costumes, some which are a little scary, and go out and collect a year's supply of candy.

United Methodists often designate the first Sunday in November as All Saints' Sunday, and on this Sunday we remember members/participants of our church and our families who have died in the past year. Their names will be called as a candle burns in their memory. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the lives of those who have gone on before us, and remember how they have touched our lives in some significant way.

## ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT FUMC

*First United Methodist Church of Glendale  
Fellowship Hall Fireside Area*

**November 17 Dementia Conversations (10:00-11:00 am)**

This workshop addresses the challenges associated with communication. It can be helpful for you to understand what changes may occur over time so you can prepare and make adjustments.

**Holiday Tips (11:00 am—12:00 pm)**

Holidays can be difficult for family and friends, as well as the person with dementia. This workshop offers helpful ideas for dealing with the holidays.

*No charge to attend. Registration is required.  
For registration or questions, please call 602.528.0545.*

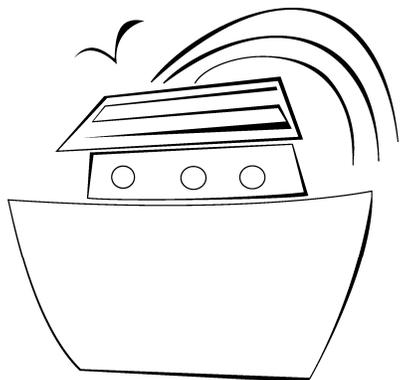
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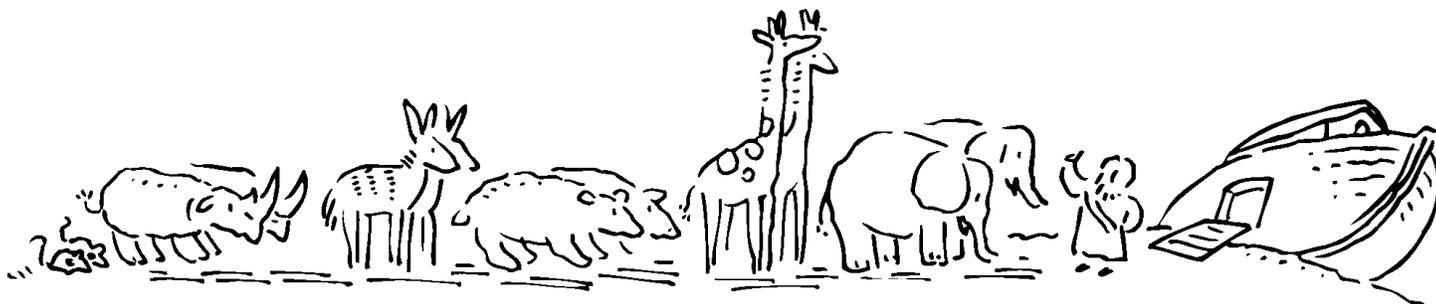
## NOAH'S PRAYER

—a group poem by the Glendale First United Methodist Church's Memoirs Class



The Ark is noisy, Lord.  
The pounding of the rain, buzzing of insects...  
And the big noises—  
Trumpeting, roaring, mooing,  
Growling, barking, mewling, howling—  
They never stop.  
With each squeak of the ropes and boards,  
The walls seem to close in.  
How much longer, Lord?  
I'm bored and restless  
And worried, too.  
Do we have enough food?  
Will we ever see land?  
Everything is in Your hands, Lord.  
Help me to believe.

The Memoirs Class meets the second Friday of the month in Room 101 at 10:00 a.m. We'd love to have you join us! No writing experience is necessary. For information, call Shelley Mosley, 623-939-5469.



### ***Retirement Celebration for Lucy Fricker***

Please join us Sunday, November 1 during coffee hour to celebrate Lucy Fricker's and her 11-year ministry in the Brad Riner Assistance Office. Lucy is retiring as of October 31 and she will be greatly missed. Make sure to mark your calendars for November 1st; we will gather in Fellowship Hall between services for cake and other festivities honoring Lucy.

## News and Notes

For more information, contact the church office 623-939-1409, or [office@glendalefirstumc.com](mailto:office@glendalefirstumc.com)



## We Give Thanks to God! Thanksgiving Potluck Sunday, November 22

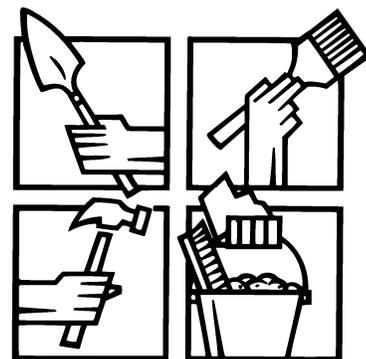
All are invited to attend our church's Thanksgiving celebration potluck that will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 pm. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Turkey will be provided.

Signup sheets will be in Fellowship Hall on Sundays in November to indicate what dish you will bring.

Volunteers are needed to cook the turkeys on Saturday, November 21; call Jeremiah Staats at 623-204-3650, or the church office if you can help with this. Servers will also be needed as well as a cleanup crew on Sunday.

## Work Day November 7

The trustees are having a work day on Saturday, November 7 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and we need your help. We plan to clean the classroom doors, paint the benches in front of the sanctuary and on the patio, as well as the wood on the planters in front of the church. Indoors, we would like to oil and clean the wood in the sanctuary.



We would like to know how many are coming so we can have enough supplies. Please call Kathy at 623-934-2161, or Frank at 623-877-1431. We will have coffee and donuts, and have fun while we work on God's house, so come on down!

Thank You -  
Kathy Epp, Trustees

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule for November

**November 1: 23rd Sunday After Pentecost, All Saints' Day**  
*The Greatest Things: Knowing and Being Known*  
Read: Jeremiah 1:5; John 17:1-3

**November 8: 24th Sunday After Pentecost**  
*The Greatest Things: Giving and Receiving*  
Read: Mark 12:41-44; Luke 6:38

**November 15: 25th Sunday after Pentecost**  
*The Greatest Things: Loving and Being Loved*  
Read: 1 John 4:7-11; I Corinthians 13:1-7

**November 22: Christ the King, Thanksgiving Sunday**  
*The Greatest Things: Serving God and Serving Others*  
Read: John 12:25-26; Galatians 5:13

**November 29: First Sunday of Advent**  
*Confusion, Fainting and Anxiety? Your Redemption is Near!*  
Read: Luke 21:25-26, 28, 34-36

### Report from the United Methodist Women

Our October Unit meeting was well attended. The nominating committee presented our slate of officers for 2016; all positions have been filled! A big thank you to the nominating committee and blessings to all who agreed to hold positions, it's going to be an exciting upcoming year for UMW.

The Central West District United Methodist Women's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Phoenix; twelve of us from Glendale 1<sup>st</sup> attended.

The Christmas Tea, renamed the Margie Connell Tea for this year, will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Tickets will go on sale mid-November. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 & under. I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend this lovely event.

All the new dishes have been washed and put away in the cupboards in the back by the dishwasher. A new tablecloth rack has been purchased and should assist us with storing and moving tablecloths.

Wishing you a beautiful Thanksgiving; may we all remember the blessings and joys we receive every day. We have so much to be thankful for.

*Connie Weaver*, President

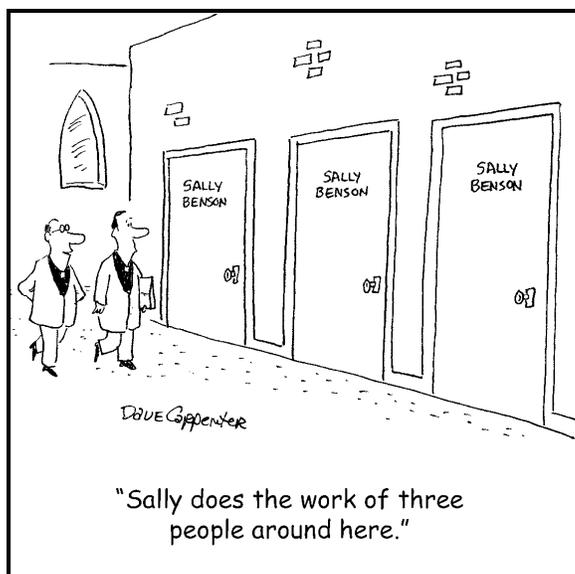
*He will yet fill  
your mouth with  
laughter  
and your lips  
with shouts of  
joy.*  
Job 8:21



### Let's appreciate each other!

When was the last time you acknowledged the work that someone did at church? If the person is looking for you to donate something or give some money, thank them for their efforts on our behalf even if you have nothing to give at the moment. If the person is performing a service at the church, tell them you appreciate

their efforts. If the person is providing moral support or offering to pray for you or a cause, share your concern and thank them for giving you the opportunity. Finally, if a person or group is performing for the enrichment of the church service, let them know you appreciate their work, their efforts and their interest in sharing their abilities and talents with everyone else. It has been a long time since I heard anyone say thanks to the groups I work with. I know they work hard, have a great desire to do well and would appreciate your acknowledging saying something nice. I'm certain that other volunteers would feel the same.



*Larry Del Rae*, Music Director

## ***The Greatest Things...***

What are the *Greatest Things* in life? My first thought, there are so many it would be difficult to say which are the greatest! I treasure my relationships. Most important being my partner and spouse, Sandy, along with my daughters, grandsons, and certainly friends--*the family we choose*—are high on my *Greatest Things* list. How about the human body, including the amazing capacity of our brain? Because of it, the beautiful places I've visited in my life continue bringing peace and release during a few moments of personal meditation. These are just a few of my *Greatest Things*.

An old song from camp and college days (*The Greatest Thing*) comes to mind as I ponder the *Greatest Things* in life:

*The Greatest Thing in all my life is knowing you. (2x)*

*I want to know you more, want to know you more.*

*The greatest thing in all my life, is knowing you.*

*The greatest thing in all my life is loving you. (2x)*

*I want to love you more, love you more.*

*The greatest thing in all my life, is loving you.*

*The greatest thing in all my life is serving you. (2x)*

*I want to serve you more, serve you more.*

*The greatest thing in all my life, is serving you.*

It makes perfect sense to me that *The Greatest Things* in life are simple and basic. Perhaps this is why Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3 NIV) As adults, we tend to worry more about achieving something great, having enough and getting what we want. Yet the *Greatest Things: Knowing, Loving and Serving*, and I add *Giving*, are more life-giving than anything else in life. Striving after these four things will make every aspect of our lives *Greater*. I offer two examples from my life:

I love to cook! (I also like to eat!) But the greatest joy of cooking comes when the food I've prepared is shared with someone else! The same is true in my *Giving*. I find joy in *Giving*. And when the gift is a blessing to someone, gives relief or release to another, and changes the world in some way, my joy intensifies!

During the first four weeks of November we'll have the opportunity to think on *The Greatest Things* in life: *Knowing, Loving, Serving and Giving*. It makes perfect sense that *The Greatest Things* are integrated in the vows of church membership. As members, we are asked, "will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" These vows of church membership, when lived fully, are a blessing in our lives. This is why Jesus (*the Way, Truth and Life*) promises *Abundant Life* to all who believe and follow him. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10 NRSV)

What are *The Greatest Things* in your life? Strive to *Know* God more, to *Love* God and Neighbor in the same way Jesus loves you, to *Serve* God and others, and *Give* as God gives to you; and you will experience *Abundance* in life.

Striving with you, to live faithfully,





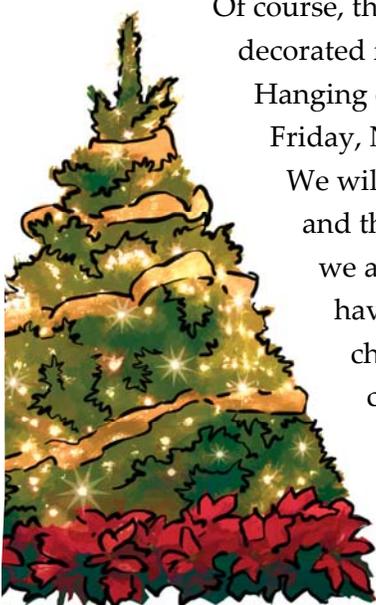
### **Glendale Glitters Hosts Needed**

Glendale Glitters, downtown Glendale’s award-winning holiday lighting event, begins November 29. The festival, which

includes over 1.5 million lights, attracts thousands of people to the downtown area, and has become a holiday family tradition.

We will have our sanctuary open to the public during Glendale Glitters as a community outreach. Fridays and Saturdays, November 27 through December 19, we set up outside the church at 6:30 pm and finish at 9:00 pm. In the sanctuary, we will have a variety of concerts, including the Christmas Cantata, during these weekends (see list of performances at right. There’s a lot going on during the Glitters evenings; if you would like to volunteer, contact Shelley Mosley or the church office 623-939-1409.

### **Hanging of the Greens**



Of course, the sanctuary needs to be decorated for all the festivities!

Hanging of the Greens will be Friday, November 27 at 9:00 am.

We will decorate the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. After we are done, we will be having lunch—soup and chili. **Everyone** in our church is encouraged to join us for this wonderful time of fellowship and fun!

### **“Glendale Glitters”**

Our Sanctuary will be open during the “Glendale Glitters” festival Friday and Saturday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Stop by to enjoy wonderful Christmas music in our historic church. Performances and dates are listed below:

**Friday, November 27**

*Caroling Sing-a-long*

**Saturday, November 28**

*Caroling Sing-a-long*

**Friday, December 4**

*Guillermo Saenz*

*“Una Voz Ye Una Guitarra”*

**Saturday, December 5**

*The Choirs of Phoenix College*

*Kenny Miller, Director*

**Friday, December 11**

*Desert Overture, 40 Piece Band*

*Artistic Director: Scott Helms*

**Saturday, December 12**

*Echoes of Praise Worship Band*

**Friday, December 18**

*Children’s Program*

**Saturday, December 19**

*Christmas Cantata*

*First Glendale Chancel Choir*





- All Saints' Day, November 1**
- Church Conference, November 3**
- Trustees Work Day, November 7**
- Thanksgiving Potluck, November 22**
- Hanging of the Greens, November 27**
- 1st Sunday of Advent, November 29**
- UMW's Christmas Tea, December 5**
- Glendale Glitters Weekends, Nov 27-28, Dec 4-5, Dec 11-12, Dec 18-19, Jan 9**

Deadline for the December Newsletter is November 14. Your items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm.  
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