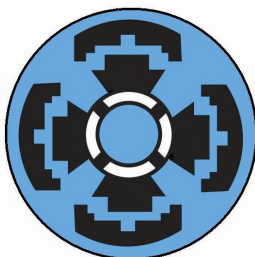


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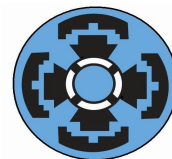
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8:30 AM Worship  
9:15 AM Church School for all ages  
9:15 AM Fellowship all morning  
10:30 AM Worship

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**COGS Idol! — Sept. 9, 6:30–9 PM**



***"A Little Talent  
Goes a Long Way"  
Sliders and Salad***

This is the 3rd event in the  
***"God is Still  
Singing Series"***  
*(Homegrown Talent for  
Down-Home Fun)*

Tickets for the one  
evening are \$25.  
All children are free.

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## FROM THE PASTOR

## Pastor's Reflections

It was a great summer and promises to be an even greater fall. So many amazing things have gotten done.

The Preschool is almost up and running. The rooms have been painted and rearranged. Watch for new and updated decorations. The place will have a whole new look, several new teaching staff, and lots of activities planned for fall.

The church school is organized for efficient use of space and supplies. It took lots of hours, but it looks inviting.

Marilyn Levine is at work full-time. What a blessing.

It looks like hospitality will be handicapped-accessible beginning in September. There will be plenty of places to sit around tables in the parlor and lots of room in the hallway to enjoy coffee and conversation all Sunday morning.

Confirmation will begin September 13 at 4:30 p.m. Please let me know if you plan to be a part of the class this year. It is going to be the best ever!

There are new musical activities for the children both midweek and on Sundays.

COGS *Idol* is shaping up into a wonderful night of entertainment and food. The last of the *God Is Still Singing* series will be October 20 with the added attraction of several Christmas items at auction and for sale.

The Building Team is kicking into high gear and will have a report at 9:15 a.m. on Sept. 17.

New dinner groups are being formed for your small group enjoyment. Be sure to sign up on the coupon in Kirk's log, September 3.

Bonnee Henry and Marilyn Levine will each appear before the Southwest Conference Committee on Church and Ministry on September 14. This is the next step in the

ordination process. Both of them have submitted their paper work and will take questions from the committee in September. The next step will be to schedule their ecclesiastical councils and then their ordinations. This is a major event in the life of COGS. Ordinations don't happen very often, and to have TWO scheduled is AMAZING. You are an awesome church. The Spirit is alive and moving almost faster that we can keep up. Enjoy the moment.

Blessings and happy AUTUMN,

*Pastor Sue*

### Building Information Meeting Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:15 AM

The Building Vision Task Force is holding a discussion time on Sunday, September 17, at 9:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary. There will be no Adult Ed classes. We have many questions for you, and you have many questions for us. Plan to attend.

### Services and Handmade Christmas Items Wanted

Donate a dinner in your home or make some fun Christmas Items for the Gospel Night October 20 at 6:30 p.m. Gospel Night will include the giveaway of many raffle prizes and a Silent Auction. Come do your Christmas shopping early.

### New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

For help, call 246-9240. State Hotline: 1-800-773-3645; National Hotline: 1-800-799-7233; Statewide Legal Resources Hotline: 1-877-974-3400. Services are FREE and confidential.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Light the Night Walk September 21, 6 PM

Join Lauren Bullard, the *Light the Night Walk* team captain, in her walk to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Church of the Good Shepherd is forming a team to walk in the Light the Night Walk on Thursday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m., at Tiguex Park, which is located at Mountain and 19th. This is going to be a walk for any skill level, so come expecting a good time. The walk benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to find a cure for these blood-related cancers, provide patient services and other activities to help enhance, prolong, and save the lives of people with leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Join Lauren and others to carry the Light of Hope.

If you are interested in walking or donating money, contact Lauren Bullard at 459-2956 or e-mail me at lbullard@unm.edu.

*Lauren Bullard*

### AIDS Walk 2006

The 15th annual AIDS Walk (2006) is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, at UNM's Johnson Field (3.1 mile walk). Late registration is at 8 a.m. The walk begins at 9:30 a.m. This walk is an opportunity for the community to come together and show its support for those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS in New Mexico.

To register, telephone New Mexico AIDS Services, 938-7100, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or go to the web site [www.nmas.net](http://www.nmas.net).

If you are interested in participating, please reply. We can all arrange to meet at Johnson Field and walk together!

*Sarah Schwartz*

### Mission Opportunity

There is an opportunity to serve the wider church by being an ambassador for the UCC Southwest Conference Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee. You would be asked to thank churches for their Conference and wider church involvement, and encourage further giving and serving. This position will fill out the term for Reverend Kim Fields-Haley, who is moving. For more information, contact Kim Fields-Haley at 898-1907 or Mary Lou Carson at 505-995-0766.

*Kim Fields-Haley*

### Welcome, new members!

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our COGS family:  
Nena-Joy Almodovar, Lynn & Stephen Foiles, and Maria Weddige-Gurney.

### Attention crafts people

The *God Is Still Singing Gospel Night/Fish Fry* event on October 20 will include a silent auction of handmade Christmas or gift items. It is time to get creative, all of you woodworkers, quilters, crafters, and artists. Please contact the office with your ideas.



UPCOMING EVENTS — THANK YOU'S

**Forever Young — 55ers & up**

Forever Young will meet at 11 a.m. on September 12 in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to plan activities for the coming year. The group had a large turnout for the August get-together at the Gerhardt's, and there is a lot of enthusiasm for doing some interesting things. So please come and bring your ideas. It was decided that the group doesn't always have to meet at the same time as it has in the past, so a variety of new activities are possible. Ice cream will be furnished and people are asked to bring toppings. If you want to eat more than ice cream sundaes, bring a sack lunch. Everyone is welcome, church member or not.

**Thank you — from  
Opal & Sylvan Zuercher**

We wish to thank everyone for your cards, prayers, and kind expressions of sympathy on the death of Opal's brother, Max. He truly passed from this life very peacefully, in his sleep, for which we are grateful.

*Opal and Sylvan Zuercher*

**Thank you — from  
Barrett House**

Thank you for your donation to the Barrett Foundation. The women and children of Barrett House greatly appreciate your generosity. — *Sr. Dorothy*

**CAUTION:  
UFOs are on the move!**

In September, the UFO group will meet on Monday, September 11, at 1 p.m. **AND** at 6:30 p.m. You are invited.

**Book Group — Books for  
Sept. 2006 through June 2007**

**September 18**

Book: *Preservationist*, by David Maine  
Leader: Sue Gallagher — Hostess: Karla Mitovich

**October 16**

Book: *Follow the River*, by James Thorn  
Leader: Mercy Martinez-Nunnally  
Hostess: Mercy Martinez-Nunnally

**November 20**

Book: *Yoruba Girl Dancing*, by Simi Bedford  
Leader: Stephanie Taylor-Marshall  
Hostess: Lee Johnson

**December 18**

Book: Bring a book to share  
Leader: Sue Gallagher — Hostess: Sue Gallagher

**January 15, 2007**

Book: *Moyers on America*, by Bill Moyers  
Leader: Beth Kissling — Hostess: Shari McAnally

**February 19**

Book: *How to Be an Adult in Relationships*, by David Richo  
Leader: Shari McAnally  
Hostess: Stephanie Taylor-Marshall

**March 19**

Book: *Toss the Bride*, by Jennifer Manske Fenske  
Leader: Karla Mitovich — Hostess: Shirley Puariea

**April 16**

Book: *Acquired Taste*, by Peter Mayle  
Leader: Lee Johnson

**May 21**

Book: *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, by Zora Neale Hurston  
Leader: Opal Zuercher

**June 18**

Book: *Modoc*, by Ralph Helfer  
Leader: Shirley Puariea

*Shari McAnally*



FROM THE MODERATOR

**Moderator's Musings**

The Building Vision Task Force — Ted Bradley, Robert Fleming, Chuck Gilman, Chuck Travelstead, Karl Wiegandt, and Judy Gilman, Convener — met with an architectural firm that specializes in sacred space design. They had many great ideas; the possibilities are exciting. Chuck Travelstead and Chuck Gilman will give a presentation to the congregation on Sunday, September 17, at 9:15 to ask the members and friends of the congregation to give some direction. Please note: There will be no adult education that Sunday between services. Last month, I again asked a question and only received a couple of responses, so will ask again. This will be helpful, so please take the time to comment: **We need more space so we can:** OR **We need more space because:** Please drop your comment off at church (or mail

it in), and we will post this on the wall of the sanctuary. The task force will continue to gather information from different programs and groups that use the church, discuss shared space options with the preschool, identify immediate needs, think about phases of a remodel/addition, determine costs, and so much more.

Also mark your calendar for the last in the COGS Concert Series — *Gospel Night and Silent Auction* on October 20, at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Pat Rosenak if you have "new" items that you would like to donate to the event. Are you a crafter? Maybe you want to donate a dinner? We're looking for lots of fun things. We are especially looking for Christmas handmade items.

*Judy Gilman*, Moderator

**Please add your comments in this box**

**WE NEED MORE SPACE SO WE CAN:** (or) **WE NEED MORE SPACE BECAUSE:**

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***Watch for***

- **CrossWalkers** arrive in Washington, D.C., over Labor Day weekend.
- **Ayurveda Lecture** by Ms. Laura Wolf, Thursday, Sept. 14, 3 p.m., in the Sanctuary, sponsored by the Spirituality Group at Church of the Good Shepherd.
- **The Thursday afternoon Spirituality Group** begins Thursday, Sept. 28, 3 p.m. They will be discussing the book, ***For the Love of God – a Handbook for the Spirit***, which is an anthology of the faith journeys of a variety of prominent persons, including the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa, Matthew Fox, Harold Kushner, and many others.
- **Turquoise Chalice Benefit Dinner**, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. See page 4.
- **Fish Fry / Gospel Night and Silent Christmas Auction**, Friday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

## TURQUOISE CHALICE — SHHA CONCERT

## Turquoise Chalice

The Turquoise Chalice Award and Benefit Dinner is scheduled for Friday evening, September 29, 6 p.m., at the Hilton Albuquerque. This is the yearly benefit for the New Mexico Conference of Churches (NMCC), an ecumenical organization that we have actively supported for many years.

This year we are honoring J. Paul Taylor, a moral leader of our time. J. Paul Taylor served for three decades in the Las Cruces Public Schools. While serving in the NM House of Representatives from 1988 to 2002, he championed the causes of children, the elderly, the poor, the arts, and historic preservation.

Our guest speaker this year will be Meinrad Craighead, a renowned New Mexico artist who was once a cloistered religious in a Benedictine Monastery in Wales. She received a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin. Craighead brings a contemplative focus to her life as an artist.

Last year, Church of the Good Shepherd hosted 2 overflow tables (22 people) of members and friends. We would love to have at least one table this year and maybe two. Come on along. It really is a delightful evening.

*Pastor Sue*



## Santa Cruz River Band

**in concert at COGS, Saturday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.**

The *Santa Cruz River Band* from Tucson will perform for church members and friends and Sandia Heights residents in Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.

The *Santa Cruz River Band* performs in English, Spanish and American Indian languages. The trio presents a powerful musical program filled with history and the mystical lore of the Great American Southwest. Their music is authentic and original, rooted in the traditional music styles of the United States and Mexico. Often they explore their personal family histories, as passed on to them by their forefathers. They

perform worldwide and will be fresh from a tour of the United Kingdom. Band members are Michael J. Ronstadt (Linda Ronstadt's brother), Ted Ramírez and Gilbert Brown. Check out their music at: [www.santacruzriverband.com](http://www.santacruzriverband.com).

Suggested door donations are: \$15; \$10 seniors & teens; \$5 age 6 and older. All money collected will go to the band — their only income other than CD sales. The church Youth Group will provide coffees, teas, and desserts, and will appreciate donations for their activities.

For additional information, contact Linda Bolton at 856-7100 or [nlightsmgt@aol.com](mailto:nlightsmgt@aol.com).

## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS — CARE CORE

## Terrific Tuesdays — Performing arts education for kids

**COMING! Tuesday Afternoons at COGS 4–5:30 p.m.:** Music, dance, instruments, and theater! Based on Orff-Schulwerk music education, this afternoon arts workshop for elementary school kids of all ages will begin October 3 and run through December 5. The children will play, sing, dance, improvise, and compose their own music individually and in small groups. We will also develop small theater pieces and work with visual media in combination with music. We need at least ten

children to sign up for this workshop series (ten weeks). Sign-up materials will be available in the church office, or call Marilyn Levine to receive information by mail. There is no fee for this workshop.

*Marilyn Levine*

*Marilyn is an Orff specialist, Level IV certificate, with 20 years' experience in teaching Orff music in the schools and at workshops in New England and nationally.*

## Care Core Report

OUR MEMBERS:

**Ted Bradley, Sedona** (daughter of Michael Haley and Kim Fields-Haley), **Dr. C.A. Kennedy, Nancy Kolenc,** and **DJ Sommerville**

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & FRIENDS:

**Fran Doty** (Amy Homicz's mother), **John Mitovich** (Jon Mitovich's father), **Grace Parsons** (Stewart Johnson's mother), and **Betty Spencer**

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:

**Sharon Bode** (Linda Lopez McAlister's partner), **Richard Borawski** (Ethel Shepard's nephew), **Phil Chynoweth** (George & Marilyn Chynoweth's son), **Nancy Cuneo** (Jennifer HasBrouck's friend), **Donna Drayer** (former member of COGS and friend of Ann Meierkord), **Pete & Becky Foiles** (Stephen Foiles' father & mother), **Ursula Guidry** (Lynne Xavier's friend), **Jacob Hall** (Lynne & Patrick Xavier's friend), **Roger Hogeboom** (Don Mitchell's nephew), **Dr. Phillip Jacob** (friend of Pat & Bob Rosenak), **Angie Kolenc** (sister-in-law of Harry & Nancy Kolenc and of Danny & Susie Tagliapietra), **Olivia Prisco**

(Don & Barbara Mitchell's granddaughter), **Hoy Richards** (friend of Bobbi Norton & Anita Johnson), **Cynthia Robbins** (friend of COGS), and **Terry Warnke** (Ethel Shepard's nephew)

The members of the Church of the Good Shepherd would like to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Williams, who died on July 20, 2006.

The following have been removed from our prayer list. They would like to thank COGS for their prayers. We thank God for their improvement and ask God to continue His care and blessings: Anita Johnson, Imogene Ray, Mike (Mick) Mueller back from Afghanistan, Jack Sorensen-Unruh, Bernice Williams, Jean Williams, and Dorothy Wortman.

Remembering all those who are serving their country: George Berndt (Donna Berndt and Darrell Caudell's son) in Iraq; Michael Bradley (Kieran Lindsey's cousin) in Iraq; Debby Lee McConnell (COGS member) in Kuwait; Chad Oien (friend of Jennifer HasBrouck) in Iraq; and Erick Williams (Maxine Williams' grandson) in Iraq.

*Orp Christopher*