

# BY THE WAY...

July 2011

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Raymond S. Thomas

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## From the Pastor



This summer's Wallow Fire, the largest fire in the history of Arizona, has occupied much of our attention the past few weeks. Not only have we been watching, and praying, for the firefighters to gain some control so that their efforts to protect lives, homes, and communities may be successful, but we have also been concerned about the Presbyterian camp, Montlure, up in the woods in Greer, Arizona.

In the last few days we received word that the camp did sustain some damage. Three cabins and the boys restroom were burned and others buildings may have sustained water damage. Fortunately, the Camp Council has located an alternate camp, outside of Prescott, where there will be an abbreviated four week camping program, beginning June 25th.

While we regret the loss of the cabins, and feel bad about the week of camping that my son, Andy, and I were hoping to enjoy with 70 Junior High campers, including four campers from Holy Way, we are thankful that no lives have been lost, and few homes have been destroyed, and the dedicated firefighters are gaining on the fire. And, we are all praying for rain!

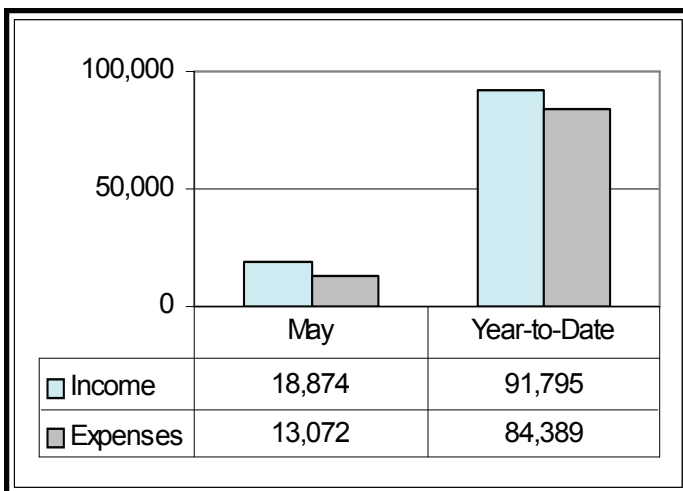
In other news at Holy Way, we continue to pray for Laura Penton and her family. Laura's husband, Ray, died unexpectedly on June 1 in Missouri. We celebrate the joy of welcoming a new

member, Nadine Huddleston, who transferred her membership from Wesley Methodist Church in Kansas City, KS. And our Vacation Bible School, held the last week of June, was a huge and enjoyable success!

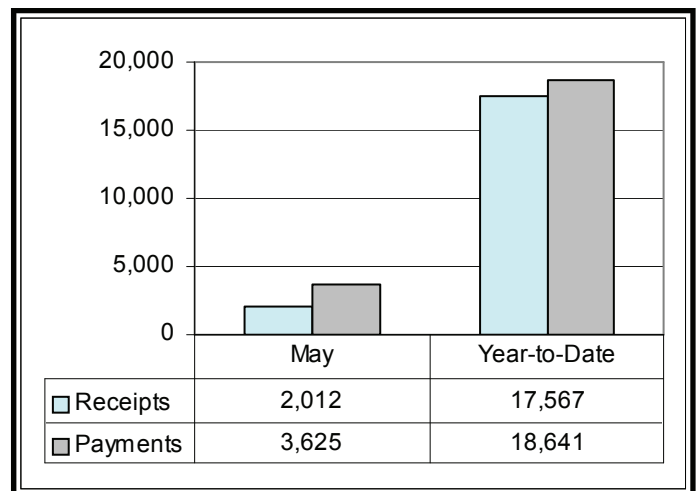
While it feels as though God has thrown our Church family way too many changes and losses and new challenges these past few months, God's ever-present, always reliable, and amazingly life-giving love continues to flow and flourish and enrich us. We are different, and God is still the same. Jesus loves us, this we know.

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## Operating Budget



## Monthly Mortgage Report



### General Fund Receipts 2011

(As of May 31)

Pledged	48,846
Unpledged	41,565
Other	1,384

### Mortgage Balance Remaining

May — 256,458

**20 Year Mortgage to be paid off by  
May, 2019**

## Something to Think About...

The Sunday School has collected \$3600 toward their \$5000 goal for the Heifer Ark Project. We are teaching our young people to set high goals and work to achieve them. Recently the project received a contribution that was gifted in a will and we are so grateful! Please, remember the church in your will.

## Summer Sunday School

We are looking for folks to teach our Sunday School class (for 5th graders & younger) during the month of July. Materials will be provided. Please sign up in the Ranch House. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

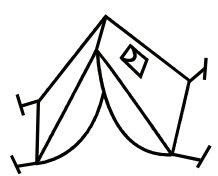
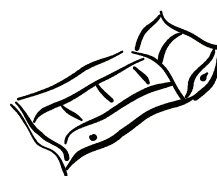
## Tools for Tanzania

Don Hemming has informed us that a shipment of tools (almost a ton) is set to be shipped to Tanzania. The total cost of the shipping is almost \$2000. Don invites contributions to help cover the cost. Contributions can be given to our church (mark "Tools for Tanzania"). For more information about the program, check the website at [www.ihpt2.org](http://www.ihpt2.org). Don can be contacted by email at [dbhemming@tds.net](mailto:dbhemming@tds.net).

## Relocated Montlure Camp

Our Presbyterian Summer Camp has been relocated for an abbreviated program. We will have two campers: Dylan Rudd attending Junior High (July 2-8) and Marcus Mattias attending Juniors (July 8-13). Andy Thomas will be counselor at both of these camps. Your notes of love and support are welcome! Mail, addressed to the individual, can be sent to:

Camp Wamatochick  
5101 S. Senator Hwy.  
Prescott, AZ 86303



# JULY'S ANNIVERSARIES



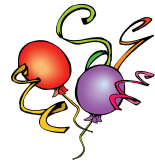
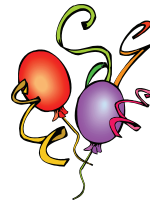
Larry & Ellen LaCroix	7-1
Howard & Alice Higby	7-14
Daryl & Patty Betts	7-28

## Meals in July

On July 13, TR Ellis will prepare his very own Sloppy Joes, served with potato salad and desert. Get signed up in the Ranch House! Suggested donation is \$7.

Lunch and Games will be held at 12 noon on July 27. Come have fun, food & fellowship with us in the afternoon, we always have a good time!

# JULY'S



# BIRTHDAYS

Dee Greer	7-7
Dawn Krause	7-9
Bob McCormick	7-9
Anthony Veninga	7-9
Anna Veninga	7-12
Shirley Wallien	7-15
Edith Lockard	7-16
Sarah Terpening	7-16
Don Cutting	7-18
Marcia Boyd	7-24
Gerri Barney	7-25
Andy Andreatta	7-28
Marcie Eldert	7-31

Ana Miller (our Director of Music) and her husband Brad have wonderful news to celebrate: they are expecting a baby! Their first child is due in January. It is hard to imagine two people better suited to welcome a precious child into the world. Also, we celebrate the news that Brad has been chosen to head up the Music Department at Iowa Wesleyan College, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa and Ana has also been chosen as Adjunct Faculty there. We are so happy to be able to launch them into their new and exciting adventures!

Ana has so richly blessed our music program and our church with her musical talents and leadership, her tender heart, her genuine and deep faith in her Lord, and her generous spirit. She will be leaving an indelible mark upon this church and will be forever cherished by those who have worked closely with her. I will miss a treasured colleague who has been a pleasure to work with and an inspiration to worship with. Ana's last Sunday with us will be July 10. We will express our gratitude to her and send her off with our prayers, love, and best wishes that morning. For those of you who are not in Tucson, I invite you to mail or email any personal expressions of gratitude you have for Ana, and send them to me. I will compile them and present them to her the morning of July 10. We would also like to present her with a monetary gift from Holy Way, as she and Brad start their new life together in Iowa and prepare to welcome their new baby. Please send your contribution by July 5 to the church and mark it: Ana's Gift.

Our search for a new Director of Music will begin soon and we hope to have our new Director in place by September 1. Thank you for all your support and prayers!

## A Page From Our Memoir Writers

Over the past few months, a group of brave and interesting folks came together under the guidance of Ellen LaCroix to learn some tips and techniques for telling their own life story. We will be featuring some of their work in the upcoming newsletters to share their work with you!

### “Third Child, and no Fuss About It”

I was, by all accounts, a sweet child. The third of four, and no special treatment. But when I was five years old, I developed rheumatic fever. I had been droop and tired for a couple of weeks, even after my chicken pox had gone away. My mother was busy with a new baby and even though she was a great multi-tasker, my uncharacteristic behavior went unattended.

When my parents finally took me to a doctor, he declared, “This child is fine.” All this without so much as listening to my heart or looking down my throat. Unsatisfied with this assessment in light of my continued fatigue, and now, a fever, they took me to a different doctor.

This doctor had his office up a high, steep set of stairs — an unlikely and unfortunate location for a doctor’s office. I remember the challenge I faced climbing up those stairs, the weariness of putting one foot in front of the other. Those were the last steps I would take for a long time.

This doctor, young and energetic, was instantly alarmed by my symptoms. After listening carefully to my heart, he said, “This child has either rheumatic fever or endocarditis (an infection of the heart).” I remember being alarmed when he carried me across the office; this was a serious statement of my condition.

I was hospitalized in the local hospital until a visiting heart specialist declared the diagnosis as rheumatic fever, and I was transferred to the children’s hospital in Denver, Colorado.

I was in the Denver hospital for about five months, and I quickly became a terror. “That child is not to cry,” the head nurse told her staff. “It would be too hard on her heart.” Any child would sense her power in that situation, and I began to run those nurses ragged. The one time I really need attention with a bad nosebleed, they ignored me until my gown and bedding were soaked. I imagine they got a bad scolding for that.

“She was a sweet girl until she became sick,” my parents protested to the doctor when he told them of my demanding behavior.

When I finally got home, my willfulness continued. One day when I was put down for a nap in my parents’ bedroom, I crept out of bed and went to their closet to explore the interesting stuff in there. They heard the rattling and knew I was pushing the limits again.

Although my dad had been told not to spank me, he and my mother decided that if something wasn’t done about me, I wouldn’t be worth living anyway. So they dragged me out of the closet and Dad gave me the paddling I deserved.

I imagine he did so with fear and trembling, but I didn’t sense any uncertainty on the receiving end. Life returned to its normal order: I was child number three of four, and no fuss about it.

# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9 am –12 n VBS  12 n - VBS Lunch & Program	2
3 COMMUNION /FBS 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 6 pm Ala-teen/Al-anon	4 Office Closed in observance of Independence Day	5 9 am Bible Study  6 pm Alanon	6 9 am Prayer Group  7 pm AA Meeting	7   5:30 pm AA Meeting	8 9 am Craft Guild	9
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24 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 6 pm Ala-teen/Al-anon	25	26 <i>Bible Study is cancelled</i>  6 pm Alanon	27 9 am Prayer Group  12 n Lunch & Games 7 pm AA Meeting	28   5:30 pm AA Meeting	29 9 am Craft Guild	30
31 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School 6 pm Ala-teen/Al-anon						

## Stated Session Meeting – May 16, 2011

Le VanScoyk made a presentation on the purposed Memory Garden and information from a recent meeting attended by Phyllis Crouthers, Don Schroyer, Bill Seelow, Ed Staley and Le & Jodie VanScoyk. Discussion took place on location, size, cost and member's interest. Also, discussed was obtaining county approval for such a project and visiting other churches in Tucson that have Memory Gardens. The next meeting of this committee will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am.

**Deacon's Report:** This committee met on May 10th with discussion on the following items: Gwen Schroyer has volunteered to work the Rummage Sale this year. Don & Karen Cutting have accepted the duty of preparing communion. Jerry Beck has retired from this duty – great appreciation for his long and dedicated work. A Prayer Shawl project was discussed with Anita Parsil. Session discussed this project and decided it was something we would like to pursue. There will be no committee meeting in June, July and August – next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

### † Pastor's Report: Ray Thomas

1. Active member, John Perry died in Tucson on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Memorial service was held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, here at Holy Way with internment of both John & Judith at Fort Huachuca.
2. Active member, Iona Mimna died in Tucson on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Memorial service has been tentatively planned for Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, here at Holy Way.
3. Received, thus far, for One Great Hour of Sharing offering: \$515.36.
4. Approve Pentecost offering, to be dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. *A motion was made by Wendy Mattias to approve this offering as stated, s/p.*
5. "Creating a Culture of Generosity" workshop, by the Board of Pensions, is being held on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 3:00pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson. Ray Thomas, Gerry Pearson and Charlotte Venekamp will be attending.
6. The C.E. Fitzgerald College Scholarship Board has awarded Andy Thomas (NAU) and Delissa Pancho (Pima Community College) scholarships of \$800 for the 2011-2012 year.
7. Update on Amendment 10-A. This amendment was voted on and approved by a majority of presbyteries and will become a part of the Book of Order.

### † Building & Grounds: Daryl Betts/Larry LaCroix

Projects completed during the last period were: light bulb replacement, drip irrigational system operational, blue agaves planted in green belt between Bilbray and parking lot, back yard weeds removed and laminated beam in Sanctuary was cleaned and stained to cover water leaks.

### † Christian Education: Wendy Mattias/Andy Thomas

The ark project is more than half way to its goal - \$2,809! Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Children's Day and we will be awarding the third graders with a new bible. Vacation Bible School plans are moving along as planned.

### † Congregational Life: Bill Seelow

Three meals were served in April – dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup> by Helen Denman with profits of \$258, breakfast on April 24<sup>th</sup> by Gerry Pearson and Bill & Karen Seelow with profits of \$256 and lunch on April 27<sup>th</sup> with profits of \$64. Total year-to-date profits are \$1,552.

### † Worship: Sherri Atleson

This committee met on May 4<sup>th</sup> with discussion as follows: Gwen Schroyer will be assuming the Sanctuary flower arranging. Marv Knittel has Lay Sunday all arranged and presented a sample of people that are so willing to participate. This will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be no summer meetings and the next one will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am.

Note: Session Minutes in their entirety are posted on the bulletin board in the Ranch House.

# What's in a Gift Ark?

**2 CAMELS**  
to help families in Tanzania transport water and earn income

**2 PIGS**  
to help families in the Dominican Republic attain greater self-reliance

**2 COWS**  
to bring milk and income to families in Kosovo

**2 TRIOS OF RABBITS**  
to provide food and income to families in Vietnam

**2 WATER BUFFALO**  
to help families in the Philippines increase rice production through animal draft power

**2 TRIOS OF GUINEA PIGS**  
to help families in Peru add protein to their diets and earn income

**2 TRIOS OF DUCKS**  
to help families in Thailand generate income through the sale of eggs and birds

**2 FLOCKS OF CHICKS**  
to help families in Cambodia improve nutrition and replenish their land

**2 OXEN**  
to families in Cameroon to help pull plows and carts

**2 GOATS**  
to help families in Poland provide milk for their children and earn extra income

**2 FLOCKS OF GEESE**  
to help families in China better their nutrition and income through the production of eggs and meat

**2 DONKEYS**  
to supply animal draft power to families in Zimbabwe

**2 BEEHIVES**  
to help families in Mexico earn money through the sale of honey and beeswax

**2 SHEEP**  
to help families in the United States produce wool

**2 LLAMAS/ALPACAS**  
to improve livestock bloodlines and produce wool for families in Bolivia



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