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First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

October 2019

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Attendance on September 15,2019 297	General Fund Giving September 15, 2019 \$14,114.79	General Fund Giving for August, 2019 \$47,634	Expenses for August 2019 \$65,895
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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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480-892-9166

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

Make the First UMC Gilbert Connection

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



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.



Meet our new Members



Denise and Richard Staley will be celebrating soon 31 years of marriage. Denise is a housewife with interested in crafts organization, books, film, food and friends. Richard loves computer camps, and science fiction books and films. Please greet them when you see them on the campus.



Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within The United Methodist Church. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

Classes are offered throughout the year focusing on various topics. If you're new to Lay Servant Ministries training, you'll need to start your journey with the BASIC course and then move on to the advanced courses.

The next classes in the East District are "Living Our United Methodist Beliefs," "Leading in Prayer," and the BASIC class. The three classes will be conducted at Grace United Methodist Church in Mesa on Nov. 15-16. Please register on the Desert Southwest Conference website dscumc.org before Nov. 8. Questions? Email Greg Beihl, East District director, at gbeihl_lsm@yahoo.com.

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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, the story of Noah, and Farms.

What's happening in October?

- **Fall Break:** October 7th – 15th. Enjoy this wonderful family time!
- **Preschool Fall Festival:** "It's Fall!" on October 24th 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?

- Shop at Fry's Food Stores with your VIP card and get
- great savings, earn fuel points, and help our church preschool. Just go online to FrysFood.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Fry's Community Rewards under **Community**. Log on to your account and search our organization number, **DM609**. You're all set! Your savings help us to earn money for our wonderful
- program. Thank you!
- This is our 15th year! This year we have 50 preschoolers that come through our doors
- throughout the week! We are so blessed to have this ministry!
- Mrs. Dare has been teaching our M, W, F 3s class for the last 13 years! We are so blessed to have such a devoted staff member who loves our students!





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.

October 2019 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool and Kinder

We love our superheroes. We love their strength and bravery and how they use their special powers and super weapons to save the day. Whether it's a lasso that forces truth telling or a trident that manipulates water, it's always exciting to watch!

What about in real life? We all want to be strong and courageous. We all want to say we would be brave when faced with fear. But how? What can help us be brave? How can our kids be strong and courageous SUPER KIDS without the capes and super powers we see in the movies? This month we plan on giving preschoolers and Kindergarteners the answers to all of these



questions while having some superhero fun!

We want our preschoolers and kindergarteners to grow up knowing that they can be brave, because God

is with them. Yep! God can help them be brave! And they don't even need a cape or a mask! (But they sure look cute in one)



Wednesday Wilds

Our Wednesday night kids have been learning all about Daniel and his friends over the last two months!

This month they will continue learning about some Old Testament stories and characters as they build with Legos, learn, and grow!

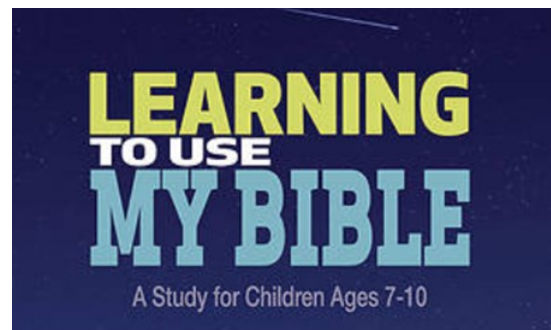
1st-2nd graders

Throughout our lives, God may ask us to take risks or do something we may not feel prepared to do. But God will also give us the courage we need to face that challenge. We see this as Jesus faced death on the cross. He chose to be brave and follow through on God's plan.



The kids will learn about courage through the life of Moses! We will work our way through the book of Exodus from the time he is a baby until they reach the Promise Land.

3rd - 6th graders



Our bible class for all the older Elementary classes continues as we move into the New Testament! Please encourage your kids to bring their bibles every week to earn rewards!

The bible presentation will be October

Mission: Help raise money for our annual turkey drive!



Watch this page as we grow
And bloom into all we can be....
The search is still in process and
We will bring any news as soon as it is
available to us.

November 10 Dinner & Sand Volleyball at Dayspring
RSVP needed. Additional details on time and dinner to be announced soon.



Youth Communications
TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES & REMINDERS
Youth updates via Remind app. TEXT: @fumcgil to 81010 Youth News. Make sure we have your email & permission to send to that address



Ray Vallera, Youth Director youthministry@gilbertumc.org

Youth News • 7th-12th Grade

Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

Preschool Fall Festival in the Activity Center on October 24th

Trunk R Treat Thursday October 31, 2019 from 6 to 8pm. Family Ministries needs your help to make the annual Trunk R Treat event another success! Last year we had 900 people attend. This year we expect even more! Come out and see this great community event! To help: Donate candy, bring your decorated car trunk and hand out candy (we provide), help with food, games or costume parade. For more information, contact Eric Butler at home@mebutler.com or 480-415-8175.

Family Promise Week of November 3rd thru 10th. Please email DyAnn O'Brien at Family Promise November 3rd to 10th To find out how you can help, stop by the Missions table between services October 27th or email DyAnn O'Brien at dyannob@gmail.com.

For Veterans Day (Nov. 11th) We are going to honor our veterans of FUMCOG and would like a photo in uniform and one now to put in a slide show . Please send photos to secretary@gilbertumc.org.

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Interfaith service November 26th at 7:00pm in Sanctuary . More Information to come!

Thanksgiving Day November 28th. **Office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 28 and 29th.**

Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Season November 30th 8AM-Noon. Come join the Fun!

East Valley Harmonizer concert December 8th at 2:00 PM.

Chili 'n' Caroling December 8th at 6-8 PM come and enjoy the fun!



Gilbert Men's Ministry
Pathfinders Breakfast Invitation

Saturday October 19 • 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

JOIN THE NEW ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE!
MEETS 1-3 PM IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER

The kids got to play all summer—now it's our turn! League for adults 18+ Hosted by Jenny Vallera: jennyvallera@gmail.com or text 602.695.9411



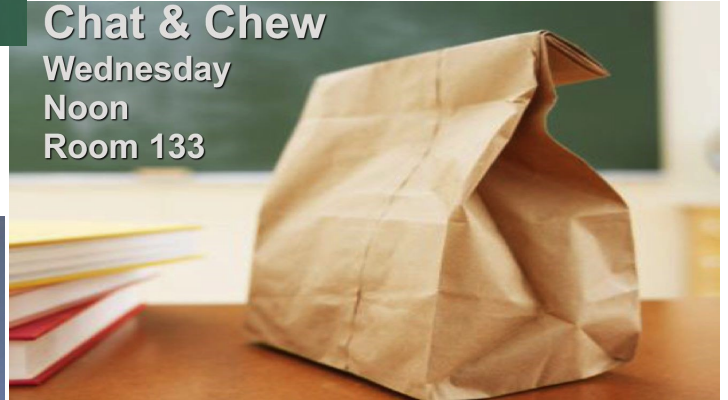
Volunteers Needed for Sunday School

Please contact Janelle at
childrensministry@gilbertumc.org



Chat & Chew

Wednesday
Noon
Room 133




Join us Wednesdays
5:45 pm in the Activity Center

fellowship DINNER

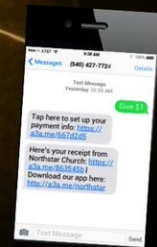
Everyone welcome!
\$3 each/\$12 max per family

Text-to-Give

- † Text 480-712-1057
- † Enter amount with \$ sign
for example: 

For first usage only:

- † Register with link provided
- † Click "Process"



TRUNK *or* TREAT



Thursday, October 31
6pm to 8pm

*Join us for this free community event.
Invite your friends and neighbors.
Safe fun for the whole family!*

- Trunk decoration contest
- Trick or treating and costume parade
- Bounce houses, cake walk and fun!
- Free hot dogs and snacks
- Live music from our praise band!



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SUCCESS — THAT — MATTERS™

Man in the Mirror Retreat

- At the Franciscan Renewal Center Scottsdale

Hosted By

First United Methodist Church Of Gilbert

Friday, November 1st, 6:00 pm start (optional)

Saturday, November 2nd, 8:30 AM start

Sunday, November 3rd Men's only service 9:30 am (optional)

Registration Cost: \$99 for Friday evening, Saturday all day, and Sunday until noon or \$69 for just Saturday retreat.

Price includes overnight stay, seven meals, all materials, and great fellowship.

For more information call Larry at 480-734-8323 or register online at bitly.com/gilbertgiving. Please designate adult Ministries and note Men's retreat in the box. Please contact gilbertmens@gilbertumc.org if a scholarship is needed or more information.

2nd annual men's retreat. Get away for a weekend or just a day. Enjoy fellowship and learning about how success does matter in our faith, our work, and our family. Learn how to balance it all.

MAN — IN THE — MIRROR

Family Promise November 3rd to 10th

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 or more families for the week November 3rd-10th. 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 November 3rd or email DyAnn O'Brien at dyannob@gmail.com. To learn more about this life-changing program visit www.familypromiseaz.org.



Turkey Drive

We are getting ready to step out in **Faith** to help the less fortunate in our community, by supplying the funds to fill boxes with the normal Thanksgiving Dinner items. Look at the amount of food that we can give a family for Thanksgiving Dinner! [Look for the coming details.....](#)





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

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.





A poster for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The background is a wooden plank texture with a festive Christmas table setting on the right, including a red plate, silverware, a red napkin, a small gift, and candy canes. The text is in a serif font.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 pm
Chili & Caroling
Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 pm

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILBERT

October Calendar of Events 2019

		1	2 Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133	3 Christian Women's Fellowship Alpha Class 6:30 	4	5
6 World Communion Sunday	7 Fall Break 	8 Tues Morning Bible Study	9 Wednesday night fellowship and classes Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133	10 Shawl ministry 1pm Alpha class 6:30 	11	12
13	14	15 Tues Morning Bible Study	16 Wednesday night fellowship and classes 	17 Book Club 11AM Alpha Class 6:30 	18	19 Men's breakfast 8-9:30 am 
20	21	22 Tues Morning Bible Study 	23 Wednesday night fellowship and classes Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133	24 Preschool Fall Festival	25	26
27	28	29 Tues Morning Bible Study	30 Wednesday night fellowship and classes 	31 Trunk or Treat 		

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			Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133		1 Gilbert Men's Group Retreat Friday evening 6:00 pm through Sunday at Noon	2 MAN IN THE MIRROR
3 Family promise week	4 Family promise week	5 Tues Morning Bible Study Family promise week	6 Wednesday night fellowship and classes 	7 Christian women's Fellowship 11am shawl meeting 1PM 	8 Family promise week	9 Family promise week
						
10 Youth Dinner and Sand volleyball at Dayspring 	11 Veterans Day church office closed	12 Tues Morning Bible Study	13 Wednesday night fellowship and classes Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133	14 book club 11AM 	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8-9:30 
17	18	19 Tues Morning Bible Study 	20 Wednesday night fellowship and classes Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133	21	22	23
24 Congregational meeting on issues of UMC church NOON in AC 	25	26 Tuesday Morning Bible Study Interfaith Service 7PM 	27 Wednesday night fellowship and classes	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Office closed the 28 and 29	30 Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas 8am-noon 

Birthdays / Anniversaries

October Birthdays



LeRoy Englebrecht	2
Bonnie Grimes	3
Landon Bottesch	3
McKinley Lang	4
April Ryan	4
Arthur Poeske	4
Dennis Young	5
Joe Taylor	6
Norman Symons	8
Adriana Hernandez	10
Jayceon Hunter	10
Robyn Oswald	11
Al Zangri	11
Justin Kopp	12
Kelly Wyatt	12
Corrine Spittell	13
Lora Norris	18
Claire Regnitz	18
Trevor High	18
Aryn Peppin	19
Jo Goslar	20
Jan Compton	20
Jeff Hemingson	20
Benjamin Smith	21
Sean Wyatt	21
Paul Quackenbush	21
Meghan Wagner Totty	21
Sika Norvor	22

Pam Stressman	23
Alice VanOrden	23
Connor Johns	24
Jesse Ossian	24
Ken Brooks	25
Brandon Sy	26
Betty Larson	26
Charlotte Hazelrigg	27
Ron Mason	30
Diane Rymer	30
Marie Blum	30
MaryEllen Chuk	31



October Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
2	Sue and Ed Stone	37
3	Lori and Jim Wilkins	32
6	Patricia and David Baker	40
7	Carrie and Peter Mueller	13
8	Diana and Odus Elliott	54
9	Pamela and Tommy Campbell	26
10	Vicki and Steve Hanson	10
11	Janelle and Eli Chiricuzio	16
13	Diane and Mike Crann	31
19	Teri and Kevin Becker	28
20	Susan and Dennis Young	29
21	Janet and Dan Bose	18
22	Deanna and Steve Helland	36
25	Jeannie and Trevor High	11
26	Kim and Terry Bowers	45