

From Our Pastor – SEPTEMBER 2017 “HI, LESLIE!”

Remember the Sunday in August when we shouted all the way from Sun City to the mission field in Guatemala, "Hi Leslie!," and then participated in a live interactive dialogue sermon with her? It was a day to remember, and one that was as meaningful to her as it was to us, because now we have inspired her to establish similar connections with churches everywhere by using the same technology that worked for us.



Leslie is coming to Arizona on Sunday, October 1st—World Communion Sunday. She is being hosted by Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, and then flies on to the northwest on the 2nd. She would like very much to meet us all again, face to face. Therefore, we are planning to have a celebration of her ministry in Guatemala on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm with a dinner to follow. Details are not yet available, but signup sheets will be put out once we know. Let's plan now to welcome her with open arms the way we did that Sunday morning in August.

We will also use her visit to remind us all of the special envelopes we provided last month for global missions. Our goal is to raise 2% of our budget this year through those special gifts, and a celebration on World Communion Sunday is a good time to gather some of those gifts together. We are a church family with an amazing appetite for the mission work we do locally, and I sensed with our sermon dialogue with Leslie that that same passion for mission extended to the church's global reach. Let us come to that celebration with a bountiful harvest for mission.

David