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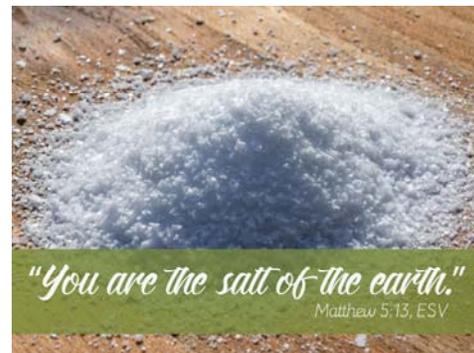
Salt of the Earth...

Salt is one of those items in our kitchen cupboard that I take for granted. I think because it is so easy to get—just a quick jaunt to the grocery store and there it is, in that large cylinder, enough to last a year or more! It's easy to find and lasts a long time. Unlike nutritional yeast (which I have sprinkled on popcorn since my college days), salt is something I always forget about until the day I open the cupboard and the blue cylinder is nowhere in sight—or worse yet, empty. Mind you, I most likely am the one guilty for emptying it and not putting it on the list. This never happens between the months of October and May, when my mother is with us.

The definition of “taking something (or someone) for granted,” according to Robert Charles Lee, a British guy who defines idioms

like this (and other American/English terms you may not be too interested in) has four possible meanings. First, “to consider something as true or real” without checking into it. Second, “to underestimate the value of [a] person or thing.” Third, “to not show you are grateful when someone helps you or [is] with you.” And fourth, “to expect something [will] always [be] available.” Mr. Lee suggests many Americans take for granted hot water. (see <https://www.quora.com/What-does-taken-for-granted-mean>).

I'm certain Jesus could care little about any of this...but he is interested in our impact on the world. Ironically, salt was NOT taken for granted in ancient times, but was considered of high value to the Hebrews, Greeks, the Chinese, Hittites and other ancient peoples. (see <https://>



en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_salt). This is most likely why Jesus chose salt as a metaphor when talking to the masses in the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 5:13, Jesus tells his followers and anyone listening that they are “the salt of the earth.” This is especially significant to those listening to him, for salt was an important commodity! Jesus was telling the people that they were valuable.

We sometimes forget how important we are when it comes to sharing the gospel and the good news

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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am—12:00 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

Take pART and Paint for a Cause!

Our youth group is sponsoring a Paint for a Cause on Feb 19th to raise funds to help the hungry. The cost is \$35/painter, which includes: 16"x20" canvas, aprons, brushes, paint, palettes, napkins, an instructor, etc. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall no later than 1:30pm to check-in and enjoy snacks, drinks (alcohol not permitted on church campus), and fellowship. We will be painting from 2pm—4pm. No experience is necessary! All skill levels are welcome! Please register and pay prior to the event to ensure we have enough supplies. Registration ends Feb 12th.

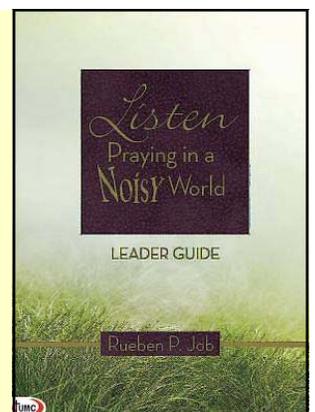


For more information on this event, 30 Hour Famine, and/or our youth group activities, please contact Karen at (623) 297-8738.

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Six Week Lenten Study Fridays at 10:00 am

Judy Cleaveland will be leading a Lenten book study beginning Friday, March 3, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Fireside area of Fellowship Hall. The book, *"Listen: Praying in a Noisy World"* by Ruben P. Job, is a 40-day experience created to offer help to those new to prayer, those with a daily prayer routine, and those whose lives seem too busy to pray. With a focus on listening prayer and prayer as a two-way conversation, the experience will assist individuals and groups in building and deepening a personal prayer practice and spiritual discernment. See Judy or call the office to register for this study.



February Prayer Focus

Let us remember that Jesus is our way and our light and not get brought down by the ways of the world. I really like this prayer and encourage everyone to incorporate it in your prayer time.

—Judy Cleaveland

From the UMW 2017 Prayer Calendar:

Loving God, we pray for all those who are held down by misunderstanding, by prejudice, by indifference, by hatred, by ignorance, by the past, by dread of change, by fear of the future, by fear of fear, by the conflict among people and nations, and by our wanton, wasteful and careless lifestyles. Teach us, O God, the ways of Jesus. Grant that we may see again or see for the first time ever so that we may follow Jesus on the road. Let our faith give birth to transformation within the depths of our lives and in the very midst of our churches and communities. Set free the captive in us. Let us soar. Let us fly. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Salt of the Earth...

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that Jesus made so real. **YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH!** In other words, our actions, our words, our responses to what's happening in our world are vitally important to God and to the human community.

We must NOT take our role in establishing God's Kingdom for granted. If (or whenever) we do, may these seemingly simple words of Jesus find their way into our hearts again... *You are the Salt of the Earth! You are a light for the world! Let your light shine...so they can see the good things you do and praise [God] who is in heaven.* (Matthew 5:13, 16 Common English Bible – revised)

Yours in the mission,



Worship Schedule for February 2017

Sunday, February 5

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Read: Matthew 5:13-17

Message: You Are the Salt of the Earth! (Rev. Kim Gladding)

Sunday, February 12

Boy Scout Sunday

Read: Luke 19:1-6

Message: Running Deep With Jesus (Rev. Buzz Stevens)

Sunday, February 19

7th Sunday after the Epiphany; Confirmation Sunday

Read: Matthew 5:38-48

Message: What We Hear About Love (Rev. Kim Gladding)

Sunday, February 26

Transfiguration Sunday

Read: Matthew 17:1-9

(Sherry Paddie, Director of Outreach & Nurture)

Church News and Notes

For more information, contact the church
office 623.939.1409 or
rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com

Confirmation Class to be Confirmed Feb 19, 2017

Several of our youth have been participating in Confirmation Classes since November. On February 19, those choosing to be confirmed will stand before us at the 9:00 am worship hour, giving thanks as they remember their baptisms and answer the historical questions of faith. I encourage you to show your support to our confirmands as they make this crucial decision in their lives. We are blessed to have watched them grow up in our midst, to have played a role in shaping their faith and serving alongside of them in the church. There will be an opportunity for you to personally congratulate following the 9:00 am worship hour in the Fellowship Hall.

The confirmation class will also be serving communion on Sunday, February 5.

Glendale Police Department

SHRED EVENT

**Sponsored by Cholla District Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff &
Sahuaro District Council Member Ray Malnar**

**February 11, 2017
8:00—11:00 am**

Foothills Library Parking Lot

19055 N. 57th Avenue

Glendale AZ 85308

57th Avenue just south of Uptopia Rd.

Five (5) Bankers Box Limit per Household

(Event may conclude early if trucks are full)

Lura Turner Homes Host 21st Annual Joyce Ridge Memorial High Tea

To Raise Funds For Adults With Developmental Disabilities

Lura Turner Homes will hold its 21st annual High Tea, Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 12:00 noon. It will be held at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, in the Social Hall at 8141 North 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ. The Program will be a ASU's A Capella group "Priority Male." Tea sandwiches, pastries, and tea will be served, and there will be a raffle held for gift baskets.

A non-profit agency, Lura Turner Homes provides residences and services for 30 adults with developmental and physical disabilities. All proceeds will be used to benefit the Lura Turner Homes with their programming, room and board, and transportation costs.

The cost of an individual ticket is \$30.00 with table sponsorships for 8 guests available at \$250.00. High Tea Sponsorships begin at \$250 (Table Sponsor); \$500 (Copper); \$1,000 (Silver); \$2,000 (Gold); \$3,000 (Platinum). For information and ticket reservations call: (602) 943-4789.

A New Church Council for 2017

On January 23, Church Council had its first meeting of the year. Church Council is our church leadership group and it has the responsibility for planning, implementing and evaluating the ministries in our church. Our United Methodist Book of Discipline gives the Church Council the following specific responsibilities:

- Plan and implement programs for nurture, outreach, and witness in the local church
- Provide for the administration of the church and its daily life
- Carry out the actions approved by the charge conference
- Meet at least quarterly
- Review the membership of the local church
- Fill interim vacancies among lay officers between charge conference meetings
- Recommend salary for pastor and staff, and pastor's housing to the charge conference after receiving recommendation from the pastor/parish relations committee (PPRC previously SPRC)
- Review the PPRC recommendation for the pastor's housing and report to the charge conference for approval

This year, our Church Council will be taking a look at our ministries from the viewpoint of being a house in our neighborhood. We are responsible for God's house and we have ministries that reach out to people passing by on our sidewalk, ministries for those who come to our "front porch" for brief visits, and other ministries to welcome people into our church family and encourage them to grow in their faith and become disciples of Christ. We also participate in ministries around the world through our apportioned giving.

Our leadership team for 2017, as voted on at charge conference last October:

Senior Pastor:	Kim Gladding	Worship Chair:	Linda Hardesty
Church Council Chair:	Rosie Miller	Education Chair:	Lisa Sanchez
Lay Leader:	Paul Cleaveland	Missions Chair:	Gail Dameron
Church Council Secretary:	Kathy Epp	Historical Co-Chairs:	Erma Garling & Art Boglio
PPRC Co-Chairs:	David Mosley & Marcia Lawson	Youth Member:	Shay Lynn Paddie
Finance Chair:	Ted Turner	United Methodist Women:	Eva Ndavu
Co-Treasurers:	David Mosley & Rosie Miller	United Methodist Men:	Jeremiah Staats
Trustees Chair:	(To be selected by Trustees)	Girl Scout Coordinator:	Cindy Chrisman
		Small Group Coordinator:	Judy Cleaveland
		Church & Society Chair:	Shelley Mosley

Members at Large:	Jo-Anne Heiner('17) Antonio Chibinda ('18) ('19 is vacant) John Adoo ('17) Vernell Bootz ('18) ('19 is vacant)
Lay Members to Annual Conf.:	Rosie Miller & David Mosley
Alt. Lay Members to Annual Conf.:	Linda Triolo and Azzie Turner
Staff Members:	Sherry Paddie, Director of Outreach and Nurture; Karen Render, Youth Leader; Rebecca Curless, Church Business Manager

Church Council meets the 4th Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

30-Hour Famine **February 24-25, 2017**



What is 30 Hour Famine? Every year, hundreds of thousands of students in the US – and thousands more around the world – unite

through World Vision's 30-Hour Famine to feed hungry children and families. Our youth group will be fasting together for 30 hours February 24-25. In addition to asking for donations to help fight hunger, we will be participating in activities and challenges such as a poverty simulation, trek challenge, bible study, and community service.

- **Hunger Fact #1** – In 2014, 16,000 children younger than 5 died every day – most from preventable causes. It's estimated that nearly half of these deaths were tied to hunger. That's about one every 10 seconds. Most of these kids died not from starvation, but from malnutrition – meaning too long without the right kind of food. Eating just enough to stay alive weakened their bodies so much that disease could strike the final blow.
- **Hunger Fact #2** – Worldwide, 795 million people – about one in nine – are chronically hungry. That's nearly 2.5x the population of the United States. Many families depend entirely on what they can grow, so they're never more than one natural or manmade disaster away from hunger.
- **Hunger Fact #3** – Nearly one in 10 people live on less than \$1.90 per day.

There are three ways funds raised help: 1) emergency response; 2) recovery (helping in the wake of crisis); and 3) long-term development. Over more than sixty years, World Vision has learned that the best way to fight hunger is to give families the tools they need to put food on their own tables year-round. Their goal for children and families is food security. That means they can be confident about where their next meal is coming from – and that they get enough nutritious food to live an active, healthy life. Specifically, this means that the funds raised will help World Vision:

- Teach parents improved farming techniques
- Equip families to grow healthier, more abundant crops and livestock
- Provide access to clean water for nutritious harvests
- Run malnutrition centers when there's a food crisis
- Distribute emergency food supplies when there's a disaster

How you can help... There are several ways to help and the big one is to donate. We will also be asking for volunteers to help out as well as keep us (and all those participating around the world) in your prayers. If you are interested in participating and/or volunteering, please see Karen Render.

For more information and to donate online, you can check out the website at <http://youth.worldvision.org/participant/Glendale1stYouth>

The Education Committee invites you to an
ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

Sunday, February 12, 2017
 12:30 p.m. (after 11:11 am service)



Please come and learn about our new
 project with Heifer International.
 Beverage and tableware provided

Gratitude

Duet deeply appreciates your faith community, and every Duet volunteer, for helping our interfaith nonprofit offer help and hope to people who are facing pressing challenges. Duet exists due to caring congregations and people who join forces to change lives. If you know family caregivers, grandparents raising grandchildren, and / or isolated elders who may need help, please tell them about Duet's free-of-charge, compassionate services. Please also consider helping a Duet "neighbor" who no longer can drive through friendly visits, grocery shopping, or rides to medical appointments. Attending a 2 ½ hour volunteer orientation will launch your gratitude-filled service. Volunteer, donate, or ask for help by calling 602-274-5022 or visiting duetaz.org. Thank you!



Duet
 Partners In Health & Aging



tacklehunger.org

On Sunday February 5, 2017, 175 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game! There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 5.

All donations will benefit the Brad Riner Assistance Office Food Pantry. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

The 9th annual Rock & Worship Roadshow, presented by Compassion International, is coming back to the Grand Canyon University Arena on Wednesday, March 22. See award-winning and chart-topping artists:

Steven Curtis Chapman · Francesca Battistelli
Rend Collective · Passion · Family Force 5
Jordan Feliz · along with Derek Minor and Urban Rescue

March 22, 2017, 7:00 pm
Grand Canyon University Arena, 3300 W. Camelback Rd

Buy tickets at <http://www.gcuarena.com/events/rock-worship-roadshow-2017/>



Note: The church office will be closed February 20th for Presidents Day.

Deadline for the March issue is February 12. Your items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm. email: office@glendalefirstumc.com fax: 623.236.9284

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