

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

March 2021



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Attendance
February 21st
Virtual viewing 360



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Office Hours:
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

FIRST GILBERT

REOPENING

Guidelines

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, First Gilbert has created a reopening plan that was designed to provide a safe transition between closure and full services. It was created at the direction of Desert Southwest Conference Bishop Bob Hoshibata and East District Superintendent N. Susan Brims. This plan outlines mandatory steps that everyone must follow as the church reopens.

A summary of this plan follows, please contact the office at secretary@gilbertumc.org for the latest information.

Online Worship

Each service will be livestreamed and recorded for later viewing on the church website: gilbertumc.org/sermons

Requirements for In-Person Worship

- Total in-person attendance is limited
- Reserve seats through church website: gilbertumc.org
- If you have not done so already, complete the Covenant viewable here: gilbertumc.org/first-gilbert-covenant/
- Check in at the table on the patio when you arrive
- Masks must be worn at all times for those 6 or older
- Observe 6' social distancing between family groups
- Don't shake hands, hug or touch others
- Follow all instructions from the ushers and staff
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided
- Do not attend if you have tested positive for COVID, or were exposed to someone who has tested positive
- Do not attend if you are feeling sick
- No food or drink; beverages and snacks not served
- Sunday School and the Nursery will not be available
- Please keep children with you at all times

If an individual cannot wear a mask then we are required to suspend the service and the congregation will be dismissed. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated!

Valentine's Day Wedding 02.14.2021

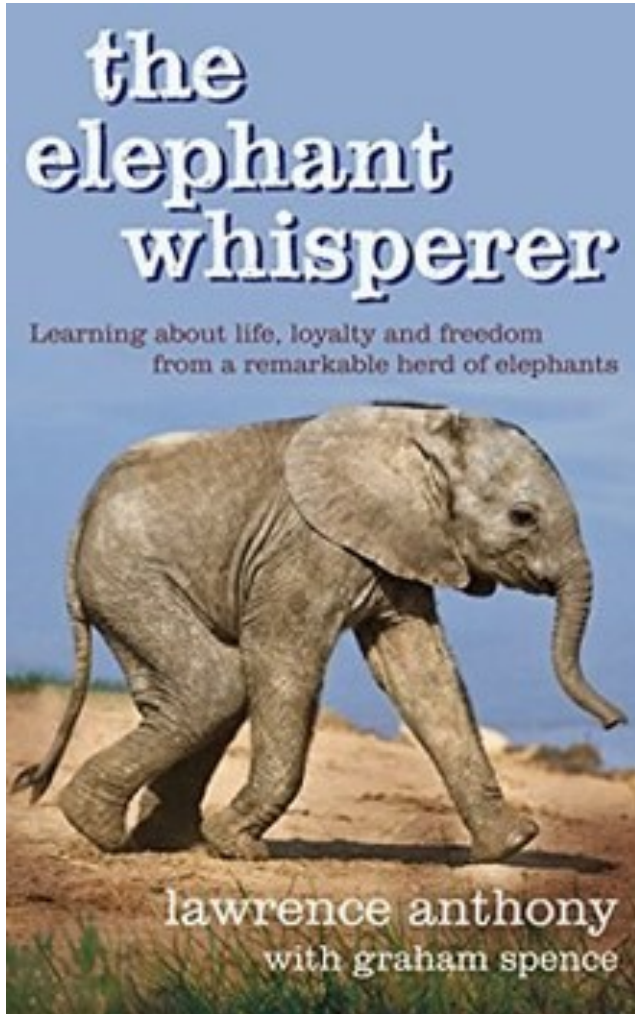


Ted and Linsley joined the church last October. They have been liturgists and sung with the choir, and planned their wedding.



Meet Mr and Mrs Ted Lillie





The Book Club Corner

On March 18th the book club will be reviewing the book *The Elephant Whisperer* by Lawrence Anthony.

The review will be done over zoom and possibly in the church room 130.

Chris Thompson will be getting me the list of books that they will be reviewing and I will publish them in the book corner for you.



Easter Bags for Children at UMOM



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[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author

FUMC of Gilbert will be joining other organizations in the area to provide Easter bags to the children at UMOM. Currently there are over 300 children who call a UMOM facility their home. We are asking for monetary donations to provide items such as sidewalk chalk, markers, coloring books, pencils, stickers, candy, etc. You can make a donation either online or by sending a check. Be sure to specify that it is for the Easter Bag Campaign. Thank you from the Mission Committee and UMOM.

Did you knowPioneer Fishing License



A lot of seniors 70 years of age and older do not know about this complimentary Pioneer License for fishing. It's a life time Fishing license. All they have to do is get it notarized and mail it in. Notary usually cost \$5.00. I mailed a copy of my drivers license in for ID. Fishing is something people can do during this Pandemic time. Plenty of room to social distance and wear a mask when needed. Joe and I fish at Gilbert Regional Park and Veterans Oasis Park. There are many other places to fish close by. Application for Pioneer License attached.



ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

5000 W Carefree Hwy
Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000

APPLICATION FOR PIONEER LICENSE R12-4-201

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Plastic Card Yes No

License # PR _____

Date card issued _____

Date Received: _____ Region: _____

Approved: Denied:

Approved By: _____ Date: _____

Drivers License Passport Birth Certificate ID card

FEE: NONE

*Optional: Hard Plastic permanent card may be purchased for \$4.00. Card will be mailed within 30 days after application is processed.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department may issue a complimentary Pioneer License to individuals 70 years of age or older who have been bona fide residents of Arizona for 25 or more consecutive years immediately preceding application for the license. All other stamps and tags must be purchased separately.

R12-4-201 requires an applicant to submit an original or certified copy of their birth certificate, driver's license, Motor Vehicle Division ID card or U.S. Passport with their application. These items will be returned to the applicant. Photocopies are subject to verification.

[PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE]

Department ID Number or SSN: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Gender Male Female Weight _____ Height _____ Hair _____ Eyes Blue Green Brown Other

Resident Date AZ Residency began _____ Drivers license or ID card # _____

Physical Address (if different than mailing) _____

Email _____

***DO NOT SIGN THIS APPLICATION until you are in the presence of a Department employee or a notary public. This application must be notarized if it is not presented in person.**

Applicant's Signature* _____ Date _____

By signing this document I affirm that I meet the eligibility requirements of this rule and the information provided on the application is true and accurate. I affirm that I am 70 years of age or older and have been a resident of AZ for 25 or more consecutive years preceding application for this license. I am not receiving any residency privileges in another state and the information provided on the application is true and accurate. It is unlawful for any person to obtain by fraud or misrepresentation a license to take wildlife. Any license fraudulently obtained is void from the date of issuance.

I do hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, _____ Applicant name _____ Personally appeared before me and made the above declaration. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Notary Public in and of the county of _____, (seal) State of Arizona. My commission expires _____	
Signature _____	

FORM 2770 Revised 2/17 EOLP

Purses for Moms




The Missions Committee is collecting new or gently used purses filled with goodies this Mother's Day to donate to moms in local domestic violence and family shelters. We will be working in conjunction with UMOM this year. Please bring all donations to the church office by May 2nd, 2021. We will also accept empty purses or just the items to fill them. Suggestions for what to include are cosmetics, scented lotions, hair brushes, bath gels, manicure & pedicure items, jewelry, hair accessories, and toiletries.



Preschool News
www.gilbertpreschool.com

 FUMC of Gilbert Preschool

 Gilbert preschool

 @gilpreschool



REGISTER NOW!

We are NOW enrolling students for the 2021-2022 school year. Our preschool has classes for ages 2, 3, and 4/5 year olds! Check out our website and give us a call for a tour! Please share this information with a friend.

In February:

In February, the preschoolers beaded pipe cleaner hearts to deliver to someone special in the community. Our mission was to spread love and kindness. We also learned about how to keep our hearts healthy through exercise and eating healthy food. The children learned about the four different food groups in Chapel and took turns sorting pretend food into the appropriate categories.



Outside Play:

This time of year is beautiful and so fun for outside play! Encouraging your child to spend time playing outdoors can help their motor, sensory, social and cognitive development – and is great for their general health and wellbeing.



Our garden is growing! We picked lettuce and radishes to try at snack time with ranch dressing. Soon our tomatoes and carrots will be ready, the kids are very excited!



March:

March is a wonderful month full of sunshine and spring changes! Our PreK classes will celebrate their 100th day of school. After spring break we will learn all about ladybugs and release them into the garden. Then, at the end of the month each class begin to observe caterpillars as they change into butterflies.



Spring Break:

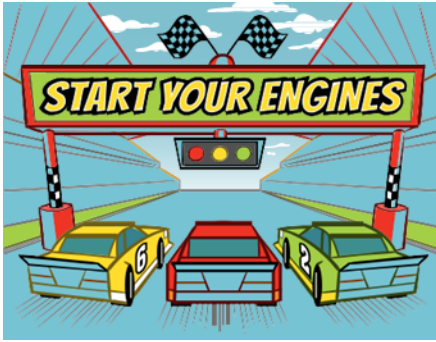
Enjoy your Spring Break this year! There will be no school from Monday, March 8th - Friday, March 12th. The first day back will be Monday, March 15th.



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:

When Jesus was on earth, He showed us who to love and how to love them. It doesn't matter what someone looks like or what they've done. Jesus loves them. When we love like Jesus, we become a light of God's love to the world.

Core Insight:

Transformation

Connection

WEEK ONE: Light of the World-Matthew 5:14-16

WEEK TWO: Washing Feet— John 13:3-17

WEEK THREE: Love One Another—John 13:34-35

WEEK FOUR: Palm Sunday —Matthew 21:1-16

BOTTOM LINE: : 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 is patient. He is in control. He knows how the story ends. Because of Jesus, we know how the story ends, too. We can be patient when we remember what God has done. We can trust that God is in control



CORE INSIGHTS

Faith • Transformation

WEEK ONE: Simeon Waits for the Messiah — Luke 2:25-35

BOTTOM LINE: When you have to wait, remember God is with you.

WEEK TWO: Golden Calf — Exodus 32:1-35

BOTTOM LINE: When you have to wait, remember what's true.

WEEK THREE: Esau's Impatience — Genesis 25:24-34

BOTTOM LINE: If you don't wait, it could cost you.

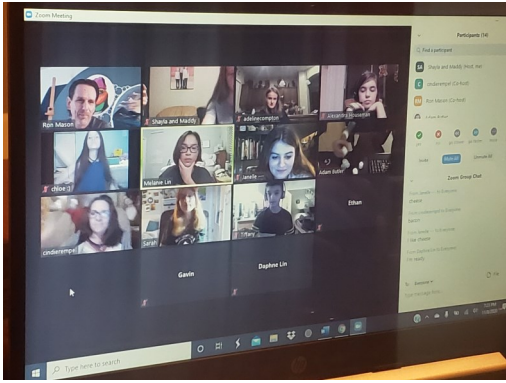
WEEK FOUR: Palm Sunday — Matthew 21:1-11

BOTTOM LINE: You can celebrate even when you're waiting.

"So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another." Romans 14:19, 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

Meet the Confirmation Class



Gunter Scharff, Ethan Rempel, Maia Chircuzio, and Diana Ouellette

Please keep them and their leaders Pastor Rick, Pastor Diamond and Mrs. Paap in prayer during this time of exploration and learning about their journey of faith.



Follow us on Instagram@fumcyouth

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 !



WHILE WE CAN'T MEET
AS A CHURCH, WE CAN
BE THE CHURCH



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 24th until March 31st. Books are \$6 each sign up on website.
- Preschool Spring Break March 8th to March 12th
- The Book Club will be reviewing The Elephant Whisperer by Lawrence Anthony on March 18th on zoom and hopefully in person in rm 130.





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

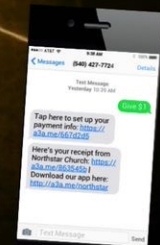
Living Hope

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

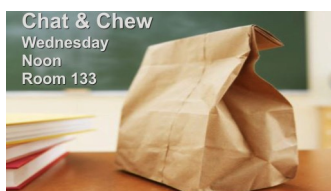
- † Text 480-712-1057
- † Enter amount with \$ sign
for example: \$25
- For first usage only:
- † Register with link provided
- † Click "Process"



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 Saturday 9:00-10:30
7	8 Spring break for Preschool until March 12th	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
14 Day Light saving time begins	15	16 Tues Morning Bible 9:00 	17 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30 	18 Book Club 11:00 	19	20 First day of spring Mens Breakfast 8-9:30 
21	22	23 Tues Morning Bible 9:00	24 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Passover Begins	29	30 Tues Morning Bible 9:00	31 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30			



April Calendar of Events 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30 	2 Good Friday	3 grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30
6 Easter Sunday 	7	8 Tues Morning 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 Birthdays



Larry Randolph	1
Samuel Bouchie	2
Julie Curran	2
Ava Tognacci	2
Kathy Snyder	3
Erika Gehres	4
Hailey Houseman	4
Mercedes Skinner	4
Steven A. Mendoza	6
Lucy Daniels	7
Katelyn Johns	8
Jim Eggen	10
Magaly Kon	11
Sue Dunning	12
Nathan D. Pearce	12
Gavin Rempel	12
Ainsley Snyder	12
Elise Williams	13
Lynn Carroll	14
Katelyn Mason	14
Pam Stressman	14
Nina Chiricuzio	15
Sarah La Point	16
Madeleine Milner	16
Brandi Vallera	16
Diana Ochs	17
Zander Young	17
Alexandria Bose	18
Carolyn Skinner	18
Trevor Snyder	18
Max Tesarek	18
Margie Zeilstra	18

Mollie Belcher	19
Seth Daugherty	19
Georgia Pell	19
Sierra Smith	19
Elizabeth Flores	20
Albert Pineda	20
Susan Young	20
Scott Hanson	21
Landry G. Ramirez	21
Myla Smith	21
Samuel Tognacci	21
Allison Ramsey	22
Annabelle Ramsey	22
Carely Palmer	23
Philip Tesarek	23
Makenna Arbogast	25
Will Cantwell	25
Adam Butler	26
Bob Chuk	26
Kevin Becker	27
Lily High	27
Hudson Johnson	28
Justin Diaz	29
Keega Wilkins	29



March Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
11	Miriam and Stan Gill	32
16	Stacy and Chris Cantwell	9
21	Pam and Mark Turner	35
23	Taleen and Keith Carpenter	25
28	Veronica and George Dailey	26

Birthdays / Anniversaries