

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

July 2021



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

Attendance
June 20th 161

Virtual viewing 217



The Church office will
be closed on July 5th
in observance of July
4th!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GILBERT

Limited Opening of Campus

Worship Services



Limited includes wearing a mask on campus if not vaccinated,
virtual check in and
prayer request only from your device.

Services at 8:30 and 10:00.

Sunday services will be livestreamed on Facebook and You Tube
at 10:00 am.

Any changes in this schedule will be put in the
Weekly Enews and the website for the latest news.



Leave Fireworks to the Experts

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be legal but they are not safe.

In 2017, eight people died and over 12,000 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related incidents. Of these, 50% of the injuries were to children and young adults under age 20. Over two-thirds (67%) of injuries took place from June 16 to July 16. And while the majority of these incidents were due to amateurs attempting to use professional-grade, homemade or other illegal fireworks or explosives, an estimated 1,200 injuries were from less powerful devices like small firecrackers and sparklers.

Additionally, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires.

From NSC article on fireworks June 2021.



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COVID Guidelines Update - May 21, 2021

In the light of recent CDC, State, Local and Conference recommendations, Pastor Rick in concert with the Reopening Team is changing the First UMC Gilbert COVID guidelines and requirements as they apply to worship.

Effective immediately:

- **Registering for worship is no longer required**
- **For those fully vaccinated: mask is optional**
 - **Kids 6 and under: mask is optional**
- **For those who remain unvaccinated: mask is required**
 - **Due to their location, the choir will require masks**
 - **Social distancing: as individuals feel comfortable**
- **Attendees will be asked to sign-in at check-in table or online**

It is essential to consider the welfare of yourself and others and also please respect the choices of others.

These changes only affect Sunday worship and do not apply to other areas of ministry or groups meeting on campus.

**Please contact Pastor Rick with your questions or concerns at
pastorrick@gilbertumc.org**



VBS TEAM

Please follow the links to reserve your spot on the waiting list at this year's VBS!

July 12th-16th from 9am-12noon,
Monday-Friday.

VBS is open to preschool 3's thru
incoming 6th graders.

We need

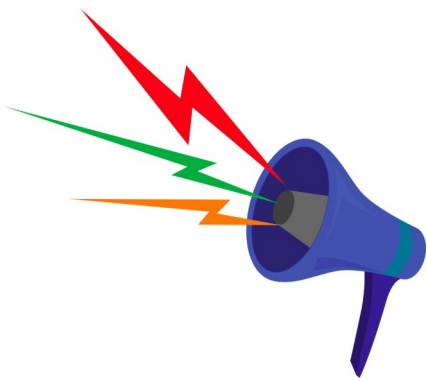
Youth and adults volunteers as well!

So email Janelle at

Childrensministry@gilbertumc.org

You must have had safe sanctuary training

Volunteer today!



Calling all Volunteers!

VBS is HERE! July 12th-16th we need your help!

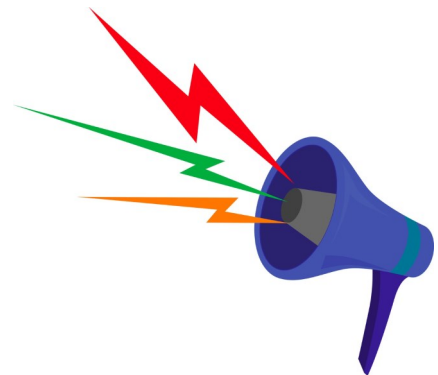
If interested in volunteering please reach out to children's ministry!

Youth entering 7th grade through adult!

Join us for a fun week of learning, growing, and having fun!

9am-noon Monday through Friday .

Come and join us and have fun!



In memory of John Smith
July 10th at 10:00



In Memory of Dan Hahn
July 24, 2021 at 10:00

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS FOR UMOM DADS

Randy Reed, a member of the Mission Committee, is shown delivering 36 bags of goodies for dads residing at the UMOM facility. The bags included shaving kit supplies, a hat, nail clippers, and chap stick.





Backpack/ Trapper Keeper/ School Supplies



With your generosity, last year First

United Methodist Church of Gilbert was able to provide Gilbert Elementary School with 60 backpacks, 60 trapper keepers, and some much-needed supplies. We hope that we can once again help out the children attending Gilbert Elementary by providing them with the tools they need to be successful.

If you would like to donate, you can either send a check to the church with “backpack” written in the memo or you can donate through online giving by selecting the Outreach Ministries/ Mission Section. Any amount of donation is very much appreciated!

Donations due by July 20th.





Beause every child deserves a home.....Family Promise thanks YOU!!

Our church came together in a BIG way to provide 5 families with nights of comfortable shelter, meals and loving support the week of June 20-27. We had well over 50 volunteers donate food, time and effort to give these moms the support they need on their journey back to self-sufficiency. Thank you to each of you who stayed overnight; spent time preparing, serving and cleaning up dinner; purchasing grocery items; setting up/cleaning up rooms and doing laundry. A special thank you to our church staff who worked hard behind the scenes to make sure everything worked like clockwork! We all agree, volunteering for Family Promise is as much a blessing to us as it is to the families we served.

One mom and her three young children were only with us Sunday night because she moved in to her own home on Monday! Very exciting! Another mom was hopeful about the several interviews she had during the week. Others spent their days searching for job prospects and submitting applications. After a week with us, the families moved on to another congregation for a week. They continue to be served at congregations a week at a time until they are able to get back into their own home. This usually takes 60 days or less. Experiencing homelessness is an overwhelming challenge but Family Promise shows how it can be done when people join together in faith and love.

Mark your calendars! Our next week to host will be November 7 - 14.





First UMC of Gilbert Youth Week of Service

Youth "Week of Service" June 13-18

In 2020 and again in 2021, the highly anticipated SSP (Sierra Service Project), summer youth mission trips were cancelled due to COVID. So the Youth Ministry team decided to do something new and different! During June 13-18th, many 1st Gilbert Youth, leaders, and parent volunteers participated in the "Week

of Service". They were able to complete many local service projects with various agencies around the valley. Sunday the youth held a Free Car Wash for the congregation during the worship services. Despite insisting that the car wash was free, many thoughtful congregants donated money to the youth totaling \$209. Those funds were split and given as donations to the organizations the youth served over the week. On Monday they worked at One Small Step Clothing closet in Gilbert. They were able to assist in sorting and inventorying many boxes of donations, clean and tidy the shopping area, children's play space, and various other tasks. This organization is wonderful because it provides new and like-new clothes and shoes for those struggling financially and homeless. They try to remove all barriers, and there are no qualifications to receive help. They want their customers to have empowering and uplifting experience. They also provide showers, laundry facilities and lockers for those experiencing homelessness. They are run 90% by volunteers. What a wonderful organization right in our own backyard. Monday afternoon the youth participated in a complex and fun strategy based game designed by one of our own youth leaders, Ron Mason. So much creativity went into this activity- thank you Ron! On Tuesday everyone was up early to help with farm chores at Aimee's Animal Farm Sanctuary in San Tan Valley. They youth worked so hard despite the draining heat, and also got to spend some quality time with the animals. What a fun experience! After some lunch and bob-sled building the youth traveled to South Phoenix, to serve at Wesley UMC with Pastor Sylvia Harris. They cleaned all the wood surfaces in the sanctuary, cleaned out some old storage spaces, and cleaned out some Sunday School spaces that had been unusable for some time. They filled a dumpster with this major clean-out, found some treasures, and persevered through the heat! Wednesday Water day was a day of rest and refreshment with a trip to Six Flags Hurricane Harbor water park in Glendale. The youth and leaders rocked the water slides and had a fun day. Thursday was another long day of service with the first stop at Midwest Food Bank in Mesa. The youth became experts at assembly lines and worked so well together to accomplish tasks. After lunch some very creative bobsled races were held in the activity center. The last activity of the day was packing food at Feed My Starving Children in Mesa which is always a fun activity! Friday started at United Food Bank in Mesa. This is the same organization that collected the food that was donated in April's food drive which 1st Gilbert participated in and was able to fill 3 bins of food donations. It was neat to see what the process is to sort the food donations after they arrive at the warehouse and how they are distributed to the smaller foodbanks throughout the east valley. The afternoon was spent baking cookies for

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Preschool News

www.gilbertpreschool.com



FUMC of Gilbert Preschool



Gilbert preschool



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Summer Reading Fun!

Reading daily to young children, starting in infancy, can help with language acquisition, communication skills, social skills, and literacy skills. This is because reading to your children in the earliest months stimulates the part of the brain that allows them to understand the meaning of language. Reading also helps promote critical thinking and problem solving skills as well as creating a wonderful bond between child and parent. Don't forget to visit your local library...they have great summer programs and read aloud events.



Literacy Ideas for ages 3-5

1. Fun With Letters

Children enjoy copying words out onto paper. Write your child's name and have him copy it himself with alphabet stamps, stickers, or magnets. Encourage him to "write" his own words using the letters. Your child will write letters backwards, spell seemingly randomly, and may hold his marker strangely — it's "all good" at this age when a child wants to communicate in writing of any kind.

2. What Word Starts With...

The letter-sound connection is one of the first steps to reading. Play a guessing game about your child's favorite words. What letter does "p-p-p-pirate" start with? How about "M-m-mommy"? Once your child guesses one correctly, see how many words you can come up with together that start with the same letter.

3. Your Child the Author

Three-year-olds can be chatty, and by age 4, it can be hard to get a word in edgewise. Take advantage of your child's interest in talking by writing a book together. Start out with something simple, like describing a fun day at a park or visiting friends. Staple a few pieces of paper together, and write out one or two of your child's sentences on each page. Then, read the story to her and let her illustrate it.

4. A Different Way to Read

Reading to your child is great — but what's even better is something called “dialogic” reading. That's when you ask your child to participate in the story. Before turning the page, ask your child what he thinks will happen next. You can also ask your child what other way the book could have ended. For example, with the classic book *Corduroy*, what would have happened if the little girl hadn't come back to take *Corduroy* home from the toy store?

5. Take Letters Outside

Kids are tactile and enjoy few activities more than poking things with a stick. Many preschools encourage kids to make letters out of Play Doh or draw them into sand or clay. The next time you are out in the park or at the beach, use your surroundings to play with letters. Take turns writing letters in the dirt, sand or whatever else you can find.

6. Just the Facts

Try getting your child interested in nonfiction books. At the library or bookstore, find books on your child's favorite topics. Cars, dinosaurs, dogs, and other topics are covered in on-level books with plenty of pictures, designed especially for kids this age.



Open House for enrolled families is Thursday, August 12th!

More information will be sent out through email at the beginning of July along with a welcome letter from your child's teacher.

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!

July 2021 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool and Kinder

1ST-6th Graders



SERIES

DESCRIPTION:

Trusting that God is who He says He is and that He will do the same things we read about in the Bible in our own lives can challenge all of us. We want to turn our trust level up as high as it will go, so we can experience all of who God says He is in our lives.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Jesus promised that He would always be with us. Because we believe this is true, we can be confident in Him every day. You can have confidence that He's working to transform you into exactly who God created you to be.



Core Insight:
Transformation

Connection

WEEK ONE: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego — Daniel 3:1-28.

WEEK TWO: Peter Walks on Water * — Matthew 14:22-33

WEEK THREE: Armor of God — Ephesians 6:10-17

WEEK FOUR: Nothing Can separate us from God's Love —Romans 8:38-39

BOTTOM LINE: I CAN TRUST GOD.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

Proverbs 3:5, NIV

Sunday School

Schedule

IN person Sunday School

During the 10:00 am

Service

Nursery available both services

Wednesday Wilds Zoom

4 pm on

Wednesday



CORE INSIGHTS

Faith • Connection

WEEK ONE: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego — Daniel 3

BOTTOM LINE: Trust that God is always with you.

WEEK TWO: Peter Walks on Water — Matthew 14:22-33

BOTTOM LINE: Stay focused on Jesus.

WEEK THREE: Armor of God — Ephesians 6:10-17. BOTTOM LINE: Use what God has given you to stand strong.

WEEK FOUR: Nothing Can Separate Us from God —Romans 8:38-39

BOTTOM LINE: You can trust God no matter what.

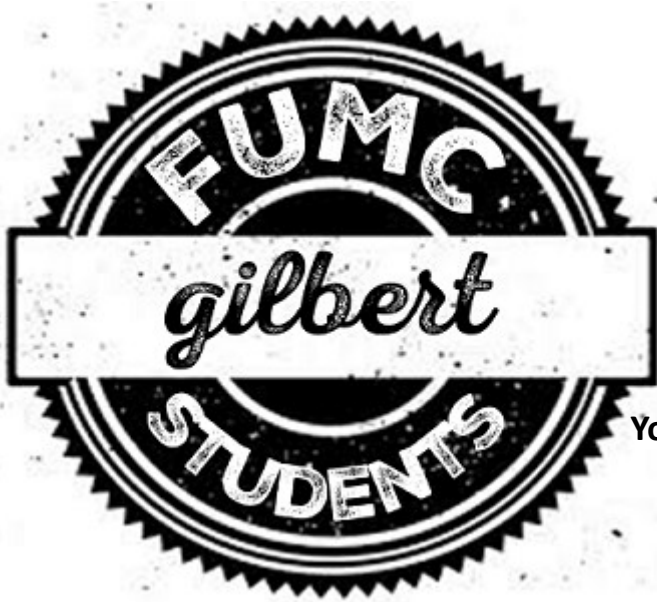
"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6, NIV

Mission:

We are not collecting yet.

Children's Ministry

Janelle Chiricuzio, Director children_ministry@gilbertumc.org



Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School July 11th
Sr. High Youth Room
During the 10am Service

Youth at Car Wash the first day of their
Week of Service!!!!!!



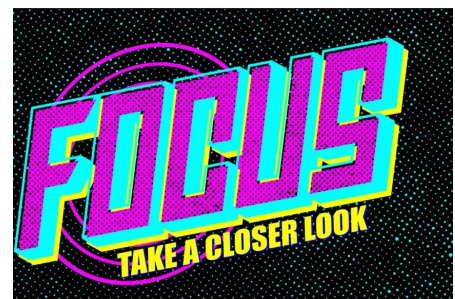
**Save the Date: Sunday July 18th Teens vs. Adults
Volleyball Game**

Youth Volleyball

The summer youth volleyball league is well underway. Volleyball practice is held each Sunday after the 10am service, between 11:30am-1pm. Games occur on Wed. evenings, usually at 6:45pm at either 1st Gilbert UMC or 1st Mesa UMC. There are more than 2 dozen youth playing volleyball this summer, with the largest team in the league! We have new 7th graders through just graduated 12th graders, and a mix of new players just learning the game to very experienced Volleyball players who are doing a great job mentoring and teaching their less experienced peers! 1st Gilbert has 2 wins, 1 loss so far this season- they are playing well! On Sunday July 18th for a teens vs. adults volleyball game to wrap up the season. All are welcome, youth do not need to have played volleyball this summer, and you don't have to be a youth parent, all are invited! Time is TBD- please watch the weekly Youth E-news for details in the coming weeks.

Youth Volunteers for VBS

Hey Youth, do you enjoy working with children? Want to help with VBS this summer? Details are still being finalized, but the proposed week is July 12-16th. Please email Children's Ministry if you might be interested.



Follow us on Instagram@fumcyouth

The whole leadership team and youth leaders are keeping you and your family in our prayers each week.



The Book Corner

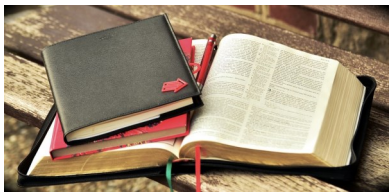
July's book is *The House of Kennedy* by James Patterson.

Nyra Vasquez will be leading the review of this Non fiction which was published in 2020.

The Book Club will meet July 15th at 11:30 in Room 130 and on zoom.

August 's book is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, a fiction book.

September 's book is *A Time For Mercy* by John Grisham, a fiction book.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We have started the Summer study "The Case For Christ" by Lee Strobel. They started May 11th and will continue through the summer.

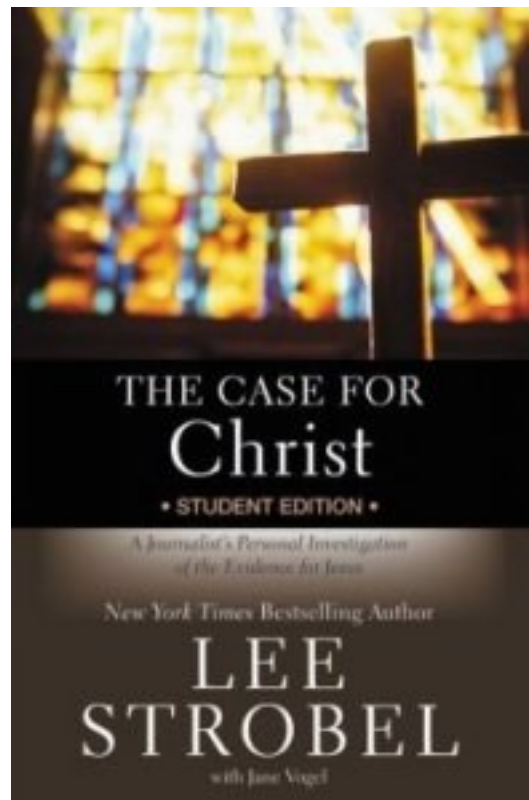
Please join us at 9:15 to 11:15 am in room 130

(the old choir room)

You can join at anytime.

Contact Sonja at

Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com



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

- In person is unlimited now. Masks will be worn, by the unvaccinated. Please be respectful and reverent in the sanctuary.
- **The Church office will be closed on July 5th in observance of July 4th.**
- Youth volley ball now going on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in activity center.
- John Smith Memorial Saturday July 10 at 10 am in the sanctuary.
- Youth Council Meeting July 11 at 12:30 in room 200. Save the Date for VBS July 12-16!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Space is limited! VBS is just around the corner!
If interested in volunteering please reach out to children's ministry! Youth entering 7th grade through adult! Join us for a fun week of learning, growing and having Fun from 9am to noon Monday through Friday if you would like to volunteer please email Janelle at Childrensministry@gilbertUMC.org
- Celebration of Daniel Hahn will be held in sanctuary July 24th time to be determined.
- Save the Date August 17th at 9:00 for the Women's Bible study Fall Kick off in activity Center!
- Save the date for Trunk or Treat date to be determined .

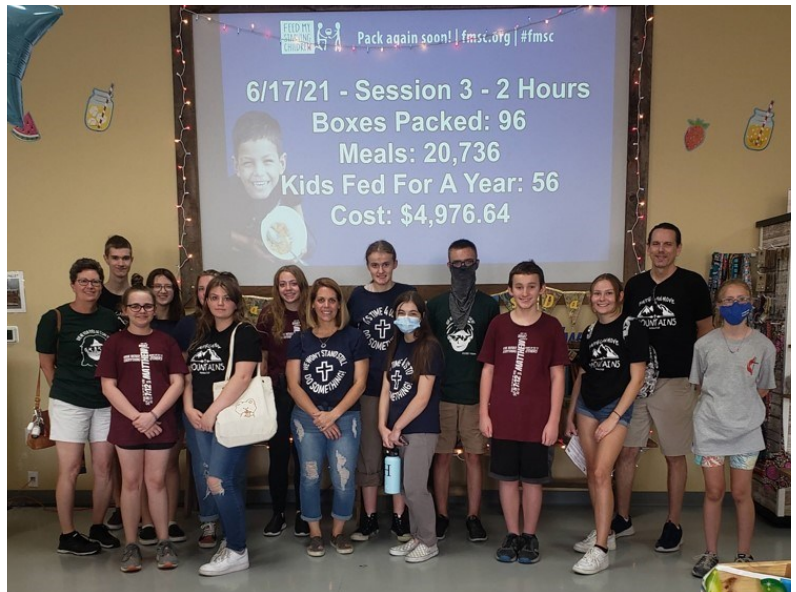




Youth week of Service more pictures and stories
 Father's Day, doing puzzles, playing volleyball, and just hanging out. Finally, after Youth Sunday, little gift bags with fresh baked cookies and a few dad-jokes, were given to all the men in the congregation. It was a long week but everyone worked so hard with a servants heart, and really had fun in the process. Thank you to all the youth who participated and worked so hard all week. Thank you to all the parents that drove their kids so they could participate in the activities each day. Thank you to Jenny Vallera and Janelle Chiricuzio for jumping in as parent volunteers and helping to drive kids and participate in the service projects.

Last but not least, the biggest thank you to Cindie Rempel and Ron Mason. These two phenomenal youth leaders donated their time, heart, and energy to make this Week of Service happen. We so appreciate their love for the teens in our church and their dedication to youth ministry! Thanks everyone for your continued support of Youth Ministry here at 1st Gilbert UMC!

Above at Midwest Food Bank
 To the right Feed my starving Children



Text-to-Give

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



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

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)

Prayers for those in need



During this time of uncertainty we will 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 request please mark **pastors only** and it will be given to the pastors.


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

Your
Prayer Team



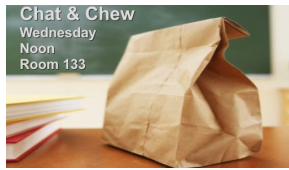
July Calendar of Events 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30 	2	3 Grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30 am
4 Communion Sunday Independence Day 	5 Church office in observance of Independence Day	6 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 	7 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Zoom Night Bible study 6:30	8 Shawl Ministry 1:00 	9	10 John Smith Memorial service at 10 am
11	12 VBS 12-16th 9 am to Noon 	13 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 off	14 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	15 Book Club 11:00 	16 VBS 	17 Mens Breakfast 8-9:30 
18	19	20 Tues Morn. Bible 9:15 	21 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	22	23	24 Dan Hahn memorial service at 10:00
25	26	27 Tues Morning Bible 9:15	28 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30 	29	30	31
1 Communion Sunday 	2					

August Calendar of Events 2021

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



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

July Birthdays



Jeffrey Hendrickson	1
Patricia Baker	2
Deborah Lester	2
Leonidas Ouellette	2
Lesieli Ouellette	3
Sarah Butler	7
Singlia Jandira Kopp	7
Madison Lutes	9
Jeni Hemingson	11
Xavier Ouellette	12
Daniel Rickert	13
Kathryn Turnrose	13
Margo Doss	14
Brianna Wiemers	16
Ruth Heer	17
Sofia Anne Mendoza	17
Samantha Mutach	17
Shayla Paap	17
Carolyn Bilski	18
Stacy Cantwell	19
Odus Elliott	19
Tyler Houseman	21
Ronald Dalton	22
Linda McKinley	22
Jean Post	22
Lane Ramirez	22
Divina Katching	23
David Mittner	23
Joe Strazz	23
Tom Bristow	24
Julie Curran	24

Scott Houseman	24
Bill Van Dam	24
Reagan Campbell	25
Benjamin Bouchie	27
Garin Campbell	27
Kim Bowers	28
Kay Pealstrom	29
Jason Rowley	31



July Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
2	Jennifer and Steven Burks	27
2	Ruby Rosemond and Joe Taylor	51
4	Lori and Bill Van Dam	45
13	Brenda and Stan Strom	36
20	Melissa and Randy Van Der Pol	25
21	Alexandra and Scot Houseman	21
22	Linda and Mike Cranford	60
22	Joyce and Dwight Metcalf	32
23	Pam and LeRoy Johnson	33
26	Anita and Ernie Broughton	46
26	Sarah and Bobby Metz	24
26	Brittainy and Daniel Murphy	13
28	Beth and Kevin Boesch	20
28	April and Seth Daugherty	14
31	Carolyn and Jerry Ward	45

Birthdays / Anniversaries