

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert November 2018



Happy
Thanksgiving

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

TRUNK or TREAT

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers and donors for making this outreach possible and the most successful yet!



Thank
you!
Volunteers!



Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays in November

Stanley Gill	1
Pam Johnson	
Tiffany Scharff	2
Karen Orndorff	4
Terry Bettis	5
Ryan Hartmann	
Nathan Howell	
Amy Smith	6
Barbara Valbuena	
Daniel Murphy	7
David Baker	8
Issac Curran	
Margaret Knolls	9
Chloe Boesch	10
Dan Bose	
Michael Carpenter	11
Wendy Griffith	
Peggy Johnston	
Ruth Lee	
Connie Jeremy Norris	
Adelyn Elena Tinsley	
Lauren Gill	12
Ted Jung	
Linda Roy Sanders	
Jacob Galvin	13
Kay Warg	14

Jim Bohart	15
David Gripentog II	
Michelle Reynolds	
Fred Contreras	16
Kyle McClain	
Kendra Diegan	17
Mike Hanson	
Zander Murphy	
Trish Odell	
Blanche McDonough	18
Madaline Pineda	
Alana Uhl	19
Nicholas Gamarra	20
Jonathon Granado	
Hailey Vancers	
Cheryl Covington	21
Stuart Wiemers	
Cindy Howell	22
Teverly Taylor	
Alyssa Houseman	23
Roy Phelps	24
Barbara Burford	25
Kim Harding	
Donn Brown	26
Alexander Lutes	



Dean Boever	27
Craig Thompson	
Jenny Vallera	
Colleen Gripentrog	28
Kelcy Skinner	
Laurie Wallace	
Michelle Butler	29
Nicholas DeRoule	
Sharon Kotsonas	30

Anniversaries in November



Anniversary Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
5	Kelly and Michelle McClain	30
7	Jim and Laurie Wallace	31
11	Clifford and Robyn Oswald	30
14	Dan and Laurel Redman	9
20	Jeff and Linda Martell	36
22	Frederick and Linda Martell	50
22	Art and Sally Poeske	61
23	David and Angela Mittner	13
27	Ted and Trish Jung	43

Happy Thanksgiving

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.
Melody Beattie

Thank You Deanna!

The First Gilbert staff would like to acknowledge the outstanding service of **Deanna Helland**, who will be resigning the position of Accountant and Treasurer mid-November. She will continue her great service in a full-time position with Family Promise of Phoenix.

Deanna has been with First Gilbert for 16 years, and is one of the longest serving employees on staff. She often can be seen working long hours to help keep things running in Finance and beyond. Indeed, staff, pastors and members frequently turn to her for the answer to almost any question.

Deanna's departure will be bittersweet for First Gilbert, but as she is called to great things, so shall we encourage her and note how blessed we have been!

The office will be closed in observance of these holidays:
Monday November 12 • Veteran's Day
Thursday and Friday November 22 and 23 • Thanksgiving

Congregational Care Support Groups

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



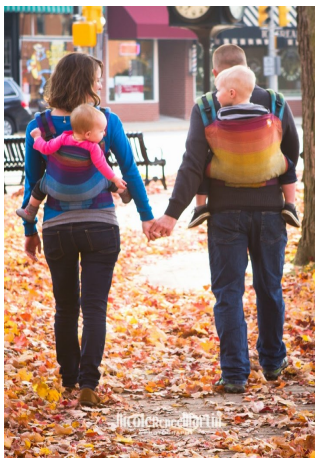
Grieving? Know someone who is?

The holiday season can be especially painful. Please join us for this encouraging seminar:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future



GRIEF SHARE
**SURVIVING
THE
HOLIDAYS**
Saturday November 3 & 10
8:30 am • Room 140
Call 480-892-9166 or visit griefshare.org/holidays



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

stephen
MINISTRY

Christ caring for people through people



Do you want to learn more about Stephen Ministry?

Please contact Pastor Diamond at pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org

New Adult Education Classes starting Wednesdays in November

Please contact Pastor Diamond at
pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org

Continuation of Journey 101 continues with “Serving God”
Begins Wednesday November 7 • Led by Pastor Rick

DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Disciple I presents an overview of the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Participants 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 gain a general knowledge of the Bible.

Begins November 14 • Led by Molly Hahn and Val Kellogg

BECAUSE OF
Bethlehem
YOU HAVE A SAVIOR
IN HEAVEN

A Four Week Advent Study
By Max Lucado



Begins November 28 • Led by Pastor Diamond

Join us in November for



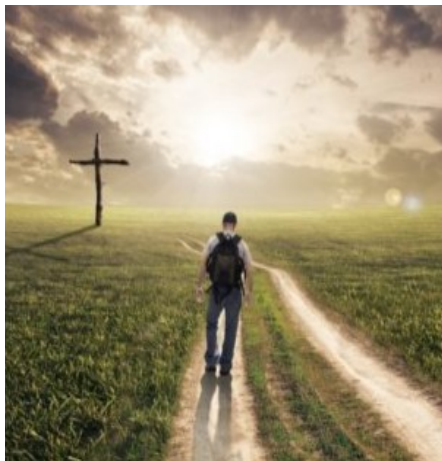
Explorer's Luncheon

Sunday November 11

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 November 17 • 7 - 8:30am • Activity Center

Please RSVP to: MensGroup@gilbertumc.org

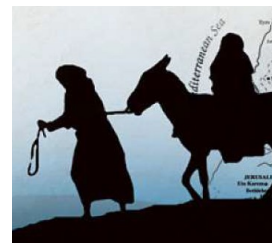
- Come enjoy a hearty breakfast
- Meet men for spiritual growth and support
- Personal testimonial & life sharing
- Audio & Video correlation
- Opportunities for involvement in Gilbert Men's Ministry



What if you could walk with Mary and Joseph on the road to Bethlehem?
Join the new Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays • 9:00 am • Room 142

For more information or to register for free childcare, please contact Christy Robertson Yoder at roberch1@yahoo.com or Deanna Helland at dzhelland@yahoo.com.





Join us at First UMC Gilbert for an hour of inspiring religious thought and music. Thankful moments shared by a variety of faith groups in the Gilbert area will also be a feature.

The mission of the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is to promote understanding and respect among diverse people of faith through service, dialogue and implementation of the Golden Rule.



Get ready to help our less fortunate neighbors with a box of "fixins" for a delicious Thanksgiving meal. Please give or volunteer to help deliver these meals—a little goes a long way!



Donation envelopes can be found in the pews. To donate and/or **volunteer** you may stop by the Missions Table on the patio on Sunday. Boxes will be delivered in the afternoon of **Monday, November 19th.**

We are in urgent need Drivers to deliver boxes

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



Operation Christmas Child

For the last 25 years we have been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world.

Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and to hear the gospel.

Please visit the Mission table on the patio Sunday between services to pick up your empty box and learn more about this great program!

Return filled boxes by Nov. 9 • Blessing is November 11



Help the Youth help other Kids!

16TH ANNUAL



Toy Drive



PROVIDING OVER 1,500 TOYS
FOR INNER CITY CHILDREN IN PHOENIX

PLEASE DONATE NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR CHILDREN 2-16 YEARS OF AGE.
THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EACH GIFT SHOULD BE AROUND \$10.

Visit Table on Patio between Services

Join us for
Chili & Caroling
 Sunday December 9
 4-8 pm
 A-G Chili or Soup
 H-R Cornbread or Mac-n-Cheese
 S-Z Desserts

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***Watch for the
 Senior Santa Tree
 Sundays on the patio***

Pick out a special **Senior** and help fulfill their Christmas wishes!





Family Promise®



Share the Christmas Spirit! Volunteer for Family Promise December 16-23

Family Promise partners with over 30 interfaith congregations across the Valley to provide safe overnight shelter, food and compassion to families in crisis. Each congregation hosts up to 4 families for one week at a time.

We will need volunteers the week of December 16-23 to set up and breakdown sleeping rooms, provide dinner for the families, serve as an overnight host and do laundry. Please consider joining us to give these families the hand-up that they need to get back to self-sufficiency.

To find out how you can get involved, stop by **our table on the patio** between services November 18 or 25, or email DyAnn O'Brien at dyannob@gmail.com. To learn more about this life-changing program visit familypromiseaz.org



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What's been going on?

During September, we learned about Noah and how he obeyed God. Our bible verse was, “Obey your Father and Mother, for this is Right! Eph.6.1”. We did many fun activities with animals and rainbows and made rainbow bread for snack! We also enjoyed a visit from the Gilbert Fire department! We love their visit each year and truly appreciate their service in our community! In October, we learned about pumpkins, prepared for the fall festival and planted the preschool garden. This year, we'll grow lettuce, cabbage, carrots and peas!

“Preschool Fall Festival – All Aboard Noah’s Ark”

On Oct. 25th in our Activity Center, 70 preschoolers and their families enjoyed dinner together and played carnival games. Then our preschoolers performed three songs for their audience as well as the October bible verse, “Obey your Father and Mother, for this is Right! Eph.6.1” What an amazing night! Thank you to our committee members and all the parents who helped with this event, we appreciate you! Thank you to many preschool alumni for helping out with the games!



What's coming up?

This November, we'll talk about all the things that we are thankful for! We'll learn about the letters A and T and make Thanksgiving placemats. The PreK students enjoy a feast together, share what they are thankful for and snack on Friendship Mix.

In December, we'll have our annual **Christmas Program** in the sanctuary. Join us on December 13th at 6:30pm for sweet Christmas songs to celebrate the season!



Some preschool fun!:

Make these Fun Turkey Snack Bags for little ones!

thatswhatchesaid.net/thanksgiving-turkey-snack-bags.

Try this fun take on the Hokey Pokey!

Turkey Pokey:

You put your right wing in
You put your right wing out
You put your right wing in and you shake it all about
You do the turkey pokey and you turn yourself around,
That's what it's all about!

Additional verses:

Left wing	Tail feathers
Drumsticks (legs)	Turkey Body (whole self)
Stuffing (tummy)	

FOOD & DRUG STORES
fry's
Community Rewards Program



Help our church Preschool by linking your Fry's card to our school!

Visit frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program

and sign up with our number: **80635** You'll find us under faith based the community rewards program! Help us thrive with no cost to you!

November 2018 Children's Ministry Preschool



The Happy Helpers Club is back, and we want everyone to join! In the past, we've talked about all the ways we can help. This time, we want to look at helping from a different angle and focus more on being thankful for the many people who help us. We're asking, who helps me, and how can I show them I am thankful for them?

Simply put, we want our preschoolers to grow up with eyes that see the helpers and a heart that is thankful, because no matter how grown up you are, you always have people helping you and a thank you goes a long way.

When we stop and think about it, we are surrounded by helpers who deserve a big thank you for all the ways they help us. They are making the world we live in—the world our preschoolers live in—a better place.

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.

WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY Tabitha Acts 9:36-39	STORY FOCUS I am thankful for people who give me clothes.
WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY Nehemiah Builds a Wall Nehemiah 1-6	STORY FOCUS I am thankful for people who help me.
WEEK THREE	BIBLE STORY Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37	STORY FOCUS I am thankful for people who help me when I'm hurt.
WEEK FOUR	BIBLE STORY Elijah and the Widow 1 Kings 17:7-16	STORY FOCUS I am thankful for people who give me food.



MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
"ALWAYS GIVE THANKS TO GOD." EPHESIANS 5:20, NCV	WHO ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?	I AM THANKFUL FOR PEOPLE WHO HELP ME.
GOD MADE ME.		

Elementary & Preteen

Cooperation is a spiritual concept that originates with God. God created us to work together in community. Throughout the Bible, we see how God brought people together to accomplish something big for Him. When we work together, we reflect what Jesus envisioned or His followers. Our love for one another can point people to Him.



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WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY: Building the Tabernacle Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1,3; 31:1-11; 35:21,25,34; 39:42-43	BOTTOM LINE God wants us to work together.
WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY: Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites Exodus 17:8-13	BOTTOM LINE Work together to help someone succeed.
WEEK THREE	BIBLE STORY: Jesus Heals the Paralytic / Four Friends Luke 5:17-26	BOTTOM LINE Work together to help someone in need.
WEEK FOUR	BIBLE STORY: One Body but Many Parts 1 Corinthians 12:12-27	BOTTOM LINE Work together to point others to Jesus.



The kids offering this month goes towards the turkey drive and Christmas in Garfield! We have already raised over a \$100 for the turkeys! We would love kids to be able to buy as many turkeys by themselves as they can! Please help them earn an offering—maybe a new chore or helping out in different ways! Then have them bring in to their small groups on Sunday to help out!

Mid-November our offering goes towards Christmas toy drive the youth will help out with! Helping kids in Phoenix receive some nice toys for the Holidays!

Youth • Holiday Calendar



November 2018

- 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)



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



December 2018

- 12/2 – 2-5 pm • UMC Youth Groups Christmas Party @ Pollack Tempe theater.
- 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



Look What Your Giving is Helping Us Do!

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

- Provided support for our church's Medical Equipment Lending Closet. We have several wheelchairs and walkers, lots of crutches, and many other medical equipment items that you can borrow for as long as you need them. Thanks to everyone who has donated their medical equipment to the Lending Closet, and our Congregational Care/Health Ministry for organizing it. This program has saved money for many people in our church family when they need equipment as they recover from illness or injury.
- Provided staff, volunteers, supplies, space and support for our 2018 Church Conference on October 11, led by our District Superintendent Rev. Susan Brims. This is our church's "annual meeting" when attending members elect chairs and members of all church committees (over 100 people!) and approve the pastors' compensation for the upcoming year. Church members present also vote to affirm our Lay Servants, Certified Lay Ministers, and Candidates for Ministry, hear committee reports and conduct other business of the church.
- Provided staff, volunteers, supplies, space and support for our annual Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. This is our largest community outreach activity of the year. This year 860 people registered at the event, receiving free tickets for hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and cotton candy, along with a costume contest (with great prizes!), bounce houses, games and of course trick or treating. A huge thank you to everyone who donated food, decorated their trunks and handed out candy, or helped with this fun event in any way.

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"!

September 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).

5 SIMPLE STEPS

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

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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!

