

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

July 2019



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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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

Attendance on June 23,2019 284	General Fund Giving for June 23,2019 \$9006.30	General Fund Giving for June 2019 \$61441.	Expenses for June 2019 \$69590.
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Make the First UMC Gilbert Connection

Sylvia Harris, Director of Welcoming and Connection connection@gilbertumc.org

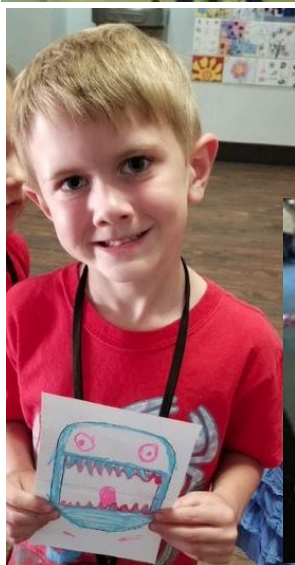
Annual Conference 2019 in pictures if you want to see the report see the link below



<https://dscumc.org/2019/06/2019-desertsouthwest-annual-conference/>

VBS powers up

June 3th thru June 7th the church was Powered Up by over **150** children! With volunteer teachers and guides (volunteer teens **50 in total**) we had over **200** on campus. Our children were transported back in time to the time of Pacman and Mario Brothers. From 9 am till noon children are rotated into 5 different areas music, snacks, craft time, activity and lessons. **We want to give a huge thank you to all the volunteers and to the**





'S for Preschool Families



A Always read a bedtime story... and a mid-morning story, when the kids aren't too tired! If they want to read the same story over and over, then follow their lead and go for it! If they want to "read" the book and it's not completely accurate, it's ok! Let them pretend to read! "As your young child listens to stories, he learns that all good stories have a beginning, middle, and end. He also learns to predict, based on the book cover, what the story will be about, as well as what might happen next or how the story will end. Young children learn that there are characters in stories and a particular setting (where and when it takes place). Your child will enjoy comparing the characters in a book to him/herself and to other real life people he knows." Adapted from www.pbs.org

B Bible Stories and Verses are important!
Invest in a children's bible. There are many to choose from at the Christian book stores. Choose one with lots of pictures. That will make it interesting and memorable for the preschoolers. Choose one bible verse a week to talk about and memorize. Choose one that is meaningful to your family. Here are some ideas to get you started:
"Love your neighbor as you love yourself" Luke 10:27b
"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with JOY" Psalm 126:3
"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. " James 1:17

C Compare Objects and Investigate!
Three and four-year-olds approach the world with great curiosity and use their imaginations to help understand it. Hands-on explorations help them to separate reality from fantasy. Encourage preschoolers to ask and answer questions about how, why, and what if...?

Find some fun Inquiry based Science activities at: <http://www.education.com/activity/preschool/science/>

Enroll Today! We have openings in our T/Th 3s class and in Parent Tot, W or Th, for the 2019-2020 school year! We'd love to have you as part of our preschool family! If you're interested in more information, please check out our website- <http://gilbertumcpreschool.com/> or give us a call for a tour!

We hope you are enjoying your summer! If your preschool aged child is enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year, then you will receive a welcome email early this month.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House for enrolled families is Thursday, August 1st! Begin Open House by stopping by room 142 and then proceed to your child's classroom.

Mrs. Dare and Mrs. Green's classes - 5-6pm Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Marlinga's classes – 6-7pm

- Bring in any registration paperwork that is still needed.
- Meet your teacher and some classmates
- Buy a school t-shirt!
- Pre-K students, sign up for lunch bunch for Tuesday or Thursday from 12-1:30pm



August 5th, 9am

If you have any questions about the preschool, please email preschool@gilbertumc.org or call 480-892-9166. Directors Lora Norris or Adrienne Mesa would love to speak with you!



Meet Our New Members

Jo Lynn Harder is a registered nurse. Who is reaffirming her faith and loves sewing, arts and crafts, bowling, travel and outdoor activities. So please welcome her the next time see her on campus and to worship!

Thank You Congregation

For all you did for the Kids of VBSfrom volunteer teachers and guides (teenage volunteers)! You were truly the hands and feet of Christ to those VBS students ! We could not of done this without her participation, donations or your prayers!!!!



Thank you Teachers for all you Do!



Have you ever played PAC-MAN? The best part of that game is eating the large power pellets. Pac-Man immediately powers up, and then you can do anything. The bad guys can't get you! You can eat them and earn bonus points doing it! It's awesome! Feeling like we can do anything is a pretty great feeling. We may not have power pellets lying around to power up, but we do have another power source—a real power source that gives us the power to do everything God wants us to do. His name is Jesus. And, He is AMAZING!



July 2019 Youth & Family Evangel News

Youth Summer Volleyball Reminders

Tournament is July 26th & 27th at First Mesa UMC. We need as many players to participate as possible during the tournament, even if you can only be there for a limited time, please come.

Youth Mission Trip

We've sent 2 adults & 10 youth to represent 1st Gilbert in San Diego, California to work with the Youth Works organization from 6/30-7/5. This is the first mission trip for 3 of our students, and 2 just completed Confirmation this year. This trip would not have been possible without your prayers, love, & financial support. Please keep our representatives in your thoughts & prayers during this time and over the summer as they process their experiences.

Family Ministry News

Family ministries thanks everyone that came out for the "I Can Only Imagine" movie night. We enjoy our gatherings & fellowship!

**SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

Saturday July 27th (5-7:30 pm) = Potluck dinner with water games outside

Friday September 13th = Diamond Backs baseball game w/ Faith & Family Night starring "King & Country"



Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

Sunday July 14th last day for you to turn in your contributions to the Missions Backpack drive and blessing of the Backpacks.

Saturday July 27th 5-7:30 pm **Dinner (pot luck)** and outside games

July 28th until Aug 3 family Promise week at Gilbert UMC sign up to volunteer and make a difference.

Friday September 13 is D-Backs Faith & Family Night
Baseball game, fireworks, & starring the Christian band "King & Country"



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

Saturday July 20• 8 - 9:30am • 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

Missions **BACKPACK DRIVE**

Providing assistance to the students of Gilbert Elementary

Here's how to help:

Visit the missions table between services to purchase a **Backpack Kit** pre-loaded with school supplies for only \$20

Or you may also donate new or gently used backpacks with the following supplies:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Glue | Spiral notebooks |
| Scissors | (Wide rule) |
| Loose-leaf paper | Composition books |
| Folders | (Wide Rule) |
| Rulers | Pens |
| Pencils, Erasers | Crayons |



Drop off donations in the Activity Center by July 14, so they can be blessed during Sunday services.

Please contact Kim Bowers at 402-499-8554 for more information or email missions@gilbertumc.org

Announcement: Opening for Director of Music

Year-Round Part-time: 20-25 hours/week

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert seeks a Director of Music to lead the 35-40 mixed voice choir in Sunday morning music worship and other special services. S/he will plan and coordinate music with the Pastor's message and provide leadership for all aspects of First United Methodist Church of Gilbert's musical expressions, including hand bells, and children's choir. Working closely with the Pastor, staff and lay leaders, the Director of Music is expected to develop a well-rounded music ministry program for worship and special events.

Education: At a minimum a Bachelor's Degree in music or closely-related field is preferred.

Experience: Have at least five years of experience conduct choirs.

Interested persons should apply by forwarding a resume, letter of interest and contact information for three professional reference to First United Methodist Church of Gilbert, 331 S. Cooper Road, Gilbert, AZ 85233 or via email to secretary@gilbertumc.org.

"We are fortunate to have had the excellent music leadership provided by Dr. Marty Province for the last 10 years and are delighted that he and Elise will continue as worshiping with our congregation. Please extend your thanks to Marty when you see him next."

Family Promise July 28th to August 3rd

Family Promise partners with over 30 interfaith congregations across the Valley to provide safe overnight shelter, food and compassion to families in crisis. As a partner congregation, FUMC of Gilbert will be hosting up to 4 families for the week July 28 – August 4. We will need volunteers to set up and breakdown sleeping rooms, provide dinner, 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 help, stop by the Missions table between services July 7, or email DyAnn O'Brien at dyannob@gmail.com. To learn more about this life-changing program visit www.familypromiseaz.org.



Aloha *from*
Family Ministries

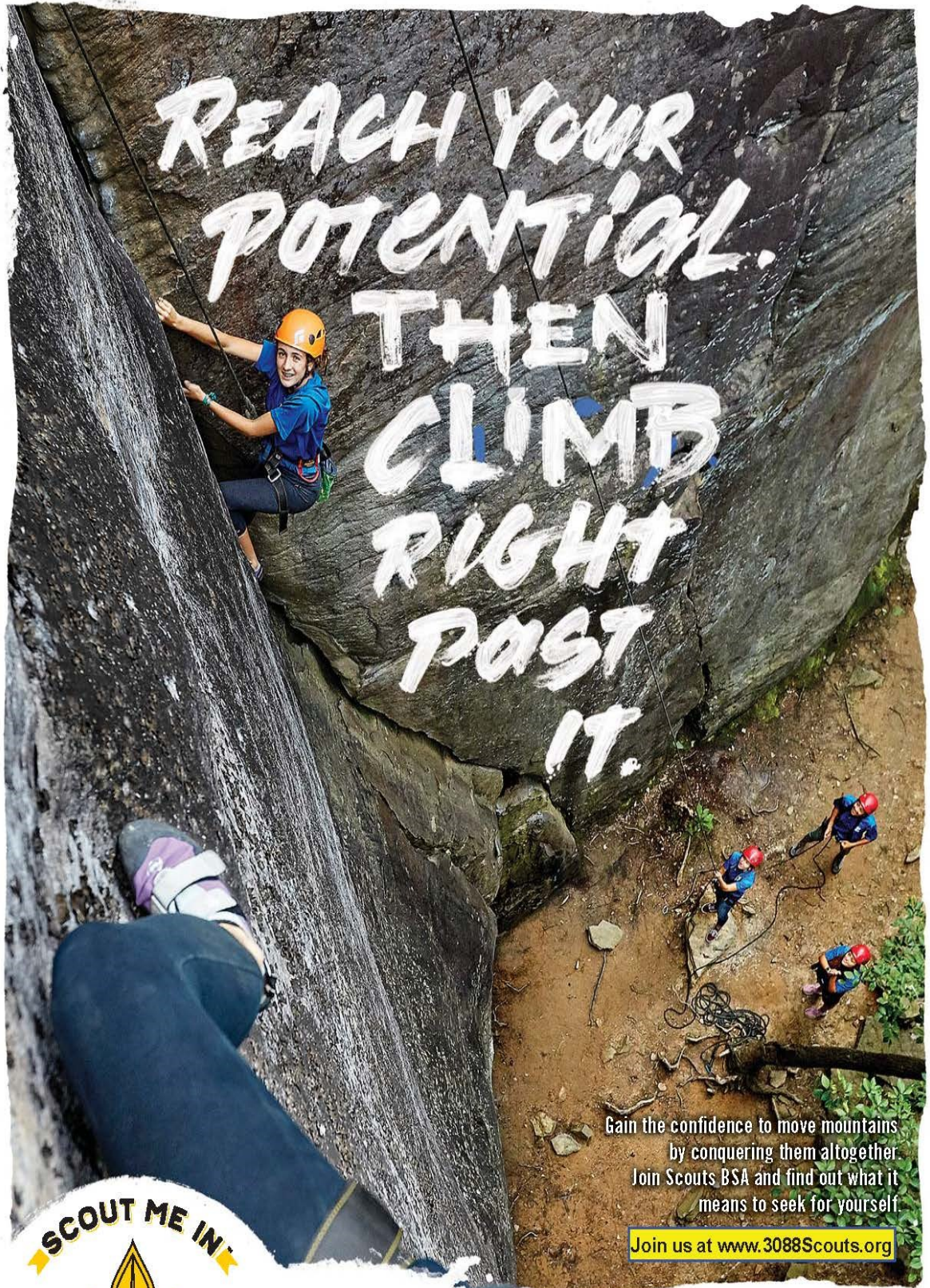


Join us for a
**Summer
Potluck**

Saturday, July 27
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

*Potluck dinner · Fun trivia · Hawaiian music
Games · Bingo with prizes · Water games*

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert – in the activity center



REACH YOUR
POTENTIAL.
THEN
CLIMB
RIGHT
PAST
IT.



Gain the confidence to move mountains
by conquering them altogether.
Join Scouts BSA and find out what it
means to seek for yourself.

Join us at www.3088Scouts.org

Troop 3088, an All-Girls Troop, is actively meeting
Mondays @ 7 pm at 331 S Cooper Rd in Gilbert
Ages 11-18. Interested?

Contact Philip Tesarek via email at scouting@gilbertumc.org or call 480-510-4588



Congregational Care Support Groups
For more information about groups and other support available, please contact Pastor Diamond at pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org or 480-892-9166



Grief Share Support Group

For those grieving the loss of someone close to them. This support group Led by Kay Pealstrom is meeting on Saturdays from 9am-10:30am in Room 133.



Parents with Young Children

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

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



Living Hope Support Group

A group for those experiencing trauma or dealing with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm.



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!



***Recap of the Gilbert Eagles
Inaugural Golf Tournament
organized by the
Gilbert Men's Ministry***

Thank you to Eric Butler for photographing this event!

The inaugural Gilbert Eagles Golf Tournament was held at the Western Skies Golf Club in Gilbert this June. 78 golfers and 25 sponsors participated, enjoying the beautiful weather while raising funds for the Gilbert Men's Scholarship Fund. Many sponsors appreciated that the fund assists those enrolling in trade school as well as college.



Participants were treated to bagpipes and a snare to start their day. This included donuts, coffee, Mulligans, contests, lunch, a golf cannon, lots of giveaways and plenty of competitive but good-natured fellowship!



*In his heart a golfer plans his COURSE, but the Lord determines his steps.
Proverbs 16:9*

If you would like to take next step, get involved with Gilbert Eagles and the Gilbert Men's Ministry! Contact Michael Clark at 602-510-6562 to learn more.









Thank you to the volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible and fun!



Gilbert Eagles is a golf-oriented group whose mission is to raise awareness and sponsorship of the Gilbert Men's Scholarship Fund, assisting Arizona youth in college or trade school.

July 2019 Event calendar

	1	2 Tues Morning Bible Study 9:00AM	3	4 fourth of July office closed 	5	6
7	Elementary II camp (grades3-6) Jr High II camp (grades6-8) 	9Tues Morning Bible Study	10	11 shawl meeting 1PM 	12	13
14 backpack drive turn in 	15	16Tues Morning Bible Study	17	18 book club 11AM 	19	20 Men's Breakfast
21	22 first day of school for Highley school ds 	23Tues Morning Bible Study First day of school Chandler School Ds	24 First day of school Queen Creek 	25	26	27 Family Pot luck dinner with Games 5-7:30 
28 Family promise week	29	30 Tues Morning Bible Study	31			



August 2019 Event Calendar

				<p>1 Open House for Preschool 5-7PM Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30Am</p>			<p>Gilbert First day of School on the First</p>
4	<p>5 First Day of Preschool</p> 	<p>6 Tues Morning Bible Study Mesa School district first day of school</p>	7	<p>8 Shawl Ministry 1 PM</p> 	9	10	
11	12	<p>13 Tues Morning Bible Study</p>	14	<p>15 Book Club 11AM</p> 	16	17 Men's breakfast	
18	19	<p>20 Tues Morning Bible Study</p> 	21	22	23	24	
25	26	<p>27 Tues Morning Bible Study</p>	28	29	30	31	

July Birthdays



Sean Comstock	1
Patricia Baker	2
Deborah Lester	2
Leonidas Ouellette	2
Kelly Sanders	2
Lesieli Ouellette	3
Sarah Butler	7
Singlia Jandira Kopp	7
Madison Lutes	9
Jeni Hemingson	11
Sidney Haugen	12
Xavier Ouellette	12
David Yoder	12
Daniel Rickert	13
Kathryn Turnrose	13
Margo Doss	14
Gregory Skinner	14
Emberlyn Smith	16
Brianna Wiemers	16
Ruth Heer	17
Carolyn Bilski	18
Stacy Cantwell	19
Odus Elliott	19
Steven Breedlove	21
Tyler Houseman	21
Ron Dalton	22
Linda McKinley	22
Jean Post	22
Lane Ramirez	22
David Mittner	23
Joe Strazz	23
Tom Bristow	24
Julie Curran	24
Scott Houseman	24
Bill Van Dam	24
Reagan Campbell	25

Benjamin Bouchie	27
Garin Campbell	27
Kim Bowers	28
Kay Pealstrom	29
Jason Rowley	31



July Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
2	Jennifer and Steven Burks	25
2	Ruby and Joe Rosemond-Taylor	49
4	Lori and Bill Van Dam	43
13	Brenda and Stan Strom	34
21	Alexandra and Scott Houseman	19
22	Linda and Mike Cranford	58
22	Joyce and Dwight Metcalf	30
26	Anita and Ernie Broughton	44
26	Sarah and Bobby Metz	22
26	Brittainy and Daniel Murphy	11
28	Beth and Kevin Boesch	18
28	April and Seth Daugherty	12
28	Dorothy and Norm Haskett	46
31	Caroline and Jerry Ward	43

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