

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

February 2020



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

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| Attendance on January 19, 2020 273 | General Fund Giving January 19, 2020 \$15,314 | General Fund Giving for December, 2019 \$96,030 | Expenses for December, 2019 \$59,044 |
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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.



Substantial renovations will begin this month at First Gilbert! This will create temporary inconveniences but will result in a campus that is more inviting and functional for worshippers, visitors, preschool families and the numerous groups that call First Gilbert home.

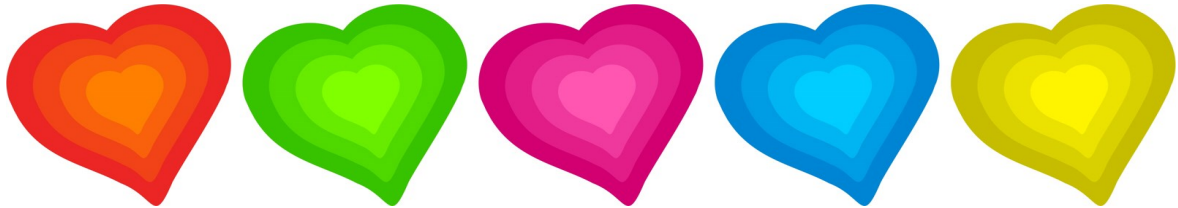
The first phase will occur February through March and will directly affect most meeting rooms, both music rooms, the northeast restrooms, the Nursery and portions of the Pre-school. The church secretary will coordinate alternative accommodations for those groups directly impacted. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility – and we know you will love the results!

For more information about scheduling, please contact Trevor at secretary@gilbertumc.org.

BLESSING BAGS

The Missions team will be assembling more bags for you hand out to those in need. Pick one up to keep on hand in your car. Some items that will be included will be New Testament Bibles, hygiene items, a list of resources, water bottle and snack.

Look for them on the patio.

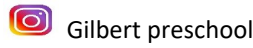


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1 to 4 p.m.

Music · Games · Bounce House · Hamburgers · Hot Dogs

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For more info, or to volunteer: Eric Butler: home@mebutler.com



REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year began in January! Registration information and registration documents are available online or in the church and preschool offices. We have classes for 2 year olds and a caregiver, and 3-5 year olds. Spread the word! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and on our website: gilbertpreschool.com!

Donuts with Dads

On January 22nd or 23rd, the children had a special date to show their Dads how much they're loved. I "Cerealsly" Love You!, was a great success! A breakfast snack was provided in the activity center including cereal, fruit, and coffee and they all enjoyed fun games together!



February: Healthy Heart Month

This month we'll learn about different ways to stay healthy including getting plenty of exercise, lots of sleep and eating healthy foods. We'll also discuss proper brushing techniques and the importance of getting their teeth cleaned at the dentist office. The learning opportunities will help the children develop good habits that they can benefit from as they grow and develop!





Heart project:

Supplies: pipe cleaner, pony beads, ribbon

Slide the beads onto the pipe cleaner and form into a heart shape.

Tie a ribbon on and give to your loved one... with a hug!

Fun February Activity: Glitter Pink Ombre Playdough (Great for fine motor skills)



Ask your child to help with this great activity! It will help build math and science skills as well as develop strong fine motor muscles!

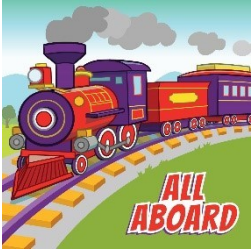
- First you want to gather four bowls (This is to create four separate ombre dough colors), a can of large glitter, red food coloring, and 2 packets strawberry flavored Kool-aide.
- In each bowl add 1 cup all-purpose flour, 1/4 cup salt, 1/2 tablespoon vegetable oil, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1/2 packet of Strawberry Kool-aide and 1 cup of water. Stir each bowl until the ingredients are well mixed.
- Now put a few drops of food coloring in the first bowl and double for the second, triple for the third and quadruple for the last. This will allow each bowl to be a few shades separate from each other.
- Heat your pot over medium-low heat on the stove and add your lightest color play dough first. Slowly sprinkle in a tablespoon or two of glitter.
- Use a spatula to stir the mixture until it starts to thicken and dry up. The dough should start to form a ball away from the walls of the sauce pan. Then you can remove it from the heat and knead until smooth. Repeat for all four homemade playdough colors. After the playdough cools, enjoy rolling out the dough and using cookie cutters to make fun shapes, roll into balls and “snakes”!

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.

February 2020 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool and Kinder

All Aboard! Jesus loves everyone, and



He wants everyone to come aboard and be His friend forever. When we look at the kind of friend Jesus was while He was on earth, we can see that

Jesus truly does love everyone.

Throughout the Bible, we find accounts of the times that Jesus loved those considered unworthy and wanted to be their friend—no matter what. Our kids will hear bible stories about how much Jesus loved us.



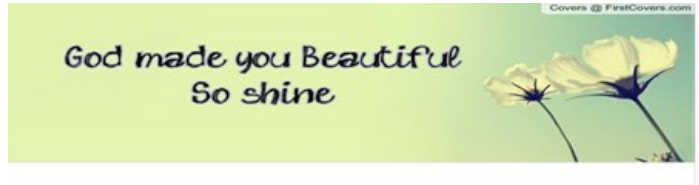
1ST-3RD Graders

All throughout the Bible, the writers of Scripture remind us that God is love. From the creation of the world to God's relentless pursuit of us, God has shown time and again that love is most important. Even though we've all sinned, God loved us enough to make a way for us to have a forever relationship with Him. The Gospels are full of moments where Jesus prioritized love above all else, especially when He summed up the greatest commandment with: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus made this real when He showed us how much God loves us by sacrificing His life for our sins.

Our kids will hear bible stories that explore God's love for us!

NEW THIS YEAR!!!

For our preteens: 4th-6th graders: In February our preteens will over the four weeks discuss some relevant & important topics!



Week 1: Wisdom

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. Luke 2:52

Week 2: Relationships

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:31

Week 3: Social Media

Fill your mind with all that is positive. Philippians 4:8

Week 4: Self-Esteem

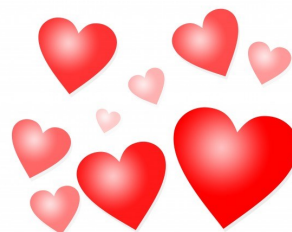
We truly see ourselves when we see ourselves through God's eyes. Psalm 139:13-15

Wednesday Wilds:

We will explore through brick building and crafts the parables of Jesus! Join us!

Mission:

We will be collecting items for sidewalk Sunday school Easter baskets. (plastic eggs, grass, small toys, etc.)





When it comes to adventure, you just have to get your feet wet. Join Scouts BSA and learn the skills you need to make waves in the world.
www.3088Scouts.Org

Troop 3088
An All-Girls Troop, is actively meeting
Mondays @ 7 pm at 331 S Cooper Rd in Gilbert

Troop 3088
welcomes girls 11-17 years old to explore leadership, friendship, 100+ merit badge choices, and lots of outdoor adventure!

Join us for weekly, fun meetings with fire-starting, knot tying, s'mores, and lots of information on how to get your journey started as a Founding member!

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



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

Music opportunities

Do you want your child or children to sing in a children's choir?

If they are ages 5-12 years (basically school elementary school age including middle school) please contact Randy Vanderpol at randallvanderpol@gmail.com or Melissa at melissa-vanderpol67@gmail.com and either myself or my wife Melissa will get back with them. We have started rehearsals in the music ministry office at 10:30 Sunday mornings.



Do you have a youth who would like to sing or perform in a youth band?

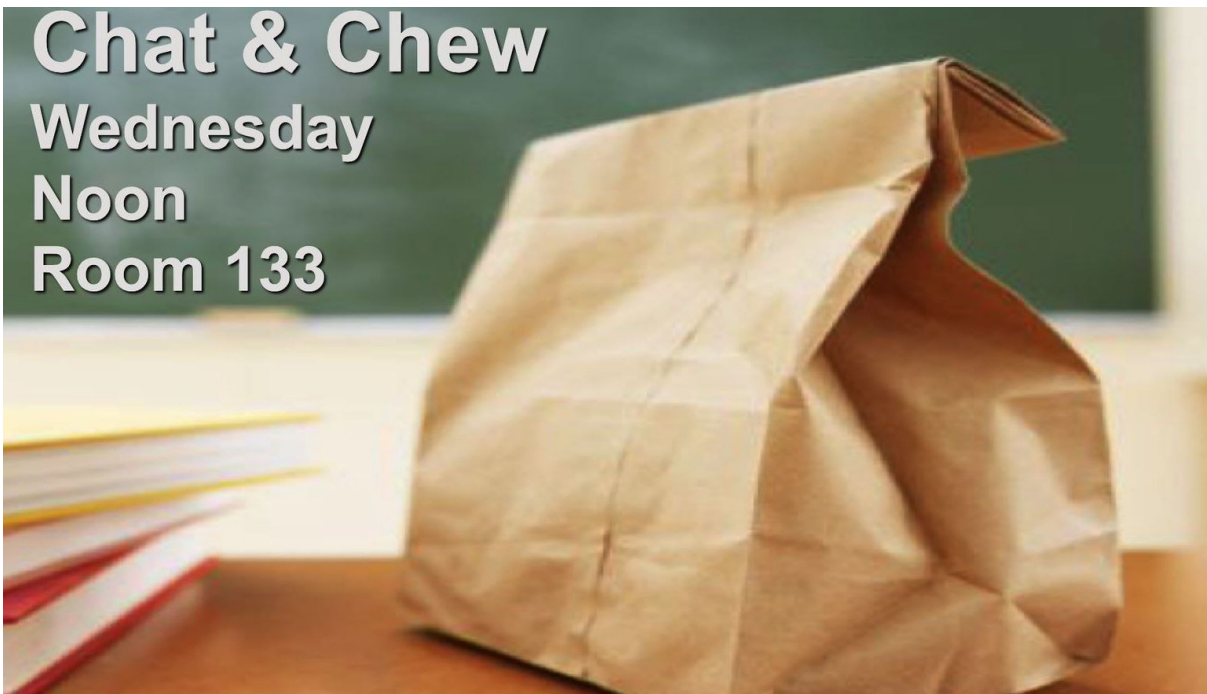
If they are interested in singing or playing in a youth Band please contact Randy Vanderpol at randallvanderpol@gmail.com or

Melissa at melissavanderpol67@gmail.com and one of us will get back with you .

Or you can call Melissa at 314-570-5896. Or you can call the office with your information.



Chat & Chew
Wednesday
Noon
Room 133



SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

FOR CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

6:30-8:00 pm • Tuesday February 4 • Room 142 or

12:30-2:30 pm • Sunday February 9 • Room 142

Contact Sylvia Harris for information and RSVP:

connection@gilbertumc.org

Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

Children's Choir rehearses in Music office after 9:30 services (10:30) on Sundays.

Chat & Chew meets every week on Wednesday at Noon.

Grief Share meets every Saturday at 9:00 –10:30 in Rm 133 You can join in anytime.

Wesleyan Bell practice every Wednesday at 5:45 led Jonathan Cochran.

Save the Date for the Spring PicnicSunday, February 23 1 to 4pm. Come enjoy music, games, bounce houses, Hamburgers and hotdogs! Bring a side dish or dessert to share. More info contact Eric Butler at home@mebutler.com.

Ash Wednesday services 7:00 on February 26.

BLOOD DRIVE • Sunday March 1st Three easy ways to sign up:• Visit the signup table on the patio • Visit Bloodhero.com (code: firstumc)• Contact Chris Thompson at 480-201-1152 or hikertek@gmail.com

Save the Date for VBS June 1-5, 2020 9:00 to Noon We will need Volunteers and donations for this ministry to the community. Contact Janelle at ChildrensMinistry@gilbertumc.org

Upcoming Opportunities



Volunteers Needed
for Sunday School

Please contact Janelle at
childrensministry@gilbertumc.org



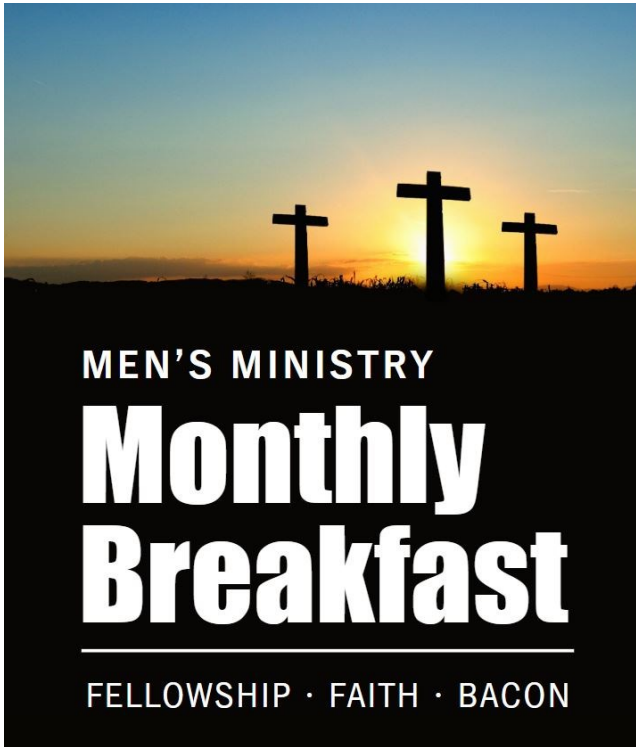
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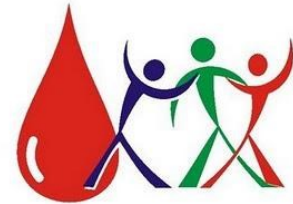
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**Saturday, January 18
at 7:30am in the library**

Every 3rd Saturday of the Month
February 15th
At 7:30 AM
In the Activity Center

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**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**



Come and join our Preschool

Family here at the First United Methodist Church of Preschool!

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year begins in January!

Registration for church members and current and previous preschool

families begins on January 13th. Open registration, for all our friends, begins on January 21st! Registration information and registration documents are available online. Spread the word! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and on our website: gilbertpreschool.com! **"You shall teach these words to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."**

Deuteronomy 11:19

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Pardon our dust while we are renovating.
Rooms may be changed and moved around. Please watch for signs.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS

JUNE 1-5

THIS YEAR “FOCUS” VBS will help kids dive deeper into their faith by putting their focus on God and His amazing plan for us!

Registration details available soon. Please contact Janelle for info at childrensministry@gilbertumc.org

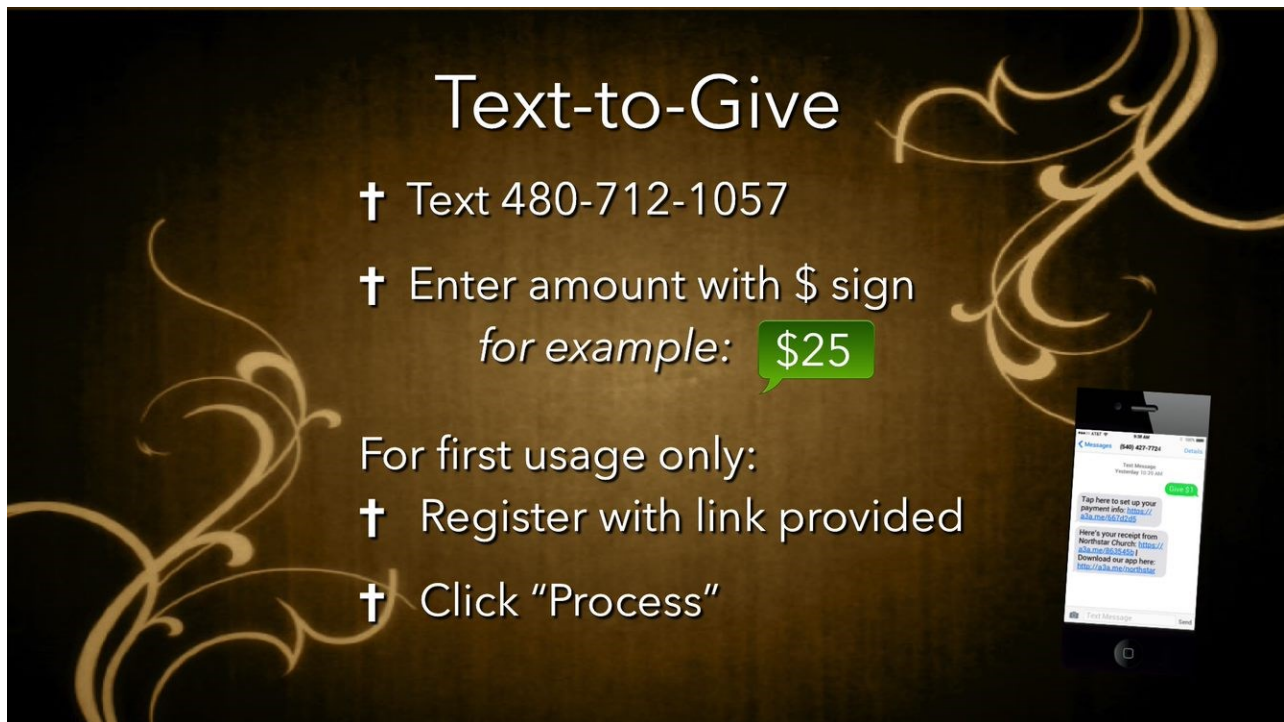
Thank you!

As the Finance Committee reflects back on 2019, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support of First United Methodist Church of Gilbert. We ended the year with a positive Net Income, bringing in more money than was spent. This was achieved by all church leadership working together for this common goal.

We look forward to continuing this momentum as we move forward into 2020. One of the best ways we can do this, is by knowing what income has been pledged. **It is not too late to turn in a pledge card!** If you have yet to turn one in, you can still drop the cards off at the office or email our Financial Secretary directly at financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org

Please note: If you are someone who gives electronically, please still turn in a pledge card. Setting up an electronic gift is separate and that information does not come to us as a pledge.

If you have any questions regarding the year end finances or the budget for 2020, please contact our Finance Chair, Brian O'Brien, or the Church Accountant/Treasurer Casey DeWitt.



Text-to-Give

- † Text 480-712-1057
- † Enter amount with \$ sign
for example: **\$25**

For first usage only:

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

The graphic also features a screenshot of a text message from a smartphone. The message content includes: 'Tap here to set up your payment info: [link]', 'Here's your receipt from Northstar Church: [link]', and 'Download our app here: [link]'. The phone's status bar shows the time as 4:04 PM and the date as Friday, 10/20/19.



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 will be starting in January

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.



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.



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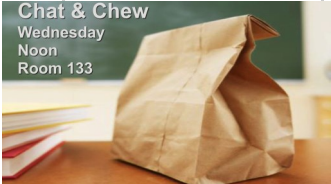






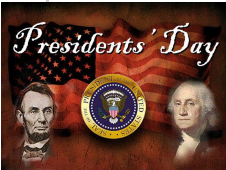





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February Calendar of Events 2020

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|  <p>Renovation starts NOW</p> | | |  | | | | <p>1 Griefshare 9:00-10:30 Every Saturday rm 133</p> |
| <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 Tues Morning Bible Study Safe Sanctuaries 6:30-8pm rm 142</p> | <p>5 Wednesday night classes 630 Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133</p> | <p>6 Christian Women's Fellowship 11am</p>  | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | |
| <p>9 Scout Sunday Safe Sanctuaries Training 12:30-2::30pm rm 142</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11 Tues Morning Bible Study</p>  | <p>12 Wednesday night classes Lincoln's birthday</p>  | <p>13 Shawl ministry 1pm</p>  | <p>14 valentine's day</p>  | <p>15 Men's breakfast 8-9:30 am</p>  | |
| <p>16</p> | <p>17 President's day</p>  | <p>18 Tues Morning Bible Study</p> | <p>19 Wednesday night classes Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133</p> | <p>20 Book Club 11AM</p>  | <p>21</p> | <p>22 Washington's Birthday</p>  | |
| <p>23 Spring Picnic 1-4 pm</p>  | <p>24</p>  | <p>25 Tues Morning Bible Study</p> | <p>26 Ash Wednesday</p>  | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | |

March Calendar of Events 2020

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| <p>1 Blood drive</p>  <p>GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p>  | <p>4</p> | <p>5 Christian women's Fellowship 11am</p>  | <p>5</p> | <p>6 Griefshare 9:00-10:30 Every Saturday rm 133</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>8 Preschool Spring Break 8th-16th Gilbert, Chandler, and Queen Creek Spring Break</p> | <p>9 Tues Morning Bible Study will not meet</p> | <p>10 Wednesday night classes Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133</p>  | <p>11 shawl meeting 1PM</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16 Tues Morning Bible Study</p> | <p>17 Wednesday night classes Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133</p> | <p>18 book club 11AM</p>  | <p>19</p> | <p>20 Men's Breakfast 8-9:30</p>  |
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| <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study</p> | <p>31 Wednesday night classes Chat N Chew meets every Wednesday at Noon in Rm 133</p> | | | |

February Birthdays



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| Hayley Vallera | 1 |
| Kim Updegraff | 2 |
| Ray Vallera | 2 |
| Vilian Shamsiddeen | 2 |
| Kristy Bottesch | 3 |
| Paul Warg | 4 |
| Jeff Martell | 4 |
| Pam Campbell | 8 |
| Mitchell Wiemers | 9 |
| Elaina Harwick | 10 |
| Lisa Strazz | 11 |
| Marc Diaz | 11 |
| Dorinda Johns | 12 |
| June Morrison | 12 |
| Scott Ouellette | 12 |
| Carlene DuAmarell | 12 |
| Mary Vrana | 16 |
| Greg Walker | 16 |
| Riley Norris | 17 |
| Deanna Helland | 18 |
| Judie Thompson | 18 |
| Marissa Contreras | 19 |
| Sharon Dalton | 19 |
| Christopher Eggen | 21 |
| Sally Poeske | 21 |
| Teri Becker | 21 |
| Tommy Campbell | 22 |
| Allison Ramsey | 22 |

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|--------------------|----|
| Greg Ford | 24 |
| Glen Compton | 24 |
| Kyle Gill | 25 |
| Rick Hartmann | 25 |
| Jean Roberts | 27 |
| Mary Decker | 28 |
| Janelle Chiricuzio | 28 |



February Anniversaries

| Date | Sweet Couple | Years Married |
|------|------------------------|---------------|
| 14 | Terry and Bruce Bettis | 16 |



Renovations are starting now so pardon our noise and dust. Watch for signs because some meeting rooms will have to be changed.