



Dove of the Desert

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



Dove Calendar



- 4 Church Workday
- 5,12,19,26 **Worship Services:**
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am
- 6 Labor Day
- 10 ***Dove Tales Deadline***
- 11 New Member Welcome Luncheon
- 19 Ministry Fair

Humble yourselves
before the Lord, and
he will lift you up.
James 4:10 (CEB)



It's always strange to type "Summer's Over" when you live here in the valley, but here we are!

What a summer we have had! I hope you have been able to keep up with the goings on and upcoming opportunities with your Dove of the Desert community. As we have worked to continue opening and welcoming you all back to campus this summer, we also:

- ◆ Held a successful virtual VBS for the children in our community
- ◆ Hosted a food collection drive that collected for local area organizations
- ◆ Reactivated Workdays at Dove (first Saturday of each month)
- ◆ Offered training and background checks for those working with our children and vulnerable populations.
- ◆ Hosted a Palomas del Norte Bell Choir concert.
- ◆ Began a new grief ministry group
- ◆ Began a new outreach partnership with Family Promise that will have families staying overnight on our campus as they transition between housing.
- ◆ Maintained our original commitment to Family Promise by providing meals for one week during August (and going forward)
- ◆ Trained and welcomed new volunteers to assist in various areas of worship (we still have more spots available for folks willing to be greeters, ushers, welcome table hosts, and parking lot attendants!)
- ◆ Kicked off our in-person Sunday School Program
- ◆ Welcomed back groups to campus
- ◆ Gave 3rd graders new bibles for the next step in their faith journey
- ◆ Welcomed 13 new members to our community, and recommitted ourselves to the work of the church together.

All the above happened this summer, and this is just the tip of the iceberg! All of our ministries, from Children and Youth to our homebound outreach through our Care Ministry, has been active all summer. I want to share this with you because,

(1) I am really proud of you and how so many of you have stepped up in challenging times to continue living out the commands of Jesus to those who follow him.

(2) We have no plans on stopping the building momentum, so we want you to be involved!

This month, we will be studying the book of James during our worship on Sundays. Many consider James to be a "wisdom" book rather than just a letter in the New Testament. Either way, the words and work of James will challenge us to consider how our faith and our works (the things we do because of the faith we claim), are tied together. On September 19th, between the services, we will be hosting a Ministry Fair, and we will be encouraging all who come on that Sunday to stop by the Ministry Fair, look at the various ministries that we are engaged in, and look for where you might be interested in signing up to join us.

We believe that a fully lived out faith is one that is done in community. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the volunteers and Staff that make up your Dove of the Desert leadership have worked hard to create opportunities for you to plug in, be encouraged, and grow in your faith. There are some delays in groups many had hoped for (choirs for example), but we are confident that they will return soon, and we can celebrate their return with even great joy.

I have found the most rewarding, enjoyable, and memorable parts of my faith are often found when I live out my faith alongside other people of faith. As we shift into the later months of 2021, it is my prayer that you are finding a ministry, a space, a niche, a group, or a friend group here at Dove that you feel connected to, and that helps you connect to your purpose and values.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave



As I write this article, I am preparing to leave on a five-week journey in our RV. I would like in this article to challenge you to think about, if you are contemplating retirement in the years ahead, are retired now or even if you are a long, long way from retirement. Let me explain in what follows...

I had planned to retire from the appointed United Methodist Ministry in 2013. Joyce and I were looking for something to become involved in upon retirement. A few years prior to my retirement Joyce and I had lunch with a retired United Methodist Minister who upon retirement became part of the UM Nomads. The Nomads are retirees who have a RV or trailer they tow who are willing to volunteer three weeks' time on a project at a UM Church or Community Agency. They also have Disaster Relief Projects where Nomads sign up to serve at least one week, if not more at a Disaster Rebuild. Disaster rebuilds occur when a United Methodist Annual Conference asks us to come to help in areas that were trying to rebuild after a Hurricane or a flood or fire. While volunteering Nomads live in their RV, usually on the property where they are volunteering or very nearby. Nomads, paint, remodel, fix up and even do office work, if needed. Before you say, "That leaves me out, I am not handy," don't count on it because Louie Lyon isn't handy either. I say I must have been sleeping when God passed out mechanical skills or handy person skills. It hasn't been a problem so far for me because there is always someone with the skill that is needed on a project that is happy to help "You" along. I have done things I NEVER thought I could with the help of other Nomads.

You have heard me joke when I say, "I have failed retirement four times." Prior to those failures when I had three-weeks to volunteer Joyce and I served on Nomads projects in Arizona and California. Nomads have projects in every state of the U.S. Once I was asked to go back and serve the local church, we were not able to work on the 3-week Nomads Projects by going to a site and spending three weeks on site. Because of my administrative skills I was asked if I would become the Project Coordinator for the Southwest Region (California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah) for the Nomads. In that capacity I am the liaison between the church, agency and Nomad Volunteers. I help organize or take care of problems that occur. Joyce and I try to visit each Arizona Project to thank the Nomads who are there and to bring them "goodies" to show our appreciation for their volunteering. Most of our projects in the southwest are during the winter months when the "snowbirds" come out here to escape the weather. We have Nomads that live in the west who head north and east during the summer to work on projects and get out of the Arizona heat.

Every year the Nomads hold an Annual Meeting somewhere in the U.S. This year it is at an RV Park (Always held in RV Park) in Elkhart, Indiana. Nomads from all over the U.S. gather to renew acquaintances and to receive training concerning various building or mechanical skills. I remember one day when I attended two different workshops on Electricity, upon returning to the RV, Joyce asking me what I learned? I told her that was easy, "Don't Mess with Electricity." It truly was beyond me, I did better with dry wall and mudding or working with paneling or flooring. We also have numerous meetings to discuss items of importance to Nomads and we start off our Annual Meeting with a Memorial Service, remembering all the Nomads who have gone home to be with the Lord since we last gathered at a Nomads Annual Meeting. Being a retired minister, I have been the one asked to conduct that service and this year I will be remembering and lifting up 49 Nomads that have gone home to be with the Lord.

My challenge to you is the same one that Rev. Gary Prichard and his wife Phyllis put forth to Joyce and Louie the year prior to my retiring. Join the Nomads. We have been blessed in the friendships we have made and the volunteering opportunities we have had to serve. Joyce or Louie would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have about Nomads, the one most asked is, "Do we have to have an RV or Trailer?" Yes, is the answer because that is where you live while on your project. Another question asked, "Do we do this at our own expense? UM Nomads do this volunteering at our own expense. It is a Mission where we provide Christian Service to others. Nomads = "Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service."

If you would like to look up additional information on United Methodist Nomads, you can visit the website at: www.nomadsumc.org You can also contact the Director: Carla Kinsey at director@nomadsumc.org.

By the way this trip is not all work, we will stop and visit family both going up to Indiana and coming back home from there. Thank you for all the prayers you are lifting up for our traveling mercies.

Shalom,

Pastor Louie

Ministry Fair



Save the date! Ministry Fair at Dove September 19th between services. Contact Barb Fike at bfike2@cox.net if you want space at one of the tables to share your ministry vision with others who may want to join you!

Have you ever watched the Artistic (formerly Synchronized) Swimming team event at the Olympics? Their hidden movements under the water keeping them afloat is like the work that has gone on at Dove for the last year and a half. But now we're ready to use that treading-water support to launch ourselves into the air, in beautiful leaps of faith! It's time to jump into new areas and levels of ministry! Fortunately, we don't need to be synchronized – there is a different place for each of us. Maybe this summer's sermons led you to wondering where you can serve. Come find your place (or places!) at the Ministry Fair at Dove between services on September 19th. There will be tables displaying different ministry opportunities at Dove and sign-up sheets and people to talk to. Mark your calendar so you don't miss it!

From Dove's Cook Book



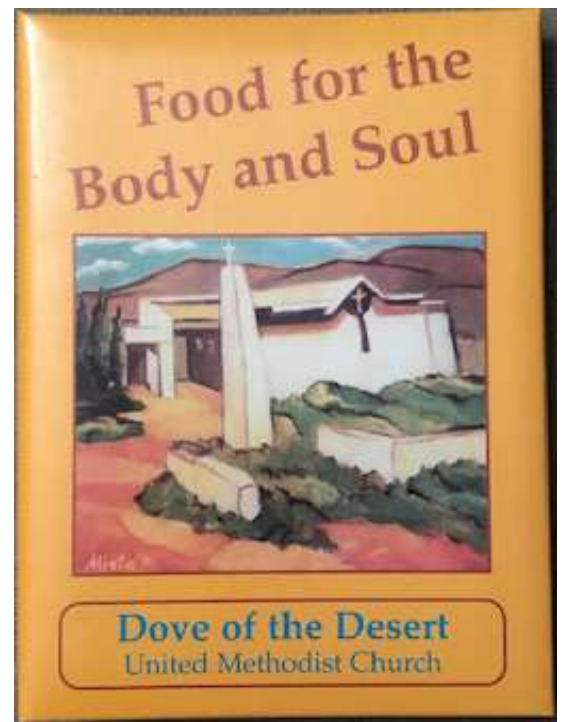
Dove of the Desert
published this cookbook in
September 2001.
We are happy to share this
recipe with you.

Pumpkin Dump Cake

1 lrg can pumpkin	1 can evaporated milk 13 oz
4 eggs	1 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar	1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp. cinnamon	1/4 tsp cloves
1 tsp vanilla	1/4 tsp ginger
1/4 tsp nutmeg	1 pkg dry white cake mix
1 stick butter, melted	

Mix all above together, except cake mix and butter. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 in pan. Sprinkle cake mix over top. Drizzle melted butter over top of cake. Bake at 350 for 1 hour until toothpick comes out clean
- Pauline Leacock

Thank you Mary Patterson for part of the submission and the idea.
- Colleen



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Fellowship Opportunities



We will let you know when Fellowship Opportunities Resume



The **LUNCH BUNCH** meets the 1st 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 2nd Saturday of each month for a time of devotion, prayer, and fellowship. Please join them at 8:00 am on Saturday, at the Black Bear

Diner, 6039 W. Bell Rd. To R.S.V.P., call Louie Lyon, 623.238.8455 or Dove at 623.572.7334. Dove Men, including Fathers & Grandfathers, Sons & Grandsons, age 13 and up, are invited to come and bring a friend. A great way to make some new friends! *(Will begin meeting again in fall).*



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 3rd 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).*



Special Prayers



For these churches:

Nuevo Pacto, Phoenix
Prescott UMC
Prescott Valley UMC



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

meets the 2nd and 4th 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.

New people welcome! Please join us.

OTHER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many other opportunities exist for fellowship at Dove, including Adult Sunday School classes, Women's Bible Studies, and Dove's musical groups including Celebration Singers, Folk Group, and the Bell Choir, plus many more.

Please check the calendar found on the Dove website.

Shepherds



Shepherd program revived...

Do you remember what it was like when you first started coming to Dove and you didn't really know anyone, where things were or what programs may be available?

You can help make new people feel more comfortable. We are reviving our Shepherding program and you can be someone who can serve as a Shepherd for a new member.

As a Shepherd you will help new members feel welcome, introduce them to other Dove members, help them with the campus surroundings and the many opportunities Dove has to offer.

This will take minimal time on your part. The only requirements are attending a brief training session, meeting the new member, and assisting them in becoming a part of the life of the church.

Additional information will be provided at the training meeting. If you are interested in becoming a Shepherd please contact Mike Przybylka at mdprzybylka@gmail.com or 623-680-3596.





Prayer Requests

Dove of the Desert

Please send prayer requests to:

the Dove Office
info@doveofthedesert.com

OR
623-572-7334

Missions



Fifth Sunday

Fill the Shelves Food Drive for AZ hope for the Hungry
Pet Food & Supply Drive

On-Going

Justa Center Donations

Thank You!



To my Dove Family:

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, messages, and phone calls during the months of my cancer diagnosis, surgery, chemo, and recovery.

Also thank you to the Casserole Brigade for the wonderful food provided following my hospital and rehab stay. God was with me every step of the way, and I felt the warmth of your prayers and God's love. Words alone cannot fully express my gratitude. Dove of the Desert is a wonderful family -- from Pastor Dave and Pastor Louie (Pastor Pain in the Neck) to all the members and attendees, and I feel lucky to be a part of it!

Blessings to you all.
Mimi Griffiths

Helping Hands would like to thank Darlena Glenn for helping out on three repair projects this summer. We appreciate her time and generosity!

Family Promise - A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of you who were able to contribute to meals for the week of August! We heard back from Family Promise that the food was well received and very much enjoyed! A reminder that our meal ministry is an ongoing ministry the first week of every month. We welcome anyone in our church or friends that may want to participate in this opportunity for outreach to our community.

As always, here is the link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/o/30e0c4daba92da46-family>.

Signups are available from September to December. If you are unable to signup using the link, please feel free to contact Sharon Eshelman (602-738-8310) or Elizabeth Tesman (623-628-4636).

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Sweet Success



Sweet Success (diabetes support group) will start on Thursday afternoon, September 9, 2:00p.m. in Rooms 5-6. All people are welcome who have an interest in learning more about pre-diabetes, type 2 diabetes and improving health outcomes. Masks will be worn and the room size allows for social distancing.

Maybe during the shut down with COVID-19, your health focus was on isolating, wearing masks, social distancing, stocking up on sanitizer & TP and trying just to stay alive. Did exercising less & stress eating more while you cocooned, add those Covid 19 pounds? Did you skip some regular health check ups because those distant tele-med calls weren't working for you, and prescriptions kept coming at the drive-thru pharmacy window.

Now we are able to function once again beyond our pandemic fear, and need to address health conditions we may have neglected. Do you have a new diagnosis and don't know what to do? Have some of your lab reports been outside of your goals? Come join others to learn how to get on track with healthy eating. Diane Byler, a registered dietitian, will be leading the sessions again. She donates her time because she knows few people are referred to dietitians, the professionals that really understand. (And sometimes she has snacks!)

Future meetings are currently planned for the second Thursday, through December.



Dear Women of Dove, We are a women's group who meets on Zoom. We call ourselves the "Steel Magnolias," named after the movie, where the women stayed together through thick and thin. We invite any women who would like to meet just to keep in touch over the summer, to join us on Zoom on the first and third Fridays of the month from 10:00-11:00 am through August. If you are interested, please call Nannette Carr at (602) 621-1665, for instructions on how to join the group and be added to the Zoom link.



Welcome back, Dove family, from the Care Ministry Team.



"Save the Date".

The "Walk to End Alzheimer's"

is taking place in person this year. On Oct.16, 2021 Team Dove will be walking in the west valley to support the fight to end Alzheimer's. It is a good chance to get together with other team members and enjoy the great outside, and get in a little walking.

If you are interested in walking in October for "Team Dove," go to: "Walk to End Alzheimer's" and click on find a team. Go to "Team Dove" our ID# is 681214. Team leader Anita Burnett. Dove Care Team.

Questions: Anita can be reached at: (623-694-7469) or anitalburnett@gmail.com

More information will be provided as the date approaches.



Who loves to read? Did you know that Dove has a library?

The library is located in Room 4 in the main building. It is full of wonderful books for adults and teen youth to enjoy. There are fiction, non-fiction, and study books, and so much more. Stop by and check some out.

Also, for those of you with children, there is a library just for the younger readers. It is located in Room 12 in the children's Sunday School classroom. You are encouraged to check them out on Sunday. See Jan Ramsey.

In this day of computers and E-books, it might be refreshing to sit and read a book that doesn't have to be recharged.

Also in the adult Library, some new resource information has been added. The Care Ministries Team has put together information regarding Alzheimer's disease. There are notebooks with information regarding Alzheimer's and resources and contact information for those seeking help or having concerns about Alzheimer's. There are also books written by family caretakers of loved ones with Alzheimer's.

Please stop by the library. It misses you. If you have questions, contact Anita Burnett at (623) 694-7469.



The Trustees would like to thank these workers for coming to the church workday on Saturday, August 7:

Anita Burnett, Keith Burt, Mikayla Canoe, Sharon Eshelman, Ron Eshelman, David Keaton, Joyce Lyon, Nancy Martin, Dee May, Grayson Oswald, Jane Oswald, Karson Oswald, Mary Patterson, Don Trotter, Ron Vanderhoof.

We got many things cleaned up and ready for campus use. Our next Church workday will be Saturday, September 4 from 8-11 am. You do not have to stay the whole time to be a big help. We have inside and outside work to do. Hope to see you there!

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