

Needles Community United Methodist Fellowship has had a wonderful year, giving all thanks, praise and glory to our Lord Jesus.

We look back at 2012 with fond memories, of moving forward and growing as well as a fond farewell to "Doc" a beloved parishioner.

We have been blessed with new members, families and children who come to worship and attend our adult Sunday school and children Sunday school. As we begin our worship, we are blessed by the children who lead us in song.

We now have a prayer team that meets every Sunday morning prior to Sunday school as well as prayer e-mail warriors. We have also added a prayer blanket and prayer shawl ministry. Our love, compassion and prayers not only reaches out to those individuals in need by way of the prayer team, blankets and shawls, but also to their beloved pets during a difficult or tragic time with our pet ministry. We are looking forward to our first pet blessing this spring which will be open to all the community!

Patsy and Nick designed a great new logo. Our church went "Green" in care of our church and in worship. Bill P. had a beautiful new sign made to greet one and all. We collected plastic bottles for the homeless, fed others and collected personal items for the Women's Club of Needles to give to the homeless when they come for food.

With hard work and laughter we had a successful rummage sale and worship in the park with a pot luck meal that followed. With great thanks to Wilma B. for the use of her beautiful park.

The rummage sale was to raise funds that saved lives in the "Imagine No Malaria" mission. Young Rafe S. was so happy he had glasses in his favorite color that matched the green wrist band given to those who contributed to saving lives in the "Imagine no Malaria" drive.

We have been blessed in receiving of a new altar thanks to Rose K. Just in time for "All Saint's Day" worship and "Veterans Day" worship.

The ultimate highlight to 2012 was to have our first "Church Conference" with our District Supt. Rev. Dr. Candace and District Lay Leader Jerry. Needles had their first election of officers and of course a wonderful Pot Luck meal.

As of Jan. 1st, we are now on our own with thanks and appreciation to Mohave Valley U.M.C. for their members' spiritual, moral, prayerful support as well as their committee's support.

Christmas Eve was ever so wonderful, and all enjoyed the candle lite service, children's pageant and special music from Pastor Jim.

And a special thank you to Jo A., our historian, who has been so gracious in taking all of our wonderful pictures to enjoy for many years to come.

Sadly, we gave a fond farewell to a beloved fellow parishioner "Doc" whom we all loved.

Yes, it was a wonderful 2012, and the best is yet to come in 2013. Come join us in the experience!

Blessings and Happy New Year,

Pastor Sandra Lee Johnson