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A Note From Our Interim Pastor:

Greetings to you all in the strong name of Jesus.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of your beautiful faces again soon. In the meantime, I know these have been a very unique two weeks in the life of Rincon (in what has already been a very unique year!). Through thoughtful prayer and many discerning discussions, the church's leadership canceled our service on August 25, and pressed pause on intake of new guests at our shelter for asylum-seeking migrants. These were wise choices, rooted in several serious and overlapping reasons. The reasons behind these decisions began months ago, and became especially acute over the course of this summer.

However, we recognize that all of the news, coming with a mix of rather disturbing and/or vague details, arrived as a sudden shock for many of you within the congregation, and the larger Tucson community. There is confusion, sadness, hurt, and anger. All of those feelings and responses are completely valid and understandable. So many of you have already impacted so many lives through your shelter work and offerings of time and service at the church. Feeling the loss of those things is a blow, no matter what the reasons for the recent decisions, and no matter how Rincon UCC continues to serve migrants directly in the near future. Church leadership and I hope and plan to make ourselves available for answering questions and concerns and speaking with you as much as possible as we navigate the coming weeks and months, starting this Sunday. After this weekend's service (9/1), our moderator Inge and I will meet and speak with anyone who would like to. A Congregational Meeting is going to be called for 9/15 to revisit all the good that was done, what we've learned, and what needs to be improved at the end of our initial six-month commitment to this 24/7 venture you all have undertaken. Finally, please know that I want nothing more than to get to know you all better and more deeply. I hope to reach out to all of you to set up a time, but please beat me to it if I haven't already. Email to schedule, and let's meet in my office, do coffee/tea/breakfast, you name it. It's what I'm here for, and want to be here for. We can talk about these recent developments, and I'm also hungry to learn what you love about Rincon UCC, what brought you here, where you see us needing to grow, where you dream of us going, and what it's going to take to get us there. This is the core of interim ministry, and it will get done in deep, committed, and transparent relationships: me with you, and you all with each other. We will listen, we will heal, we will work, we will sing, we will pray, we will play, and we will get there. God is still speaking,

Rev. Seth

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CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Sunday, September 15th

Immediately following our 10am worship service



Strike for the Climate

Greta Thunberg, 16 years old, arrived in the Big Apple today. She hitched a 15-day ride across the Atlantic Ocean on a solar- and hydro-powered yacht to attend the U.N. Climate Action Summit. She doesn't fly in airplanes anymore because of their large carbon footprint.

Last August, Ms. Thunberg started skipping school on Fridays to stand in front of the Swedish Parliament building with a sign "Strike for Climate." Her solo protest has sparked student climate strikes around the world, in which young people are demanding adults to take action to avert climate disaster. Young people know that they're the ones who'll live with the results of our actions or inaction now. So she and many other young people will press delegates at the upcoming U.N. Climate Action Summit in New York to take real action.

Strikes for climate are being organized in concert with the U.N. Summit in September. That includes a march in downtown Tucson on September 20. So here's the call from Rincon's Creation Care group to students and adults to step away and out to the streets in support of Earth, our home:

When: **Friday, September 20, 11:00 a.m.**

Where: **downtown Tucson**, 88 E. Broadway

Who: **all of us** are invited!

How: **meet up at Rincon UCC at 10:10 a.m.** to carpool, or **take a bus, walk, or ride a bike**

Why: to say that **now's the time** for leaders—and us—to act in care of the climate and Earth.

Yes, for those of us who are in school or at work, this movement asks us to skip these important activities for the march. The young people are saying that we have to step away from "business as usual" in order to make a meaningful difference for Earth and for our well-being on Earth. Let's gather a significant Rincon contingent on Sept 20 to add our voices and presence to that of our young leaders!

Questions? Contact Rev. Karen MacDonald: desertsky57@gmail.com; 520-336-0625.

Leap of Faith

Each year as a congregation we challenge ourselves with a "Leap of Faith" income target amount. This year our "Leap of Faith" target is \$20,000 of revenue from sources like new members, unrestricted memorial gifts and the generosity of members and friends of Rincon. Prayerfully consider helping Rincon meet this goal by designating a gift to "Leap of Faith". To do so simply designate "Leap of Faith" on your offering envelop, or the memo line on your check.



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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & GATHERINGS



Primavera Meal Prep— Primavera Meal Prep will be **Tuesday, September 24th** at 2:30pm. Volunteers prepare a meal in the Rincon kitchen for the Catalina House transition housing unit run by Primavera. The meal is delivered to the Catalina House by a volunteer. For more information or to volunteer contact Ann Geiger at 520.529.6223.



Fellowship After Worship **Refreshment Hosts**— By preparing & serving simple treats and beverages after worship we provide the opportunity to visit with one another and welcome guests. New volunteers are always welcome! Please contact Ann Geiger 520.529.6223



Casa Maria Feeding Program—Every four weeks we purchase supplies and make about 1,600 sandwiches for the Casa Maria Free Soup Kitchen.

August 31st and September 28th at 8:00 AM. A soup-making volunteer is also need on each Sunday following each Saturday sandwich making date. This task is completed at the Casa Maria soup kitchen. For more information contact Judy Hubbard at 520.790.8471.



Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

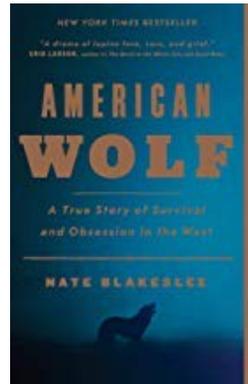
Hebrews 13:1-2

Hospitality
We Need Your Help!

Our Hospitality Project has been very successful. However, we need everyone to help this project continue to be a success. **The shifts between 8:00am and 8:00pm need coverage.**



Hatha Yoga
Starts back up on
Monday, October 7th at
5:30pm in Fellowship Hall



A COMPANY OF READERS

Rincon's book group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in a participant's home. **The September 23rd book selection is American Wolf by Nate Blakeslee. Meeting place: Elaine Knight's home. Contact Ann Geiger at (520)**

529-6223.



Diversity Toastmasters
First three Wednesdays
6pm in Room 1A

ALL CHURCH



Sunday, September 29th
Immediately following our
10am worship service



WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00AM in the Sanctuary

SPREAD THE WORD

Like us!
Share us!

<https://www.facebook.com/RinconCongregationalUCC>

And also be sure to check out our website: <http://www.rinconucc.org/>

CREATION CARE MINISTRY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/Rincon-Church-Creation-Care>

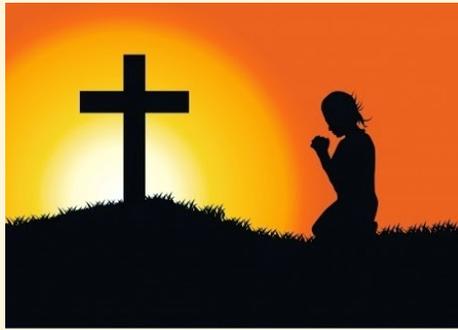
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ALL CHURCH BRUNCH

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PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS



ON-GOING CARE

- Hal Gilbert
- Larry Schloss
- Lucille Habeck's daughter (Diana)
- Minta Keyes' brother (Jon)
- Barbara Minnella's son (David)
- Susan Roger's daughter (Angela)
- Beth Shelby's sister (Carol)
- Tracy Wispelwey's mother (Sandra)

DEATH

- Joann Metzger's daughter & Debbie
- Curtis' niece (Kay)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/15 Erma Knippen
- 9/17 Minta Keyes
- 9/20 Jim Harper
- 9/24 Ceanne Alvine
- 9/26 DJ Johnson
- 9/28 Shawn Hansen



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/4 Mary Ann & Darryl Dobras
- 9/15 Lisa & Charlie Kadolph



Nursery Attendants:
Ashley Kendrew and Kathy Kolmer

Children are an important part of our community and are encouraged to remain in worship with their families. Child care is available in Rooms 7/8 during both worship services.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Worship	2 Office Closed for the Holiday 6:30pm Room 10 Rented 	3 9:30am Alzheimer's Group 7:30pm Al-Anon	4 12:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm Diversity Toastmasters 6:00pm Desert Voices	5 5:30pm Band Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Reverb	6 7:00pm COSNA	7
8 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Faith Development	9 6:30pm Room 10 Rented	10 9:00am English Class 5:00pm JAWM 6:00pm Personnel 7:30pm Al-Anon	11 12:00pm Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm WM&A 6:00pm Diversity Toastmasters 6:30 pm B&G 6:00pm Desert Voices	12 9:00am English Class 3:30pm CL 6:00pm TransParents 7:00pm Band/Choir 7:00pm Reverb	13 7:00pm COSNA	14 11:00am TransParents 10:00am S&F
15 10:00am Worship 11:15am Congregational Meeting	16 6:30pm Room 10 Rented 7:00pm Reveille	17 9:00am English Class 9:30am Alzheimer's Group 5:30pm Creation Care 7:30pm Al-Anon	18 10:30 am C-2-C 12:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm Diversity Toastmasters 6:00pm Desert Voices	19 9:00am English Class 5:30pm Band Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Reverb	20 7:00pm COSNA	21
22 10:00am Worship 11:15am Council	23 6:30pm Room 10 Rented 7:00pm A Company of Readers 7:00pm Reveille	24 9:00am English Class 2:30pm Primavera 7:30pm Al-Anon	25 12:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm Desert Voices	26 9:00am English Class 5:30pm Band Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Reverb	27 7:00pm COSNA	28 8:00am Casa Maria
29 10:00am Worship 11:15am All Church Brunch	30 6:30pm Room 10 Rented					