



New Song Notes

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Happy October!

Here is a story from Arthur C Brooks in *Love Your Enemies*, which I have been using in our “Loving One Another and Communicating Lovingly” series that will stretch to Advent.



In 2006, Brooks published a book about charitable giving that described those who regularly gave to charities in terms of politics and religion. Surprisingly, it got a lot of attention. Notables and TV shows were quoting and interviewing him. He says, “I learned when people read a whole book by you, they feel they know you. Moreover, if they don’t like the book, they don’t like you.” So, amidst the emails he received, most of which were random strangers pouring their lives out to him, he also got the email that started, “Dear Professor Brooks: You are a fraud.” The email was about 5000 words long and criticized every chapter of his book. Brooks thought he had 3 options. 1. Ignore him, 2. Insult him, 3. Destroy him. Brooks noticed that all 3 responses came from one emotion: contempt, and they all dismissed any opportunity for real discussion. He goes on to discuss the culture and addiction of contempt in our country. Contempt is tolerated on social media platforms and promoted by algorithms that silo us into our own groups of like-minded people, and is also a tool used by politicians. Contempt gets in the way of people seeing eye to eye, gets in the way of potential fruitful conversations and dispels political progress and bi-partisan work.

Which option did he choose in response to this email? Which one would you have chosen? He decided not to choose a contempt driven response.

After his initial feelings of insult and being attacked, he also identified that he felt gratitude in the fact that the man read his entire book! So he told the reviewer just that. “I wrote back and said I realized that he really hated my book, but that it had taken me a lot of work to write, and I deeply appreciated his time and attention to every detail.”

What happened then? The reviewer wrote back, surprised to have gotten a response back. He also invited Brooks out to dinner the next time he was in Dallas. Brooks ponders “did he

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suddenly like my book? Of course not. He simply learned he liked me because I had taken the time to read his email and was nice in the way that I responded.”

When Jesus talks about being born of the Spirit, he is teaching us another way. He talks about love and the role of God as one different from the way that is natural to us. I believe he is pointing us away from the culture of contempt to a thoughtful, loving, resilient way of being in the world.

I too have had moments when I thought my only options were to ignore something or someone, or react in an unkind, unproductive way. I have also assumed, felt afraid, been jealous or bitter towards others because of one surface level statement or action. It takes courage, but engaging with those who offend or hurt us can be a productive venture, if we go about communicating with them in the right ways.

Join us for worship in October and November as we learn about how to change our way of thinking about communication towards others. May God help us respond to others in ways that are not driven by contempt, guide us to put down our weapons of judgment and pick up faith, hope and love.

Amen.

Pastor Misty Howick

Upcoming Questions: Who am I? How am I of value? How are others of value? How can I listen when others disagree with me and not go looking for those who agree with me?

Book Review of *A Diary of Private Prayer* by John Bailie (updated and revised version by Susanna Wright)

A devotional classic for morning and night prayers. First published in 1936, it is still very relevant today. Makes for a great gift with phrases like “make my heart like the heart of a child,” “love my adversaries with forgiveness,” and “do not let the noises of this world so confuse me that I cannot hear you speak.”

Jo Ellen Fuller

OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
10:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 am	Worship, Sunday School for preschool, elementary children and youth (start in Worship).
11:45 am	Handbell Rehearsal



The Gift of Empathy

On October 2, 2026, Fellowship Square and New Song UMC will be launching a new study group based on the book *The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared for and Understood*. The group will meet Friday mornings from 8:45-10:15 am in the Catalina room at Fellowship Square for six consecutive weeks, ending on November 6th. The purpose of the study is to help group members take a fresh look at the important skill of empathy and learn practical ways to apply it in daily life. Topics covered in the study will include an exploration of what empathy is and is not, obstacles to empathizing and how to empathize in a wide range of relationships, such as with children, parents, siblings, friends, coworkers and others.

This study is open to members of Fellowship Square and New Song as well as community members.

Books are available in the New Song office for \$17 for those who can afford it. Books will be subsidized for those who cannot afford them.

For more information, contact Kim Riddlesworth from New Song or Chaplain Dan Brookey from Fellowship Square.

**CHILI COOK-OFF AND
MINISTRY FAIR
OCTOBER 11, 2026
RIGHT AFTER CHURCH**



Do you like it hot or mild?
Bring your chili to church
and see how it stacks up!
Prizes for the best chili!

Trunk 'n Treat Fall Festival

Sunday,

October 25

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Trunks with Candy!

Games!

Bounce House with a Slide!

Food Trucks!

Booths!

New Song UMC

16303 W. Bell Road

*"God gave me a heart for other people.
Stephen Minister training gave me the skills I needed to
minister to people and bring God's love into their lives
during a time of deep need."*

- Charlotte



Stephen Minister Training Begins This October

Starting this October, New Song UMC will be training a new group of Stephen Ministers! Becoming a Stephen Minister is a significant commitment of time and energy. The training consists of 20 weekly sessions that will continue into the spring of 2027. We invite you, our congregation, to keep these individuals in your prayers as they begin this meaningful journey of learning, growth, and discovery.

A Stephen Minister walks alongside a person who is hurting, offering one-to-one emotional and spiritual care. Stephen Ministers listen, empathize, encourage, help people process their feelings, and remind them that they are not alone. Through this caring relationship, they help bring God's love and presence into the lives of people during difficult seasons. Stephen Ministers provide care to people in the congregation or community who are experiencing challenges such as grief, job loss, divorce, major illness, spiritual struggles, and other difficult circumstances.

What Is Stephen Minister Training Like?

Stephen Minister training is an experience designed to fully equip participants to provide high-quality, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. New Song's Stephen Leaders use presentations, discussions, readings, skill practices, and spiritual-growth activities to equip and empower participants with practical caregiving and relational skills. Training topics include the art of listening, confidentiality, ministering to those experiencing grief, and much more.

The training is highly interactive, engaging, and - yes - a lot of fun!

Many Stephen Ministers say that their training was life-transforming. In addition to learning how to provide compassionate care to others, they grow in their own faith and develop skills that deepen and enhance many of the relationships in their lives.

As our new Stephen Ministers begin this journey, please pray for them - that God will guide their learning, strengthen their hearts, and prepare them to be compassionate, faithful companions to those who are hurting.

Save the Date

A new Grief Support Group will be starting Wednesday, January 6, 2027, and continuing through March 17, 2027, from 1-3 pm at Fellowship Square. The 12-session group will use *Life after Loss - 6th edition* by Bob Deits.

New Song Music Ministries



They're Back!

Choir and Handbells return to New Song United Methodist Church and I cannot be more excited!

Music has a way of doing what words alone sometimes aren't able to accomplish. It meets us where we are: joy, grief, distraction. It draws us into something larger than ourselves. For many people sitting in the congregation the melodies and harmonies bring the Holy Spirit into their hearts.

That is what every ensemble at New Song is working toward this fall. The Handbell Choir, Praise Team, and Celebration Choir are each approaching the season with that one purpose in mind. Not to perform, but to create space where worship can happen. New music, new techniques, new energy...all in service to that one goal.

If the music has ever moved you in our church, know that it wasn't an accident. There are people behind it who take that responsibility seriously and give it everything they have. And I'm so excited for you to get the opportunity to listen to them!

We cannot wait to worship with you this fall. (Arizona translation: the season where it drops below 100...maybe...)

Jeffrey Conger, Music Director

Celebration Choir meets Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 pm

Praise Team meets Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Handbells meet Sundays, 11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Surviving The Holidays

The upcoming holidays are especially stressful when you have suffered the major loss of an important person in your life. Have you or someone you know suffered a major loss in the past 3-5 years?

Surviving The Holidays is a short (2 hour) event that features a video and discussion to help people navigate through the sometimes difficult holiday season. New Song UMC, in conjunction with Fellowship Square, will be offering the Surviving the Holidays Seminar.

Surviving The Holidays will be offered on two different days:

Tuesday November 10, 2026, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

OR

Monday November 16, 2026, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Picacho Peak Room (on the 2nd floor)

Fellowship Square Surprise

16477 W. Bell Road, Surprise, Arizona 85374



Animals 4 God



HAPPY HALLOWEEN from **Animals 4 God**! Some of our pets will be joining us at the annual “Trunk ‘n Treat” event on October 25, 4:00 to 6:00 PM and we hope to see you there!

Even during challenging times, we believe God calls us to care for His creation and to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. That includes the many homeless and shelter animals who are waiting for a second chance.

We are encouraged by the progress being made across our nation. In June, mayors from across the country adopted a new resolution—a meaningful step toward creating communities where animal shelters have the resources, partnerships, and tools needed to save more lives.

The 13-point resolution represents a “nationwide commitment to changing animal sheltering for good” (Best Friends Magazine, September/October 2026, p. 11). It recognizes the important place companion animals hold in our families and the vital role shelters play in caring for both people and animals. Communities that pursue no-kill strategies can also experience broader civic benefits.

Representing more than 1,500 cities, the United States Conference of Mayors is helping move our country closer to a time when every healthy and treatable shelter animal has the opportunity for a safe and loving home.

At Animals 4 God, we believe every life is precious in God’s eyes. With compassion, faith, and people willing to help, we can make a difference—one animal, one shelter, and one community at a time.

May God bless all those who open their hearts and homes to animals in need.

Mayors Unite for Pets (2026 September/October) Best Friends Magazine, September/October 2026, p 11.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are passionate about bringing the healing effect of dogs' unconditional love into the lives of people in the community, especially those who are home-bound or in a medical facility.

Becoming a therapy dog team involves a bit of work beforehand but the effort is well worth it. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Dog and Handler Team for therapy work, please contact us at: Animals4God@gmail.com

Interested in Becoming a Part of Our Ministry?

You don't have to own a pet or be a member of New Song to join. You just need to have a desire to serve God by planning and participating in activities which enrich the lives of others by sharing our pets. We also strive to do God's will as He challenges us to care for the animals of the Earth by hosting education activities with guest speakers and organizing collection events to donate to area shelters. We meet at church on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. We also host the Reading Program on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 pm when school is in session.



Care and Nurture Ministries



Clarifying Roles Before a Crisis Arises

What if your life suddenly changed? Do you know who would step up to help? Regardless of whether you are a solo ager, part of a couple who hasn't discussed "what if" scenarios, or someone with family nearby, it's best to identify help before needs arise. Making the effort now to talk about your wishes and expectations helps create clarity, both for you and for the people who care about you.

To get warmed up for such a discussion, consider these scenarios. What if you:

- fall and break a wrist. Who could help you with dressing, cooking, transportation?
- have to evacuate or lose your home due to disaster. Where would you be welcome for an immediate or long-term stay?
- are suddenly stricken ill and hospitalized. Who could access your house to care for your pet, or collect your calendar to cancel appointments and such?

Identify your people. Who do you picture being present as you age? If there are family members you can look to, great. If you are a solo ager, you might create a chosen circle of helpers, perhaps a combination of friends and professionals. Whatever your situation, make sure they understand what is being asked of them and are willing to serve in the role.

Start talking. Perhaps you feel that a certain beloved person would be willing to help you if needed, but you have never actually asked them. Or, you hesitate to talk about your future with others because you don't know how to begin. The conversation doesn't have to be perfect, it just has to start. Explain that you are being proactive and don't want to make assumptions. Don't rush things—you might need multiple conversations.

Build a team. Let your chosen people know who else is part of the team and what you've planned with them. Without a plan, responsibilities often fall to whomever happens to be nearby. Share with them what matters most to you in life so they understand your wishes in their full context. Talk through who would communicate with providers, or share updates should you become incapacitated. It's also wise to consider what would happen if a member of your team were suddenly unable to fulfill their duties. Is there a backup?

Put your wishes in writing. Written plans and clear documentation remove guesswork. Share key documents with your team, such as your Advance Directive and will, trust or estate plan. Consider what other information someone might need in an emergency, such as contact information for your insurance, doctors and other service providers.

Revisit plans as life changes. Life evolves. Regularly review your plans with your support network and update them after major life changes, either for you or them.

Originally from AZ Care Management Solutions via Benevilla trusted resources.



**Join us in
prayer**

**Prayer Force
Mondays at
10:15 am**

**Looking for a Stephen
Minister?**

Look for a person wearing a
blue name badge
before or after each service
or call the office





Missions and Outreach



As of July 31,
YOU have donated
\$3470
to Missions in 2026.

LOOKING FOR A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY?

Volunteer with other members of New Song at St. Mary's Food Bank the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

October 5th & 19th from 9:45 am to noon are your next opportunities. Newcomers welcome! Short learning curve!

EVE'S COOKERS

We're Back!!

The Eve's Cookers provided 56 casseroles for Eve's Place in September and 17 dozen brownies. This

ministry could sure use **your help!** We would love to have new folks to help us on the third Saturday, **October 17**, at 8 am to help assemble casseroles. It takes about 1.5 hours of your time. Let us know.

Maybe you like to bake. We can *always* use brownies. Bake them at home, bag them by the dozen, then bring them to church and put them in Eve's freezer in the storage room.

You can also donate to Eve's Cookers Fund. Simply write Eve's Cookers in the memo line of a check or donation envelope.

If you have questions, ask Ann Haggerty.

Thank you for all your support.



Year to Date 2026	
Brownies	416 doz.
Casseroles	285

IN THESE TIMES OF NEED, EVERY BIT HELPS. HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO DONATE:

- Plastic lids that have been washed for a project helping kids with cancer in Mexico.
- Change for the Noisy Offering where the children collect money and choose the mission they will support, currently HALO, 4 Paws and the Arizona Humane Society.
- Appropriate adult and children's books for our Little Free Library (wooden book house in front).
- Cases of water the first and second Sundays of the month for the Salvation Army hydration station in Surprise.
- Non-perishable food items the first and second Sundays of the month for St. Mary's Food Bank.

KNIT WITS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

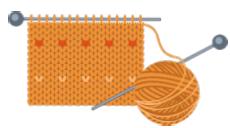
Knit Wits meets on the **first Thursday** of each month. Our next meeting will be on **October 1**, from **1 - 3 pm** to create prayer shawls for our community.

Remember: If you don't know how, *we will teach you!*

Please consider joining us! We would love to see you!

For more information or if you'd like to get started sooner, contact Deanna Leon.

**If you know someone who could use a prayer shawl,
feel free to take one from the worship space to give them.**





Children's Ministries

New Song is hosting a Fall Festival and Trunk 'n Treat on **Saturday, October 25 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm** for our community and we need volunteers. Areas needed include:

- Running a booth
- Assisting a booth
- Decorating and filling a trunk
- Helping in the parking lot
- Providing candy
- Setting up and taking down tables

Sign up on the clipboard by the sound booth or contact Rhonda Easa.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth are having fun while serving in October.

We will start the month by participating in the Chili Cook-Off & Ministry Fair on **October 11th**. We may even get together Saturday to cook! We plan to have a sleep over then help with setting up tables on Sunday.

Youth are also helping with Trunk 'n Treat by hosting a fishing booth. What are you planning to do to support this community project?

Thank you for all your support and prayers as we grow in faith.



Adult Education

Opportunities at New Song for adults to learn more about faith.

- **Women's Bible Study** meets **Wednesday mornings at 9 & 10:30 am**. We are currently using *Proverbs Bible Study* by Rose Visual. If you have questions, ask either Sally Hamill or Ann Haggerty.
- **The Men's Breakfast & Bible Study** meets on **Friday mornings at 8:00 am** in the dining room at Fellowship Square. We eat a breakfast buffet for \$5 then transition to the Catalina Room around 8:45 am for study and finish between 10 and 10:30 am.
- **Adult Sunday School** is down the hallway in the last room on the left **Sundays at 9:00 am**, talking about faith & faithfulness

A party to celebrate the life of Frank Castle will be on **Friday, October 23 from 2-4 pm** at Chef Peter's Bistro, 17300 N. Sun Village Parkway in Sun Village. Come and enjoy heavy appetizers, a dessert bar, and beverages while visiting, talking and sharing tall tales.

Have you received an answered prayer?

If so, drop a gem in the prayer vase next to the double doors.

As the vase fills, let's praise God for answered prayers and remember God's love for us!



Announcements



United Women in Faith

All ladies of the church are invited to join us on **Saturday, October 10 at 10 am** in the worship space for program and fellowship.

UWF is collecting new socks and underwear until October 11. These will be delivered to the Sunshine Foundation for use in their "emergency" clothing closet.

We also invite you to save the date:

Friday, November 13, will be a Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction from 5-7 pm, at New Song in the worship space. All are welcome.

We need items for the auction. Please look for new or nearly new items that you would like to donate. No clothing, please. You can also donate special treats, like homemade pies, cookies, etc. Ask Sally Hamill if you have questions.

FOREVER FRIENDS

Want to get out of the house?
Want to meet with friendly people?
Come to Forever Friends at **noon on Thursday, October 8**.
Bring your lunch as well as your own beverage and table setting.
Games after lunch. Bring a favorite game if you like.
Questions? Contact Myrna Bishop.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a caregiver?
Would you like the opportunity to share with others who are also caregivers?
If so, join us at the Caregiver Support Group!
We meet the **2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 10:30 am** at Starbucks on Grand and Reems in Surprise. This month that is **October 12th & 26th**. Look for Pam McNeal Laue and Sabine Kruse (who will be wearing their name tags) and introduce yourself when you arrive.
They can also answer any questions you have.

MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP

Whether newly married or getting ready to celebrate multiple decades together, you are invited to join the Marriage Fellowship.
Our next meeting will be **Sunday, October 4 at 4 pm** for a game day.
Contact Kendra Hoffman for details.

BOOK BUDDIES

We will be discussing *Go as a River* by Shelley Read on **Monday, October 26th at 1:00 pm** at church. We hope all who love to read will join us.

Upcoming books include:

11/23 *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

12/28 *The Christmas Letters* by Lee Smith

1/25 *The Library of Lost Dollhouses* by Elise Hoops

PRAYER REQUESTS ON OUR NEW SONG WEBSITE!

You can send a prayer request electronically, 24/7!
It will go directly to Chaplain Kathy Norris, and no one else.
Go to our website at newsongsurprise.org
Scroll down to the box that says "Request A Prayer."
Fill out the form and hit the "Submit" button. It's that easy!

CARD MAKING MINISTRY

People make cards for our Card Ministry and for sale.
They make the cards at home on their own schedule.
For more information, contact Eileen Johnson.

Our Vision...

is to become a great church that builds the kingdom of God by making disciples of Jesus Christ and by making a difference in the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

We offer many different ways for service and fellowship with other New Song members and friends:
Animals 4 God, Book Buddies, Card Making, Care & Nurture, Caregiver Support, Celebration Choir, Children's Ministry, Dinners for 8, Eve's Cookers, Forever Friends, Handbells, Hospitality Team, Knit Wits, Ladies Hand and Foot Cards, Marriage Fellowship, Meet & Greet, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Missions, Needlers, New Member Classes, Praise Team, Prayer Force, Preschool Ministry, Reach Team, Stephen Ministries, Sunday School for children, youth or adults, United Women in Faith (UWF), Women's Bible Study, Youth Ministry and more.

Check the calendar each month for schedule information and additional opportunities.

PRAY FOR IN OCTOBER

Shepherd of the Valley UMC - Phoenix

Song of Life UMC - Queen Creek

St. Matthew UMC - Mesa

Sunrise UMC - Phoenix

COMING SOON

Studies on empathy, New Song Church Conference, All Saint's Service, Stewardship, Church Thanksgiving Dinner, Hanging of the Greens, Countdown to Christmas

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

There are many ways to do this!
Leave a note on the Congregational Engagement doors and read what others wrote.
Wear your name tag.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE BLAST?

If you are not receiving the weekly Blast, first check your spam mail folder. If you cannot find it there, then sign the Blast Sign-Up Sheet at the Information Center or on our website. Once you have been added, you should receive the weekly Blast on Thursdays and the monthly newsletter the last week of the month. If you have any questions, contact the office at 623-584-9418 or newsong.surpriseaz@gmail.com.

Reminder

The office email address is
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If you send something to church or have your offering sent by your bank, please use this address:

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MINISTERS OF NEW SONG

**The ministers of New Song
are its members.**

The staff members who assist them are

Pastor: Rev. Misty Howick

Pastoral Assistant: Chaplain Kathy Norris

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Office Assistant: Leslie Oredson

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Financial Secretary: Scott South

Marketing & Web: Amy Tarleton

Accompanist: Alex Lunardi

Facilities Manager: Nicolas Hermans

Media Team Manager: Randy Wilson

IN LOVING MEMORY

2025 10/13 Ken Kraft
 10/28 Kelly Quinn
 10/28 Donna Doede
 12/15 Norma Lawson
 12/27 Juanita Howard
 12/27 Joanne Wilson
 12/30 Terri Nekkinda
2026 01/03 Raymond Drake
 03/13 Thelma Rush



03/13 Darlene McSparran
 03/27 Gladys Kelly
 04/02 Tony Kalinski
 04/22 Elaine Cooper
 04/24 Dave Hoffman
 05/08 Mona Parmar
 06/12 Ed Rockwell
 08/02 Frank Castle
 09/02 Robert (Bob) Davis



OUR MILITARY

A1C Morgan Ailsieger, ANG
 Spec Matthew Farris, US Army
 SSgt Kathryn Jones, US Air Force
 WO2 Wesley Meadows, US Army
 E-5 Nicholas Rinker, US Navy

TSgt Malika Sengsavath, ANG
 TSgt Kyler Sengsavath, US Air Force
 Cpl Trayton Stewart, Marines
 ATC Echo Smith, US Navy
 Lt Nav03 Karl Kristensen, US Navy

Let us always bear in mind that freedom is not free.



10/2 Mitchell Czech
 10/6 Edward Gohn
 10/7 Stuart Leon
 10/9 Felisiya Macwan
 10/10 Pamela Aye
 10/11 Eileen Johnson
 10/12 Carter Hoffman
 10/15 Naomi King
 10/16 Lynn Miller
 10/19 Maury Malaise

10/20 Ken Quinn
 10/20 Mary Ann Broomhall
 10/20 Margaret Rinker
 10/22 Marilyn Holdsworth
 10/22 Barry Kiel, Jr.
 10/24 Mona Hemp
 10/28 Paris Colebrook
 10/30 Mary Kristensen
 10/31 Vivian Glore

10/1 Donn & Louise Bishop
 10/3 Rick & Janice Slater
 10/8 Tom & Donna Masterson



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4 9 am Adult SS 10:30 am Worship w/ preK, elem, youth SS 11:45 am Handbells 12:15 pm Worship Team Meeting 4 pm Marriage Fellowship	5 9 am UWF Leadership 10:15 am Prayer Force 6 pm Boy Scouts	6 9:45 am Serve @ St. Mary's 1 pm Staff Meeting 4 pm Trustees	7 9 & 10:30 am Women's Bible Study 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm Praise Team	8 10 am Children's Ministry 11:45 am Forever Friends 6 pm Stephen Ministry Training	9 8 am Men's B'fast & Bible Study	10 10 am UWF General Meeting
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October 2026 Newsletter



**Sunday, October 11: Chili
Cook-off & Ministry Fair**

Church Office:

Monday thru Friday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Phone: 623-584-9418 or 623-584-9656

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**Sunday, October 25:
Trunk 'n Treat**



Newsletter Editor: Joanne Croft at newsong.surpriseaz@gmail.com

Please send all November newsletter articles by October 10th.

If you have items for the Blast and/or for the bulletin,
please submit them by Tuesday each week.

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