

An Invitation...

## Come, **WIDEN** the View!

Blessed by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Church of the Palms with a summer Renewal Program! We will renew ourselves and widen our spiritual view through...

...**Worship** — each Sunday at 10 a.m., with a line-up of seven amazing, gifted and creative preachers (see inside)— and some wonderful surprises mixed in. Chapel communion is offered every 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.

...**Celebration of the Arts** — with a Wednesday film series (1 and 6 p.m. each week), Bach-n-All Coffeehouses (1st and 3rd Saturdays 4-8 p.m.), some special arts-centered worship experiences, and a 'Heavenly Harp' concert on June 13 at 3 p.m.

...**Encountering changing demographics** — with view-widening experiences each Sunday morning at 8:45 as well as a 3-night "Mayberry Re-Visited" series for all ages in July (14, 15 and 16).

...**Just plain old fun** — with movies, a Wii bowling league (2nd and 4th Fridays, noon), open bowling at Bell Rec. Center, and we bet the list grows!

The party won't be complete without you! Being balanced followers of Christ means taking time to renew. Help us celebrate the first forty years of our church life — and lay the foundation for the next forty!

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The Planning Team:

John Durbin, Chair; Abby Atkins, Pat Durbin, Mac Young, Kate Janecek, Debbie Lane, Linda and Roger McClentic, Clint Reynolds, John Riederer, Diane Worth

### Mayberry Revisited — July 14, 15, 16

6:30-8PM each day

For all ages ... new episodes of the Andy Griffith Show with fun and learning activities to drive the messages home! A fun "vacation church school" with a twist!

### Bach-n-All Coffeehouse

1st and 3rd Saturdays — 4 to 8 p.m.

Superb music by Johnny and Chris Rice and other guest musicians. 'Beautiful music' also in conversation and life-sharing. Come and go as you wish; all ages welcome! Light refreshments. Suggested donation: \$7; first-time guests free.

### Chapel Communion

Every 1st Wednesday, 10AM: a simple but meaningful service of readings, sharing and communion by intinction.

### Special Fun Events

**Wii Bowling** ... 2nd and 4th Fridays, 1:30PM in King Hall. Come once or come often ... great fun!

**Open Bowling** ... 1st Saturday at 2PM each month at Bell Rec. Center. Bowl one game or three or just cheer.

**Super Summer Salad Spectacular** ... Sunday, July 12, 11 a.m. Healthy, cool and delicious! A special invitation to those who are alone or "stuck" here for the summer. No ticket charge...reservations helpful.

The Church of the Palms  
**UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST



## 40th Anniversary Summer Renewal Program

"**WIDEN** the View"

Summer 2009

No matter *who* you are  
or *where* you are on life's journey  
you are welcome here.

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Summer office hours: 8AM to Noon

Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.  
Chapel Communion 1st Weds. 10 a.m.

## ***Worship God!*** ... Sundays at 10AM

- Excellent music each week...vocal and instrumental.
- Refreshments and conversation after each service.

May 31, LEAVE-TAKING DAY; Pentecost; Communion; Pastor Len preaches; dessert reception in King Hall.

June 7, Acting Minister Clint Reynolds preaches.

“ 14, Marshall Esty preaches “From Little, Much.”

“ 21, Jud Souers preaches “A Minister’s View of Father’s Day.” (Judd is the retired minister from The Church at Litchfield Park.)

“ 28, Jud Souers returns, “When Grace Arrives Unannounced.”

July 5, Pat Locke preaches. (Pat is the daughter of Helen and Byron Healy; she will soon be ordained!)

“ 12, Marshall Esty returns, “Adopted, Included, Commissioned.”

“ 19, Katharine Harts preaches and leads an arts-centered service. (Katharine is a pastor at Scottsdale Congregational UCC.)

“ 26, Brian Gruhn (one of “our” seminarians!) leads a contemporary service in King Hall, with an assist from the youth of Shadow Rock Church.

August 2, Communion Sunday, Clint Reynolds preaches.

“ 9, Judy Green-Davis preaches. (She is another of “our” seminarians...and a great preacher!)

“ 16, Marshall Esty returns, “What Shall I Give...”

“ 23, Brian Gruhn returns to preach.

“ 30, Judy Green-Davis returns.

September 6, REUNION SUNDAY, Pastor Len returns and Clint Reynolds preaches. A **reunion luncheon** and sharing time follows in King Hall.

## **WIDEN *the View!***..Sundays at 8:45AM

- Chances to stretch mind and spirit.

May 31, Dessert reception **AFTER** the service.

June 7, no special event today.

“ 14, Marshall Esty: “Roots and Flowers from John 17”, — Christian unity (and its lack).

“ 21, Jud Souers: “Changing Generations” — Religious implications of changes in greater Sun City.

“ 28, Jud Souers: “Contemporary Worship...An Opportunity?” — Jud shares his success and struggles.

July 5, Pat Locke: “Speaking Our Faith in a Multi-Faith World”— being Christian *and* sensitive to others.

“ 12, Marshall Esty: “Baggage and the Bible” — What is with all these translations? Bring your favorite! **PLUS: Super Summer Salad Spectacular** at 11 in King Hall!

“ 19, Katharine Harts: “Unlocking Everyday Creativity”—unleashing the creative spirit God gave you.

“ 26, no seminar today as King Hall is readied for a wonderful service led by Brian Gruhn.

August 2, **FOLLOWS** the service: Pastor Len “skypes” in from France...see and hear him on the big screen!

“ 9, Judy Green-Davis: “Medieval Mystics”—this has it all: Faith, bravery, change, sex and intrigue!

“ 16, Marshall Esty: “How Do You Want to Be Remembered?”— a chance to write your own obituary!

“ 23, Brian Gruhn: “Celebrating the Arts in Worship” — aided by some Shadow Rock youth.

“ 30, Judy Green-Davis: “Day of the Dead” — lots to experience, including a life-size ofrenda!

September 6, **FOLLOWS** the service: REUNION LUNCHEON with sharing by Pastor Len and us on our renewal program experiences!

## ***Catch Great Movies!***

- Identical shows Wednesdays 1 and 6PM

(“Themed” movies carry forward Sunday’s theme.)

June 3 — fun movie: *Meet the Robinsons*. Wacky encounter with an, um, interesting family.

“ 10 — fun movie: *Stardust*, with Claire Danes, Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert DeNiro.

“ 17 — themed movie: *The Gospel*: An inspiring drama features great music and a powerful story line.

“ 24 — themed movie: *Whale Rider*: Compelling and award-winning film.

July 1 — themed movie: *Bend it Like Beckham*: Generational and ethnicity issues explored. Comedy.

“ 8 — fun movie: *Hoodwinked*: Little Red Riding Hood is turned upside down and inside out. Really funny.

“ 22 — themed movie: *The Chorus*: A music teacher forms a choir of delinquents and changes their world.

“ 29 — fun movie: *Bride and Prejudice*: Bollywood remake of Austen’s masterpiece. Magical.

August 5 — themed movie: *A Town Like Alice*: Award-winning 1956 adaptation. Memorable.

“ 12 — themed movie: *The Lion in Winter*. In 1183, plots and intrigue abound for Henry II.

“ 19 — fun movie: *Auntie Mame*: The zany journey of Mame and nephew, Patrick, in a tough time.

“ 26 — fun movie: *The Princess Bride*: fun, touching.

Sept. 2 — fun movie: *In America*: Award-winning movie about a poor Irish family pursuing the American dream.

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Things happen fast around here, you know!**