

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

February 2021



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Attendance
January 24th
Virtual viewing 436



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



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

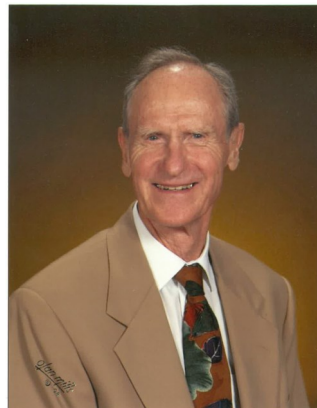
Join us at gilbertumc.org or facebook.com/FUMCofGilbert

In memory of Dan Hahn

It is with sadness that we share news of the passing this week of First Gilbert member Daniel Hahn. Please pray for his wife Molly and family in this time of mourning. Dan born Daniel Fredrick Hahn on September 9, 1929, married Molly on June 20, 1953, and died the morning of January 12, 2021. Dan served in the Navy.

Dan and Molly started coming in 2009 and soon joined the church in May of 2010.

Dan sang in the choir, both are active in Bible studies and other church activities.



Missions Team Donations

Starting the New Year by cleaning out your closets? Do you have clothes you no longer wear or multiples of the same household items? Want to recycle instead of throw away? The church is no longer accepting these donations so we thought we would provide you with a few non-profit options that do. You might want to call ahead to find out donation times and specifics on what is currently being accepted. Some require appointments.

We **ARE** still accepting food donations for Open Arms and our on-site pantry boxes as well as snacks for Gilbert Elementary School.

Also, if you have gently-used purses for the annual Mother's Day purse drive, we will accept those. Just leave any of these items on the Activity Center shelves.

Thank you for your generosity in all the mission projects here at FUMC-G!

Open Arms Care Center

522 N Gilbert Rd Suite 103 Gilbert, 85234

480-539-0175

openarmscc.com

Food and clothing

Clothes Cabin

710 N Cooper Rd, Gilbert, 85233

480-285-4111

onesmallstepaz.org

children's clothing, sheets, towels, adult t-shirts and maternity clothes in good condition

Jose's Closet-not accepting material donations during Covid pandemic-please call before dropping items off

550 S Ironwood Dr Apache Jct 85120

480-309-1743

josescloset.org

Infant thru teen items including strollers, sports equipment, toys, games and books in good condition.

Benefits foster children and their families

UMOM

3333 E VanBuren St Phoenix 85008

602-275-7852

umom.org

Clothing, household items in good condition

House of Refuge

6858 E Ursula Ave, Mesa 85233

480-988-9395

houseofrefuge.org

Clothing, household items & furniture in good condition

Food in picture was what given by the church to Open Arms Care center in December.



February Family Promise Meals

February 7 - February 13

Thank you to FUMC of Gilbert for providing breakfast, lunch and dinners for 5 families the week of Feb. 7-13. We are grateful for the generous show of support from our church family this month! The meals you so lovingly provide have a profound impact on families in need, and are a daily reminder to them that they are cared for and valued!

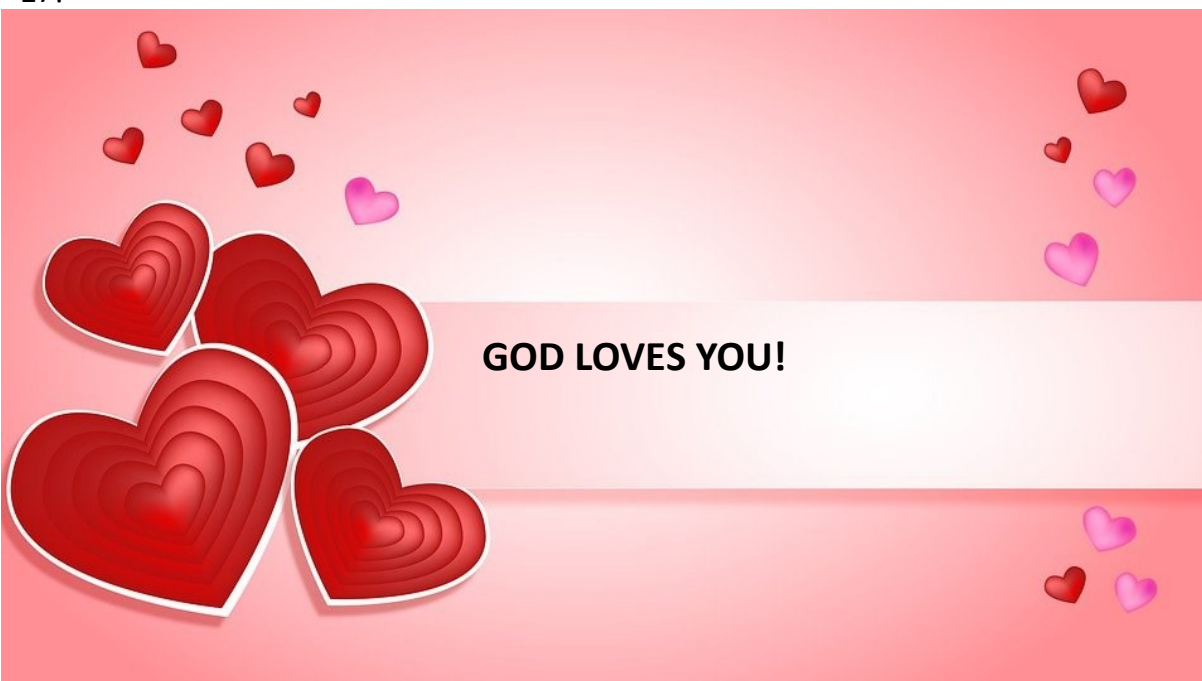
Family Promise continues to see how resilient families become when they receive the outpouring of love provided by congregations like ours. Family Promise has initiated several new programs to help families during these difficult times, including a prevention program to avoid eviction and the provision of a 24-hour emergency shelter. Over 70% of families who participate in Family Promise gain employment and stability in their own home within 60 days.



Sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45ada829a57-february>

Stay tuned for more from Family Promise...our next opportunity to host will be June 20-27!







Health Ministry: Take Care of Your Heart and Soul

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10

As the Coronavirus continues to threaten our community we can be strong in our faith through our prayer and know that Jesus is that strong tower that we can run to.

Because of the social and economic impact of the Corona-19 Virus Pandemic it is a very stressful time for everyone. We need to avoid large group gatherings but should maintain

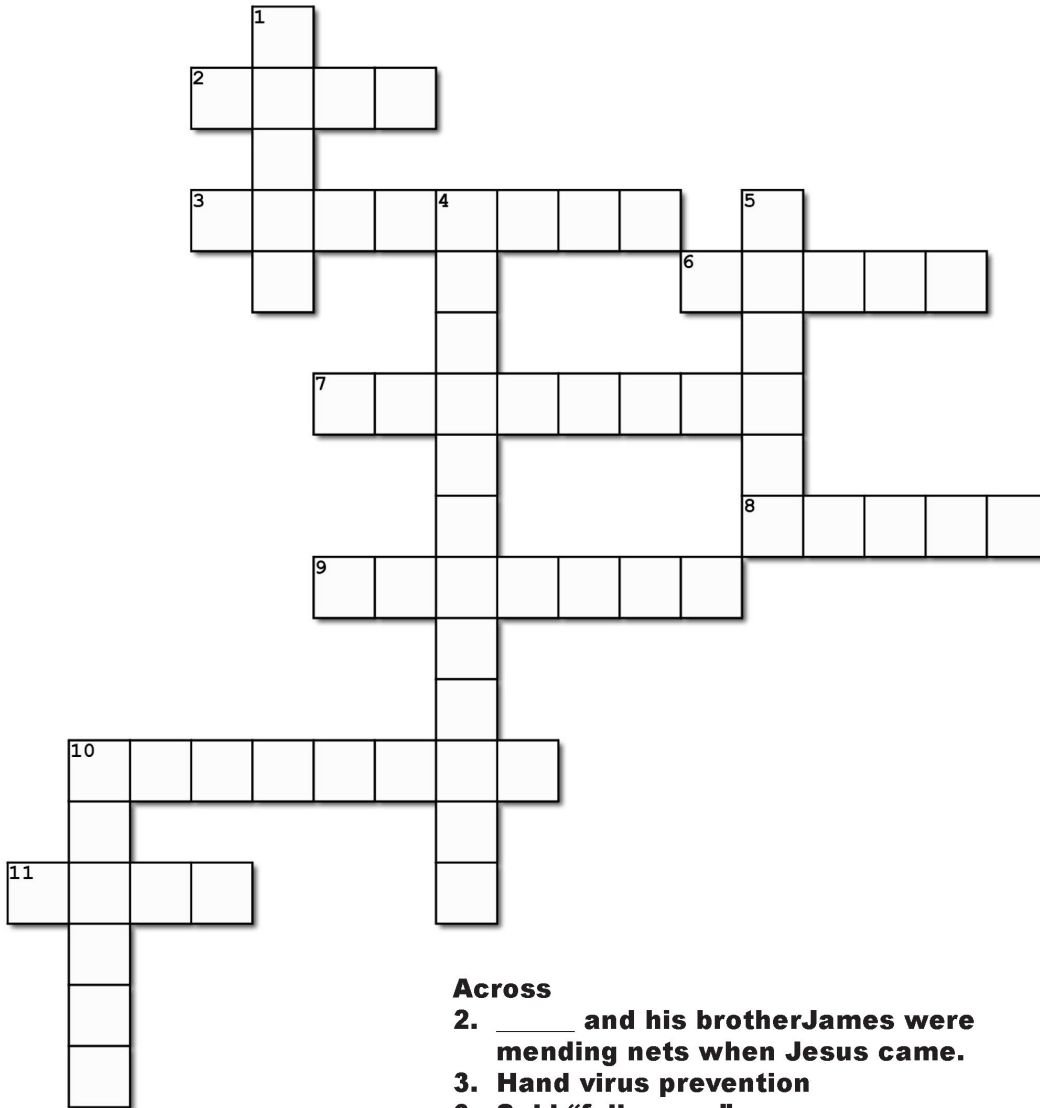
social contact through internet meetings, phone calls, emails and even regular mail. This can help to keep us healthy in mind, body and spirit.

During this time of staying at home it is good to find activities that keep us in good spiritual shape. On the phone we can read scriptures and sing hymns. We can keep our minds sharp doing crossword puzzles, scrabble games and card games. We are a faith community and help strengthen ourselves and our community by reaching out through zoom meetings and watching our church worship services together on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

- We need to continue to prevent the spread of illness by: wearing a mask, social distancing, sanitizing our hands.
- Take advantage of Telemedicine. It can be awkward but it really does help you to keep in contact with your health care provider, ask questions and take your time.
- Eat healthy and stay hydrated
- Exercise however you can even if its walking in place in front of your TV.
- Get enough rest. Keep the room dark and quiet or use a soothing sound machine.
- Pray, read the bible or sing.



Mind, Body, Spirit Crossword Puzzle



Down

1. Avoided Nineveh at first
4. Talk to your doctor on the phone or computer.
5. To turn from sin
10. Communication with God

Across

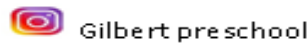
2. _____ and his brother James were mending nets when Jesus came.
3. Hand virus prevention
6. Said "follow me".
7. Run or walk in place
8. The name of the Lord is a strong _____
9. Drink plenty of water.
10. An outbreak of a disease that occurs over a wide geographic area
11. A covering over your mouth and nose.

Preschool News
www.gilbertpreschool.com



REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2021-2022 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! Please contact Lora Norris at norris@gilbertumc.org or Betsy Marlinga at marlinga@gilbertumc.org for any additional information or questions.



Donuts with Dads

On January 20th and 21st the children had a special (socially distanced) morning to show their Dads how much they're loved. Individual brown bag breakfast was served with donuts, fruit, and chocolate milk. All the students decorated a tie for their dad to wear and



answered questions about their dad. The

kids also did a special craft together with their dad during breakfast!



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. These 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!
(Great for fine motor skills)

Fun February Activity: Glitter Pink Ombre Playdough



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, ½ 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 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!

February 2021 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool and Kinder



SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Imagine a friend loving you, no matter what—no matter your mood, no matter what you've done. This friend loves you so much they want to spend time with you and help you. We do have a friend like this. His name is Jesus, and He truly loves you

Connection

WEEK ONE: Jesus and the Children * — Luke 18:15-16

WEEK TWO: Mary and Martha — Luke 10:38-42

WEEK THREE: The Centurion — Matthew 8:5-13

WEEK FOUR: The Thankful Woman — Luke 7:36-50

BOTTOM LINE: : I CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS.

"Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12, 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:

.God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it. Because of His love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus modeled kindness, but He also commanded it. He taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated.



CORE INSIGHTS

COMPASSION • COMMUNITY

WEEK ONE: God Was Kind to Us — Ephesians 4:32

BOTTOM LINE: Be kind to others because God is kind to you .

WEEK TWO: Ruth and Boaz — Ruth

BOTTOM LINE: Be kind to your family and friends

WEEK THREE: Go the Extra Mile — Matthew 5:41

BOTTOM LINE: Be kinder than you have to be.

WEEK FOUR: Good Samaritan — Luke 10:25-37

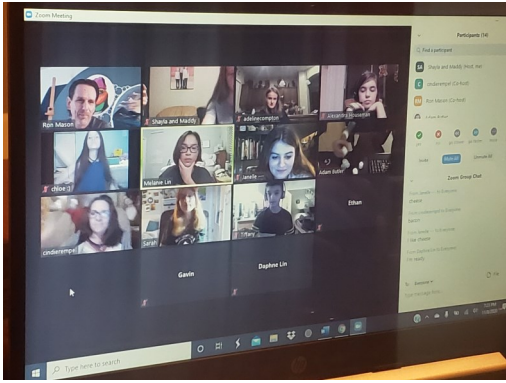
BOTTOM LINE: Be kind to people who are different from you .

"You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as

if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient." Colossians 3:12, NIV

Mission:

We are not collecting since we are only online.



Zoom Youth Sunday School

Youth Group/Sunday School!

February 7, 2021, 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



Follow us on Instagram @fumcgyouth

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

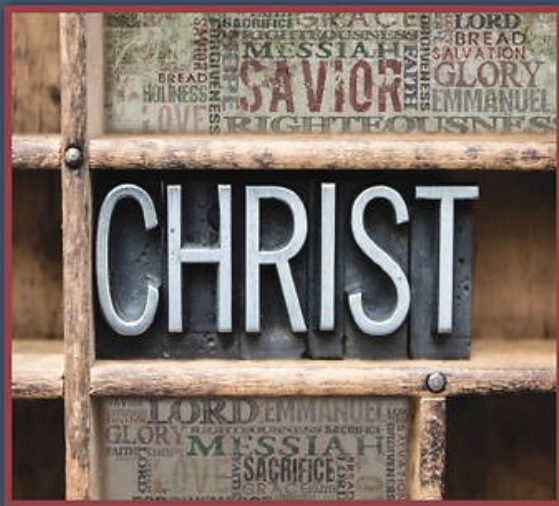
youthministry@gilbertumc.org !

Youth News • 7th-12th Grade

Scriptures for the Church Seasons

LENT

Christ Is for Us



April Yamasaki

A LENTEN STUDY BASED ON THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

New Lenten Study Taught by Pastor Rick Via Zoom

The study starts February 24 th for six weeks until March 31.

Books are \$6 each and may be pickup in the office.

You may sign up at the office or on the yellow card on Sunday or sign up on the website.

<http://gilbertumc.org/grow/adult-ministries/>



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!
- Join us for Wednesday night Bible study for Lent with Pastor Rick over Zoom starting February 24 th. Books are \$6 each sign up on website.
- February Family Promise Meals February 7 - February 13 It is time once again to plan the meals that we will deliver to Family Promise. Please look at the open slots and see if any of them will work for you.





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 given 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 January 2021



Living Hope Support Group

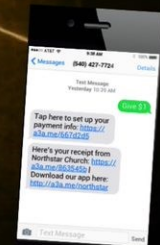
A group for those experiencing trauma or dealing with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. (Small groups are contingent on the CDC guidelines)

Text-to-Give

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







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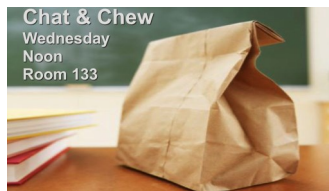
- † Register with link provided
- † Click "Process"



February Calendar of Events 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	3 Christian Women's Fel- lowship 9:30	4	5 grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30
						
6	7 Family Promise week 7th-13th	8 Tues Morn- ing Bible 9:00	9 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	10 Shawl Ministry !:00	11	12
						
13	14	15 Tues Morning Bible 9:00	16 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	17 Book Club 11:00	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8-9:30
						
20	21	22 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:00	23 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	24	25	26
						
27	28	29 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:00	30 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	31		



March Calendar of Events 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2 Tues Morn- ing Bible 9:00	3	4 Christian Women's Fel- lowship 9:30 	5	6 Grief share Every Satur- day 9:00-10:30
7	8	9 Tues Morn- ing Bible 9:00 	10 Chat N Chew Noon Wednes- day Night Bible study 6:30	11 Shawl Ministry 1:00 	12	13
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February Birthdays



Anastacia Norman-Doss	1
Hayley Vallera	1
Doug White	1
Jacob Ford	2
Kristy Bottesch	3
Jeff Martell	4
Paul Warg	4
Pamela Campbell	8
Nate Van Der Pol	9
Elaina Harwick	10
Emma Regnitz	10
Marc Diaz	11
Remme Pinkstaff	11
Lisa Strazz	11
Caroline Du Amarell	12
Dorinda Johns	12
June Morrison	12
Scott Ouellette	12
Jean Egenes	13
Victoria Karavakis	14
Greg Walker	16
Claira Warren	17
Deanna Helland	18
Judith Thompson	18
Marissa Contreras	19
Sharon Dalton	19
Riley Mueller	20
Teri Becker	21
Tommy Campbell	22
Glen Compton	24

Calvin Dash Daugherty	25
Kyle Gill	25
Frederick Hartmann	25
Ruby Jean Roberts	27
Janelle Chiricuzio	28
Mary Decker	28



February Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
14	Terry and Bruce Bettis	17