



The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

September 2016

Join us in Worship

Sept 4th Rev. Gwen Mader is preaching "Empowered to Work"
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

New Sermon Series "Hard Questions"

Sept 11th Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen Genesis 3:1-7
Sept 18th What About My Jewish/Muslim/Buddhist Neighbors
Acts 4:11-12, John 10:14-16
Sept 25th Why Do We Have to Change? Exodus 16:1-3
Oct 2nd Do We Have to Make Room? John 10:14-18
Oct 9th The Voting Dilemma: How to Choose? Luke 4:18-19

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00am & 9:30am Traditional
11:00am Contemporary

Nursery Care is provided for all three worship services (7:45am-12:30pm)

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FIRST AID/CPR COURSE



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
CPR COURSE: 9AM - 11:30AM FIRST AID COURSE: NOON - 2PM
EACH COURSE IS \$15/YOUTH OR \$20/ADULT
CONTACT PHILIP TESAREK AT
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A Message from Pastor Deborah

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



September is always an exciting month. Schools are in high gear, teachers are not yet worn out, and the fullness of fall is beginning to be real by the end of the month. It is time to think of homecomings and special football games; to start new projects with optimism because the heat is beginning to abate, at least a bit.

The preacher in Ecclesiastes wrote: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter on earth.” Here at First UMC it is a time to renew our spirits with challenging classes and gatherings where we talk about those things that are of ultimate importance. Wednesday evening classes are in full swing, and soon new ones will come online: Disciple II for all of you who have finished Disciple I – a challenging study of the Bible; Financial Peace for those of you who are finally ready to get a grip on your finances and begin budgeting in a biblical way; a new member class for our newcomers to explore what it means to be a part of a church community. Our associate pastor is working hard with our Adult Ministries team to define a very intentional model for Christian discipleship at First, so that everyone from beginners to long time members understand there is a path toward deeper faithfulness.

Our building committee is also hard at work to ensure that our architect understands our needs and desires; to find the resources needed financially and in human resources to be sure we honor God well in the renovation of our campus and the new building we anticipate erecting. They will be hiring a General Contractor to manage our design and building processes. There will be hundreds of large and small decisions to make daily/weekly/monthly. Others will be out shopping for mortgages so we make the precious dollars you are giving stretch as far as they possibly can.

Our Lay Leadership / Nominations Team is working to discover the gifts of those in our congregation who want to serve on teams and committees for 2016, and to match those gifts with the places where help is especially needed in the coming year.

I count it all joy that we are busy and fruitful and leaning into the fullness of all that God has for us to do and be. Please be in prayer for our church, its leaders, and all of these wonderful ways that we are growing and stretching toward God’s plan for our lives together, and let us know where you want to step in and help.

Blessings and Peace
Pastor Deborah

Jam Session

Whether you like to play, sing or just listen join in the fun on Friday, September 16th in room 142. The more folks, the more fun! The music begins at 7pm.



Centennial Church Directory Has Arrived

The Centennial Church Directory has arrived. In-between services on September 4th and September 11th you can stop by and pick up your directory.

If you had your photograph taken or you paid to have your own photo included in the directory there is a directory reserved for you.

There are plenty! So even if you are not in the directory but would like one please stop by and pick one up. The cost is \$10 per directory.

If you can’t make it into worship on the 4th or 11th you can come by the office to pick up or purchase your directory.



Experiencing God's Comfort

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort," (II Corinthians 1:3 –NASB)



Sometimes the comfort of a human being just isn't enough. I think of times like when your doctor tells you that you have cancer, or when someone you love dies, or when you struggle to defeat an addiction, or when you just can't seem to make it through another day. Sometimes the hurt is so deep that no human words or actions can help relieve the pain. That's when we need to look beyond human comfort to something much more effective. That's when we need the comfort of God. God alone, and nothing else, can provide us the comfort we need in difficult times.

This is not a strange or far off concept. God is near to us and can be closely involved in our lives if we open ourselves up to receive his comfort. God longs for us to merely ask for it! But sometimes we are like tea cups turned upside down. God pours out his love and comfort on us but it rolls right off of us. We must turn the tea cup right side up, making ourselves ready to receive all God wants to give to us, opening ourselves to receive his comfort, for it to be felt in our lives and do the work in us we need it to do.

Human comfort feels good only for a moment. But God's comfort supplies us hope, encouragement, and strength for a lifetime and beyond. Along with God's comfort comes a peace that is unexplainable, and a sustaining joy that carries us through even the most difficult of experiences. Indeed, experiencing God's comfort will lead us to wonder how we ever could make it through difficult times without it!

May you find today the comfort you need in the loving, waiting, caring arms of God.

Pastor Gwen Mader

Looking for a Single Heart to Make a Radical Change



"Radical Hospitality begins with a single heart, a growing openness, a prayerful desire for the highest good of a stranger. It begins when one person treats another respectfully and loves the stranger enough to overcome the internal hesitations to invite that person into the life of Christ's church." This quote is from Robert Schnase's Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. We are looking for hearts that make radical change through hospitality.

We are asking for volunteers to greet and be the welcoming face and hands to everyone who comes to worship with us for the coffee hour in between services each Sunday morning. Although the actual task of preparing the coffee, lemonade and refreshments is not a difficult one it is extremely important service within the church. Training is provided, there is a budget for everything prepared and we need volunteers to create hospitality for everyone who worships with us that reflects God's love and kindness.

Please review the dates below and find an open spot that you can fill. Please let Michelle Reynolds know where you can help via email kmichellereynolds@gmail.com.

Date	Set Up/Host (8am)	Host/Clean Up (9:30)
9/04/16	Sharon & Karl Kotsonas	
9/11/16	Dan & Mary Vrana	Lori Wiemers
9/18/16	Tommy & Pam Campbell	Margie Sessums & Joan Krueger
9/25/16		Gray Matters Sunday School
10/02/16		Lori Wiemers
10/09/16		
10/16/16		Margie Sessums & Joan Krueger
10/23/16	Faith, Family & Fearless Conversations	
10/30/16	Christian Women's Fellowship	Christian Women's Fellowship

Look What Your Giving Is Helping Us Do!

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

- Made possible through the work of Pastor Deborah and several volunteers including class leader Mike Miller, a new Alpha class that began on August 3. Thirteen people are attending this class, which is a non-denominational class open to anyone wanting to explore the meaning of life and learn about Jesus and his way of life.
- Provided meeting space (3 classrooms!) for the Tuesday Women's Bible Study, which kicked off their fall season on August 16. Forty women attended the August 16th session, including eight new and many returning members. New members are welcome to join this diverse, multi-generational group at any time.
- Made possible through the work of Pastor Gwen, with the Invitation/Welcoming/Evangelism Ministry Team and other volunteers, our church's hospitality table for voters coming to the August 30 election polls in our Activity Center. Coffee, ice water, pastries, cookies and other snacks were offered to voters on their way in and out of the polls. Many were grateful for the hospitality.



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 either:

Susan Bowers, Finance Chair

Financechair@gilbertumc.org

Deanna Helland, Church Treasurer/Accountant

Accountant@gilbertumc.org

Church Office: 480-892-9166



The QR code to the left is for giving via your mobile device. Or click on the GIVING link on our website to process your donation on-line. If you have any questions about on-line giving options, or if you need help setting up your on-line giving, please contact our Financial Secretary, Taleen Carpenter (480-892-9166, financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org) or Deanna Helland (480-892-9166, accountant@gilbertumc.org).



Giving

Wednesday Night Fellowship Continues

Thank you for the amazing response to "Through the Wardrobe" Wednesday night programming! The schedule continues for September.

Dinner:

5:45 PM Wed Fellowship Dinner - AC
(\$3/person or \$12/family)

9/7: Sandwiches/Sub Night

9/14: Potluck Night featuring Meatloaf

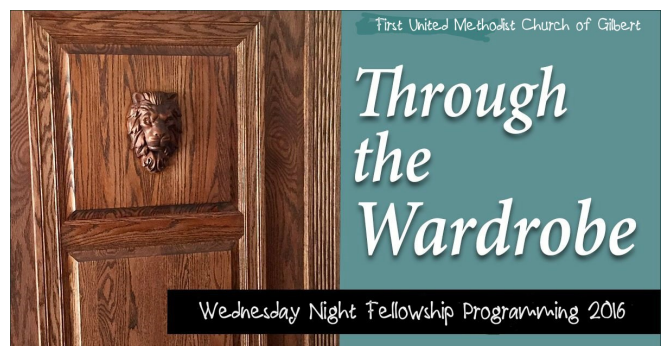
9/21: Orchard Africa Night featuring Spaghetti

9/28: Mexican Cuisine

Music Rehearsal:

5:30 PM Wesleyan Bells - 130

7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Sanctuary



Classes:

6:30 PM Alpha - AC

6:30 PM Christianity & Islam - 142

6:30 PM Confirmation - 200

6:30 PM Hurting Moms, Healing Hearts - 201

6:30 PM Financial Peace (Begins 9/7)- 202

6:30 PM Kidz Book Club - 203

6:30 PM Serving from the Heart - 133

6:30 PM Wednesday Wilds - 205



Great Start to the Preschool Year!

We had a great first few weeks with over 50 preschoolers on campus each week. Our classrooms are filled with 2, 3, 4, and 5 year olds, with both new and returning families. Thank you to the church Welcoming Committee and the Preschool Ministry Team for helping to create such a loving, welcoming environment for the preschoolers and families!

During August, the students and teachers spend time getting to know one another, learn the classroom routine and behavior expectations. During September, we dive into academics learning about God's Creations.

Missions- Our preschool contributed to the Family Promise Mission by donating peanut butter and jelly to make lunches for the families. Way to go!

Fry's Passive Fundraising-

Please link your Fry's card to our preschool account. There is no cost to you and our church preschool receives a percentage of what you spend! You can bring your card to customer service and ask them to link our school code to your card, 80635. It's a win-win situation! Thank you!



Grandparents' Day Breakfasts- September 6th or 7th from 8:15-9:00am

We love our Grandparents and special loved ones! The preschoolers will host their special person on one of these mornings in the Activity Center. This year's theme is "Grandparents Help Us Grow"! They will eat breakfast together, play a game and spend some memorable time together.

Want to serve, set up or clean up... and see all of the cuteness? Contact Adrienne Mesa 480 892 9166 or mesa@gilbertumc.org. If you have any questions about the preschool, please contact Lora Norris or Adrienne Mesa at preschool@gilbertumc.org or call 480 892 9166.

"And do not forget to do good and share with other, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

September Birthdays!



1 Audrey Lutes	8 Kathryn Barclay Valerie Barclay Tom Knoll Sophia Lyons	15 Laura Boever Mandy Hansen	23 Katie Bouchie Cayden Bruce Addie Fairley Grant Wagner
2 Sharon Barclay Catherine Panella	9 Dan Hahn	16 Leah Harris	24 Elinore Englebrecht
3 Sabrina Boever Kim Fairley Kate West Audrey Williams	10 Ashley Minks Elijah Schmidt	17 Chris Odell	15 Danny Minks Alexis Ryan
4 Amanda Diegan	11 Justin Fink Mary Beth Nance	18 Isaiah Schmidt	26 Alexandra Schleiger
5 Lindsay Wright	12 Charlie Blackledge Cindie Rempel Lindsey Sutton	19 Ryan Palmer Marilyn Pell Jocelyn Rickman	27 Meagan Clark Alex Martin Lydia Ramirez
6 Mike Crann David Harriss Jenna Niederer Logan Reynolds	13 Kathy Church	20 Maia Chiricuzio	28 Hailey Pettengill Randy Wedmore
7 Melissa Coleman Richard Frazier	14 Sarah Metz	21 Alexandra Houseman Cheryl Wedmore	
		22 Drew Ball Clay Cowgill	



On September 4 the Living the Questions Adult Sunday school class will start a series of 12 DVD based discussion sessions exploring the relevance of a Christian faith in the 21st century. Our journey will take us back to the foundations of the faith to rediscover and discuss the following: Who, actually, was Jesus? What was the world like in which he lived? What was Jesus' view of the Kingdom of God and the ministry of compassion? Who killed Jesus? What are some alternative views of the atonement and resurrection? What is needed to re-vitalize the faith today?

Developed by local Methodist ministers and widely used in adult small discussion groups throughout the country, this class will allow participants to consider and discuss openly how Christianity speaks to the modern age. We meet every Sunday at 11 AM in room 142. Join us to thoughtfully consider a wide variety of opinions. For more information, contact Odus or Diana Elliott at dbelliott@msn.com or call 480-786-0055.



Did you know that the first elevator was probably built around 236BC? It was the work of the Roman architect Vitruvius. It was designed with rope and powered by hand or by animals. Did you know that our current "elevator" (actually, a lift) requires the use of two keys and someone at the top and the bottom to unlock the exterior doors? Most of the time there is no one around who knows how to operate it, so it is very rarely used.

It is exciting to anticipate a true elevator in our midst. An elevator to get anyone to every end of the new and current education building for classes to build their spiritual relationship with God. Thank you for your support of the "Building on the Past, Believing in the Future" initiative!!! Did you know, it could not be done except through you.



Interested in joining First UMC Gilbert? First (and only) step is to join us for an Explorer Class. The next class is Monday, October 10th at 6:30pm in room 142. Hear a brief presentation on key United Methodist beliefs and practices, receive a folder of materials for future reference, meet some key leaders, hear a little about our ministries and learn what our vows of membership are and what they mean. If you are interested in attending a class please contact secretary@gilbertumc.org. Daycare can be provided if requested in advance.



Faith, Family & Fearless Conversations Sunday School class will begin a new study on Sunday September 18th. The study is a six-week discussion on what it means to be a church member. The discussions are based on the Thom S. Rainer book "I am a Church Member." This class meets every Sunday at 9:30am in room 202.



The vendor for the recycling bins has removed all of their bins from the entire Town of Gilbert. They do so without notice to our church. The Health Ministries team is searching for an alternative but for now there are no bins.

The Health Ministry team will continue to collect aluminum cans in the containers in the Activity Center, In addition drink pouches, ink cartridges, empty beauty/hygiene containers and old pens/mechanical pencils/markers/highlighters in the baskets in the Activity Center.

Family Promise

FUMC of Gilbert had another successful week in August caring for Family Promise families. Throughout the week, we were able to help 7 adults and 11 children cope with a difficult time as they searched for employment and stable housing. Three of the families had recently been living in their vehicles in the heat of the summer. It is hard to imagine how they had the strength to keep going. Now that they have found Family Promise, those days are behind them as they have a safe, cool place to sleep and delicious meals prepared with love by church volunteers.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who stepped in to offer a helping hand:

DyAnn OBrien

Mel Clarry

Laura McCleod

Norma Mayne

Katie Bouchie & family

Sarah Metz & family

The Bose family

Jenny Vallera & family

Laura McCleod

Matt Ramirez

Lora Norris & family

Tom & Judy Bristow

Steve Hanson

Adriana Hernandez

Sandy Campbell

Bev Stubbs

Kelly & Michelle McClain

JoAnn Mannion

Ryan Collins

Ron Mason

The Minks family

Randy and Margie Reed-Zeilstra

Ava LaRose

Tara & Alexis Winkler

Lara DeRoule

Herb Miller

and many more who helped out with laundry



It's all fun and games on Bingo Night!



New to the Fall Schedule!

Please call the office at 480-892-9166 to register for any of these classes.



Financial Peace: Class will begin September 7th and will meet until November 2nd. Class facilitator is Janet Bose. Financial Peace University helps you plan for your money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!



Bible Journaling: Join in once a month for an evening that includes a devotional and Bible journaling. You can doodle, stamp, color and paint in a bible dedicated to praising your love of God in glorious color! This group begins meeting in September (9/12), and will continue to meet on the second Monday the month at 6:30pm.

Contact Adriana at secretary@gilbertumc.org. This group will meet off-site you must contact us to get information on supplies and location.



Disciple II: "Into the Word, Into the World" is the theme of Disciple Two. In this class we will be taking an in depth look at the books of Genesis and Exodus, and Luke and Acts. This study will begin on September 12th meeting on Mondays from 6:30pm-8:00pm in homes. It is being led by Rev. Gwen Mader. (Pre-requisite: Disciple 1)



New Members Class: If you are new to the church, this class is for you! If you are a member who would be interested in refreshing your church member skills and meeting new people, then this class is for you as well. It is a 6 week discussion class using the book "I Am a Church Member" by Thom Rainer. We will be meeting on Thursdays at 6:30pm in room 201 from September 8th—October 13th.

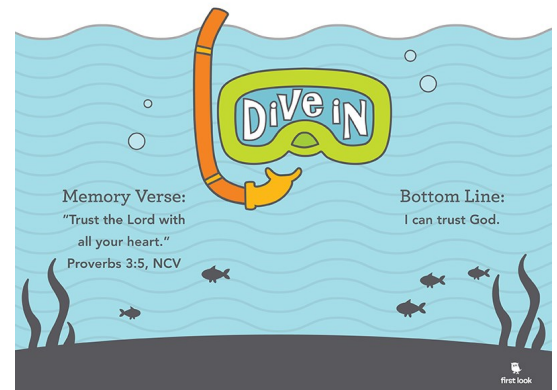
FirstKIDZ September Themes

First Look: It's time to DIVE IN to a new month of curriculum. This month our preschoolers will learn "I can trust God." They'll hear the stories of Noah, Jonah and Naaman. And, what do all these stories have in common? Water! So, create an underwater adventure in your environment complete with fish and dolphins and scuba divers and more!

We want to make sure our preschoolers know they can ALWAYS trust God. No matter where they go, what happens or who the people are in their life, they can always, always, ALWAYS trust God.

252: Have you ever been to the circus? The circus can be a fun experience. But have you ever watched the circus through the eyes of a child? How they suddenly point to the sky as they notice the courageous men and women who walk, skip, and even ride bikes three stories above you on the high wire. They inch their way out onto the wire and for what you hope is only dramatic effect they bobble and tinker on the wire only millimeters from losing their grip.

Whether on the high wire or in life, trust is important. If we don't trust, we might miss the opportunity to watch God show up and do what only He can do.



New Members

On Sunday, August 21st five new members joined our church. If you see them please welcome them!



Ed and Sue Stone are both retired and joining our church, transferring membership from First UMC in Newark Ohio. Ed's hobbies and interest include animal welfare, outreach, reading and the OSU Buckeyes (which he is an alumni). Sue enjoys reading, country/farmhouse decorating and animal welfare.

Rod Mader just moved here from South Dakota. He is married to our new Associate Pastor Rev. Gwen Mader. Most recently Rod worked in facilities management for the Britton School system. Rod's interests include AV work, with experience in editing and video production.



John & Jackie Holmberg are both retired and joining our church, transferring membership from a Presbyterian church in Milpitas California. John loves to do home improvement projects and Jackie enjoys reading, walking, cooking and the movies.

We Got Mail!



To My Church Family,

Many thanks for your prayers during and after my surgery. I'm progressing well—thanks to all you all!

Your friend in Christ,
Sally Poeske

September Anniversaries!

2	Greg & Kelcey Skinner	15 years
7	LeRoy & Elinore Englebrecht	69 years
9	Stuart & Lori Wiemers	21 years
10	Rick & Barbara Signor	61 years
12	Richard & Judy Pierce	57 years
15	Lynn Ingalls & JoAnn Mannion	19 years
19	Michael & Sylvia Harris	7 years
22	Tim & Debbie Anderson	26 years



WE WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN TOUCH :)

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FirstKidz



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Children's Choir Starting September 11th

Summer is over! Children's Choir will begin again on Sunday, September 11th from 10:45—11:00am in the Choir Room. Marty Province will be working with our children. The choir is for children age 4 through 6th grade.

This is a wide age range but there are two goals (in addition to singing) for the older children. First, the older children can be leaders in the group by helping the younger children. In addition, it is possible that the older children could play the chimes (if they would like) as accompaniment when the children sing for the congregation.

If you have any questions, please contact Marty at 480-892-9166.

Looking for Contributors to a First UMC Gilbert 2016 Advent Devotional



What is your favorite, most meaningful scripture during Advent? First UMC Gilbert is collecting these offerings for a 2016 Advent Devotional written by anyone who has attended our church. Please send your devotions to the church office by email to secretary@gilbertumc.org or by US Mail: First UMC Gilbert Attn: Advent Devotions 331 S. Cooper Road Gilbert, AZ 85233.

To make this advent devotion special and unique we are seeking personal devotionals that you have written and have not been published anywhere else. Devotions need to be submitted by October 21st, which will allow Kay Pealstrom and team time to select, edit and package the devotional to be shared with the church for this advent season. If you would like to help in this process please let us know! To prepare for the presentation of these devotionals we are using the simple layout that the Upper Room uses. The format has three components: scripture, story or reason this scripture has meaning for you and a prayer. Here is an example:

Luke 1:34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this Child is appointed and destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoke against—(35) And a sword will pierce through your own soul also – that the secret thoughts and purposes of many hearts may be brought out and disclosed.” [AMP]

Thought: During the Advent journey to Christmas, my heart aches for Mary. God has blessed her with this special child, and she is warned that all will not be easy, nor safe, nor violent. What mother has not looked lovingly at her child and wondered what lay ahead to this little person and the big person to come. Mary obeyed God's wishes. She endured Joseph's doubts, the rumors and gossip of her home town. Even with Elizabeth reassuring her – being unmarried and pregnant has never been then or now an easy road.

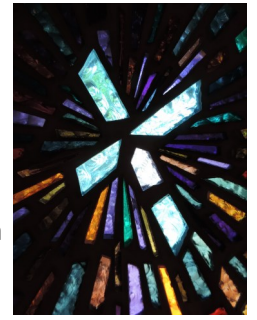
What sort of mother am I? Could I have obeyed this creature, this angel that tells me I am blessed by God to bring His child into the world? Could I have been understanding when Jesus turned away from me and said all these other people were his family? How would bear my son's whipping? His crucifixion? The darkest days between laying him in the tomb and believing that God would rise him from the dead, just as Jesus resurrected Lazarus.

Prayer: Lord, walk with me on this faith journey. Whisper to me in the night, when the darkness surrounds me with sorrows in what I have done and left undone in parenting my children. Open my eyes, that I may see those around me with Your eyes. Help me show a mother's kindness to all I meet. Remind me to bless my children as they begin their day. Remind me to pray for those I see struggling when driving to work. Encourage my faith that I can step out to pray with strangers. Let me become all You would want me to be, in Jesus' name, I ask. Amen

This is an exciting way to share what you have learned and love in God's word. As a church community we can learn from one another each day of this Advent season.

Building on the Past / Believing in the Future Update

It is an exciting time for our building committee! We are moving forward with our plans for building and renovating as we meet with our architect, Darrin Orndorff, to “finalize” our needs for various ministries affected by this project. We have signed the contract for construction documents and plans. We recently sent out Requests for Qualifications to several firms that provide construction managers for building projects, and will interview the top contenders by the end of September, in order to have a construction manager working with us through the design and construction process.



Our finance team is beginning their search for a mortgage to finance the project. By November or December we hope to come back to the whole church with both a design package and a loan package for approval.

Meanwhile our ministry teams and staff are beginning to think through how we will manage our ministries through the construction period, which we believe will occur in the time frame of “about” January/February 2017 through August 2017. It will be a time of sacrifice and adjustment, but an exciting one!

To date we have received \$237,284.31 against a total three-year pledge commitment of \$1,012,491.16. If you are one who has made a pledge, we thank you! This is a three year capital campaign and we are now 5 months into the “giving” period. Please take a moment to check your plans for giving and be sure you are where you want to be with your gifts, especially if you intend to give weekly or monthly. It can be hard to “catch up” if you get behind.

Note that you can sign up for electronic giving to both the operating fund and the capital campaign. Our finance team will be on the patio one Sunday each month to facilitate this process.

Smart Phone? Smart Giving!

Have you seen this and wondered what it means or how to use it? Now is the time to figure it out!



Giving

Electronic Giving allows you to access your funds through automatic payments, credit card or bank transfer. These new approaches make giving to the church easier if you find yourself short of cash, forget your check book, or just prefer using your smart phone to make payments. It can be used for your regular pledge, for the capital campaign giving and even used for our missions program (such as the turkey drive or the backpack drive) or when paying a fee, such as youth group activities. You can set up giving on a scheduled basis or use it for one time giving.

On **Sunday, September 18, between all services**, a special table will be set up in the courtyard to help you set up electronic giving, teach you how you can do this easily on a regular basis and explain how electronic giving can be an advantage to you and the church. You may also contact our Financial Secretary, Taleen Carpenter at 480-892-9166 or financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org or Deanna Helland at 480-892-9166 or accountant@gilbertumc.org if you would rather do this at another time.

Bring your electronic device (smart phone or tablet) or a check or deposit slip with routing numbers and we will help you help the First United Methodist Church of Gilbert.



Let's Connect

Let's Connect is a new program that has been created in response to the feedback that the church needs to share more information on ways to serve, learn and share our spiritual gifts.

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month in-between each service Lori Wiemers (Director of Welcome and Connection) and depending on the topic other leaders will be there to share information and opportunities with you.

This is for newcomers and for those that have been attending here for years....all are welcome!

Let's Connect Upcoming Topics:

9/11—Christmas Treasure Boutique

9/24—Fall Festival

10/9—TBD

10/23—Homecoming Dance

11/13—TBD

This is a great time to come and find out more about these two items, as well as an updated listing of upcoming special activities for the church through the end of the year. Bring your questions and connect with the life of the church. Any questions contact Lori at volunteer@gilbertumc.org.



Orchard Africa
Fundraiser

"Wild at Heart"
Women's Tea



Women's Club of Mesa
200 N. MacDonald
Mesa, AZ 85201
Sunday, Oct 16th
1pm-3pm
\$30/Ticket
480-892-9166



Christmas Treasures Boutique
Come and find your treasure at First UMC Gilbert
331 S. Cooper Road Gilbert, AZ 85233
Saturday, December 3rd
9am - 3pm
Net proceeds benefit Orchard Africa Mission Trip

The Orchard Africa team is looking for vendors to sell their treasures at the boutique. Vendor applications can be found on the church website: <http://gilbertumc.org/christmas-treasure-boutique/>