



The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

October 2018



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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
8:30am-4:30pm
Friday by appointment

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays in October

Jonda Shamsiddeen	1	Jan Compton	20
LeRoy Englebrecht	2	JaAnne Goslar	
Gavin Kurtyka		Jeff Hemingson	
Landon Bottesch	3	Eric Sutton	
Bonnie Grimes		David Howell	21
Steve Helland		Paul Quackenbush	
Art Poeske	4	Bob Skinner	
April Ryan		Benjamin Smith	
Kynslee Kay Wiemers		Sean Wyatt	
Arolsen Bruns	5	Sika Novor	22
Dennis Young		Tim Ryan	
Joe Taylor	6	Pam Stressman	23
Norman Symons	8	Alice Van Orden	
Diana Ouellette	9	John Ford	24
Adrianna Hernandez	10	Connor Johns	
Robyn Oswald	11	Jesse Ossian	
Al Zangri		Kenneth Brooks	25
Justin Kopp	12	James Tinsley	
Kelly Wyatt		Elizabeth Larson	26
Connie Spittell	13	Brandon Sy	
Beverly Braham-Durica		Charlotte Hazelrigg	27
Samantha Boever	15	Emilee Rycraft	28
Trevor High	18	Marie Blum	30
Lora Norris		Diane Rymer	
Kyle Daniels	19	Mary Ellen Chuk	31
Aryn Peppin			



Anniversaries in October



Anniversary Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
2	Ed and Sue Stone	36
3	Jim and Lori Wilkins	31
6	David and Pat Baker	39
7	Peter and Carrie Mueller	12
8	Diana and Odus Elliott	53
9	Tommy and Pamela Campbell	25
10	Steve and Vicki Hanson	9
11	Eli and Janelle Chiricuzio	15
13	Mike and Diane Crann	30
19	Kevin and Teri Becker	27
19	Dennis and Susan Young	28
21	Dan and Janet Bose	17
22	Steve and Deanna Helland	35
25	Trevor and Jeannie High	10
26	Terry and Kim Bowers	44

Thanksgiving Meals

Get ready to bless our less fortunate neighbors with a box of "fixins" for a delicious Thanksgiving meal.

Look what your donation of \$40.00 can do:



- To donate and/or volunteer please stop by the Missions Table on the patio between services.
- Donation envelopes can also be found in the pews.
- Volunteers will deliver meals in the afternoon of **Monday, November 19th.**

Please contact Elice Province at elicebp@aol.com or Diane Crann at dianecrann13@gmail.com if you have questions.



Volunteer Opportunities



Prayer Note Writers

Our Congregational Care prayer team is in need of persons who can assist with writing notes to persons sending in prayer requests each week. The ideal candidate would have the gifts of encouragement and faith, know the Bible, be able to keep the confidentiality of the requests, and be a person who cares deeply for others. The note writers meet Mondays at 9:30 AM in room 133. Training will be provided.

Birthday/Anniversary Cards

Congregational Care sends out Birthday and anniversary cards to all our members and constituents each year. If you would like to join the group that makes the cards, we need you! We also can use your extra new store-bought cards.

To join in this effort, contact Molly Belcher at billandmollie@hotmail.com or Pastor Diamond at pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org



Congregational Care Support Groups

For more information about groups and other support available,
please contact Pastor Diamond at pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org



For those grieving the loss of
someone close to them

New session starts
Saturdays
9:00 - 10:30 am
Room 140



Living Grace



A Christ-centered approach for families

First and third Wednesday at 6:15
To join contact Dawn Sukis at
dawnksukis@yahoo.com

Living Hope

Wednesdays
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Room 140

A support group for those
experiencing Trauma or PTSD



Parents with Young Children

This support group is for parents who have new
babies or a child under 12 months.

Sundays 9:30 am • Room 201

To join contact Lydia and Matt Ramirez at
lydiamramirez@gmail.com

Pantry Boxes

Did you know to anyone in need of food assistance?

The First Gilbert Food Pantry is currently stocked with a large quantity of Pantry boxes. Each is packed with a variety of nutritious items that can feed a family for a week or more.

These boxes are available to everyone so if you, a neighbor or a friend are in need please contact Pastor Diamond at pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org. Inquiries kept confidential.

We can be the Hands Of Christ Jesus to all!





Adult Education Classes coming in October-November:

Wed Nights with meal at 5:45, classes at 6:30,

Journey 101 – Alpha Prerequisite is waived. Pastor Rick, facilitator)– Room 142

While Alpha is about the faith, Journey 101 is a series of three 6 week classes that give the essentials to live out the Christian faith. It is designed to help us grow as Christians.

Loving God (Sept 19 – Oct 24) – Experience spiritual practices that will help you to love God and others. (6 weeks)

Serving God (Nov 7-Dec 19) – Learn how you can serve others and share Christ. (6 weeks)

Disciple II Bible Study – Aug 8 -- ending Feb 2019, —Into the word into the world.

Molly Hahn, teacher. (24 weeks) Room 201

Journey 202 – (Classes are open to all)

Three Simple Rules -- Sept 26 – Nov 7 A Wesleyan Way of Living; Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God. Pastor Diamond facilitator. (6 weeks)- Room 142 Call the office if you want to join any of these classes at 480-892-9166.

Starting in November

Disciple I Bible Study – (Starting Nov 14) Molly Hahn, teaching, 24 weeks, Room 142

Disciple I will present an overview of the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Participants will read portions of the Bible and the Guidebook as homework each day and come to the study to discuss it. This study is a valuable resource to a general knowledge of the Bible.



Thursday October 11 • 7:00-8:00 pm • All Are Welcome!

This yearly conference is an opportunity for the congregation to learn more about the vitality of First Gilbert, its ministry, its membership and plans. For more information, please contact the Church Office at 480-892-9166 or secretary@gilbertumc.org

Explorer's Luncheon **Sunday October 14** **12:15 pm • Activity Center**

A casual lunch where we can learn more about you and hear your questions about your faith journey and the church.

For more information, contact Sylvia at connection@gilbertumc.org



Gilbert Men's Ministry **Pathfinders Breakfast Invitation**

Saturday October 20 • 7 - 8:30am • Activity Center

Please RSVP to Sean Comstock: : MensGroup@gilbertumc.org

- Come enjoy a hearty breakfasts
- Meet men for spiritual growth and support
- Personal testimonial & life sharing
- Audio & Video correlation
- Opportunities for involvement in Gilbert Men's Ministry



BLOOD DRIVE • SUNDAY OCT 21 • ACTIVITY CENTER
See Registration Table on Patio Between Services

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED
CALL OFFICE FOR INFO

TRUNK *or* TREAT

Wednesday, October 31, 2018
6pm to 8pm



Join us for this free community event
Safe fun for the whole family!

- Trunk Decoration Contest
- Trick or Treating
- Costume Contest
- Bounce Houses
- Free Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Cotton Candy
- Games, Prizes and Fun!



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What we did in September:

We had a wonderful breakfast with our Grandparents or special loving adult. We have many grandparents who drop off and pick up their grandchildren, provide supplies, and otherwise support our school. Thank you!

Teachers were very busy completing Fall Assessments with the children and then facilitating Parent/Teacher conferences.

Firefighters visited us to talk about how to be safe on our bikes, in the pool, and in the event of a fire. They even let us crawl through the fire truck! We made thank you cards for the Firefighters and brought them some yummy treats.

During class and in Chapel, we learned about Creation, Farms, and the story of Noah.

What's happening in October?

Fall Break: October 8th – 16th.
Enjoy this wonderful family time!

Preschool Fall Festival: "Noah's Ark!!" on October 25th 5:30-7pm.

Come join us for some food, fun and fall entertainment. We will offer dinner for a small fee, lots of festival games and the preschoolers will perform a couple of cute songs for us. Come join the fun!



Did You know?

Support our preschool by shopping at Fry's!

Go online to FrysCommunityRewards.com, log in to or create your account, scroll down to community rewards, and type in 80635 , click save. You'll find us under "Faith Based". You're all set! Your savings help us to earn money for our wonderful program. Thank you!



This is our **14th** year! This year we have 60 preschoolers that come through our doors throughout the week! We are so blessed to have this ministry!

If you have any questions or would like more information about the preschool, please contact Lora Norris or Adrienne Mesa at 480 892 9166 or preschool@gilbertumc.org



FUMC of Gilbert Preschool

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October 2018 Children's Ministry

Preschool

What we are learning:



WEEK 1 We will begin week one with the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They are thrown into a fiery furnace for not bowing down to an idol. But, there is no need to worry as God's got it.

Story Focus: God is always with me. God was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace, and He is with us too.

WEEK 2 We'll learn that God hears us and gives us what we need, no matter what desolate place we find ourselves in. He heard Hagar's son crying in the desert and sent an angel to show them where to find water.

Story Focus: God hears me and gives me what I need. God heard Hagar and her son, and God hears me too.

WEEK 3 During week three we'll hear the awesome story of baby Moses. The mean Pharaoh wanted to hurt baby Moses, but his mommy hid him in a basket in the reeds. There he was discovered and ultimately saved by none other than the Pharaoh's daughter. Moses went on to save God's people from slavery.

Story Focus: God's plan is perfect. God had a plan for Moses, and God has a plan for us too.

WEEK 4 We hear another part of Moses' story in week four. The Israelites forgot that God's got it and begin to whine and complain of thirst in the desert. God has Moses hit a rock with a stick to provide water for His people proving once again that He does have it under control.

Story Focus: God's got it. Even when we can't see or understand what God is doing, we can trust that God's got it.

No matter what the situation or need. No matter how big or small the circumstance. God's got it. Because, God loves us—A LOT! And THAT is what we want our preschoolers to know.

Sunday Mornings

FirstKidz

Sunday School for Elementary

Children at 9:30am

Kid's Worship at 11:00am

Nursery

Professionally staffed

nursery from

8:00 am-12:30pm.

Elementary and Preteens

**GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CONTENTMENT AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY
CONTENTMENT IS A RESPONSE TO THE CHARACTER OF GOD.**



WEEK 1

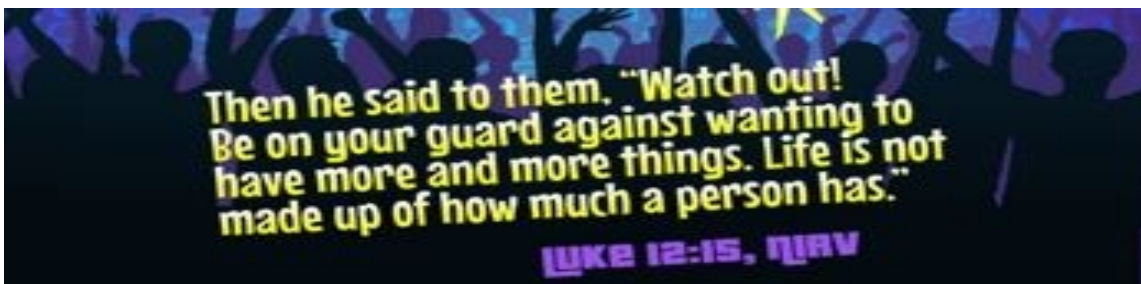
In our first week, we start in Philippians 4:11b-13. In this letter, Paul is writing to the church at Philippi to help them understand more about what it means to follow Jesus. Paul shares how they can be content and even have joy regardless of their situation in life. This is something that Paul has had to learn from experience. His example of contentment in the face of difficulty is a lesson we can all learn from.

Bottom Line: God can help you be ok no matter what. We can't promise kids that when they follow Jesus that everything in their life will work out just the way they want it to. However, we can promise them that even if life isn't okay, God can help them be okay with their circumstances. We pray that no matter what kids are facing, they'll learn to trust that God will give them what they need to get through it.

WEEK 2

Next, we look at Hebrews 13:5, Don't be controlled by love for money. Be happy with what you have. God has said, "I will never leave you. I will never desert you," (NirV). The writer of Hebrews knows something about contentment. The writer reminds us that nothing we own can ever make us happy. Our focus should be on our relationship with God.

Bottom Line: Stuff can't keep you happy. Getting something new can be exciting, and even make you happy for a time. But as we know, that feeling of happiness doesn't last forever because what we own was never meant to do that. We hope that kids leave with the idea that only God can satisfy their needs and give them joy in spite of what they do or don't own.



WEEK 3

In week three we head to a story found in 1 Kings 21:1-19, 27, where we discover what happens when King Ahab finds a plot of land he wants more than anything. But there's a problem,



Naboth owns the land, and this land has been in his family for generations. King Ahab and his wife Queen Jezebel go to extreme lengths to take that land for themselves. In the end though, King Ahab was miserable.

Bottom Line: Wanting what others have can make you miserable. Many kids in your environments have probably experienced this bottom line first hand. Yet, that doesn't stop them the next time they find themselves working out whatever scheme they can to get something new that they've seen at a friend's house or at school. We want kids to be aware that this happens and trust God to help them

WEEK 4

We wrap up our study on contentment in Exodus 16:2-21 and 17:1-7 with a look at how God's people respond to the wilderness. God rescued them from slavery in Egypt, yet when they find themselves in uncomfortable situations they complain that God doesn't care about them and even long to return to Egypt.



In spite of that, God continued to meet their needs in the wilderness providing what they needed the whole time.

Bottom Line: Don't miss out on what you have now. If we're only thinking



October 2018 Youth Evangel News

ALL students & teachers

We pray you have a safe & fantastic fall break!

October 21 thru Nov 4th 2018 • Youth Wreath Sales

Wreath sales are open for ALL students looking to raise money for their youth accounts, for events like; mission trips, winter retreat, tubing, etc... Group sales will be setup on the front patio between services from 9-9:30 & 10:30-11 am. Individual sales sheets are available for OFF CAMPUS sales. Items are available to be shipped or delivered out of state.

October 31st, 2018 – Trunk R Treat event

We'll be setup in the front parking lot with games, bouncy house, glow-in-the-dark capture-the-flag, food and much more. Come help, donate, or just come to enjoy the creative costumes and fun!





SAVE the DATES – October-December 1st Gilbert Youth Activities

10/7 – NO GATHERINGS (Columbus day weekend & fall breaks start)

10/14 – 4-6 pm in AC. JH & SH will separate into groups and head out into the community for Random Acts of Kindness. Need rsvp's for this event as we need to make travel arrangements.

10/21 – 2-5 pm meet in AC. Volleyball play with other UMC youth groups.

10/28 – 5-9 pm Youth @ Schnepf Farms. Meet you there event. \$15 tickets at Fry's or \$20 entry at the door.

November

11/3 Saturday —Service Project with Ron Mason

11/4 – Time & offsite location TBD. Local hike day.

11/11 – NO GATHERING (Veterans Day)

11/18 – 5-8 pm. down town Gilbert Walk & Eat dinner

11/24 Saturday 7-9 pm A feed My Starving Children

11/25 – NO GATHERING (Thanksgiving weekend)

December

12/2 – 2-5 pm at Pollack Theater. UMC Youth Groups Christmas Party

12/9 – 5-8:30 pm in AC. Chili & Caroling and capture the Flag

12/16 TBD seeking chaperones and planning for this day

12/21 Friday 5-8:30 pm in AC Family Promise Dinner and Christmas Party

12/23 and 12/30 No gathering Christmas eve and New Year eve





Welcome Cart - Reaching Out !

Do you enjoy seeing a smiling face welcoming you when you go somewhere new for the first time? Would you like to be that smiling face greeting the people who first visit our church on Sunday mornings? No special skills needed, just a willingness to share the love of Christ through welcoming our visitors at the Welcome Cart. We are looking for additional volunteers for this Sunday morning ministry. If you are interested, please contact Sylvia Harris at connection@gilbertumc.org or by calling the church office.

We are looking for some people who are willing to deliver welcome bags to our first time visitors. This is a wonderful way to say "Thank you" to those who take the time to visit our church and it doesn't take too much time. Pick a week of the month you want to be available to serve and you can take the bags on the day and time that works in your schedule. All materials for the bags are provided along with a walk through for you on what exactly to do. If you are interested, please contact Sylvia Harris at connection@gilbertumc.org or by calling the church office.

Do you enjoy sitting down for a cup of coffee and sweet treat before or after worship service? Would you like to be a part of the team that makes those moments possible for our church family? We are always looking for new people to host our Coffee Hour ministry on Sundays. Training is provided and you can sign up for set-up, clean-up, or both according to your availability. If you are interested, please contact Sylvia Harris at connection@gilbertumc.org or by calling the church office





Planned Giving Help is Available

Want free help with planned giving (stocks, bonds, retirement assets), planning your will or bequest language?

The Foundation for the Desert Southwest Annual Conference is here to help. They offer educational presentations, investment services and consulting programs.



Call 602-798-8204, email them at foundation@dsumf.org or visit www.dsumf.org today for more information about how DSUMF can help!

5 SIMPLE STEPS

TO GIVE THROUGH UMCgo, OUR NEW E-GIVING APP!

1. Download UMCgo in the App Store or Google Play.
2. Search for your church or press 'near me' and choose from the list.
3. Create an account.
4. Enter your giving details (1st time only) –
Have your credit card or checking account info ready!
5. Make a donation!



Look What Your Giving is Helping Us Do!

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

- ◆ Provided staff, supplies and support for our Journey 202 class, "Three Simple Rules", that started on September 26. 13 students are attending this class.
- ◆ Provided staff, space and support for our Friday Night Jam, which had its first meeting of this season on September 21. 12 people attended this session for musicians, vocalists, and anyone interested in participating or observing/listening.
- ◆ Provided staff, volunteers, curriculum and space for our new Sunday morning 3rd Grade Bible Exploration Class beginning on September 9. 6 children are attending this month-long class especially for our 3rd graders.

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"!

August financial statement summaries are available in the church office. If you have any questions about the church's finances, or if you would like to receive a copy of the financial statements, please contact Brian O'Brien, Finance Chair (Financechair@gilbertumc.org) or Deanna Helland, Treasurer/Church Accountant (480-892-9166, accountant@gilbertumc.org).

No matter where you happen to be on any particular Sunday, it's easy to make a gift to our church through one of your devices. You can use our on-line donation page, the QR code below, or send your gifts by text to 480-712-1057. Why not make it a priority to set up your online or digital giving option? Then you can set it to reoccur automatically whether you are at worship or out of town. There is no better show of loyalty and care for our church than to support it even when you can't make it to Sunday morning worship.

If you have any questions about electronic giving options, or if you need help setting it up on your phone, tablet or computer, please contact our Financial Secretary, Taleen Carpenter (480-892-9166, financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org), or Deanna Helland (480-892-9166, accountant@gilbertumc.org).

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