

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

November 2020



Happy Thanksgiving
May your heart be filled with gladness and your home with joy!

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CHURCH OF GILBERT

331 S Cooper Road
Gilbert, AZ 85233
480-892-9166

**Church office will be closed
Nov. 11th for Veteran's Day
and November 26th and
27th for the Thanksgiving.**

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

Attendance Oct. 25th
Virtual viewing 270



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILBERT

CAMPUS CLOSURE

The First UMC Gilbert Campus will be closed to all functions until further notice for COVID-19 considerations.

Offices are open by appointment only.

Please view gilbertumc.org for latest information.

Contact us at 480-892-9166 or info@gilbertumc.org.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday services will be livestreamed on Facebook at 9:30 am

Join us at gilbertumc.org or facebook.com/FUMCofGilbert



Get ready to bless our less fortunate neighbors with a box of
"fixins" for a
delicious Thanksgiving meal.
Imagine what your donation of \$40.00 can do!



You can mail in your donation or bring to office or go to our
website Turkey Drive and Delivery - First United Methodist Church of Gilbert
to donate and/or
volunteer to deliver the boxes in the afternoon of Monday,
November 23rd.

Please contact Chris Cantwell at ccantwell2001@yahoo.com
to volunteer to deliver boxes or if you have questions.

Meet our new members. Please welcome them when you see them on campus.



Bill & Glenda Warren have recently moved to the valley following Glenda's retirement from teaching. Bill continues to work in California, however due to Covid he is able to telecommute for his work. They have four grown sons, with two living in California and two living in Arizona. They have transferred their membership from a UMC in California and look forward to engaging in the life and ministries in our church family.



Jana Ochs found our church as part of voting during the 2016 election. She has three grown daughters, recently becoming an empty-nester with her youngest heading off to college. She is active in volunteer initiatives and has a strong social justice focus in the work she engages in. Transferring in from another denomination, Jana looks forward to the ways she can serve and engage in the ministries in our church family.



Ted Lillie comes to our church family via St. Paul's UMC in Kensington, Maryland. He is engaged to Lindsay Hydinger they will be married in our church in February 2021. Ted is an engineer and likes sports, reading, travel and community

Lindsay Hydinger is a teacher. She was baptized by Pastor Rick before joining the church. And is engaged to Ted Lillie she is busy planning their wedding in February 2021. She likes to travel and occasionally workout when not busy teaching or planning her wedding.



Jeff Hendrickson is coming to our church transferring from Wesley United Methodist in Evans Georgia. And Green Valley UMC in Las Vegas. His passions are people, teaching, and music! He loves to cook, has 3 small dogs (B, Kharmen, and Penny) and a fiancée (Christopher). Jeff is excited to be in worship here at First United Methodist Church in Gilbert and is certain God has led him here to be a support for the church leaders and for the congregation. He is happiest when playing for service and enjoys church folks who love to “sing out” and make a joyful noise - so don’t be shy!



Michelle and Tim McGhee participated in the baptism of their daughter Hadley Quinn McGhee on the 24th of October. She was born May 14, 2019 Chandler Regional Medical Center. She has a big brother Cooper. Her Godparents were in attendance.



Please hold all these people and their families in prayer until we can gather together again.



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CHURCH



MISSIONS UPDATE

We're coming up on our busy season! Here is what is in store for the next few months. We will get the specifics of each of the events below to you in the next month or so, but wanted to let you know what's in store.



Annual Turkey Drive: see the particulars in a separate article of this Evangel on page 5.

Gifts of Hope: via the Arizona's Children Association, benefiting foster children. We will use "Sign Up Genius" to help match those of you wishing to provide a Christmas gift to a child in this program. We will then collect the gifts at church and deliver them all to ACA at one time.



Be A Santa to a Senior: via Home Instead. Benefiting Senior Adults who do not have family and might otherwise not receive Christmas gifts. Home Instead has created an online version for you to choose gifts and have them mailed directly to the Home Instead office instead of us collecting them at church.



Family Promise: We are scheduled to host families Dec 6-12.

We are still unsure at this time how involved we will be. It could be that we will only be providing meals as we did for our April and August rotations. More to come as we have that information.

We will also have an opportunity for you to choose a child to buy Christmas gifts. We will use "Sign Up Genius" and collect the gifts at church.

Did you Know that First United Methodist Church of Gilbert has A MEDICAL LENDING CLOSET?

The Medical Lending Closet is available during church office hours. If you need or know of a need any of the medical items available, please call the church office at 480-892-9166. If you have an item you wish to donate please let us know as well. We accept items in clean and good condition (not broken). **We are not in need of crutches. Please call for availability of needed item needed.**

The Medical Lending Closet items include:

Bath/Shower Chair
Over tub shower chair
Cane
Bedside commodes
Crutches
Knee Scooter
Raised toilet seats
Transfer bench
Walkers
Wheelchair



in signing out this equipment from FUMCG Medical Lending Closet I hereby release and discharge FUMCG, its membership, agents and employees from all liability, claims, demands, damages and actions that I may have for any injury to my person or my property that results from my uses or the use of the loaned equipment. I agree to clean the equipment with antimicrobial cleaner before use as well prior to the return of equipment. I will address any problems or questions to the church office at 480-892-9166.

Preschool News

www.gilbertpreschool.com



What's been going on?

During October, 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 hosted a fall art walk and invited the families to come and view our preschool projects and pictures. At the end there was a photo booth, a yummy fall snack and pumpkins to take home! Lastly, the children planted the preschool garden. This year, we are growing two different kinds of lettuce, carrots and snap peas. The kids are looking forward to the day we are able to pick our vegetables and try them out during snack...with some ranch dressing, of course!



What's coming up ?

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

Enroll Today! We have openings for the spring session for Parent Tot. Registration packets will be available in November for classes that start in January. We'd love to have you as part of our preschool family! We also have two spots left in our MWF 3's class. If you're interested in more information, please check out our website- <http://gilbertumcpreschool.com/> or give us a call for a tour!



Community Rewards Program

- 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 16th year! We absolutely love seeing the preschoolers come through our doors throughout the week! We are so blessed to have this ministry!

Have Some Preschool Fun!

Make these **Fun Turkey Snack Bags** for the little ones!

<http://www.thatswhatchesaid.net/thanksgiving-turkey-snack-bags>



Try this fun take on the Hokey Pokey!
Turkey Pokey

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)	

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

November 2020 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool and Kinder



SERIES DESCRIPTION:

When we say thank You to God, we are acknowledging all the good and perfect gifts He has given us. Food, family, the people who help us—these are all daily reminders of our good, good, God.

WEEK ONE: : Every Good and Perfect Gift — James 1:17; Genesis 1

WEEK TWO: Elijah and the Widow — 1 Kings 17:7-16

WEEK THREE: Aaron Helps Moses — Exodus 17:8-13

WEEK FOUR: Nehemiah Builds a Wall * — Nehemiah 1–6

WEEK FIVE: We Can Praise God — Psalm 149:1-5

BOTTOM LINE: GOD IS GOOD.
"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." Psalm 107:1, NIV

**Zoom Sunday
School Schedule**



preschool/kinder 8:30-9

1st-3rd 10:45-11:30

4th-6th 11:30-12:15

Wednesday Wilds
4 pm on Wednesday

1ST-6th Graders

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

CORE INSIGHTS

Have you ever thought about everything God has done for you? He made a way to rescue you through Jesus' death and resurrection. When you remember that, you can be thankful—always.



WEEK ONE: Give thanks no matter what happens —1 Thessalonians 5:18

BOTTOM LINE: You always have something to be grateful for

WEEK TWO: David Dances — 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a BOTTOM LINE: Celebrate what God has done.

WEEK THREE: Jesus Heals 10 Men — Luke 17:11-19

BOTTOM LINE: Say thank you.

WEEK FOUR: The Story of the Workers in the Vineyard — Matthew 20:1-15

BOTTOM LINE: Adjust your attitude .

WEEK FIVE: Lord's Supper / Last Supper — 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

BOTTOM LINE: Get in the habit of being grateful.

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever." Psalm 136:1, NIV

Mission:

We are not collecting since we are only online.



Zoom Youth Sunday School

Youth Group/Sunday School!

Nov.1,2020, 7pm

We've combined Junior and Senior High Youth for awhile.

Please join us at 7pm this Sunday! Check youth news for the link each Sunday

Halloween Pumpkin Carving

Contest

Saturday, 10/31/20, 9-11am

Socially Distanced, IN-PERSON at FUMCG on the front lawn!!!

BYOP (bring your own pumpkin).



Please wear a mask. There will be fun PRIZES for multiple categories! Carving tools and snacks will be provided. [Sign Up Here](#) on the Google Doc for more details!

Nov. 7th, 8am-10am

St. Vincent de Paul

Mesa Garden

Service Activity

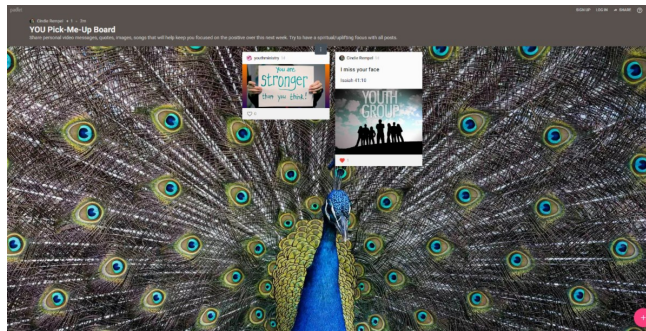


We have been granted permission to have a small group volunteer at the Mesa Garden on Sat. Nov 7th. 8 students may sign up to attend and we ask for limited carpooling from the church.

Good Hand Hygiene, Masks and social distancing as much as possible will be encouraged to ensure safety of all. [Please Sign Up Here](#) on the Google doc and see details and what to bring .



Follow us on Instagram@fumcgyouth



Padlet

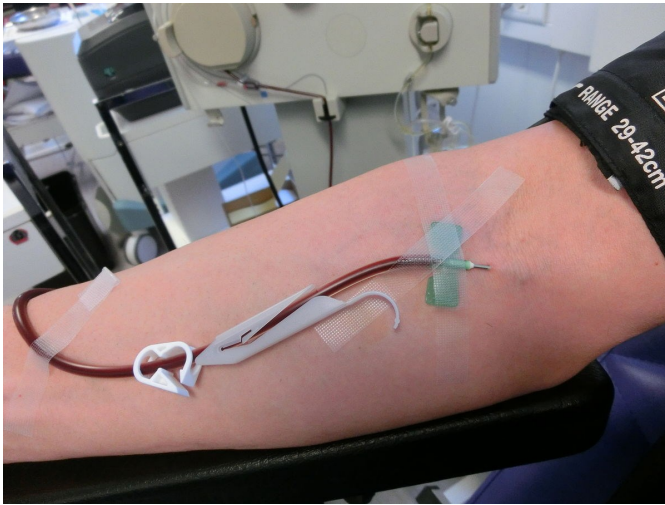
Ms. Cindie created a fun new space for us to connect with each other, it's called Padlet! Click here to go to Gilbert UMC Youth Padlet "You Pick Me Up board". Padlet is a virtual bulletin board that you can use to "post" notes to each other. Use this as your personal space to send each other uplifting thoughts, devotions, pictures, even song titles. Simply go to the link, then click on the little pink plus sign in the bottom right corner. It is private only to those who have access to the code, so feel free to share your thoughts openly. Please email youthministry@gilbertumc.org if you have trouble connecting. thoughts openly. Please email youthministry@gilbertumc.org if you have trouble connecting.

The whole leadership team and youth leaders are keeping you and your family in our prayers each week. Please reach out if you need anything youthministry@gilbertumc.org !

Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:
(all small groups are contingent on the CDC recommendations.)

- **Watch for the latest news and announces by the E-news every Thursday and prior to Sunday Services.**
- **We are praying for all of you and hoping to see you soon!**
- **Election voting** will be held on Nov 3. 2020 in our activity Center. Remember to vote! Stay safe and wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart.
- **Turkey Box Drive** donations of \$40 will be due 11.22.20 they may be mailed to office or donate on line just note that it is for turkey boxes. If you are interested in helping to deliver them please contact Chris Cantwell at ccantwell2001@yahoo.com.





Please be a Hero
if you are well and meet the
requirements above, please give blood
in these uncertain times.



Because of you, life doesn't stop.

#VitalToLife



ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS
are encouraged to help
maintain social distancing.



All donors must bring
and wear a **MASK** or
**CLOTH-BASED FACE
COVERING.**



Recovered from COVID-19?

Your plasma can help COVID-19 patients.
Visit vitalant.org/COVIDfree

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Town of Gilbert Blood and Convalescent Plasma Drives

Thursday, Aug., 27	9:30 am - 2:30pm
Monday, Sep., 21	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct., 21	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov., 25	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Thursday, Dec., 17	9:30 am - 2:30pm
Wednesday, Jan. 6	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Southeast Regional Library - Assembly Room
775 N. Greenfield Rd.

Visit BloodHero.com (Sponsor Code: gilbert) or call
877-25-VITAL (258-4825) to schedule an appointment



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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 14th

9:00am • online

Call 480-892-9166 or visit
griefshare.org/holidays

Watch for the Link in the
e-news or Evangel!

And make the Christmas for
one senior warm and bright!



Gifts of Hope

Will be gifts for the Arizona's Children Association benefiting foster children watch for the sign up genius link on our website and drop off gifts at the church office .

Gifts for the Family Promise children

will also use sign up genius and collect the gifts at the church office



Prayers for those in need

During this time of uncertainty we will be still be praying for those in need so please either call or email prayer requests and we will send them out to our dedicated prayer team. The office number is 480-892-9166 or the email prayers@gilbertumc.org. If it is pastors only please mark **pastors only** and it will go only to the pastors.

And we will be praying for all the concerns and praises.

Your
Prayer Team



Looking for Gently Used Laptops & Computers

Have you bought a new 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 computer 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 and laptops at the Church Office.



Questions? Contact Philip Tesarek at ITSupport@gilbertumc.org or (480) 510-4588. Thank you



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 online now



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


New class starting August 15



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. (Small groups are contingent on the CDC guidelines)

Text-to-Give

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

For first usage only:

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



November Calendar of Events 2020

(All studies and small groups are contingent on the CDC recommendations.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 All Saints Day Daylight saving time ends</p>	2	<p>3 Election Day</p> 	4	<p>5 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30</p> 	6	<p>7 Grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30</p>
8	9	<p>10 Tues Morning Bible 9:00</p> 	<p>11 Veterans Day Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30</p>	<p>12 Shawl Ministry 1:00</p> 	13	14
15	16	<p>17 Tues Morning Bible 9:00</p>	<p>18 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30</p>	<p>19 Book Club 11:00</p> 	20	<p>21 Mens Breakfast 8-9:30</p> 
<p>22 Turkey Box Donations Due TODAY</p>	23	<p>24 Tues Morning Bible 9:00</p> 	<p>25 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30</p>	<p>26 church office closed</p>	<p>27 church office closed</p>	<p>28 Decorate the sanctuary ????</p>
<p>29 1st Sunday of Advent</p>	30	<p>Chat & Chew Wednesday Noon Room 133</p> 				

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	1 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:00 	2 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	3 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30 	4	5 grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30	
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20 4th Sunday of Advent	21 Blue Christmas ??? 	22	23 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	24	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed 	26
27	28	29	30 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30 	31 New Years Eve 		

November Birthdays



Stanley Gill	1
Israel Mutach	1
Victoria Nicks	1
Madalyn Paap	1
Olivia Regnitz	1
Tiffany Scharff	2
Karen Orndorff	4
Terry Bettis	5
Amy Smith	5
Barbara Valbuena	5
Jan Casebolt	7
Daniel Murphy	7
David Baker	8
Isaac Curran	8
Margaret Knoll	9
Chloe Boesch	10
Dan Bose	10
Michael Carpenter	11
Wendy Griffith	11
Peggy Johnston	11
Jeremy Norris	11
Lauren Gill	12
Ted Jung	12
Linda Roy Sanders	12
Jacob Galvin	13
Kay Warg	14
Jim Bohart	15
David Gripentrog II	15
Michelle Reynolds	15
David Paap	16
Kendra Diegan	17

Zander Murphy	17
Trish Odell	17
Blanche McDonough	18
Madeleine Pineda	18
Stuart Wiemers	21
Teverly Taylor	22
Alyssa Houseman	23
Roy Phelps	24
Barbara Burford	25
Donn Brown	26
Alexander Lutes	26
Dean Boever	27
Craig Thompson	27
Jenny Vallera	27
Colleen Gripentrog	28
Michelle Butler	29
Nicholas DeRoule	29
Melissa Van Der Pol	29
Sharon Kotsonas	30



November Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
11	Robyn and Clifford Oswald	32
14	Laurel and Dan Redman	11
20	Linda and Jeff Martell	38
20	Karla and Douglas Romfo	44
22	Linda and Rick Hartmann	52
23	Angela and David Mittner	15
27	Trish and Ted Jung	44