



Dove of the Desert

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“Increasing Love for God and Neighbor by Going Deeper, Reaching Farther, Transforming Lives”





## Buying a new house is expensive.

It's not just the actual loan, the closing payments, the movers, and the packing equipment that makes it expensive. After the actual move has taken place, there are often a whole list of items that need to be purchased to assist in the moving into the new house.

Take, for instance, a stud finder.

It's a simple tool really. You turn it on, put it on your walls, and figure out where the studs are behind the drywall. This then makes it easier to assess where to put nails or screws as you hang art, TVs, or anything else to the interior walls of your home. It's a time saver, and in some cases, it's essential in making sure you safely secure items around the house.

Trouble is though, sometimes after a move, you can't find your stud finder. You look in your tool bucket, your tool drawer, your toolbox, your tool pile, and your tool board, all to discover you can't find it. Without the proper tool, you can't do what you need to, and you end up stuck.

So you go to your closest locally owned hardware shop and you pick one up. Then you go home, start using it, and realize you didn't buy something else at the hardware store that you need. The cycle continues...

And while that is sometimes the case for us, some tools are harder to pick up than just going to a shop and grabbing an item off of a rack.

A tool like prayer or meditation isn't something in aisle three next to drywall screws. A developed sense of discernment isn't something that old gift card you got for Christmas last year can purchase. The discipline to hold our tongue (or Tweet) is not something next to the gum in the check-out line you can just throw in your cart. The practice of being fully present is not an Amazon Prime delivery. Listen, it would be amazing if any of these were the case, but these are the tools that come through the active participation in the life of the Kingdom of God.

The author of the letter Second Peter wrote these words in the opening to their correspondence,

*By his divine power the Lord has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of the one who called us by his own honor and glory. Through his honor and glory he has given us his precious and wonderful promises, that you may share the divine nature and escape from the world's immorality that sinful craving produces.*

*This is why you must make every effort to add moral excellence to your faith; and to moral excellence, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, endurance; and to endurance, godliness; and to godliness, affection for others; and to affection for others, love. If all these are yours and they are growing in you, they'll keep you from becoming inactive and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whoever lacks these things is shortsighted and blind, forgetting that they were cleansed from their past sins.*

*1 Peter 1:3-9 (CEB)*

The words here to the young movement of Christians is as true now as it was over two-thousand years ago; as we move in life, we must also make arrangements to develop the tools we need in our growth. One of the purposes of the Church has been to provide a collaborative way to experience and learn with one another, grounded in our faith, as we further become who God envisions we can be.

This fall, we will launch a number of groups, studies, and experiences that we hope will better develop your "tool kit." We want to have honest discussions about things that matter. We want to search the Word of God for direction, example, and inspiration. We will seek out the voices of love that encourage us and challenge us to do better. Why?

Because you deserve all of the tools that you need to navigate this life, and you need not do it alone.

I pray you will join us for our ministry and learning opportunities in this month, and in the fall season to come. I believe you will find it to be an investment that pays off in numerous ways, and, if NOTHING else, it will be fun! Watch for announcements this month about the launch of groups, studies, and other ways you can be an active part of the church.

Blessings on you in this new month!

Pastor Dave

Epilogue: Over this past weekend, I found my original stud finder. It was in Finn's toy box. Now I have two.



# 30th Anniversary Celebration

**Dove's 30th Anniversary ~ Hi!** You may remember that back in April, while Dove was busy being a church beyond our walls, we met and surpassed our 30th Anniversary goal of 30,000 hours of caring. It's been an amazing celebration of Dove being Dove!

We are blessed that 146 people volunteered 25,800 hours of caring and sharing of Dove's ministries. Let's celebrate the ministries that were gathered from the sharing/caring cards:

30th Anniversary Committee & Volunteers  
 Adult Education/Sunday School Teachers  
 Altar Arts  
 Bean Soup  
 Cantata  
 Nursery Support Volunteer  
 Children's Sunday School  
 Children's Christmas pageant  
 Youth Sunday School and activities  
 Church & Society  
 Church Council  
 Crafters  
 Caring Ministries

Evangelism  
 Finance  
 Missions Committee  
 Music Groups  
 Network update  
 Office Volunteer -Attendance  
 Praise Team  
 Prayers  
 Roof donation  
 Scrip Sales/Inventory  
 SPRC Committee  
 Trustees/Workdays/Helping Hands

Dove members and friends (134 persons) have been out-and-about in our community supporting 64 organizations by volunteering 6,213 hours of caring.

AARP Community Event  
 After the Bell Childcare  
 Assisted Living Home  
 Autistic Child  
 AZ Coalition of AZ Bicyclist  
 Banner Boswell Hospital  
 Battered Women's Shelter  
 Button Club  
 Community Organizations  
 Music Concerts  
 Deer Valley Band Parents  
 Desert Cove Elementary School  
 Desert Foothill New Horizon Band  
 Designated hosts  
 Duet  
 Earth keepers -Geneva Ministries  
 Faith keepers  
 Fall Funfest  
 Family Promise  
 Frontline Workers  
 Fun Fest  
 Harvest Compassion Center  
 Heard Museum Guild  
 Helping Hands  
 Helping Neighbors  
 Hope for Hunger Food Bank  
 Justa Center  
 LDS Xmas concert  
 Luke AFB  
 Maricopa Integrated Health Services  
 Monday Morning Music Group

National Police & Fire  
 Palomas Handbells  
 Pen Pal Prison Ministry  
 Peoria Stroke  
 Pet Ministry  
 Phoenix Open Volunteers  
 Phoenix Rescue Mission  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 Register to vote  
 Road Runner Library  
 Salvation Army  
 Seasons Sharing  
 Sewing Protective Masks (200)  
 Special Olympics  
 St Jude's  
 St Mary's Food Bank  
 Stitches Club at Bell Center  
 Sun City Concert Band  
 Sun City Fire & Medical  
 Sunday City Fire  
 Sweetwater & Roadrunner Elem School  
 Sweetwater Elementary 1st grade  
 Thrift Store Donations  
 UMCOR  
 UMOM  
 Updating Facebook/IT  
 Valley View  
 Visitation to Vet  
 Walk to Emmaus  
 World Communion

We have continued to be a caring church, being Christ's hands and feet in our community. Let's not stop the celebration! Let's continue to keep track of all we are doing to help those around us and celebrate it as the caring family we are. So, figure out the time or items you've donated - cards to shut ins, donations for Covid-19 workers or Family Promise, phone calls, zoom meetings, shopping for a neighbor, and more. Send the information via email to Peggy Burt at [mkburt2@att.net](mailto:mkburt2@att.net) or to the church office. #DoveisLove #CaringduringCovid19



## Pastor Louie

### “Random Thoughts”

As I began to think of what I wanted to share with you this month a whole lot of thoughts began flowing in my mind so here I go “unloading” my thoughts for whatever they are worth... Since the word Covid-19 came into being, our world has been tossed upside down. At first most of us were frightened but we saw that we were going to get through this with some “minor inconveniences.” (WRONG!) Our new normal has edged along far too long so with that in mind, I believe we need a “Real Education” on what is and is NOT important in life...

Early on the morning of August 3rd our dog Rocky got very sick, it came out of the blue. That morning I told Joyce I needed to call the Vet and see if we could get him in. They gave us an appointment for an hour and one-half later. That, dear ones, was a “Gut-Check” on what was important as a fear came upon us that maybe we were going to lose one very important to us, especially after we had to take him to an emergency Animal Hospital late that evening because of the pain he was in. Did Covid-19 mean anything to us at that point? No, only what we were focused in on is what mattered. What are you focused in on? Is it family, is it a job, is it school? I could go on with a long list but I am hoping that you are getting the idea. Whatever you focus in on is where your mind will be...

As we move forward in our life on this day, where is your focus? There are many that say they are depressed because their life is no longer the same, they have lost control and it is impossible to plan. Stop and think, did you really ever have control of what was going to happen and did all your plans always work out? I think we know that the answer again is, “NO”. So, if that is the case, how am I going to look at things as we move forward?

Joyce and I have learned to continue our friendships and time spent with friends and family on the Internet, on the telephone, not lamenting on how it used to be but enjoying what is NOW. Has God gone anywhere? No, God hasn't moved, but maybe we have moved a bit away from Him because we don't go to “His House” to worship on Sunday mornings. Dear Ones, our new normal is now either “YouTube,” Facebook or Zoom and we are blessed to Worship God right where we are now because God is present with us through His Holy Spirit as God always has been. I am not only worshipping at Dove of the Desert but at four other churches each Sunday through the Internet. I couldn't do that before. Well, since I am talking to myself here, I have just realized that I can once again begin to offer “Rob Sanders Saturday Morning Men's Prayer-Bible Breakfast” on a Saturday. This time through Zoom. We can fix some coffee and breakfast wherever we are if we choose to and just continue to meet through the Internet. It's a new world, the question is, “Are YOU going to join it or are you going to sit down, mope and be unhappy?”

One thing I do know is that God is present and is with us, if we but allow Him to guide us. As FDR once said, “We Have Nothing to Fear but Fear itself.” The Apostle Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Do you believe it? If so, let's get moving forward.  
Shalom, Louie



## Craft Bazaar

### CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Your talents are needed! All crafts and arts are welcome. Utilize your quarantine time to benefit your church. Dove's annual craft bazaar is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 and Sunday, November 15.

We have a Plan B if our church building is not yet open. If you have questions, call Doreen Borgmann, 602-859-0136, or Mary Patterson, 623-219-9679.





# Fellowship Opportunities

We will let you know when Fellowship Opportunities Resume



The **LUNCH BUNCH** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month for good food and fellowship. Please call: 623.931.4283 for reservations or information. Newcomers are always welcome! *(Currently not meeting).*



**DOVE MEN'S BREAKFAST** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month for a time of devotion, prayer, and fellowship. Please join them at 7:00 am on Saturday, September 12 via Zoom!

Please R.S.V.P. to Louie Lyon, 623.238.8455 or e-mail [CarePastor@doveofthedesert.com](mailto:CarePastor@doveofthedesert.com) and he will send you the Zoom information you will need to join the event.

Don't forget to have your coffee and breakfast ready along with your Bible!! *(See pg. 7 for more details)*



**PRIME TIME LIVE!** is the Dove of the Desert adult fellowship group and includes all Dove adults: married, single, young and young at heart. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each

month at a member's home and enjoy the evening together with food, fun and Christian fellowship. The host supplies a main course, attendees bring sides and dessert. *(Currently not meeting.)*



**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9:00 - 10:00 am in Room 7. The group knits or crochets shawls, baby blankets, lap

blankets, prayer squares, and other items to be given to Dove members and others in need of comfort. For information, please call **Mimi Griffiths** at 602.762.6709 or at [mimig7852@gmail.com](mailto:mimig7852@gmail.com).

*(Currently working on projects from home.)*

## OTHER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many other opportunities exist for fellowship at Dove, including Adult Sunday School classes, Tuesday Talks, Women's Bible Studies, and Dove's musical groups including Celebration Singers, Dove Notes, Folk Group, and the Bell Choirs, plus many more. Please check the calendar that you can find on the Dove website.



## Special Prayers

### Condolences to:

Diane Byler on the death of her cousin Roberta

### For these churches:

Prescott UMC  
Prescott Valley UMC,  
Trinity UMC, Phoenix



## Prayer Line

For a daily prayer and devotion with Rev. Louie please dial **602-375-PRAY (602-375-7729)**

Please send all prayer requests to Rev. Louie at [carePastor@doveofthedesert.com](mailto:carePastor@doveofthedesert.com)



## Missions

**Please deliver directly to the Mission**  
**Donations for St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance**  
**Pet Food & Supplies to Animal Shelters**  
**Justa Center Donations**  
**UMOM Donations**



## Care Ministry



Medical Equipment available for loan

Dove's Care Ministry Team has a sizeable supply of wheelchairs, walkers, knee scooters, transport chairs, rutches, shower chairs, etc., available for loan. Over the years, our Dove members and friends have generously donated the equipment.

You are welcome to call Don Trotter, 623.376.9506, or email: [trotterdon@att.net](mailto:trotterdon@att.net), if you are in need of one of these items or you have item(s) you would like to donate to Dove. Don will check the inventory and let you know if item is available.





# Board of Church & Society

## United Methodists Vote!

According to the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, " the strength of our political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens. " As United Methodists we are called, " to support policies and programs deemed to be just and oppose those that are unjust." With that in mind, it is time to be sure that you and your family and friends are registered to vote. Some important reminders:

- \* October 5, 2020 is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming general election.
- \* October 7, 2020 early voting begins at select Vote Centers. (Details of those locations will be provided soon.) Mail in ballots are sent.
- \* October 28, 2020 is the last day to mail your ballot back to arrive on time.
- \* November 3, 2020 General Election
- \* If you receive a mail in ballot, it can be dropped off at a Vote Center through Election Day. That is a way to vote safely at home, but deliver your ballot to a secure box at a Vote Center. Try to avoid Election Day, as it will be busy!!
- \* For all questions regarding voting go to: MaricopaVoterGuide.com. ( to register, request an early ballot, any changes to your info )
- \* To track your mail in ballot , text Join to 628-683.

It is important to know that 80% of Maricopa County voters did it by mail in 2018. Each vote is counted and signature verified. If you prefer voting in person, try to do so at an early Vote Center before Election Day.

Thank you from the Board of Church and Society at Dove.



## Men's Breakfast

### DOVE MEN'S BREAKFAST TO BEGIN AGAIN!

On the 2nd Saturday of each month for many, many years Rob Sanders led a Men's breakfast which was a time of devotion, prayer, study and fellowship. After Rob took sick, Pastor Louie began to facilitate our time together. Then Covid-19 came and we haven't met since. Do you miss that time of fellowship? If you do, Pastor Louie wants to invite you to join him and others to our First Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast, devotion, study and prayer together via Zoom. Here's the good news, you don't have to drive anywhere. Let's just crawl out of bed and be together with brothers in Christ via zoom as we join together once again to lean, pray and support one another. If you are willing to fix your own breakfast or coffee you can have it while we gather from "Your House." Our First Zoom Breakfast will be Saturday, Sept. 12th @ 7:00am.

Just send an email to Pastor Louie: [Carepastor@doveofthedesert.com](mailto:Carepastor@doveofthedesert.com) several days prior so he can send you the invitation and material via email....

Tell Louie that you would like him to send you a Zoom Invitation to the 2nd Saturday of the month Men's Breakfast and he will send you the link with instructions on how to use Zoom. He will also send you a copy of whatever the devotion or study will be in advance so you will have it before you. Guys, I invite you to give this a try. I hope that you will consider joining us.

If you have any questions give Pastor Louie a call on his cell (623) 238-8455.

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