Looking Ahead at PVUMC
February 1, 2015

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMON
Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary
Worship at 8:00 & 11:15 am, Chapel
NEXT SUNDAY: February 8, 2015
5th Sunday After the Epiphany
Series: How to Be Rich
Sermon: “Dollar Cost Living”
Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-18;
Mark 12:41-44
Dave Summers

Keith Sobraske Honored with the “Papa Jon Award” Today
Congratulations to Keith Sobraske, recipient of the Papa Jon Award for the 2014-15 Sunday School year. The award recognizes him as an outstanding volunteer in ministry with the Children’s Ministry Team, as well as with children and parents at PVUMC. Read more about Keith’s award and his accomplishments at our website. Search “Papa Jon.” Congratulations, Keith!

On the First Tuesday: Survivor Shares Story of Faith and Healing
Heather Knies, pictured left with her husband, Joe, when they joined PVUMC in 2012, was interviewed by AZ Family in November 2014, following 29-year-old cancer patient Brittany Maynard’s decision to “die with dignity” in Oregon. Heather’s story is different, and gives hope to others. She commented, “What I had was a glioblastoma multiforme Stage 4, as well. Yes, it is rare to beat it, but I am living proof it can be done and I’m not the only one who has survived the most deadly of diseases. The mind is a powerful thing and I chose to let God decide when it was my time and I thank Him everyday for my survival.” Come hear Heather tell her story at the next On the First Tuesday, February 3. She will speak about how “Miracles Happen to Those Who Believe.” Join us for a home-cooked meal at 5:30 pm, and stay for Heather’s talk and Q&A at 6:15 pm. See her interview with AZ Family at http://www.azfamily.com/news/Phoenix-woman-survives-same-cancer-diagnosis-as-Brittany-Maynard-281403961.html#ixzz3Op0Kb6DY

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“Earn all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can.” —John Wesley

BE•RICH
Do more. Give more.
Have Tough Questions of Faith? See our Facebook Page for Answers.

This January, we asked some “Tough Questions of Faith” every Sunday in worship and, on the first Sunday of the month, we invited everyone at the 11:15 am Ignite service to write down their questions. As of January 12, we have been posting these questions on our church Facebook page Monday-Friday, and have received responses from our clergy, staff and others in the PVUMC community. If you’re on Facebook, visit https://www.facebook.com/ParadiseValleyUMC to see the questions, and our pastor/staff responses, and feel free to comment and share with your friends. At PVUMC, it’s ok to ask tough questions of faith, and we’ll do our very best to give you some well-thought-out answers. Our small groups via the Pathways program also offer opportunities for you to be in conversation with other members of the faith community, who may have the answers you’ve been looking for. We’ll post questions throughout February, ending the first week in March.

Pathways on the Patio Next Sunday Kicks Off Lenten Studies

We kicked off our 2015 Pathways program last month, offering new classes to grow, deepen and live your faith in community with others at PVUMC. In February, we begin our church-wide Lenten study, also under the Pathways umbrella, using the book, The God We Can Know: Exploring the I AM Sayings of Jesus, by Rob Fuquay. The book costs $7. Look for a list of classes in next Sunday’s Looking Ahead bulletin insert, and stop by the tables on the patio outside of worship to buy a book and see who will be offering classes. We encourage everyone to deepen their faith by joining a Lenten study group, which meet weekly on nearly every day of the week.

Ash Wednesday Services Offered at 12 Noon and in the Evening

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and we invite you to join us for worship that day. We offer a service in the chapel at 12 noon and another at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. The Rev. Eve Williams will preach at both services, and we will offer the imposition of the ashes as well. The pastors also plan to offer ashes to caregivers who are dropping off their children at the preschool in the morning.

Show the Love on Valentine’s Day at FMSC Packing Event

Do something extra-special with your sweetie this Valentine’s Day by registering to help pack meals for starving children around the world on Saturday, February 14, 4:30-6:30 pm at the Feed My Starving Children Tempe Warehouse. Email Jim Bateman, jbateman@aol.com, and include a contact name and number, as well as the names and emails of adults age 18 and older. If you are registering children, just include their names and ages. Each person typically packs a total of 216 manna packs worth 22 cents each during a two-hour session. Donations help FMSC further its impact. Read more at http://pvumc.org/2014/08/29/join-pvumc-for-monthly-meal-packing-at-feed-my-starving-children/.
Journey of Faith Class Postponed until October, 2015
Pastor Dave and his wife, Kim Summers, have decided to postpone their Journey of Faith class until Fall 2015. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

PVUMC Book Group Meets Tomorrow to Discuss Language of Flowers
The PVUMC Book Group meets the first Monday of the month (except for holidays) for a book discussion of a new title each month. Tomorrow, Monday, February 2, they will discuss The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Mark your calendars to join the group for other book discussions:

- Monday, March 2     The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion
- Monday, March 30*   The Boys in a Boat by Daniel James Brown

[* rescheduled from April 6, because the church campus is closed that day.]
Meet in the church library, G2, at 12:15-1:15 pm. Come early for a chat at 12 noon.

Interfaith Series on Abraham Continues with Salons III and IV
The Salaam-Chai-Paradise trifaith group continues its four-part series on the role of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam later this month with the Salon Series. These interfaith small-group discussions are based on the national bestseller, Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths by Bruce Feiler, and its associated study guide. Copies of the book are available for purchase ($14) at the church gift shop, Serendipities. Mark your calendar to attend the remaining sessions:

- Salon II: Children of Abraham, on Thursday, February 12 at Temple Chai, 4645 E. Marilyn Rd., Phoenix; and,
- Salon III: Legacy of Abraham, on Thursday, February 26 at PVUMC.

Read more at http://pvumc.org/2014/12/24/join-us-for-a-trifaith-series-on-abraham/.

Register Now for Youth Winter Retreat, February 14-16, 2015
Students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a weekend of faith and fun at the Mingus Mountain UMC Camp and Retreat Center in Prescott, AZ, February 14-16, 2015. If there's enough snow, we may go sledding! The cost is $125. Visit http://www.icecoldretreat.com/ for details and for a registration form.

You’re Invited to an Open Table Information Meeting February 21
This week, representatives from churches are here at PVUMC to learn about Open Table. We would like to extend an invitation to you to be a part of one of the most fulfilling and interesting ministries offered at PVUMC as well. Please join us on Saturday, February 21, 9-11 am in G2, the church library, as we share information on all aspects of this mission that brings people from homelessness to wholeness. So many of our brothers and sisters need our help. Come to the Open Table information session, or contact the church office or Kent Heltne, kheltne@cox.net, for more info.
**Events this Week at PVUMC**

**Sunday, February 1, 2015**
- Adult Bible Study: 8:00 AM A2
- Worship Service: 8:00 AM C1
- Children's Sunday School Classes: 9:30 AM E10/11
- Home Improvement: 9:30 AM G2
- Jr. High Class - The Promise: 9:30 AM E14
- SPIRIT Sunday School: 9:30 AM F8
- Sr. High Small Group: 9:30 AM H8
- Centering Prayer Groups: 9:45 AM H7
- Children's Elementary Choir: 10:30 AM H1
- MiniSingers: 10:30 AM E9
- Youth Handbell Rehearsal: 10:30 AM A3
- Immersion Bible Study: 10:45 AM H7
- Covenant Group: 11:00 AM F8
- Doug Norris’ Book Study: 11:00 AM F5/6
- Wesley SS Group: 11:00 AM G2
- Ignite Worship Service: 11:15 AM C1
- Youth Choir: 3:00 PM A4
- VIBE: Super Bowl XLIX Party: 4:00 PM F1

**Monday, February 2, 2015**
- Mustard Seed Bible Study: 9:00 AM F8
- PVUMC Book Group: 12:15 PM G2
- Men's Emmaus: 5:00 PM F8
- Open Table #9/Veteran's Fellowship & Connectional Ministry Team Meeting: 6:30 PM H4
- Mingus Mountain Camp and Retreat Site Committee: 6:30 PM H5
- Boy Scouts Troop #30: 7:00 PM F1
- Boy Scouts Troop #30: 7:00 PM F2
- Venturing Crew: 7:00 PM G2

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015**
- Staff Meetings: 9:00 AM G2
- Vinyasa Flow Yoga: 9:10 AM H1
- Open Table/St. Patrick’s Caring Bible Study: 10:30 AM A2
- On the First Tuesday: 5:30 PM F1
- Transformation Living Ministry: 6:30 PM H6
- Adult Learning Meeting: 6:30 PM H3
- Disciple III - 4th Semester: 6:30 PM H5
- CGYM: 7:00 PM E14

**Wednesday, February 4, 2015**
- Open Table Exploration: 9:00 AM H7
- Susanna Circle: 9:30 AM A2
- Pastor’s Bible Study: 10:30 AM F8
- Paradise Singers: 11:30 AM A4
- Prayer Ministry Team: 11:30 AM F5/6
- Sojourners: 4:00 PM G2
- Music Makers: 4:30 PM A4
- Community Feast: 5:30 PM F1
- Bells of Paradise Rehearsal: 6:00 PM A3
- Stewardship Committee: 6:30 PM G2
- After the Feast: 6:00 PM Perk
- Alpha Course: 6:00 PM F8
- Painting the Stars Class: 6:30 PM H5
- Women’s AA: 7:00 PM F5/6
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 PM A4

**Thursday, February 5, 2015**
- Men’s Breakfast Bible Study: 7:00 AM F5/6
- Open Table Exploration: 9:00 AM H7
- Lunch Conversations: 12:00 PM H1
- Three Simple Rules: Financial Planning Workshop: 6:30 PM H1
- Stephen Minister Training New Candidates: 6:30 PM H4

**Friday, February 6, 2015**
- Brown Baggers Bible Study: 12:00 PM G2

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**
- Foundations of the Subtypes of the Enneagram: 9:00 AM H1

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**2015 International Mission Teams Need Stakeholders**

PVUMC has two international and overlapping mission trips to Latin America in March, 2015. One team leaves **March 7-16**, going back to Costa Rica for the 4th year in a row. The second team goes to Guatemala the 2nd week in March for the 9th year in a row.

The Guatemala trip will be similar in nature to previous trips, with a medical team working in several clinics providing medical services to poor people in the rural areas of Guatemala. They will also offer a Vacation Bible School. The team going to Costa Rica will be working on two projects as well: building housing for homeless children via Methodist Orphanage Ministries, and organizing and leading Bible Schools for children in the poorest barrios of San José.

We invite you to become a 2015 Stakeholder by praying for our teams and supporting the work we will be doing by investing in these trips. A gift of $25 or more will help pay for our in-country supplies for these two PVUMC Mission Teams and will underwrite the following:

- Construction materials to build group homes for children at the orphanage
- Medical supplies for the Guatemala medical team
- Children’s Bible School education materials for both teams

Each Mission Team Stakeholder will receive a postcard from a team member during the trip. We will also have meetings when we get back to re-cap the highlights of our trips, and invite you to attend. Please complete the form below, attach your check for $25 or more, and return your form and check to the church office by **February 4, 2015**. Thank you for helping us share God’s love in action.

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**Costa Rica/Guatemala Stakeholder Registration**

I want to be a stakeholder in support of the PVUMC 2015 International Mission Teams. Enclosed is my gift of $__________ to help underwrite the work of our PVUMC Mission Teams in 2015. ___ I will support the team members with my prayers.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: __________

Phone: __________________________ e-mail: ________________

Please include “2015 Mission Teams” in the memo line on your check.
Inviting Prayers of Intercession

Joys:
“How to Be Rich: Do More, Give More”
PVUMC’s Giving Campaign

Hospitalized:

Hospice Care:
Norm Henry
Ruth Kwic
Nan Range, PVUMC’s oldest member, at age 102, and mother of Kay Pickerill

Deaths:
Ruth Kwic
Norm Henry

Our Church:
PanQuake Breakfast, February 8
Youth Winter Retreat, February 14-16

Our Community, Nation and World:
Those are in need of our community
Those in conflict around the world
Family and friends serving in the military

Continuing Concerns:
Jeri Dyden and family, cousin of Jan Elsea;
Jonathon & Johnna Foster and family, friends of
Brian Leiphart; Glenn Gasser; Rhonda Hart;
Carolyn Lasley, mother of Teri Lasley; Roland
Levine; Garry Lozier; Karen McFarland; Evelyn
Parker, sister of Frieda Bateman; Dwight Peters;
Helen Price, mother of Mickey Price; Randy
Stauth, son of Mike and Helen Stauth; Ed
Sucato, father-in-law of Courtney Sucato; Cheryl
Stearns, friend of Jan Elsea; Carolyn Woods,
mother of Deborah Esquer

To make a prayer request, go to our website
at http://pvumc.org/contact/prayer-requests/ or fill out
a prayer request card in the pew pocket and place
it in the offering plate. To join our prayer team and receive prayer requests via email, contact gholt@pvumc.org.

Pastors on Call 24/7
We have a pastor on call 24/7. When you
call the office, 602-840-8360, after hours,
follow the instructions or press "2" and leave
a message to have a pastor return your call.

Chancel Flowers
Flowers are given in loving memory of Kay
Kleinsmith Delgado, from her loving husband,
David; and from Ashley & Brian Borneman
and Valerie Bisbee, in loving memory of Ross
Borneman.

Community Feast
Take a break from cooking and join us for our
mid-week Community Feast on Wednesday
nights in the Fellowship Center. Dinner is served
from 5:30-6:15 pm, and catered by UMOM's
Helpings Café, Market and Catering. Suggested
donations: $7.50/adult, $3/child (12 and under).

Economic Inequality and the Church: Why Should We Care?
The Desert Southwest Conference Board of Church and Society, in cooperation
with PVUMC’s Church and Society ministry team, presents a seminar on
“Economic Inequality and the Church,” Thursday, February 12, 7-8:30 pm in
Room H1. As we seek to address economic inequality in today’s society, where
the great majority of Americans are still living paycheck to paycheck despite an
expanded workforce, technological advances, and gains in productivity, we’ll
address these questions, and discuss possible solutions:
1) What is the situation; what is happening?
2) Why should we care? (from a spiritual and social justice perspective)
3) What should the Church do about it?

The PVUMC Preschool Board Presents a Parent Education Class
that Offers Lunchbox and Mealtime Solutions from a Nutrition Expert
On Tuesday, February 24, at 9:30 am PVUMC Preschool is proud to have
Michelle Dudash, an award-winning registered dietitian nutritionist, Cordon Bleu-
certified chef and best-selling author, on campus for a parent education class.
Michelle's book, Clean Eating for Busy Families, contains her award-winning
recipes for busy parents struggling to feed their families nourishing meals while
the clock is ticking. Michelle is a sought-after recipe developer, nutrition and
culinary speaker, food writer and registered dietitian spokesperson for select
international brands of whole foods. Michelle’s three guiding principles of “clean,
fresh, and fast” will help guide your everyday food choices. Teaching millions of
families how food and health can deliciously co-exist has been Michelle’s
mission for over 18 years – one meal at a time. Please join us for a morning of
insight and solutions. Michelle will have her book and will be available for book
signings. The books are $20 each; cash only, please.

Donate Used Eyeglasses to Guatemala Mission Team Project
If you have an old pair of prescription eyeglasses you no longer use, consider
donating them to the Guatemalan mission team. Your glasses will be given to
someone in need, helping them to see the world more clearly. Glasses can be
dropped off at the church office or in the back of the sanctuary.

Serendipities Wraps Valentine’s Gifts and Needs More Volunteers
Valentine’s Day will be here before you know it!
Give a gift that truly says “I love you” when you
buy from our church gift shop, Serendipities, and
our helpful volunteer staffers will gift-wrap it for you
on February 8. The shop needs more volunteers
too (training provided), so we can continue to be
open Sunday and Wednesday mornings. If you’re
interested, email Meg Wolfe, MegW10@cox.net,
or Barbara Bush, bbush98@yahoo.com, our new
Serendipities volunteer managers.