



## Highlands United Methodist Church

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### From the Pastor's Desk...

Last Thursday evening I returned from my exciting trip out west, visiting family. You can be sure I had a great time! I was able to spend good time with my parents, our son (David and his wife, Beth, and little Ethan), as well as my two sisters and their families. That's pretty good for nine days!

We certainly enjoy our families; they are a wonderful gift from God.

My folks arrived in Phoenix fifty years ago, and have made it their home. None of us children are still in Arizona, but Mom and Daddy have a very important family there—their church, Cross in the Desert UMC. They consider their church family as very important to them. They are pleased to stay in Scottsdale near their many, dear church friends.

Highlands' members have certainly become 'family' over the years. It is a very special family. You have supported one another through thick and thin. I'm sure there are many good memories you hold of your church family at Highlands.

St. Paul writes about how church members, followers of Jesus, should live. One of the terms he uses, again and again, is 'building up'. As members of the church we are to 'build one another up', and never tear down.

That is a very good description of what love is about: building up and not tearing down. (When God created this world and created us humans God gave us many, many gifts! God built us up with these gifts. God is all about 'building us up'.)

When we are members of a church our responsibility to one another is to build one another up. That would include

- Encouraging one another in faith
- Sharing with one another about our own faith
- Teaching
- Helping one another in whatever is needed

We do this with food, transportation, phone calls and visits as needed

- Giving to support our church
- Praying with one another—in community and in personal prayer time
- Being present when the church meets
- being one who can be 'counted on' to be there!

Paul tells us to 'Let all things be done for building up [of the church]. (1 Cor 14:26) As we move into this new season of transition at Highlands we need especially to think of ways to build up one another, and thereby build up our church!

*Grace and Peace, Pastor Marjorie*



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**We are praying for:**

Virginia & Charles Piner  
Pat Cottrell & Family  
Tim Hardin & family  
Jim Patton (cancer)  
John, Joe, & Mollie McColpin  
Faye & Bosie Harris  
Pastor Elisha Kabungaidze. (in Zimbabwe)  
Our country's leaders  
co-worker w/ cancer  
Chantella Owens  
Sandra Byrd  
Ronnie, Roberto, Esteban, Invernia, Cristian



Millie Whalen (in Florida)  
Ken Kavanaugh (cancer)  
George Weldon  
Kay Weiss  
Sara Jones—for remission  
Unspoken (from Newman's)  
Eddie Thomas  
Our troops in the middle east  
Lindsay Philips, Pete's granddaughter  
Marion Moore Family  
Magdaline Payne  
Barbara Brady  
Unspoken (from Bahr's)  
Mag Poyno

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009  
POT LUCK LUNCHEON  
HONORING PASTOR  
MARJORIE AND THE  
2009 GRADUATES  
DESSERTS WILL  
BE FURNISHED BY THE  
HOSPITALITY COMMIT-  
TEE**



Sunday May 10th Mother's Day  
Special Speaker:  
Rev. Bob Carter

**HAPPY MOTHER'S  
DAY!**



**SAVE THE DATE!  
MAY 27TH '09  
NOON**

**Grill 29 in Providence**

**GOOD-BYE PARTY  
FOR PASTOR  
MARJORIE**

**FOR RESERVATIONS,  
CALL BETTY 721-1691**



Huntsville Assistance Program:  
Highlands participates in HAP; we are giving money and food to HAP, because we no longer keep up a food pantry of our own. HAP screens their 'clients' and



keeps track of those who would abuse a good system. We need to continue to bring food to HUMC for the pan-

**Happy Birthday!**

5/9/2009 - Jill M. Cordone

5/9/2009 - Virginia Piner

5/19/2009 - Pete Kratochvil

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