



# PINNACLE VISTAS

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The crowd enjoys a sunset dinner during last year's Fall Round-Up.

## **PARTY WITH THE STARS AT ROUND-UP**

This year's Fall Round-Up begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. Meet us on the Green for great food, fellowship and stargazing.

Stargazing for Everyone, a local group of professional stargazers, will bring high-powered telescopes to view the beautiful night sky. Observe the stars, moon and even Jupiter from the Green.

Kids will be entertained with astronomy-related projects in Fellowship Hall. Bring your digital camera to take beautiful pictures of Jupiter, the moon in detail and constellations.

Do you have a telescope or binoculars, but don't know how to use them properly? Bring 'em! The experts at Stargazing for Everyone will give instructions for viewing the night sky.

Please RSVP for this not-to-miss event.

Look for sign-up tables after Sunday worship, or visit the church office to sign-up. Cost is \$6 per adult, \$2 per child (ages 2+).

## MEDITATING ON GENEROSITY

Lately I've been thinking about the meaning of the word generosity. Robert Schnase, author of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, says, "Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a worthy spiritual aspiration. Generosity is the opposite of selfishness, self-centeredness, and self-absorption. To practice Extravagant Generosity requires self-control, patience, kindness, faith and love of God and neighbor. These build us up; equip us for life and for ministry; and foster perspectives and attitudes that are sustaining, enriching, and meaningful. Giving changes both the giver and the church."



Rev. Mac Schafer,  
interim pastor

In response to this, we should ask:

- How has God been generous to us?
- What are we grateful for in our lives and how do we thank God for these gifts?
- Are we generous in life as a response to God's generosity to us?
- Even when things are difficult do we choose responsible generosity because we know it is the right posture to have before God?

In October and November we will be kicking off the ONE Campaign... no, sorry, Bono of U2 will not be here. The ONE Campaign I am talking about is Pinnacle's 2009 Stewardship Campaign which centers on

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## THEOLOGICAL CENTER LOOKS TO THE HEAVENS

The former director of the Vatican Observatory will be the first speaker in this year's events at the Pinnacle Theological Center.



Fr. George Coyne

Father George Coyne's topic will be "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Chapel Conference Room.

The principle of the Pinnacle Theological Center is to serve as a place where people may find their ideas challenged, their questions accepted, their hopes inspired, their minds educated, their hearts stirred and their lives enriched. It is a place for people to come together and deal with the great issues of life in light of the Christian faith.

Next on the schedule will be Andrea Stouder, the regional coordinator for Teach for America, on Sunday, Nov. 16.

For more information, call the church office at 480.585.9448.

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Ephesians 4:4, "There is just one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Together we are ONE in Christ! As members and friends of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church we are called to generously use our gifts of time, talent and financial resources to shape the church in its ministry and mission.

**In 2009, your generosity will help pay for very tangible needs:** The addition of the mortgage payment into the operating budget for the first time ever, the Pastor Nominating Committee's (PNC) search for the next pastor, a greater percentage of the operating budget going towards mission and much more. **What we are asking you to do is add one percent of your total household income onto what you pledged last year.**

We thank you for your past generosity and the growing edges of generosity you will consider in the near future....

The Peace of Christ be with you,

— Mac

## ADULT EDUCATION

### A FEAST OF ADULT EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

There is something for everyone this month in Adult Education. Our 11:15 a.m. Sunday morning class topics include:

Oct. 5	The Koran	Alan Stone
Oct. 12	Muslims in the West	Alan Stone
Oct. 19	Women in Islam	Alan Stone
Oct. 26	Exploring Our Faith (continues each week)	Rod Houston
Oct. 26	The Book of Revelation	Michael Hegeman

Starting dates, times and instructors of other studies beginning in October:

Tuesdays	Oct. 7	10 a.m.	Ladies Bible Group	Gena Brown
Thursdays	Oct. 9	7 p.m.	How Women Pray	Parris Richie
Mondays	Oct. 13	7 p.m.	Social Equity and Community Activism	David Smith
Wednesdays	Oct. 15	6 p.m.	Peace. What Is It and How Do You Find It?	Anne Foley
Sunday	Oct. 19	4 p.m.	MySpace and My Child	Buzzy LeCluyse
Monday	Oct. 20	7 p.m.	A Pipe Organ Encounter	Brent Hylton
Various	Oct. 21	7 p.m.	Brain Fun & Fitness	Phyllis Strupp
Saturday	Oct. 25	8 a.m.	Big Event 2008: Valley Presbyterian Church	Presbytery Leaders

How will your faith grow? For more information on these (and other) classes, please check the PPC Web site or the Adult Education brochure.

### TRAVEL TO GREECE, TURKEY IN MAY

Don't forget to join us May 2-15, 2009, as we follow in the footsteps of the apostle Paul on a tour of Greece and Turkey. For more information, please contact Shelly Core at 480.488.8912 or [snscore@msn.com](mailto:snscore@msn.com).

### AMIGOS GATHER FOR NINTH ANNUAL LOBSTER BOIL

Amigos cordially invites all PPC members and friends to sign up for our annual Lobster Boil to be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at the Legend Trail Community Center.

This event provides a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and a warm welcome back to many of our winter residents.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes traditional steamed New England lobster, corn on the cob, boiled potatoes, salad and dessert along with beer, wine and soda.

For more information, contact John and Andrea Terhune at 480.595.5055 or Ray and Sally Williams at 480.585.1813. Sign-up will be on the West Terrace on Sundays, Oct. 4 and 11.



Matt Lucky and Ray Williams show off a quartet of lobsters headed for the plates at last year's boil.

### LADIES GROUP LOOKS AT 'FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT'

Join the Ladies Bible Study as it begins a six-week Bill Hybels Interaction study, "Fruit of the Spirit." The group meets from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning, Oct. 7, in the Chapel Conference Room.

Study books cost \$7 and will be available at the first class.

In this study, participants will learn about the life transforming qualities God wants to cultivate inside you and be given the power to produce each kind of spiritual "fruit." This can transform every relationship and help you discover the one route to a truly satisfying life serving others.

Lunch at a local restaurant will follow.

For more information, call Jan Premo at 480.563.4778, or Gena Brown at 480.451.7613.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CELEBRATE WORLD COMMUNION ON OCT. 5

World Communion Day is Sunday, Oct. 5. All children and youth will be in worship this Sunday to celebrate this worldwide event.

We invite you to join us and celebrate communion with Christians all over the world.



### CHILDREN'S SABBATH IS OCT. 19

All children will be in worship at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 19, as we participate in the National Observance of Children's Sabbath.

We are inviting our elementary-aged children to assist with this worship service, and honor the gifts and talents they bring to our church.

Information will be coming home in early October. If you'd like to have your child participate, please save time on Saturday, Oct. 18, for rehearsal from 9-11 a.m.

If you'd like to help with rehearsal, please contact Debbie Lisk at [dlink@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:dlink@pinnaclepres.org).

### DON YOUR COSTUME FOR PUMPKINFEST

Join us at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, for PumpkinFest.

Grab your costume and come to the Green for an evening of Halloween fun: pumpkins, costumes, games, sweets, treats and more. Please bring non-perishable items to share with a local food bank.

There is no RSVP needed, just show up!

### CLUB 46 PLANS NEXT EVENT ON OCT. 19

Club 46 is off to a great start, and we can't wait to see you at our next event on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Last month, our 4th- through 6th-graders went on a photograph scavenger hunt around our campus, then met a few weeks later to unwind at the Corn Maze.

If you'd like to be on the Club 46 e-mail list, please let Debbie Lisk know by e-mailing her at [dlink@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:dlink@pinnaclepres.org).

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### BAPTISM

**Ella Grace Mancini**, daughter of **Patty and Mike Mancini**

### BIRTH

**Juliana Crisalli**, daughter of **Amanda and David Crisalli**, born Aug. 27, 2008

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER CHURCH SCHOOL

All children will be in worship on Oct. 5 for World Communion Sunday and Oct. 19 for Children's Sabbath.

On the other weeks in October:

- 3s and 4s will learn that God helps us do hard things, and that God helps us trust him.

- Kindergartners will learn that God helps us forgive others, and friends can share with each other.

- 1st- through 4th-graders will gather for Children's Chapel to review Jacob and Esau, then begin learning about Joseph and his brothers.

- 5th- and 6th-graders are surveying the New Testament, and will learn about Jesus' childhood and Jesus' baptism and temptation.



### GET READY FOR OCTOBER CLUB WED!

Questers will be continuing its Faith Journey with a combination of Veggie Tales, mission work and learning how to share the good news with others.

Lamb Brigade, which is our 4- and 5-year-olds, will be learning about Noah's Ark, how Abraham obeys God, how birds help Elijah, and how God helps Namaan.

Lion Pride will be reading several stories from the Bible, including Jacob and Esau, Moses and the burning bush, the plagues, how Moses parted the Red Sea, and the Ten Commandments.

## HAVE A PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER ON OCT. 20

Time Out for the Arts presents A Pipe Organ Encounter at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, in the Sanctuary.

An up-close and personal tour of Pinnacle's Richards, Fowkes pipe organ will be guided by Brent Hylton, Pinnacle's Director of Music. Hylton will not only lead the experience, including a "behind the scenes" look inside the organ



chamber, but also will demonstrate the power and majesty of this extraordinary instrument. The encounter is free and open to the public.

### Other Time Out for the Arts events include:

A Pipe Organ Encounter (repeat)	Monday, Jan. 12	7 p.m.
Music Is a Gas III!	Monday, Feb. 9	7 p.m.
Hymns & Hers for Happy Hearts	Monday, March 9	7 p.m.

## ADVENT AND LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL SCHEDULE

The free Advent and Lenten Organ Recitals are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary.

Advent Recitals		
Donna Marie Hartley, Organist, Historic First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix		Dec. 3
Gary Rutherford, Director of Music, Faith Lutheran Church, Phoenix		Dec. 10
Devon Howard, Director of Music, Victory Lutheran Church, Phoenix		Dec. 17
Lenten Recitals		
Marilyn Kredel, Associate Organist, Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale		March 11
Virginia Harmon, Organist & Choir Director, Grace Lutheran Church, Phoenix		March 18
Kristin Holton, Organist, First Methodist Church, Scottsdale		March 25



The annual Concert Series has brought many noted performers to the sanctuary, including an appearance last spring by the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

## PINNACLE CONCERTS BEGIN WITH ORGANIST

The Pinnacle Concerts will open at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, with Netherlands organist Sietze de Vries.

Active as a concert organist in the Netherlands, Sietze de Vries also has presented concerts and master classes in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, England and the United States. He has won 15 national organ competitions and in 2002 he captured the international improvisation prize.

You won't want to miss this rare opportunity to hear a world-class master of baroque improvisation.

### Other concerts in the series include:

Brent Hylton, organ	Sunday, Nov. 9	4 p.m.
The Phoenix Symphony	Friday, Nov. 21	7:30 p.m.
Celebration of Christmas	Sunday, Dec. 7	4 & 7 p.m.
Salt River Brass	Saturday, Dec. 20	7:30 p.m.
The Phoenix Symphony	Friday, Jan. 23	7:30 p.m.
An American Voice	Friday, Jan. 30	7:30 p.m.
Stephen Tharp, organ	Friday, March 6	7:30 p.m.
Mexico's 3 Tenors	Friday, March 13	7:30 p.m.
Ken Medema in Concert	Sunday, March 29	4 p.m.

## YOUTH TO HOLD DINNER FUNDRAISER

Pinnacle's youth will be holding a dinner fundraiser at Club Wed! from 5-6:30 p.m. Oct. 22.

Come help the youth raise money for next summer's mission trip. The youth will be serving burgers and hotdogs for the Club Wed! gang.

Even if you aren't old enough to go on the trip, you can help the cause by participating in the fundraisers.

Let Pastor Kristin know if you will be able to help.

## YOUTH TO HAVE BOOTH AT MISSION FAIR

The youth will have a booth at the Mission Fair on Sunday, Oct. 26, where we will get to share our mission events with the congregation.

We could use youth representatives to man the booth. Let Pastor Kristin know if you can make it.

## JR. HIGH PLANS HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

The costume party is almost here! Join us in your craziest costume from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in Fellowship Hall.

We will play messy games and have a costume contest.

Bring a Halloween snack to share and \$5 to go toward expenses. RSVP to Pastor Kristin by Oct. 17.



## SR. HIGH TO GO ON HALLOWEEN OUTING

Too old for trick or treating? Join the Sr. High youth for some exciting Halloween festivities around the Valley from 6-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31.

Meet at the church at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20.

RSVP to Pastor Kristin by Oct. 24.

## TALLULAH WORKSHOP TO ADD TILES TO ATELIER'S ARROYO

Pinnacle Presbyterian Preschool will be having a Tallulah Workshop from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct 18, in the Atelier.

Now in its third year, the Tallulah Project will begin the completion of the arroyo from the entry-

way to the Atelier. Young trees and poppies will adorn the walls. Written on the leaves will be the names of the children and members of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church and Preschool.

Hope you can make it! We need your help!



## PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR, TEACHERS TO PRESENT AT NATIONAL NAEYC CONFERENCE

Preschool Director Sabrina Ball, along with studio teacher Cheryl Lundberg and classroom teacher Juliet Mendon, have been selected to present their long-term project "How a Castle Came to Life in the Desert: Stories of Collaboration at One Reggio-Inspired Preschool" at the National Association of Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) national conference in Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 5-8.

The yearlong project came about after children wanted to learn more about castles from around the world after seeing a picture of Juliet at the Taj Mahal when she was a child growing up in India.

"This is an incredible honor to have been chosen to present our project at the NAEYC Conference this year," Juliet said. "We can't wait to share with the country the wonderful research and educational collaboration that is occurring here at Pinnacle Presbyterian Preschool."

## THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

On Oct. 11, the Pinnacle Presbyterian Preschool playground will be transformed into a pumpkin patch!

The truck will be here at 9 a.m., and we need families to help unload over 1,000 pumpkins, varying from itty bitty to extra large.

The patch will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends Oct. 12-31 for you to purchase your pumpkins.



Helpers cart pumpkins from the delivery truck to the Preschool playground last year.

### ANDRE HOUSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

Andre House serves hot evening meals to approximately 600 needy people six days a week. Pinnacle provides volunteers to help prepare and serve these meals three days a month. Our October volunteer dates are Thursday, Oct. 9, Tuesday, Oct. 14, and Sunday, Oct. 26. To volunteer, contact Lila Kleinkopf at 480.893.3646 or lkleinkopf@cox.net.

### LOS LOCOS KICKS OFF FOR FALL ON OCT. 17

Los Locos, a fellowship group for singles and couples in the 20 to 50 age range, kicks off its fall events at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Leslie and Jason Bush's home, 28421 N. Rio Mountain Ct., Scottsdale. These gatherings offer an opportunity to form new friendships in a welcoming atmosphere. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 15, to 480.471.1328.

### MUG, MUFFIN AND FAITH

Join other moms of young children for a cup of coffee and a devotional lesson at Mug N' Muffin. The group will meet from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1 and 15, in Room 2 of Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Katy Schafer, M.Div., at 480.513.0942.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

### Oct. 1

Carolline Creswick  
Duke Frye

### Oct. 2

Jenna Englund  
Mimi Moyer  
ReiAnne Reese  
Isabella Weis

### Oct. 3

Michelle Gasparino  
Nathan Granger  
Karen Kraft  
Kendra Laurent  
Delaney Morris  
Nicole Wrede

### Oct. 4

Clayton Burdick  
Emma Frey  
Alyson Orescanin

### Oct. 5

Sophia Crisalli  
Lauren Kessler  
Payton Morlock  
Phillip Smith

### Oct. 6

Mark Leinweber  
Susan Schroeder  
Karen Spessard

### Oct. 7

Lauren Hart  
J.J. Heid  
Calvin Schapira

### Oct. 8

Tory Schafer

### Oct. 9

Robert Hildebrandt  
Jen Seabright

### Oct. 10

James Helt  
Norwood Pope  
Nancy Prenzno  
William Rooke

### Oct. 11

Donald Andrews

Tina Brown

### Oct. 14

Chase Lauen  
Laura Roby  
Bruce Schrader  
Doris Van Benschoten

### Oct. 15

Denise Beghin  
Robert Froehlke  
Alan Stone

### Oct. 16

Jon Candelaria  
Olivia Chandler  
Diane Hall

### Oct. 17

Cecelia Ralston

### Oct. 18

Ann Frein  
Mary Mantle  
Michael McIntyre  
Walker Zweifel

### Oct. 19

Phil Beasley  
Becky Hilgers  
Margie Mobley  
Sandi Pearson

### Oct. 20

Glenn Hughes  
Joyce Pryor

### Oct. 21

Kathryn Babits  
William Niemann  
Carmen Peyer

### Oct. 22

Ron Keyser  
Cathryn Newman  
Mary Walker

### Oct. 23

Mary Ann Biermeier

### Oct. 24

Milton Heuston  
Susan Miller  
Will Pearson  
Sabrina Schapira

### Oct. 25

Katie Leinweber  
Kyra Peck  
Heather Rittenhouse  
Sally Williams

### Oct. 26

Stephanie Jones  
Darryl Menard  
Sarah Robertson

### Oct. 27

Jeffrey Hayes  
Rachel LeClaire

### Oct. 28

Dale Balvin  
Christopher Cranford  
Danielle Quenzler

### Oct. 29

Lauren Harper

### Oct. 30

James Clarkin  
Marianne Mathews  
Gordon Pomp  
Emma Zeumer

### Oct. 31

Kaylee Manzeck  
Nicholas Murrell

Not listed? We must not have your birthday on file. Please call 480.585.9448 or e-mail Carol Skewes at cskewes@pinnaclepres.org.

# The Big Event

Awake! Explore! Connect!



Practicing our Faith!

## Saturday, October 25

Mark your calendar — plan to attend this full day of worship, workshops and witness. Registration materials will be available soon.

Sponsored by the  
Presbytery of Grand Canyon  
at

Valley Presbyterian Church  
6947 E. McDonald Drive  
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

## Big Event 2008

A day to *Awaken* your Spirit  
*Explore* the practice of your Faith  
*Connect* with Christ

As information becomes available it will be posted on the  
Presbytery of Grand Canyon web site: [www.pbyggrandcanyon.org](http://www.pbyggrandcanyon.org)

Telephone: 602-468-3820 Fax: 602-468-3824

## PINNACLE'S PET-OF-THE-PARISH

*All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The staff at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church invites you to enter your pet in our "Pet-of-the-Parish" column. To enter, simply complete the form below and submit it along with a photo of your pet. The pet selected will be featured in next month's *Vistas*.

The Blessing of the Animals will be held at PPC on the Green at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

### Pet-of-the-Parish Nominee

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any unique tricks or skills, heroic feats your pet has performed, or any embarrassing moments your pet has caused you:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### PETS TO BE BLESSED ON THE GREEN

The Blessing of the Animals service will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, on the Green.

Pets are an important part of our family and play a significant role in our well-being. All God's creatures are important, whether human or animal. The love we give to and receive from a pet can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life and into the wonder of our relationship with our Creator.

This service is a family event and anyone who has a pet may bring their pet on a leash or in a cage. A small gift will be given to the pets at the end of the service.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Strohan at 480.588.6109.

