



## *Holy Week*

**March 20th—Palm Sunday**

**Services at 8am, 9:30am and 11am**

Palm Processional all services

Commitment Sunday for Building on the Past, Believing in the Future

**March 24th—Maundy Thursday**

**Service at 7pm**

Holy Communion, a dramatic presentation and stripping of the sanctuary

**March 25th—Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

**Service at 7pm**

A solemn Service of Darkness and Light

**March 27th—Easter Sunday**

**6am Sunrise Service in the Prayer Garden**

Youth Praise Band, Ryan Collins preaching, and communion

**8am and 9:30am Traditional Services**

Organ, choir and brass ensemble

**11am Contemporary Service**

Praise Band and Communion

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*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

*John 3:16*

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### **Easter Sunday Breakfast**

Boy Scout Troop 88 is hosting our Annual Easter Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday. We are serving a delicious breakfast buffet consisting of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, cereal, fruit and more! Breakfast will be available starting after the Sunrise Service and going through the beginning of the 11 am Contemporary Service. Donations are accepted and will help Scouts attend Summer Camp and the Troop purchase camping equipment.

# A Message from Pastor Deborah

*“Lord, what do You want to do through me?”*



It has been a busy spring, and the month of March looks every bit as busy. We are moving through the final days of the Lenten season, a season of spiritual preparation before the joyous celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We are also moving through the final days of our capital campaign, Building on the Past, Believing in the Future. This has also been a time of spiritual preparation: a time of reflection on who and whose we are and how God has been, is and will be at work within our congregation especially as we pray the prayer “Lord, what do you want to do through me?”

The special Sundays in February were wonderful: **Gratitude Sunday**, when we reflected on how often we are distracted from giving thanks for all that has already been given by our wish lists and perfectionism. That day we took time to purposefully give thanks to God for his presence and activity in our lives and through our church. The gratitude cards you filled out have beautified our sanctuary and filled our spirits ever since.

**Ministry Sunday** was a strong reminder of all God has called us to do and be and how God has empowered our ministries. The 39 banners representing significant ministries within the church and in the community give witness to our faithfulness to God’s call and the lives that have been touched as a result! The cardboard testimonies that day brought the message up close and personal: when we lean on God, God provides everything we need and sees us through difficult moments to the other side.

**Still ahead is Celebration Sunday**, March 6, when we will gather to simply be together and get a better picture of the vision God has given us. We will enjoy a new video in worship, then gather under a tent on the grass and walk around the outlines of our building, stretching our imaginations to grasp the fullness of what the new building / bathrooms / elevator / meeting space / increased security / nursery renovation will mean for our ministry together. Plan to be here for breakfast burritos and sandwiches all morning long.

The next **Sunday, March 13**, you will be invited into a **prayer walk** around the campus praying for the groups of people whose lives will be touched by increased accessibility, a larger music rehearsal space, a more functional nursery, and the funding of our trustees critical needs for capital maintenance.

Finally, on **Palm Sunday** we will observe the festive entrance into Jerusalem with a palm processional but also take a moment to dedicate our **commitments** to the vision God has given us to “Build on the Future.”

Meanwhile you have received the Detail Brochure describing all the wonderful things we hope to accomplish as we work together to reach for God’s vision for our church. Please take time to reflect on the difference these things will make in our ministry together, preparing your hearts with the prayer, “Lord, what do you want to do through me?”

And then, on Easter Sunday, we will once again affirm that we are a people of hope, even in the face of the deepest darkness, as we move from the tomb and sorrow of Jesus’s death to a resounding affirmation that Christ is Alive, and nothing will ever be the same again!

Don’t miss a minute of it. God is at work in us, with us, through us, and you are a part of all God has to unfold in this place at this time.

Blessings and Peace  
Pastor Deborah



## Old Time Spring Picnic

Come join us for a good old fashioned picnic! Bring friends and family to enjoy festivities like bounce houses, face painting, sack races, and much more. Celebrate Palm Sunday with your church family.

Can't wait to see you there!  
**Sunday, March 20th from 3pm to 6pm.** The event is FREE!!

Chicken, rolls and drinks will be provided. Help us out by bringing an item based on your last name.

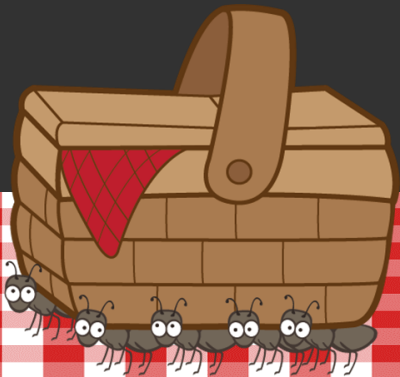
A to H: Dessert  
I to S: Side Dish  
T to Z: Salad

Let us know if you are coming so we can include your family in our chicken and rolls count. Just stop by the Family Ministry's cart before or after church!

Need more information or would like to volunteer to help the Family Ministries team have another successful event; please contact:

Kristy Bottesch  
K.bottesch@me.com

Ryan Collins  
youthministry@gilbertumc.org



Sunday, March 13th 7:30am—1:00pm

## All Church Prayer Event

The Lord tells us that he has plans for us. "For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

On Sunday, March 13, 2016, between 7:30 am and 1:00 pm our capital campaign committee is sponsoring a prayer event. The entire church family is invited to join in the culmination of our individual prayer, "Lord, What do You want to do through me?" that we have prayed daily during the past several weeks. We encourage each of you to join us on a Path of Prayers reflecting on all that this church means to us as individuals and as a community. What plans does God have for the future at First United Methodist Church of Gilbert? How are we called to be a part of those plans?

Plan to come before your usual worship time and pray or stay after worship and pray. Your whole family, including children, can be a part of your time of prayer. We want to include everyone!

- We suggest starting the path at the Healing Garden, but to avoid congestion, you may pray the path in any order. We will have maps of the campus and instructions available in the courtyard. At each prayer station there will be cards with suggestions for prayer. Your own personal prayers are encouraged.
- Look for a numbered sign at each prayer station. If you have questions, look for a volunteer who will be wearing a tag with a picture of our campaign prayer.
- Stop and pray. Spend as much or as little time as needed in prayer along the path.
- Before leaving each station, place a sticker (which will be provided) on the numbered sign, indicating that you prayed there.
- If it is difficult for you to walk the path, please use the map to guide your prayers, finger-walking through the campus.

At the end of your walk, be sure and stop in the Activity Center and Courtyard for refreshments; share your hopes and dreams and how you can be a part of making them a reality. Offer to pray for/with the campaign team members. We are "**Building on the Past...Believing in the Future.**" Please join us in this special time. We welcome you. See you on March 13.



# Building on the Past,, Believing in the Future Capital Campaign



## Detail Brochures and Renderings are Now Available!

Detail brochures describing the goals, priorities, and costs of our proposed building and remodeling projects were mailed on Thursday February 12 to all households we know who call First UMC “home.” If you somehow did not receive a detail brochure please let us know. We have plenty of extras and want every household to have this great resource.

If you HAVE received your brochure spend a little time reading it so you are up to date on the vision for the projects before us and the impact funding those projects will have on our church. And all along, pray with us the prayer “Lord, what do you want to do through me?” It will change your life, and our church.

## Lead Gifts Report and Campaign Goals

On Sunday February 7 our Capital Campaign Co-Chairs and Lead Gifts Chairperson made an amazing announcement about our Lead Gifts Process. As of that date, 25 families had made commitments to the capital campaign for a total of \$544,500! Anticipate another announcement on Celebration Sunday, March 6, after we complete our Advanced Gifts events.

## Wednesday Night Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner at 5:45pm, individual meal is \$3 and it is \$12 for a family. The second Wednesday of the month is a potluck. The church provides the main dish and those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. This month’s potluck will be on March 9th and the main dish provided will be fried chicken. On this date there is no set fee but a love offering towards the church’s meals on Wednesday night will be greatly appreciated. There will be no dinner on Wednesday, 3/24 due to the Holy Week. In fact, check with your instructor as some classes will not be held on the 24th as well. Please note all of the classes and groups below start at 6:30pm.



Wednesday Nigh Class/Group Description	Room	Facilitator	Start/End Date
<b>Disciple Bible:</b> 24 week study from Genesis to Revelations	Office	Molly Hahn	1/13/16—6/29/16
<b>Confirmation Class:</b> 7th Graders and older on the journey to confirmation.	200	Ryan Collins, Gayle Disch & Aryn Peppin	8/19/15—5/11/16
<b>12 Extraordinary Women:</b> How God shaped women of the bible and what He wants to do with you.	140	Anna Stearns & Sylvia Harris	1/13/16—3/23/16
<b>The Jesus Lifestyle:</b> Based on Jesus’ radical teaching from the Sermon on the Mount.	142	Robin Lee	1/13/16—2/24/16
<b>Anonymous:</b> Discovering the Somebody You Are to God	201	Adriana Hernandez	2/17/16-3/23/16
<b>The Way:</b> A Lent five week series	202	David Harriss	2/17/16—3/16/16
<b>Jeremiah:</b> Daring to hope in an unstable world.	133	Kay Pealstrom	1/13/16—3/2/16
<b>Hurting Mom, Healing Hearts:</b> Working through the process of a healing heart of a mom.	204	Sharon Kotsonas	1/13/16—3/30/16
<b>PTSD:</b> Support group for those dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	133	Steve Hanson	3/9/16—Ongoing
<b>The Five Love Languages for Singles:</b> Knowing your love language helps everyone in all their relationships.	201	Adriana Hernandez	3/30/16—4/27/16

# Perplexing, Amazing Faith

## By Rev. David J. Harriss



The Easter story is a perplexing one. A man has risen from the dead...really? This has never happened before, why should we believe it now? When perplexing issues arise in our lives, it often raises doubts within ourselves and the way we understand our own worldview. Whenever the crossroads of doubt and faith come into our lives, we often take the path of least resistance.

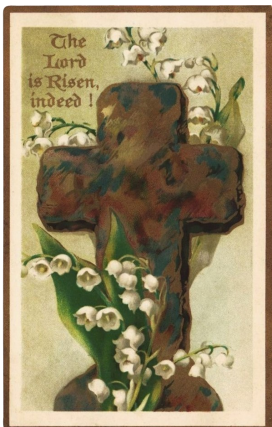
We come to the Easter text (Luke 24:1-12, Year C) where *the women went to the tomb, bringing fragrant spices they had prepared. We find out that the tomb was rolled back and the body was not there. Also in this setting, 2 men appear that ask them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here he has been raised.'*

What happens next is my favorite part of this Easter text, *they go and tell the apostles.* I must confess to you, I love the Easter texts in which the physical presence of Christ is absent. Within the Johannine text, we have the physical presence of Christ and I am aware that this is a favored text among many spiritual leaders. However, I love the texts in which there is no tangible evidence and yet there is a presence of Christ among those who believe. I am attracted to the texts in which great faith is the driving force behind Christ's presence and not his physical appearance.

Isn't this our Easter story? Without seeing the physical presence of Christ in our lives, we believe that Jesus is a living reality in our midst. Without having physical, tangible, proof of Christ in this world, we know that Christ is resurrected and lives among us. In a day and age in which rational thought underscores the belief systems of many, Christians still believe in the presence of our Lord and Savior despite the prevalence of his physical form.

What wonderful and amazing faith these women must have had on that Easter morning! They had substantial conviction and assurance that Christ had been raised from the dead and they went and told others about his resurrection. In total disregard of how others would look at them, in total disregard of their status, in total disregard of mockery and ridicule, and in total disregard of any tangible evidence of Christ's immortal state, they told others that Christ Jesus has been resurrected and he lives!! If we can take anything away from this scripture it should be this: If you and I want to encounter and experience the resurrected Christ in our midst, we must be willing to tell others about a Christ who is alive in this world. We often fail to tell this story due to a number of excuses: people won't listen to me; I am afraid of rejection; I don't know how to do this. We are perplexed by a number of fearful outcomes and we fail to encounter a state of resurrection due to a lack of faith.

God does not want our faith to be small. This God who raised Jesus from the dead can raise a church back to life. This God who raised Jesus from the dead can raise a community back to life. Yet in order do so, we must be willing to *go and tell others.*



As Easter people, we must act! Are you and I willing to leave the church with same type of enthusiasm and charisma? Will we be willing to go up to total strangers and say, "Jesus is alive! Christ is a living reality in your life and in mine. If God can raise Christ from the dead, he can overcome any grave and dismal state in your life and in mine." On this day, God raised Jesus from the dead and this God wants to do the very same thing with us. God wants to bring resurrected life to this church, with all of these programs, with all of the ministries here. So, take a leap of faith: go, act, and believe! May your life and mine be given new life through the transforming death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Happy Easter!

## Preschool News

### Registration for 2016-2017

We are NOW enrolling students for next school year. Our preschool has classes for ages 2, 3, and 4/5 year olds! Check out our website and give us a call for a tour! Please share this information with a friend.

### Mission of the Month

In February, the preschoolers created Valentine's to share with the residents of Sunshine Senior Living Center.

### Dr. Seuss Family Night

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00-7:00pm our preschool families gather in the preschool classrooms and courtyard to celebrate Reading and to spend some **quality family time** together. Come join us for the fun!

### How can you help?

- Would you like to visit a classroom and read a story? Teach about a hobby? We'd love for you to share your passion with us! Call 480 892 9166 and ask for the preschool.
- Take a few flyers from the church Welcome table and spread the news about Preschool Enrollment.



If you have any questions about the preschool, please call Lora Norris or Lara Fink, preschool directors at 480-892-9166.

*Lord, what do You want to do through me?*



### Pizza with the Pastor

**Sunday, March 13th at Noon in Activity Center**

Join the Pastor for a FREE lunch and an opportunity to ask questions about the church.



### FUMCG Softball Team

**Meets at Freestone Park on Sundays 5:30pm—6:30pm**

Head out to Freestone Park on Sunday evenings and support and cheer for our team!

## Coffee Hour Training

Come be a part of the coffee hour hosting team. We will be in the kitchen at 8 a.m. on both March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> to show you just how easy and fun it can be to serve your fellow church members.

We all enjoy the coffee, goodies and fellowship time that the coffee hour provides us. So meet Al & Michelle Reynolds in the kitchen to serve up some fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to call (480) 219-2080 or email Michelle at [kmichellereynolds@gmail.com](mailto:kmichellereynolds@gmail.com).

Join the Coffee Hour Hosting Team!!



Things are happening, as always, in FIRSTKIDZ. During FIRSTKIDZ and KIDZ Worship on **March 6, Celebration Sunday** we will be seeing a **Christian magician**. You will sign your children in their classes and we will take them to the activity center. We will be signing them out from there.

**Save the Date!** VBS is going to be the week of June 6-10, 9:00 am-12:00 noon. There will be announcements when the sign up is open (you can also pay online this year). VBS will be for ages 3-grade 5.

I came across this article written by Craig Jutila. I thought I'd share, as many of us wonder about the subject of video games and violence.

### **Video Games And Violence – Is There A Connection?**

There has been a lot of research done on the topic of video games and their link to criminal and aggressive behavior in children and teens. Before you read further let me say that the research may surprise you.



### **What Does The Research Say?**

- 1. Video Game Play Is Pervasive With Our Kids** Playing video games has become a pervasive part of a child's life in the U.S. "More than 90% of children play some kind of video game; when considering only adolescents ages 12–17, that figure rises to 97%."
- 2. Violent Games Are Not Connected To Criminal Behavior** "The truth is that decades of research have turned up no reliable causal link between playing violent video games and perpetrating actual violence."
- 3. Violent Games Have Been Linked To Aggressive Behavior** "The American Psychological Association (APA) argues in a research review that playing violent games is linked to aggression, but that there's insufficient evidence to link the games to actual criminal violence." The conclusion reached by the APA was that playing violent video games "can increase aggressive behavior and thoughts, while lessening empathy and sensitivity toward aggression."
- 4. The Amount of Time Playing Games Is Important** According to the research it's not necessarily the type of games that are played but the amount of time playing the games. "The amount of time spent playing video games has a much bigger impact on kids' behavior than the type of games they play. Children who play for longer than three hours per day are more likely to be hyperactive, get involved in fights and not be interested in school." In fact, one study suggests that playing games for less than an hour per day may have positive benefits on behavior.
- 5. Video Games Don't Make The Biggest Impact, Parents Do** Our kids lives are multifaceted filled with education, teachers, friends, sports, social activities and let's not forget us, the parents! Each of these connection points have input into the lives of our children. Playing video games is one facet of their lives. Video games, violent or not, should not have the biggest impact on our children, parents should.

### **What Can We Do?**

- 1. We Can Limit Playing Time** As psychologist Douglas A. Gentile puts it, "Whatever we practice repeatedly affects the brain. If we practice aggressive ways of thinking, feeling and reacting then we will get better at those." Scripture reminds us to, "*Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*" Philippians 4:8 NLTse Dwell on healthy things and play a video game for an hour instead of dwelling on a video game and thinking about healthy things for an hour.
- 2. We Can Encourage Healthy Hearts** Good thinking, healthy hearts and positive behavior are a product of something that we pursue. That's why Proverbs 4:23 NLT reminds us to, "*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*" The word guard means to keep or protect something valuable. We can encourage our kids and provide them with an environment that will allow them to keep and protect their hearts.
- 3. We Can Store Up Good Things** "*A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.*" Matthew 12:34 NLT The word "treasury" is a place to keep things safe, like a storehouse. The word is used here metaphorically of the heart. So, the question is, "What do you keep putting into your storehouse and how often?"

### **My Opinion, For What It's Worth**

I think playing video games, violent or not, are ok in moderation. The Bible doesn't address video games directly, probably because there was an electricity issue. Neither does it address cell phone usage, screen time and a host of other issues facing today's families. Discretion, common sense, principles derived from scripture and the wisdom of others can all be helpful for each of us making our own decisions when it comes to playing video games. "*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*" Romans 12:2 NLTse

# Look What Your Giving Is Helping Us Do!

Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our church. During the month of February, your donations to the church's General Fund have helped:

- Provide space in the Activity Center/kitchen for our Shrove Tuesday All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner, which raised \$605 for our church's next Orchard Africa trip in 2017.
- Allow our pastors, music director, organist and chancel choir, together with many volunteers, to plan and carry out our meaningful Ash Wednesday worship service, which was attended by 146 people.
- Provide time and space in our worship services on Scout Sunday, February 14, to recognize our many scouting opportunities, serving 62 girls in 6 troops and 139 boys in Cub and Boy Scouts, as well as 8-12 youth participating in Venture Crew. 26 Girl and Boy Scouts who completed God & Me, God & Family, or God & Church, and their leaders, were individually recognized in the services. Our Scout programs include many families from both inside and outside our church.
- Allow our pastors and many volunteer church leaders to plan and carry out our procession of ministries for our 2/21/16 Ministry Sunday worship services. Our church offers over 100 programs in 37 distinct areas of focus through our numerous ministry opportunities, many which serve community members from outside our church.

Without your gifts, we could not do this work which is all focused on our Mission "To Lead People of All Ages on the Journey to Become Deeply Devoted Followers of Jesus"!

If you have any questions about the church's finances, please contact Susan Bowers, Finance Chair (317-730-0162, [Financechair@gilbertumc.org](mailto:Financechair@gilbertumc.org)) or Deanna Helland, Church Treasurer/Accountant (480-892-9166, [accountant@gilbertumc.org](mailto:accountant@gilbertumc.org)).



## Electronic Giving: Fast, Easy and Secure

Support the work of our church through electronic giving. Use your smart phone and our QR code, or visit the church website, [www.firstgilbert.church](http://www.firstgilbert.church). Thank you for your faithful financial support of our church.

### Electronic giving is good for you

- Provides convenience for you
- Keeps you on track with stewardship
- Provides you with today's most popular payment methods
- Guarantees your uninterrupted support

### Electronic giving is good for our church

- Provides donation consistency
- Saves the church staff time
- Adds greater security and accuracy in the church office
- Has a positive impact on the environment

Watch for new methods of electronic giving in the future. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 480-892-9166 or email [financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org](mailto:financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org).



Giving



## Grief Share Begins March 10th

Trish Jung and Kay Pealstrom will be facilitating a new group as part of this church's Care Ministries program. Grief Share is a 13-week support group that meets weekly. This group will begin meeting on Thursday, 3/10 in room 140 at 6:30pm.

This support group will be a warm, caring environment that will allow the participants to watch video seminars that are encouraging, information-packed featuring leading grief recovery experts. Each person will have a workbook for journaling and personal study exercises. The small group discussions are key to this journey process.

Some of the topics include:

- The Journey of Grief
- Grief and Your Relationships
- Why?
- Guilt and Anger
- Complicating Factors
- What Do I Live For Now?

Both Trish and Kay are members of this church, are Stephen Ministers and both have dealt with loss of loved ones. Together you will help each other through the long path of grief toward healing and hope for the future.

This class is open to anyone in the community. If you know a person grieving please invite them to participate.

# Thanks to Everyone for Making Family Promise Happen!



For one week in February, this church's support provided care, housing, meals, activities for homeless families. We are grateful to everyone for sharing their resources, time, prayers and support of this program.

Below is a list of those who made it happen. Please note that we have likely missed a few names as food donations appeared through out the week and folks were willing to lend a hand all along the way. Thank You!! Everyone's cooperation and generosity made a direct impact on the lives of these families. Mark your calendars, the next week is June 19th—26th!!

**Church Coordinators/Representatives for Family Promise Program:**  
Dyann O'Brien, Sarah Metz, Katie Bouchie and Pastor David Harriss

### Overnight Hosts:

Steve Hanson, Tom Bristow, Malcolm Herring, Brian and DyAnn O'Brien, the Vallera family (Ray, Jenny, Hayley & Brandi), and Kelly and Michelle McClain.

### Volunteers for Dinner/Set Up/Clean Up, Food Donations and Laundry:

Girl Scout Troop #2055  
Becky Lewis and family  
Jennifer St. Pierre, AK & Lexi  
Molly and Dan Hahn  
Craig and Chris Thompson  
Gray Matters Sunday School  
Bev Stubbs  
Sandy Campbell  
FUMCG Youth Group  
Patti and David Baker  
Ray, Jenny, Hayley, and Brandi Vallera  
Dan, Janet, Alex, and Jenna Bose  
Carrie and Abby Ramsey  
Phyllis Spittell  
David Harriss  
Tom and Judy Bristow  
Randy and Margie Zeilsta-Reed  
Pat Dill  
Ruth Lee  
Steve Hanson  
Tina Rees  
Pam Stressman  
Jeni Hemingson  
Jennifer St. Pierre  
Melissa Polizzotto  
Cater Wenstrom  
Missions Team

Gayle Disch  
Norma Mayne  
Barb Holcolmb  
Lara Fink  
June Morrison  
Ragan Ryan  
Jenn Krause  
Margo Doss  
Rebecca Hernandez  
Carrie Mueller  
Janelle Chiricuzio  
Lisa Kimbrough  
Stacy Korte  
Stephanie Nowak  
Susan Hammonds  
Tanya Baker  
Mel and Janice Clary  
Barb Perry  
Anita Broughton  
Lesieli Ouellette  
Laura Macleod  
Carol Miller



Also, a thank you to the participants in several different classes, meetings and Boy Scout sessions that graciously moved to accommodate for the program.



Winter Camp 2016

## Youth News

By Ryan Collins, Director of Youth & Family Ministries



### 2016 Youth Ministry Variety Show and Diner

April 2, 6:00pm—8:00pm

FUMC Gilbert Activity Center

Come join us for a night of fun, performances and good eating at our Old West-themed 2016 Variety Show! All proceeds benefit the Junior High mission trip to Cortez, Colorado in June and High School mission trip to San Diego in July. If interested in signing up your act today, then contact Ryan Collins at [youthministry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:youthministry@gilbertumc.org).

## Health/Blood Pressure Sundays

March 13th 7am-11:30am

Come into the Activity Center before any of the worship services and have yourself checked out by the Health Ministries team. A wonderful service that helps you work towards a healthier you!

## All Church Spring Clean Up

March 12th

8am—2pm

The Trustees are planning an all church clean up day for Saturday, March 12h from 8:00am-2:00pm. We need all hands on deck for some general clean up and light maintenance around the church property. We will focus on cleaning windows and blinds, walls, sidewalks, light fixtures, etc. There will be something for everyone and all ages, youth and adults are welcome. Please contact George Pettit at [george.pettit@cox.net](mailto:george.pettit@cox.net) with questions.



*Lord, what do You want to do through me? Not an equal share, but an equal sacrifice.*

## PTSD Support Group

Steve Hanson is retired from the Peoria (AZ) Fire Department and also the Arizona Air National Guard. His son Steven Jr. and daughter-in-law Vicki are members of the church, along with their children Scott and Kyle. While finishing up his careers, Steve began his journey toward Counseling with Grand Canyon University. He graduated with his Masters Degree in January 2016.

“PTSD is not only about military members. Traumatic Stress can bother anyone who has faced mental or physical trauma, causing an individual to relive the trauma with flashbacks that can cause anxiety, lack of sleep, home, and work problems.” The Pastors approved beginning a Post-Traumatic Stress (PTSD) group. Steve will serve as the facilitator for this group, not in a counselor capacity. The meetings will be a meet and greet where individuals can express his or her feelings and issues. If therapy is necessary Steve will give the individual information for making contact with a licensed therapist.

Steve will provide coffee and donuts during the meeting, so come on down and chat. The PTSD Support group will begin meeting Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30pm in room 133. All are welcome.



# FREE GOSPEL CONCERT

featuring

## The Welcomaires

**Jon Essick   Andy Jackson   Kevin Jackson   Neil Gresham   Glen Compton   Jeff Brown   Jerry Tysinger**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH**  
**ONE NIGHT ONLY!**  
 Hotdog Dinner at 5:00 • Concert at 6:00

**Free Concert!** A love offering will be taken with donations benefitting **Imagine No Malaria** in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**First United Methodist Church of Gilbert**  
 331 S. Cooper Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85233  
 For more info: 480-892-9166 or visit [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org)

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## Join us Tuesdays

Prayers for our Church

1:30pm—2:30pm

Sanctuary

Join us on any Tuesday in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer. There is no training necessary. Just come and pray with us as God leads us.



# March Birthday Celebrations

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|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Herb Miller     | 10 Robert DeBolt        | 18 Alex Bose      | 25 Makenna Arbogast |
| 2 Sam Bouchie     | 11 Alexis St. Pierre    | Carolyn Skinner   | Ed Baker            |
| Reagan Robbers    | 12 Emma Alcantar        | Trevor Snyder     | Katilyn Lane        |
| 3 Kathy Snyder    | Sue Dunning             | Max Tesarek       | Megan Spittell      |
| Harold Yeater     | Gavin Rempel            | 19 Tracy McCuthan | 26 Bob Chuk         |
| 4 Hailey Houseman | Ainsley Snyder          | Sierra Smith      | Darline Moyer       |
| Mercy Skinner     | 15 Nina Chiricuzio      | Anna Stearns      | 27 Kevin Becker     |
| 6 Nancy Moberg    | Darlene Hansen          | 21 Scott Hanson   | 29 Keegan Wilkins   |
| 7 Lucy Daniels    | Dina Reid               | Samuel Tognocci   |                     |
| Ashley Reynolds   | 16 Sarah Asplin LaPoint | 23 Carley Palmer  |                     |
| 8 Katelyn Johns   | Brandi Vallera          | Phillip Tesarek   |                     |
| 9 Jonah Orndorff  | 17 Jim Willis           |                   |                     |

# March Anniversary Celebrations

- 3 Steve & Dawn Kopp - 9 yrs
- 6 Shawn & Amy Smith - 18 yrs
- 10 Mark & Elizabeth Blackledge - 14 yrs
- Curt & Dina Reid - 26 yrs
- 11 Stan & Miriam Gill - 27 yrs
- 15 Bob & Anna Stearns - 3 yrs
- 25 David & Sharon Barclay - 16 yrs
- Gary & Katie Lang - 27 yrs
- 27 Fred & Laura Contreras - 23 yrs



*If we have inadvertently missed your birthday or anniversary, contact Adriana at 480-892-9166 or secretary@gilbertumc.org*



Mark Your Calendar for a

*Building on the Past / Believing in the Future*

**CELEBRATE!**

Sunday March 6, 2016

8:45 am– 12:30 pm

FREE Catered brunch from **Gabriela's Kitchen** after each service

Breakfast sandwiches or Burritos

Under a tent on the lawn – site of our proposed building

Christian Magician especially for our FirstKIDZ at 9:30 in the Activity Center

Be here for a morning of conversation, good food, and dreaming together

Bring a Blanket to sit on the grass with your family!

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### Sunday Morning

#### Worship Schedule

8:00 Traditional Service

9:00—9:30 Coffee Hour

9:30 Traditional Service

10:30—11:00 Coffee

Hour

11:00 Contemporary

Service

Adult Sunday School

8am, 9:30am & 11am

FirstKIDZ 9:30am & 11am

Professional Nursery

7:45am—12:30pm

### Easter Services

March 27, 2016

6:00am Sunrise

8:00 & 9:30 Traditional

11:00am Contemporary



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