



THE BELL RINGER
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Out On a Mission

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Pastor's Corner

'Change, as they say, is inevitable. What was, is not what will be and what will be tomorrow was not what it was yesterday. Consequently, we are in a constant state of change. And at Mission Bell UMC we are in a constant state of change. Mission Bell will never be what it was. If nothing ever changed at Mission Bell, someone would already have performed last rights for the church.

In many instances we have reluctantly changed but with the hope that we might return to yesterday.

God, however, has an evolving plan for Mission Bell. Two years ago MBUMC started the food pantry and today it blesses us beyond measure.

With (positive) change a church is always striving to achieve new spiritual goals and stronger missional ministries.

As we head for year 2019, my prayer is that God will reveal new elements of his evolving plan which will be embraced with excitement and enthusiasm.'

Those of you who have total re-

call will remember that the statements in quotes is from the October 2018 newsletter. If you don't remember the article, not to worry, I had to go to my thumb drive archive.

But as I read the words I wrote in 2018 I was reminded that since that article was written Mission Bell closed out 2019 with many more new ministry goals, heights and vistas. Here are some of the goals and new ministries achieved in 2019:

1. The Food Pantry has been consistently serving more people each year.
2. The 'church without walls' endeavors (Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk-or-Treat, at the local park) demonstrated that families in the neighborhood will respond positively to our outreach efforts.
3. Mission Bell's 'backpack' ministry responded to the need at our partner elementary school with over 50 backpacks.
4. Likewise, Mission Bell supplied paper, crayons, pencils and other necessities for children at the school. Cont. on page 3

SINGLE BOARD GOVERNANCE TEAM



The Mission Bell Single Board Governance team met on December 16, 2019.

The first order of business was to acknowledge new members on the SBG Team: Jim Truscott, Lay Leader and Marshall Militano, HR/SPRC and contact person for Deere Valley Inner Faith group.

Mission Bell is truly blessed to be “out on a mission”.

COUNTERS NEEDED

We need counters to count the Sunday morning offering after church service. If you can serve in this capacity, please leave your name at the front office. We need two people counting each Sunday. You may sign up for as few or as many months as you



COUNTERS – Pat Stulce (treasurer) has indicated the need for more counters for Sunday giving. Anyone interested in applying their gifts to counting should contact Pat Stulce. Also, the SBGT took time to review Mission Bell’s accomplishments in 2019:

- Completion of Fellowship Hall
- Repair of the major water leak in the sanctuary building
- Sculpting of the ‘front yard’
- Transition from Pumpkin Patch to the Fall Festival
- New Families
- Pastor’s contract was renewed
- Craft Fair/Auction
- Music, choir and pianist
- Action Ministry Team projects (Missions, Vitality, and Education)
- Adult Sunday study group
- Food Pantry
- Alliance with Bellaire Elementary School (backpacks and clothing closet)
- Church Without Walls – using local park for Easter egg hunt and trunk/treat
- Incorporating our mission statement into a new logo
- Community shredding event
- Growth in the number of recovery groups on campus
- Justa Center, Heifer Project and UMOM

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5. Our partner school indicated a need for a 'clothing closet' at the school; immediately winter clothing, shirts, blouses, jeans and underwear started rolling in.
6. MBUMC continues to partner with Habitat for Humanity; proceeds from the Craft Fair are donated for a 'new build'.
7. The Thanksgiving Mission Project once again supported Heifer International and it's goal of feeding the world.
8. MBUMC's Adult classes and the Advent study challenges our members to grow spiritually.
9. The Fall Festival and Craft Fair is ever changing, hopefully adding a Spring Fling (garage sale and picnic).

10. *And the future for Mission Bell is an open slate!*

All of this was achieved while repairing a major water leak, beautifying the front yard, and creating new spaces for groups and ministries. Mission Bell is truly blessed to be "out on a mission".

As the servant pastor of Mission Bell UMC it is rewarding to see how a church with an aging population is still vital and excited about God's call upon the church. Mission Bell UMC is an essential part of the community in which it lives. With strong leaders who have a heart for serving God, the future of MBUMC is unlimited.

~GB

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Sunday, January 12, 2020

After 10 am Worship Service, Fellowship luncheon to follow

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Mature Group

Our next group meeting will be held on Friday, January 10 (this is the second Friday of the month). Dee and Billie will be calling as the time gets closer. We will meet at the church a quick meeting at 10:30 am and then going out to lunch.

Choir

Practice occurs every Sunday morning in the choir room from 8:45 am to 9:45 am. Everyone is welcome to join the choir.

Vitality Team

The Vitality Team has created a new version of our Mission Bell logo, we have added our bell and church name to the logo. New purple t-shirts will be available for purchase in the new year and will include long-sleeved and



CELEBRATING OUR
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
AND
ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Delores Green
3 - Sally Bordeaux
4 - Claudia Noller
17 - Blanche Bowman
17 - Betty Nixon
21 - Susan Gearity
21 - Pat Harrington
23 - Kyla Krouskup
27 - Pam Soland
30 - David Webster
31 - Matthew Johanson

1 - John & Blanche
Bowman

May God bless you with peace and happiness on this unique day that you **celebrate**. And may that divine peace and happiness follow you the rest of **your** life. Have a blessed and fun **birthday or anniversary**. On this special day of yours, I **pray** that the good Lord gives you all the joy and happiness that **your** heart can contain.

GUESS WHO?

This month's special mystery person was born in Grand Junction, CO, and lived there until he/she got married and moved to Montrose, . From there, they moved to Duchene, UT and then later to Provo, UT.

In 1970, they moved to Phoenix because that's where the spouse's job (working for the Bureau of Reclamation) took them.

When they moved to Phoenix, they bought a house down around Camelback. so they attended a church nearby. But after moving to north Phoenix they checked out Mission Bell. Sadly, Mission Bell was going through a rough time when they visited, so they went elsewhere. But came back just a few months later as they really liked Pastor Dottie, so they stayed.

In the meantime, our mystery person had several jobs including being a mail carrier on rural routes, helping with the "hot lunch program" at a school and later retiring from Arizona's DMV after 22 I'm sure it was a challenging job as I know how frustrated and frustrating people get while waiting at the DMV.

Our mystery person kept busy as their family grew. They had three children (one boy, two girls), six grandchildren (two boys, four girls) and now two

GREAT grandchildren (one boy and a six month old girl).

Needless to say, our mystery person is enjoying spoiling those two little ones. And, did you know, our mystery person has lived with one of their grandkids for 15 years now.

That was a surprise to me. I guess they must get along well – even though I was told they have their ups and downs.

But, who doesn't?!

Our mystery person loves to play Bunco and attends Connie's Saturday night card games. By now I am guessing that you figured out this is a female. Right??? She loves to make home-made Christmas and Birthday cards and she also makes books for Alzheimer patients. Now do you know who she is? IF not, this will be the final "give-a-way". She is a member of Eastern Star and is also a member of Daughter's of the Nile which works with the Shriners organization. She says she watches too much tv but also says she is always on the go. And, I can attest to that as it was really hard to get ahold of her to interview her.

She loves Mission Bell and all of you lovely people. She is active in the education committee, and is a blessing to us all. Next time you see Carol Heer, give her a big hug. I promise she will return it.

MISSIONS

Food Pantry - December totals Serving 92 people and handed out 38 bags

Since it's inception the Food Pantry has truly grown

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Bags	486	484	383	171
# Served	1,267	1,196	1,113	478



Heifer International distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency.

MISSION BELL CONTRIBUTES TO THE HEIFER PROJECT

Total giving for the Heifer Project \$1,075.00

- Heifers—10
- Goats—2
- Sheep—2
- Tree Seedlings—1
- Rabbits - 1
- Honeybees—1
- Flock of chicks—3
- Ducks/Geese—1



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WORLD PEACE, WE
HAVE A SECRET
WEAPON**



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January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1 	2 Office Closed	3 Office Closed	4	5 Food Pantry 8 am Choir Practice 8 am SS 9 am Church 10 am Fellowship
6	7	8	9	10 Office Closed Mature Group 10:30 am	11	12 8 am Choir Practice 8 am SS 9 am Church 10 am Fellowship Lunch & Unhanging of the Greens
13	14 Staff meeting 8:30 at Ironworks	15	16	17 Office Closed	18	19 Food Pantry 8 am Choir Practice 8 am SS 9 am Church 10 am Fellowship
20 February 2020 Newsletter articles due	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Vitality Action Team 10 am IHop 4201 W Bell Road	26 8 am Choir Practice 8 am SS 9 am Church 10 am Fellowship
27	28	29	30	31 Office Closed	1	2