

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BAPTISM TODAY**

This morning we will usher into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism, Reese Janelle Larson, infant son of Barry & Tara Larson. May the Lord bless Reese's growth in faith

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES - TODAY**

Are you interested in becoming a member of FUMC of Mesa? Join us Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> in the Family Room off the Sanctuary narthex. We will meet during Sunday school hour at 10:10 a.m.

**YOUTH NEWS – TONIGHT**

Tonight we meet at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center for video games, board games and open gym.

**REALLY BAD GIRLS**

**Of the Bible class** will start January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:10 am in classroom 4. Class books are \$10. Sign up in the church office.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER**

No dinner December 30<sup>th</sup>. Happy New Year

**NO WEDNESDAY CLASSES / CHOIRS**

No choirs or classes on December 30<sup>th</sup>!

**JOIN US FOR ADULT OPEN GYM**

On December 30<sup>th</sup> the gym will be open from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Come burn off some calories.

**UGLY QUILTERS**

We will not meet December 24<sup>th</sup>. Join us on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> as we make sleeping bags for the homeless. Outreach Center 8:00 am– 12:00 noon.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will close at noon on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The pastors and staff of FUMC of Mesa wish you all a safe and Happy New Year!

**SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS**

Don't forget to join us January 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 pm in the Family Life Center. If you are in grades 1-6 come on down. Contact Lisa Rittenhouse for audition packets.

**SECRET SISTERS GROUP**

Please check the table in the narthex or Fellowship Hall and see if you have mail.

**GET THE NEWS FIRST**

Go green! Save paper and receive the Spire newsletter by email! As of today 151 families have switched from postal mail to email. Here is what people are saying:  
*"I noticed a big difference from postal copy to email copy. I love the colored version, it is so professional".*  
*"Keep up the good work".*

<b>Sunday Adult Classes 10:10 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	
Parent Class -	Room 5
Disciples Class (ages 40+) -	Assembly Room
Serendipity (ages 30's-50's) -	Family Life Center
Willing Workers (ages 60+) -	Adult Lounge
Merry Mates (ages 60+) -	West Conference Room
Beginnings: Christian Faith -	East Conference Room
New Member Class -	Family Room, Narthex
<b>Children's Sunday School 10:10 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	
3 & 4 year olds	Preschool Room B
Room located on the West side of the building facing the courtyard.	
Rooms located on the East side of the building facing the parking lot.	
Kindergarten	Room 1
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Room 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 3
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 6
<b>Youth Ministry (Grades 7-12)</b>	
Sunday School	10:10 – 11:00 a.m. Family Life Center
Sunday Night	5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Family Life Center

**This Week – December 27, 2009 – January 2, 2010**

**Today**

8:00 AM	Prayer Ministry Team -	East Conference Room
9:00 AM	Praise & Worship -	Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship -	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Coffee Time -	Courtyard
10:10 AM	Sunday School	
11:11 AM	Traditional Worship -	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Youth -	Family Life Center

**Monday**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday**

8:00 AM	Ugly Quilters -	Outreach Center
7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal-	Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday** (FLC = Family Life Center)

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study -	Assembly Room
10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study -	Room 5
6:00 PM	Adult Open Gym -	Gym

**Thursday**

7:00 PM	The House -	Outreach Center
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**Friday**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday**

## PRAYER CORNER

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office, Virgil Schatz 480-380-9693, e-mail [firstmesa@fumcmesa.org](mailto:firstmesa@fumcmesa.org).

Prayer Team Members are available for prayer between services.

Pray for all who are unemployed.

### Military Prayers

Stateside: Captain Jeff Barta, Major Robert Dole, TSGT Justin Gilbert, Captain Douglas Holt, Private Kyle Haggard, Chelsea Powelson, Robert Ruiz

Stationed Overseas: CW2 Justin Norman, Dean Oswald, Curtis Powelson, Commander Olin Sells, Mathew Sublett

### Ongoing Prayer Needs:

Please remember all these whose attendance may be limited by their health or circumstances.

**If you can provide any updated information on these loved ones, please call the church office or Tom Richgels (641-7655).**

### FUMC Members Concerns:

Jeanette Bartlow, Ron Bartlow, Margaret Desenberg, Katie Doty, Felipe Escobedo, Victor Escobedo, Burdett House, Barbara Jackson, Ginny Kovalsky, Rev. Cecil Lackore, Arnie Lehman, Robert Logan, Elane McGee, George McGee, Iris Perkins, Margo Reed, Neal Salam, Inez Sheline, Rick Smith, Chris Titcomb, Trenton Wade, Adam Weatherbee, James Weatherbee, Helen White, Lois Yerkes

### Community Concerns:

Lance Ammon, Allen Backer, Ben Barleen, Sandy Budach, Chandler Dunlavy, Paul Eddy, Suanna Fitzpatrick, Mary Frey, Dorothy Guido, Bernie Harwood, Blanche Harris, Dave Henrickson, Christine Hutchings, Shirley Knight, Sandy Ling, Ken Meyer, Mary Micheletti, Esther Morris, Chris Mewell, Allison Norwood, Jill Peterson, Theresa Prysorski, Bernice Putz, Pat Radella,

Glenn Robertson, Russell Rodriguez, Bernie Russell, Betty Russell, Jared Sakren, Allen Smith, Dorothy Sutton,

Frank Vice, Patricia Walker, Cindy Walz, Larry Warden, Tobi Williams, Russell William, Paula Wirth

**Pray this week for:** (remembering our church family in prayer), Jeanette Manley, Ellie Marcum, Bobette Marino, Matt & Lois Markovich, Indiana Martin, John Martin, Marlon Martin, Tom & Meldoy Mason

### **OUR PRAYER FOR TODAY AND THIS WEEK**

God of light and life,

We thank You and praise You for this beautiful day. We are captivated by the surety of the sun rising and setting and the stars appearing. From everlasting to everlasting You are God!

Father, Your love is the most powerful thing that is. We pray for more love in our hearts and in our world. Your love gives us our confidence and our victory.

Father, today and always Your message to us is to not be afraid. Walk along side us, we pray, and strengthen us as we live beyond worry and without fear. We praise You!

In Jesus' Name, Amen

### **Our Vision**

We strive to reach out to the community through:

- A ministry of continuous spiritual growth
- A ministry with children, youth and families in all

their diversity

- A ministry of music and the art



## **WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **First United Methodist Church of Mesa**

15 E. First Avenue  
Mesa, AZ 85210  
(480) 969-5577

### **Information for Visitors**

**1. Nursery care** is available from 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (infants to age 5) in the Nursery.

**2. Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Enhancers** are available for persons needing assistance in the 9:00 and 11:11 a.m. services. Just ask an usher.

**3. Pastoral Care:** If you have a pastoral need and would like a pastor to contact you, please call the church office Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For after hours and weekend emergencies, press 5 for pastor emergency contact numbers.

**4. We warmly welcome our visitors.** A great place to get to know us is during Fellowship and Refreshment Time at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy some refreshments before attending Sunday School.

### **PREACHING SCHEDULE – January 3rd**

9:00 & 11:11 a.m. Traditional Service – Pastor Jim  
Text: Col. 3:12-17 Sermon: *Keeping the Christmas Spirit*

9:00 a.m. Contemporary – Pastor Jeri