



Chalice Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

# THE SOJOURNER

June 26, 2013

## **FLIP FLOP-WATER DRIVE**

In July the Outreach Team will be sponsoring a flip-flop and water drive which will benefit the Dignity House, a residential program with Catholic Charities which reaches out to sex trafficked women on the streets and in the jails. DIGNITY,

which stands for  
Developing  
Individual Growth and  
New Independence

Through Yourself, finds that 90% of those who complete the program leave the life for good. So bring your donations of flip flops and water during the month of July to Chalice.



All newly elected and those still serving diaconate members are asked to attend a training after worship this Sunday.



This week's Table Talk scripture is **Luke 10:1-11**. Join this informal study on the patio, this Sunday morning starting at 8:45 and ending at 9:30.



The Office will be closed next Thursday, July 4th for the holiday. As always pastoral emergencies can be directed to Rev. Abigail on her cell.



## ***What Was Before***

A few times over the summer, we'll be hearing a text from the Old Testament instead of our normal Gospel reading. Truth be told, I deeply love the Elijah narrative and the Old Testament in general. (Also, more than a few teenagers have told me that I say every story in the Bible is my favorite.) Some of these stories that pop up in the summer lectionary readings are just too good to pass up. Many of them are the same sort of things that King Arthur and Lord of the Rings are made of. Yep, I like those, too.

Admittedly, Christians sometimes struggle with how to interpret these texts. I'll tell you a secret: many of our Jewish brothers and sisters do, too. It doesn't change the fact that they are part of our canon, the stories we recognize as being from God. Reading them often does stretch us, but doing so also reminds us of what was before. What was before matters. It's part of God's story, too, just as what comes after will be.

In this week, when the reparative therapy ministry Exodus International announced it will be closing and issued an apology for its work, it's easier than usual to remember that God is always present, always speaking and calling to new things. What was before remains part of our story, even as we seek what will be. Both things matter because, somehow, they're all part of God's story.

grace & peace—Abigail

The AZ Disciple Women's Retreat  
"I Am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"  
September 13-15, 2013  
at Chapel Rock Retreat Center, Prescott  
Keynote Speaker—Rev. Abigail Conley  
Registration Forms in the Worship Center  
or on the Region's website.

Registration deadline is August 1st & Regional scholarships are available.





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**Sunday Schedule**

8:30.....Oasis Coffee House Opens  
 8:45.....Faith Development  
 9:30.....Fellowship Time  
 10:00....Worship

**Worship  
 Participants**

Look for Worship information in  
 Email by Thursday of each week.  
 Check out July's schedule  
 on the Tools Page of the website.

**This Week at Chalice**

**Thursday**

Alas VBS, 10am  
 Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm

**Sunday**

See morning schedule above  
 Diaconate Training, 11am  
 Alas de Salvacion Worship, 1:30pm

**Monday**

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm

**Wednesday**

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm  
 Alas de Salvacion Worship, 7pm

**Sunday, June 30, 2013**  
**10am**  
 Elder.....Pam Barton  
 Liturgist.....TBD  
 Diaconate.....Adam Mendoza  
 Bill Carter

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 up your Fry's Gift  
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 Chalice Office or this  
 Sunday and shop to  
 benefit Chalice.



The end of the program year is here. In the past each team leader has written an annual report to create a yearbook of events that have happened at Chalice. Look for a template for this report in your email and please fill it in and send it back electronically to the Chalice Office by July 15th.



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