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Desert Dove Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
6163 S. Midvale Park Road
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Office Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9:00 – 12:00

Ph. 294-3330

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Worship – Children’s Education
Childcare during Worship

Rev. John W. Smith, Interim Pastor

ADDRESS
SERVICE

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

- 2 Allan DePew
- 4 Johnnie Essex (1992)
- 5 James Bittner (1996)
- 6 Nicholas Erbst (1981)
- 10 Andrea Braasch
- 17 Amber Nicewander (baptism 1994)
- 18 Bob & Lavora Branch (1993)
- 19 Carol McCracken
Leonida Littrell
- 26 Karriaunna Scotti
- 29 Trey Young (1995)

REMEMBER THE TUCSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

The first Sunday of each month is our time for ingathering food items, but food can be brought any Sunday, or during the week.

Your generous gifts of canned goods/ soups/cereals/ pasta/powdered milk/fruit juice/beans/rice/peanut butter, etc., are VERY important. Apparently the AZ state legislature is cutting \$1.2 million from AZ food banks, which means that our own Tucson Community Food Bank will lose \$200,000 as a direct result!

We can’t do *everything*, but we can do *something* – and what we can do, we need to do. **THANK YOU!**

DESERT DOVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) **GOOD NEWS!**

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Final Lent/Easter Events

In the shadow of Easter’s promise, members and friends of Desert Dove have many opportunities to both celebrate and nurture their faith. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Desert Dove Dancers to perform
Sermon: “Who IS This?”

MAUNDY-THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Communion Service at 6:15 p.m.
Site: Garden of Gethsemane Park
(West of I-10 on Congress)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

We are invited to share in the Service at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal, 7:00 p.m.

? EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 Pancake Breakfast/Youth Auction in support of youth camp/conference scholarships
10:30 Worship and Baptisms
Sermon: “The God Box”

NEW ADULT STUDY BEGINS APRIL 27

In response to a felt need from the congregation, a five-week **ADULT STUDY, April 27 through May 25**, will be offered at Desert Dove.

Each Sunday morning session will begin at 9:00 in the Pearcy Bldg., and conclude at 9:55, giving choir members time to assemble for their 10 a.m. rehearsal in the worship space.

Discussion themes will include: **1)** How We Got Our New Testament; **2)** What Do the Disciples of Christ Believe About the Bible? Additional themes will be addressed as time permits.

THE MORNING AFTER...

Hope has happened! To that reality we Christians point at Easter. In Christ the *future* broke into the *present*. The "Not Yet" became the "Now." If only in miniature, swords became plowshares, prisoners were set free, eternal forgiveness was declared. At Easter the powers of death and evil were deactivated, disarmed, defused, defeated! Easter is a window on everyone's tomorrow. And that makes all our "nows" livable. Our present has new luster because God makes all things *New*.

We're talking about a new sense of time. To be in touch with the Easter hope means understanding that doing the same old things in the same old way does not feed our spirits. To be wedded to the past is to find life too "daily," where only *win/lose* possibilities are locked into the "Now." Easter means living with the Future – in the Present.

In a Peanuts cartoon Snoopy the dog, face smiling and head held high, is trotting happily along. He meets Lucy who is in another kind of mood. She angrily informs Snoopy: "You wouldn't be so happy if you know what was going to happen." Momentarily, Snoopy is speechless, but recovers quickly as a huge smile streaks across his face. He dances away from Lucy and shouts, "Maybe it's happened already!"

Easter says, "It has already happened!" Life has overcome death. Love has healed the brokenness. Let that "dawn" on you as we approach the Festival of the Resurrection.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

CRAIG MILLER is recovering from partial amputation of three fingers during a construction accident recent-ly....
BOB HOCKENBERRY has been down with the flu....**PAM PIOCHE** was a featured speaker at the CYF Retreat March 29, where former pastor **BILL JACOBS** injured himself, and required 21 stitches to his forehead!
....We continue our prayers for **KORRE FOSTER'S** dad in the wake of his prostate cancer surgery; **MARY SHOOP'S** cousin, Marcia; **RODNEY HOPPER'S** dad, Roger, who is hospitalized; **BETTY BARBER'S** mother; and for all those now in the Iraqi combat zone....
WALLY BARBER is the Elder during April....**Lenten Suppers** continue at 6 p.m. on April 3 and 9....
CONGRATULATIONS to **ROSY CUNNINGHAM** who is the new AZ Regional Executive for Christian Women's Fellowship, to **GERI SMITH** who currently is Chairperson of the Regional Personnel Committee, and **KORRE'S** mother who just got her BA degree....**NYISHA** and **LARA HARRISON** are in John's youth membership class, and anticipate Baptism on Easter....**HEL-EN** and **ANDY BRANAGH** are Greeters for April.We offer congratulations and prayers to **SUSAN GREEN-FIELD** and **JOHN TRUJILLO** who will be married by Pastor John in our Sanctuary on April 26.**"If the only prayer you ever say is 'Thank You,' that would be enough."** (Thomas Merton)

Recent Regional Staff changes include: **TRISH THOMPSON-WINTERS** who moves from Office duties to Youth and Children's Ministries; **JENNY SHIREY** who acts as a Consultant for Christian Education and Faith-Formation Ministries, and **DAVID COATSWORTH** who returns to Regional Staff as a Consultant for Stewardship, Finance, and Development Ministries.

DISCIPLES' GENERAL MINISTER-PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Word has been received that Dr. Richard L. Hamm, current General Minister-President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has tendered his resignation, effective October 2003.

REGIONAL FORUM and CELEBRATION MAY 4

Make plans to attend the AZ Disciple Regional Forum on **May 4, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**, at Sun City Christian Church in the greater Phoenix area. Two important things are scheduled: **1)** Dr. Denny Williams will be confirmed for another term as Regional Minister; and **2)** Dr. Fred Craddock, prominent Disciple preacher, teacher, and writer will be the featured speaker. **DON'T MISS FRED CRADDOCK!** This is a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to hear one of the really great preachers of our time!

Registration is only \$5, and the deadline is April 28. See Juanita Miller on Sundays for registration information.

APRIL CALENDAR

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| 1 CWF – 9:30 | 10 Stratford Mgmt. Mtg. – 7:00 |
| 2 Lenten Supper – 6:00 | Choir – 7:15 |
| 3 Midvale Prk. Neigh. Assn. 7:00 | 12 Workday – 8:00 'til Noon |
| 4 Office Closed | 13 Palm Sunday |
| 5 Workday – 8:00 'til Noon | C-A Mtg. – 7:30 |
| 6 Food Bank Sunday | 14 Admin. Council – 7:00 |
| Youth Memb. Class – 9:15 | 17 Maundy Thurs. Service – 6:15 |
| Elder's Potluck – Noon | 18 Good Friday Service – 7:00 |
| Young Adult BBQ – 5:00 | 20 EASTER SUNDAY |
| C-A Mtg. – 7:30 | Pancake Brkfst – 9:00 |
| 7 Prog. Coord. Council – 7:30 | C-A Mtg. – 7:30 |
| 8 Harvester's – 11:00 | 24 Choir – 7:15 |
| 9 Final Lenten Supper – 6:00 | 27 Adult Class Begins |