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BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

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This is (by far) my favorite time of the year in El Paso! The weather is ideal, the football season is in full swing, but most importantly, our harvest is almost complete. The fields of brilliant red chilies – some yet in the fields; others on the roof tops to dry for storage and many other (both green and red) available for purchase in our stores along with a wide variety of fruits and vegetables - sweet corn, tomatoes and squash.

We are so blessed to have the opportunity to experience the harvest celebrations around the Southwest – The Chili and Balloon Festivals, the Ysleta Indian Festival in the Lower Valley – just to name a few. Each one has its own way to thank our Creator for the bountiful harvest and all the contributors to that supply – field workers, seeds, fertile ground and ample rain.

There is a favorite bible message that I like to read this time of year and that is Psalm 65 vs 6-13. It expresses the joy and good fortune we can experience because God shows his mighty power by facilitating fertile ground, ample rain and here in the Southwest plenty of sun. THANKS BE TO GOD!

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School and Adult Conversation at 10:15 a.m. Bible Study every Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Finance/Stewardship Meeting Oct. 6 6:30 p.m.

Outreach Meeting Oct. 7 7 p.m.

Church Council Meeting Oct. 10 12:15 p.m.

Dove Circle Oct. 12 1 p.m.

Adult Retreat Oct. 23 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Craft Fair Oct. 30 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 4 p.m.- TBA

PRAYERS TO LIFT THOSE AMONG US

Leila Budnovich began chemotherapy this week. She will have three consecutive treatments and will rest for the ensuing 2 to 3 weeks before she has another series of treatments. Her spirits are great (as one would expect of such a fine lady). Keep her in your daily prayers for her body to accept the treatments well and keep her nourished with the Holy Spirit.

Ingrid Moore was hospitalized this past week for a blood disorder. She is now home. Pray that the treatment plan in place will make Ingrid better!

Maureen Maker was in church this past Sunday. We continue to pray for her well-being to be able to enjoy the things that have brought her this far in God's kingdom.

We continue to pray for the **Olson Family** and **Parsons Family** for peace and grace during their period of bereavement. Both Sue Olson and Renate Parsons worshipped with us last Sunday.

ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST AT NEW HOPE

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:

at New Hope was held on Sunday, September 19th. The day was beautiful and the pets were plentiful. From Judy Garcia's 19 year old tabby kitty to Martina Jackson's lively Black Lab Mix, everyone was blessed and enjoyed the beautiful fall air. Sarah Garcia and fellas brought their white kitty, Lucky, and their Pug (both well behaved and happy animals). Cindy, a friend of Martina's, adopted a Chihuahua, an older dog two years ago. What a lucky dog to find her second home! Felicity Wells brought her kitty and dog. Lynn Phipps, while taking pictures of the animals, handed her beautiful big kitty off to Stan Garcia who "shepherded" her well. A great time was had by all.

**ADULT RETREAT:**

will be held on Oct. 23, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at New Hope. Cost \$10. Bring a friend and enjoy fellowship and the leadership of Pastor Jeff St. Clair. Deadline to sign up is October 10. Contact Genon DeVaney (751-5364) or Karen Miller (755-8009).

FALL RUMMAGE SALE:

will be held Oct. 1, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. & Oct 2, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. A *Tried and True* Fundraiser. People are needed: Sep 25, 9am – empty sheds; Sep 27-29, 9 a.m. – price items; Oct 1, 4-7 p.m. & Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. – Rummage Sale and finally, clean up on Oct. 2, 1 p.m.

*It's not doing the things
we like to do, but liking
the things we have to do
that makes life a blessing!*
-J.W. von Goethe

