

The Evangel



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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Happy
New Year



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Stephen Ministry: Caregiving that Channels the Love of Jesus

"Stephen Ministry is like a crutch is to someone with a broken leg

...it won't cure the problem, but it will provide support for as long as it is needed!"

Life has many twists and turns. The promotion at work does not pan out, we are diagnosed with a severe illness, a loved one dies, a relationship ends, an empty nest begins. Life becomes difficult. We find ourselves weighed down with emotional burdens such as guilt, resentment, anger, grief, fear and discouragement. We may lose interest in activities we generally enjoy. The usual coping mechanisms fail us. Our friends and loved ones want to be helpful, so they offer advice, which only makes things more difficult. Where does one turn for help?

Our church is equipped to provide a number of useful resources, one of which is the Stephen Ministry Program. What does the program entail and how does it provide support for handling a difficult life situation, you may well ask?

Stephen Ministers work one to one with individuals experiencing life difficulties. Men work with men, women with women. Care is provided through weekly face to face meetings, generally an hour in length. A Stephen Minister has had more than a hundred hours of training. Through the training, Stephen Ministers

- ◆ Gain insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting.
- ◆ Learn the art of intentional listening. By making use of it, they are able to develop a clear understanding of what a care receiver is experiencing.
- ◆ Acquire skills by which they can help the care receiver better understand his or her problems and their emotional responses to them.
- ◆ Learn how to effectively offer encouragement.
- ◆ Become skilled at providing distinctly Christian care through the use of biblical resources and prayer.
- ◆ Receive education about the importance of confidentiality and how to maintain it.

Stephen Ministers receive ongoing supervision through a peer-based program. They meet twice a month to report on the care they are providing and to discuss it with their peers. They are guided in their efforts by a Stephen Minister who has received specialized training in facilitating the sessions. During their initial training, the Stephen ministers have two sessions devoted to learning how to participate in the supervision process. The training emphasizes how to report about their caregiving efforts in a manner that maintains confidentiality.

As a result of their in-depth training and ongoing supervision, Stephen Ministers are equipped to walk alongside their care receivers, providing emotional and spiritual support as they journey together. Care receivers and caregivers alike often report that through the process of making the journey, they experience a deepening of their faith. The accompanying article, "In their Own Words," features excerpts from statements made by two care receivers and a caregiver regarding the value of their Stephen Ministry experience.

In Their Own Words: Stephen Ministers and Caregivers share their experiences

A Stephen Ministry care receiver experienced the death of his wife from a massive heart attack one week after the loss of his father-in-law. Here are his words about the impact his Stephen Ministry journey had on him:

My Stephen Minister had been a college football player. Seeing this tough guy asking me these very soft and tender questions is what helped break down my tough guy wall. I could expose some of the inner weaknesses I was experiencing. This tough guy was so caring, so loving, I saw Jesus, asking these same questions, reaching out to give me a hug.

A cancer survivor had a recurrence of ovarian cancer. The following is part of what she had to say about her Stephen Minister and the impact that the care she received had on her:

She doesn't try to fix me, to talk me out of my feelings. I get from her a different kind of love, a different kind of relationship than I can have with anyone else. It's really experiencing God's grace by her presence. What a deeper feeling of being part of the body of Christ it is to actually sit with a Stephen Minister who is caring for you. My Stephen Minister truly is a gift.

Joel, a cigar smoking, motorcycle riding, retired naval officer has journeyed, as a Stephen Minister, with six care receivers, two of whom had a terminal illness. This is an excerpt from his reflection on the value he has received from his caregiving.

I can't tell you what an honor and a privilege it is to walk with someone in their final days, . . . to see Jesus at work in their lives. Both men told me . . . how much my visits meant to them, so I know they benefited a lot. But I've benefited too. Being a Stephen Minister has allowed me to serve the Lord in ways I never imagined I could. It's helped me to grow my heart to be more like Jesus, to become more patient, caring, and understanding. Stephen Ministry has helped me become a better person.

If you are interested in having a Stephen minister, becoming a Stephen minister, or just ask some questions please see Pastor Diamond, Joyce Steiner, or Mary Ann Kolmar. We are starting a new class to become a Stephens minister.



Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays in January

Alyssa Bruce	1
Carolyn Phelps	2
Arianna Smith	
Don Adams	3
Maximillian Boesch	
January Rizzio	
Ashley Askeland	4
Carter Helena Bird	
Brielle Leinhouse	
Derek Sovchick	
Leona Metz	5
Mike Johnston	7
Charles Bowser	8
Adeline Compton	
Finley Bouchie	9
Karl Kotsonas	
Trish Jung	10
Danielle Rowley	
Harper Murphy	11
Hailey Palmer	12
Dawn Harvey	13
Jennifer Karavakis	14
Brodie Skinner	15
Emily Ingalls	16
Carrie Mueller	
Mae Carmichael	17
Oliviya McCluskey	



Elice Province	18
Ethan Rempel	
Jenna Bose	19
Mike Griffith	
Miah Contreras	21
Jeannie High	
Lori Wilkins	
Elizabeth Boesch	25
Heidi Mueller	
Keely Orndorff	
Makena Sy	26
Ellie Tinsley	
Christian Waechter	
Isaiah Harris	27
Laura Rowley	28
Charlie Zbasnik	31



Anniversaries in January

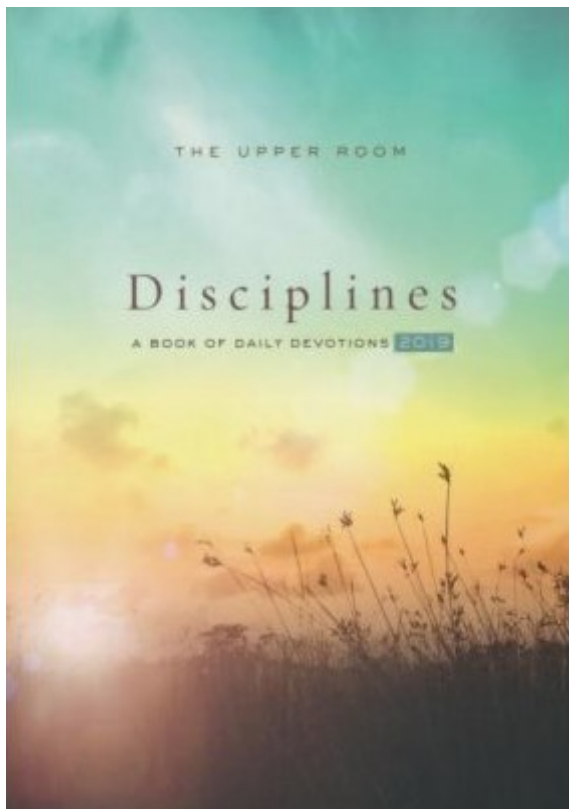


Anniversary Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
2	Eric and Shawn Palmer	25
6	Garry and Gayle Disch	22
11	James and Elisa Tinsley	4
18	Ava and Philip Larose	
28	Anna and Matthew Trinidad	1

Looking for Gently Used Wi-Fi Equipment & Computers



Have you bought a new Wi-Fi router, computer, tablet, or laptop recently? If so, you may have your “old” equipment laying around and taking up space. Donate them to Church’s IT program and help us refresh some of the Wi-Fi equipment around the church campus. Concerned about your data? We will securely wipe your computer before using it, or give you a CD that you can use to wipe it yourself. Drop off computers at the Church Office or Wesley Room. Questions? Contact Philip Tesarek at ITSupport@gilbertumc.org or (480) 510-4588. Thank you!



The new 2019 disciplines are here!

Pick up your copy in the narthex . The regular print is \$11. and large print \$15.

Please ask the usher so we get more if needed. This is an excellent way to really start studying the Bible on a daily basis.

Congregational Care Ministry

Acting in the Pastor's stead; Reaching out to those who need the Lord's care

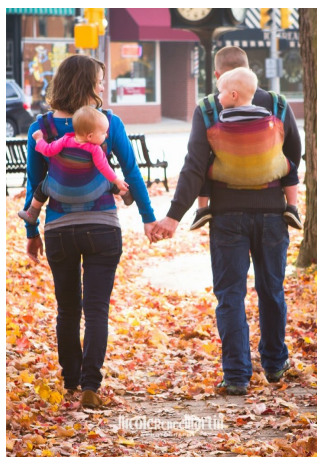
Congregational Care Support Groups

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

Watch for when the new session
Saturdays
9:00 - 10:30 am
Room 140



Parents with Young Children

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

Sundays 9:30 am •

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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 in January

Please contact Pastor Diamond at
pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org or call the church
office 480-892-9166.

Disciple 1 continues with Val Kellogg and Molly Hahn Rm 202

Disciple 2 finishes in March with Sylvia Harris room 140

Financial Peace starting in March

Classes led by Pastor Rick 2 part study of Matthew an in
depth study of the book of Matthew

5 week Lenten study – He Chose the Nails by
Max Lucado

Classes led by Pastor Diamond both 5 week studies

5 Practices of Fruitful Living

Small Group Leader Training

Coming in March Financial Peace by Dave Ramsey



Please,
help me!



Your HELP is needed! Please update your information on the attendance card so that we can cut down on return postage and extra postage to resend or you not getting information in a timely fashion. **If you fill it out completely then we can ensure our records**



Gilbert Men's Ministry
Pathfinders Breakfast Invitation

Saturday January 19 • 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

Explorer's Luncheon
Sunday January 20 12:15pm
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



Safe Sanctuary for Tuesday January 29th at 6 pm in Room 142 and Sunday February 3rd at 12:30 pm in room 142.

Join us for Epiphany Sunday January 6, 2019



Look What Your Giving is Helping Us Do!

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

- ◆ Provided staff, volunteers, supplies and support for our church's annual Christmas cantata during our traditional worship services on December 9. Directed by our Music Director, Marty Province, with narration by Pastor Rick and Pastor Diamond, the production involved 39 singers from our choir and 17 instrumentalists, including some from our congregation and several guest musicians. Our Organist, Sue Hunter, sang with the choir (as well as accompanying them on piano during their rehearsals). It was a beautiful way to worship through music of the season.
- ◆ Provided staff, volunteers, accommodations and support as our church hosted 3 families from Family Promise, including 3 adults and 10 children ages 1 to 15. These families stayed at our church December 16-23, with various groups providing meals and joining them in fellowship each evening during their stay. Our Youth also provided personal Christmas stockings for each of the children, with a new surprise tucked in each stocking every day.
- ◆ Provided staff, volunteers, and supplies for our last Explorer Luncheon of 2018 on December 9. These luncheons are offered for people interested in learning more about our church and the Methodist church. After attending the luncheon, attendees are invited to consider joining our church. We welcomed 39 new members (including 12 confirmands) to our church in 2018.
- ◆ 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"!

November 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 the church office (480-892-9166).

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 electronic 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).

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!





Change in giving stock processing

Stock Offerings – A Note from the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation:
As we approach the end of the year and the busy time for gift giving, we are making the below suggestion as it relates to securities donations.

All mutual fund gifts will be processed on a best efforts basis after December 15, 2018. We kindly ask that you please encourage your donors to make their donations of these types of securities prior to December 15 if they wish to receive their tax credit for 2018.

We will continue to make our best efforts to ensure a smooth transfer for donors. Please follow the instructions for stock transfers.

1. You or your financial advisor MUST provide us with the following:
Security Information: Security Name, Number of Shares, and Symbol/Ticker/Cusip. Security Delivering Institution Information: Security delivering institution name, contact name, phone, e-mail address.
2. Provide us with your complete name, address, city, state, and zip code so that we may send you proper IRS documentation for your gift. In addition, please instruct DSUMF as to any designations of the funds realized after our sale of your gifted securities.
3. The necessary information numbered on 1. And 2. above may be sent to DSUMF via e-mail(accounts@dscumc.org) or fax (602-265-1524). All the preceding information must be received at least three business days before the expected date of the transfer.
4. Please instruct your financial institution to transfer securities to:
DTC #0443
Pershing, LLC
For credit to account # N7M100129
Client account name: UMC Benefit Board Inc.
5. Once sold they will further credit DSUMF who will then disburse the funds realized per your designation and send you the documentation for your gift required by the IRS.

If you, as the beneficiary, know in advance your donor's name and gift, please provide this information to us. There can never be too much information.

Want to Give? Here are a couple of thoughts on giving:

Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation shares how to give through IRA Charitable giving:

THE IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

The information provided below is general in nature and should not be relied on as tax, legal, or financial planning advice. For specific advice, please consult your professional advisors.

In December 2015, Congress passed a law allowing donors to give up to \$100,000 to charity directly from certain types of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) without counting the distribution as taxable income. This Qualified Charitable Distribution or "QCD" is a distribution from an IRA that is paid by a direct transfer of funds from an IRA custodian to a qualified charity like Valley of the Sun United Way, excluding it from taxable income.

QCD's may be counted toward satisfying a donor's Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain requirements are met.

While many types of IRAs are eligible for QCDs, there are strict requirements.

Can I make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

You must be 70½ or older to be eligible to make a QCD.

QCDs are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contributions.

The funds must be directly transferred from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity.

The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year.

For a QCD to count towards your current year's Required Minimum Distribution, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution can be a powerful philanthropic tool, enabling you to see your charitable legacy come to life.

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What's been happening?

The Preschool Christmas Program, "Christmas in Our Jammies" was performed on Dec. 13th in the sanctuary. Our 60 preschoolers, in the 3s and PreK classes, did an amazing job of celebrating the Christmas story through original songs, and they wore their most special Christmas jammies! A wonderful evening was enjoyed by family, friends, and loved ones!

Christmas Celebrations- The preschoolers had a party for Jesus' birthday where they decorated Graham Cracker Houses, made ice cream cone Christmas trees, and read the Christmas story. It was a wonderful way to close our semester!

[Our first day back to school is January 7th!](#)

What's coming up?

The lost sheep, baby Moses, lions in the den, pets, you and me... God loves us all! January is a month full of bible stories! As we discuss the parable of the Lost Sheep, we'll relate it to our lives by letting the preschoolers know that each one of them is important to us, to the class, and to God. They are learning so much about who they are and how to be a good friend!

[Donuts with Dads](#)

On January 22nd or 23rd, the children will have a special day to show their Dads how much they're loved. A breakfast snack will be provided in the activity center from 8:15-9am and they'll enjoy some fun games together.





Community Rewards Program

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins in January! Registration for church members and current and previous preschool families begins on January 14th. Open registration, for all our friends, begins on January 22nd! Registration information and registration documents are available online. Spread the word! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and on our website: gilbertpreschool.com!



Missions –

This month the preschool will collect new socks for children, women, and men for Save the Family! If you'd like to participate in our sock drive, bring donations to the preschool office through the end of January.

Shop at Fry's

It's a great time to register your Fry's grocery card online so that the church preschool receives money back! The process is done online in just a few simple steps. Our account number is 80635. Throughout the years, we've bought playground toys, purchased a portable stage, and lots of other great items with the Fry's money. Thank you!

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



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Jan 2019 Children's ministry:

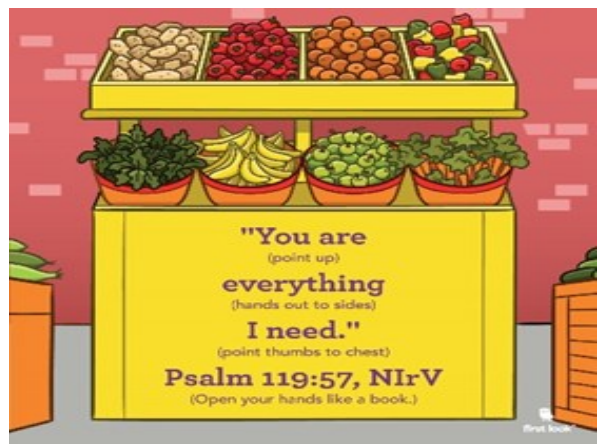
WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY The Four Friends Mark 2:1-12	STORY FOCUS My friends need Jesus.
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WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY Healing the Deaf Man Mark 7:32-37	STORY FOCUS I need to ask Jesus for help.
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WEEK THREE	BIBLE STORY Healing the Blind Man John 9:1-12	STORY FOCUS Everyone needs Jesus.
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WEEK FOUR	BIBLE STORY Calming the Storm Matthew 8:23-27	STORY FOCUS I need Jesus when I'm scared.
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 MEMORY VERSE	 KEY QUESTION	 BOTTOM LINE
"YOU ARE EVERYTHING I NEED." PSALM 119:57, NI+V	WHO DO YOU NEED?	I NEED JESUS.
JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.		



Preschoolers know they have needs and they are not afraid to let you know. That’s a good thing and something we want to use to help preschoolers see another need they have—a need we all have—and that is Jesus.

WEEK 1 We will begin the month with a preschool favorite—when the four friends take the lame man to see Jesus. They knew only Jesus could heal their friend. This is a great story to act out over and over again.

Story Focus: My friends need Jesus. When we have friends with needs that we can’t meet, we can take them to Jesus, just like the four friends took their friend to Jesus.

WEEK 2 Week two we will hear the story of a deaf man who asked Jesus for help. He knew he needed Jesus! We need Jesus and we can ask Him for help too.

Story Focus: I need to ask Jesus for help. Sometimes we need Jesus to do what we can’t because Jesus can do anything!

WEEK 3 We continue with the miracles into week three where Jesus heals a blind man. And He does it in such an amazing way! Preschoolers love to use pudding to represent the mud Jesus used on the blind man’s eyes. Don’t be afraid of the messy this week. Your preschoolers will remember it forever.

Story Focus: Everyone needs Jesus. Everyone, not just us or people like us, but everyone needs Jesus. And the best part about that is Jesus wants to help everyone because He loves everyone!

WEEK 4 Week four is another fun story to act out—the disciples in the storm. Preschoolers love to pretend to be the disciples in the boat and then be Jesus when He said “STOP!”

Story Focus: I need Jesus when I’m scared. Preschoolers will have moments when they are scared and need help. They will need Jesus. How awesome is it that He is always there when we need Him?!

Yes, “I need Jesus” is the focus this month. And, we know from experience that the older preschoolers get, the more they will need Jesus. Life can be tough. Having a friend like Jesus who knows us, loves us, and has the power to help us can truly change our lives. After all, that’s what friends do. They help one another when they need it. And there is no better friend than Jesus.



What we are doing for our elementary Kids:



As we follow Jesus, His love transforms us. His Spirit gives us the power to show self-control. We can follow His example

and choose to do what we should do—instead of what we want to do.



WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY:
City with Broken Walls
Proverbs 25:28

BOTTOM LINE
Doing what you should can keep you safe.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY:
Slow to Anger
Proverbs 16:32

BOTTOM LINE
Think before you lose your temper.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY:
Choose Your Words Carefully
Proverbs 12:18

BOTTOM LINE
Choose your words carefully.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY:
Too Much of a Good Thing
Proverbs 25:16

BOTTOM LINE
Know when to stop.

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.



Youth Evangel NEWS January 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR PARENTS, STUDENTS & 1st Gilbert Families!!

***CONFIRMATION CLASS 2019** starts this month

It's not too late! Confirmation Classes for 7th-12th graders will be held from January 7th thru mid-May 2019 on Sunday afternoon's from 2:30-4 pm. RSVP to Ray to save your seat.

UPDATE: Youth Toy Drive & Christmas Party in Phoenix

Youth ministry thanks everyone that donated money, gifts or time for the Toy drive. We donated 101 gifts, \$250 for hot dog lunches and over 1,000 Life Book Teen Bibles. Thank you for being generous.



Deuteronomy 15:10 "Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."

Youth Winter Retreat

Join us at Mingus Mountain for Youth Winter Retreat from Saturday 1/19 to Monday 1/21. This Youth Retreat is open to students grades 7-12th, total cost is \$115 per student as part of our church group traveling by vans. We'll leave church about 7 am on 1/19 & return about 3 pm on 1/21. \$50 Deposit is due upon rsvp and Full payment is due by January 5th, 2019.

Chili-n-Caroling Update from Family Ministry

The Family ministry team sends a huge Thank You to the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and their families for their help and attendance at our chili party. We had close to 300 people in attendance eating chili, caroling on hay rides, getting pictures with Santa and returning for hot chocolate & s'mores. Thank you to everyone that came and helped as this was a blessing for many. Thank you for all your support throughout the year!!!!

Ray Vallera, Eric Butler & the Family Ministry team

Missions is our church in action in our city, state, nation, and the world!

Know We Are Christians By Our Love

First UMC Gilbert has a wonderful Mission's team that works all year long on many different projects. During advent season, it feels like the entire team is on overdrive with mission efforts that are so important, impactful and filled with the love and hope of the season. The best part of these efforts is that it is completely dependent on the generosity of this amazing congregation.

With your support the following acts of service were completed.

- Four church members, Al Reynolds, Mike Miller, Phil Rees and Adriana Hernandez headed to Puerto Penasco to help build a house for a family. This project was hosted through 1Mission. Trip was amazing and the next trip is planned for March 1-4.
- Purchased and delivered 103 turkey dinner meals. Our church family raised \$4,422.25 to purchase the meals, volunteers to delivery and excellent organization from Elice Province and Dianne Crann.
- Over 100 shoeboxes were picked up as folks went in and came out of our church in the beautiful town of Gilbert. Operation Christmas Child takes the filled boxes and delivers them to boys and girls all around the world. On Christmas day, children all around the world will be joyful as they open these gifts. Big thanks to Margie Zielstra and Randy Reed for organizing this project.
- Senior Santa project for Homestead allows us to be "Santa" and do Christmas shopping for a local senior. This project is fun to hand out all 100 tags but also to see all 100 come back beautifully decorated. Everyone takes so much time to shop and package the gifts to make the entire experience special. Kudos to Val Kellogg for coordinating and leading this effort.

For the first time ever, Family Promise families were here the week before Christmas. This allowed us to "ramp up" our Christmas cheer! We filled stockings every day, special joyful meals plus a Friday Fun evening hosted by the Youth & Missions team that involved food and activities. Family Promise is so dependent on volunteers! Volunteers to shop, spend the night, prepare meals, set up, laundry and clean up. Thank you to DyAnn OBrien for doing such an amazing job every single time we host Family Promise. Also, a huge thank you to Ron Mason for creating and taking the lead on the Friday Fun evening.

As 2018 came to a close, there is an entire team that made project after project happen with hard work, joy in helping others and a willingness to serve. Thank you to the 2018 Mission Team for a job well done!

To the updated 2019 team, welcome! Looking forward to a year of initiatives that touch the hearts of many near and far.

They will "Know We Are Christians by Our Love" is a song that starts playing in your head when you read the words. The Mission Team is here to be a starting point for the entire congregation to be involved with projects that help us show love to one another. As the new year begins, we are happy to serve and grateful to work with a congregation with such big hearts.



International Mission Trip Opportunities 2019

1Mission

The entire Desert Southwest Conference is invited to participate in the upcoming 1Mission trip scheduled for March 1-4th. This trip involves driving to Puerto Penasco and working with others to build a home for a family over three days. It is an impressive and inspiring venture. You can register directly for the trip at <https://partner.1mission.org/event/umc-mexico-build-trip-2019/e211153/register/new/select-tickets> or you can contact Adriana at Adriana.143.10@gmail.com for more information. The cost is \$280 per adult and \$115 for a youth 12-17 traveling with a parent. Right now there are fifteen churches participating. From our church, it looks like eight people are already committed. Join in this adventure! God will move before your eyes.

Montana de Luz

The Mission Team is preparing to start working towards a new International Mission Trip in 2019. The trip will be July 31 to August 7th 2019 for a trip to Honduras to work in an orphanage with children dealing with HIV/AIDS. The program name is Montana de Luz.



The trip is \$900 per person plus the cost of airfare. They have been traveling there for 18 years. A Catholic Nun donated the land for a program for single moms after Hurricane Mitch. There are now 600 families living there.

If you are interested \$100 holds a spot, provided by the end of January. Next step is to fund raise the rest of the funds. We raised twice as much for Africa so this is totally doable. Contact Adriana (Adriana.143.10@gmail.com) for more information. We need at least 8 people to sign up for this trip.

Much more information to come. This Missions Team is available to answer questions and will be in the courtyard in between services to do so this month.

We are challenged to be his hands and feet. The beauty of mission work is we are also his heart and spirit. Join us!





**Join our Missions Team
and Become Christ's
Hands and Feet in action**



Will you join us this year?

**Please Contact Adriana
Hernandez or Mike Miller
through the Church Office**