

# The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

April 2022



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Attendance  
March 27th 194  
Virtual viewing 135  
Total 329

Church office will be closed April 18th  
in observance of Easter



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

Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00am-4:00pm  
by appointment  
only

# Holy Week Services at First UMC Gilbert



<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 10</b>	<b>8:30 , 10:00 (streaming at 10:00)</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>6:30 (streaming at 6:30)</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>6:30 (streaming at 6:30)</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 17</b>	
<b>Sunrise Service</b>		<b>6:00 am</b>
<b>Tradition Service</b>		<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Blended Service</b>		<b>9:30 am ( streaming at 9:30 )</b>
<b>Childrens Easter Activity</b>		<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>All are welcome!</b>		

## Baptism of Elia Grace Velarde March 27, 2022



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

**Elizabeth and Al Aguiar** come to us from Rancho Bernardo California . They just celebrated 40 anniversary this last November and they have 2 grown children. Al loves to do leatherwork and Elizabeth likes reading, piano, and cooking.



**Nancy Adler** comes to us from a lifetime of being Methodist. She has been watching online. She likes singing, drawing, and cooking; not necessarily in that order .



**Gary and Kim Covert** joined us through the baptism of Kim and a reaffirmation of Gary from the Church of Christ. He is consultant of his own firm and she is a travel Agent with Silver Leaf Travel. They were married in 2009 and love to travel and hike.

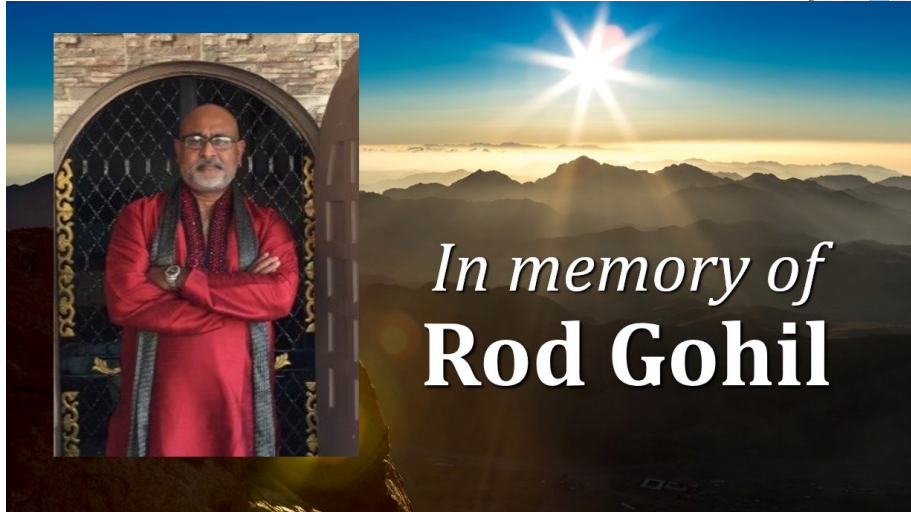


**Emily Velardi** is a stay at home mom and student that comes to us from Dayspring UMC . She and her husband, Daniel, has a three year old Elia Grace who will be baptized on March 27th.

## 2021 Giving Statements

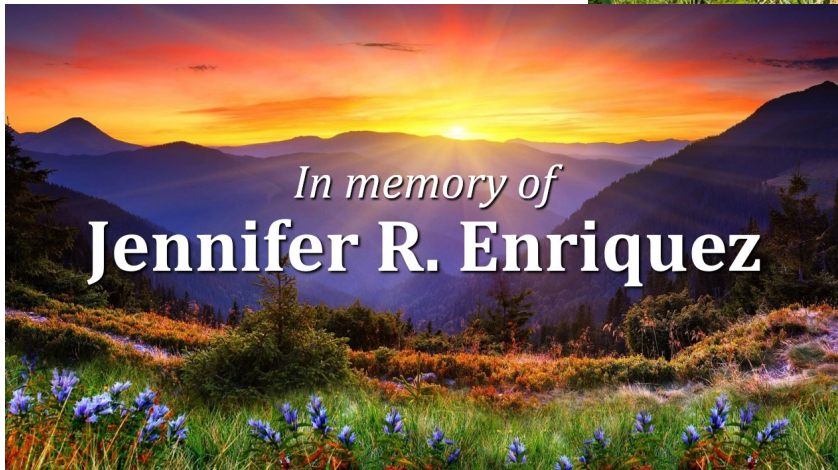
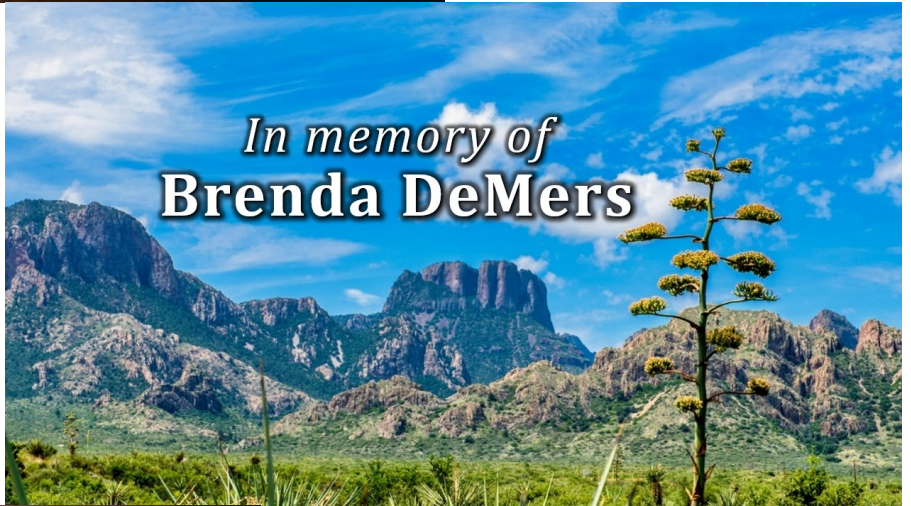
Giving statements were previously mailed and/or emailed depending on your preference. Please confirm that you have received your statement and review it for accuracy. Please contact the financial secretary with any corrections or questions by April 7, 2022. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Penny Legge  
480-546-7426  
financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org



Services for :

Rod Gohil            March 26 at 11:00am  
Brenda DeMers April 2 2 at 1:00pm  
Jennifer Enriquez   April 3 at Noon



**A Special Announcement from Desert Southwest Conference East District  
Superintendent  
Rev. N. Susan Brims  
March 24, 2022**



Dear Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church of Gilbert:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I pray you are experiencing a very Holy Lent. This is a time in the Christian year that shapes our faith in powerful ways, calling us to remember who we are as the people of God, and reminding us how we are to live.

In faith I want to share with you the news that after prayerful discussion Bishop Grant J. Hagiya has discerned that there will be a change in an appointment at your church. Bishop Hagiya intends to appoint the Rev. Diamond Pate as pastor of Federated Community Church in Flagstaff, effective July 1, 2022. Rev. Pate will continue to serve as your associate pastor until June 30, 2022. As I share this word with you, I also want to thank you for the opportunities Rev. Pate has had in the first appointment in her career as a pastor.

Rev. Pate has been your associate pastor for the past 4 years. During that time, we know you have come to appreciate the many gifts she brought to your church. In the time between now and when Rev. Pate begins her new appointment we know you will want to find appropriate ways to express your gratitude to Diamond for all that she means to you and the ministry of your church.

As your district superintendent, I have been in conversation with your Staff Parish Relations Committee about the gifts and graces needed in the next associate pastor. To address some of the financial concerns of First UMC-Gilbert, I understand that we will be looking for an associate pastor who is able to serve less than full time. Please know that Bishop Grant and the appointive cabinet have been in prayerful discussion and hope to be able to soon share with you the news about a new appointment. Until that time we ask you to be in prayer with us.

In closing, let me share with you the words from one of my favorite hymns. "In the Midst of New Dimensions," Words and Music by Julian Rush (1985):

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways. Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

Bishop Grant and all of us on the appointive cabinet pray for you during this time of change.

May God's blessings and peace be with you all.

Your Sister in Christ,

Rev. N. Susan Brims  
East District Superintendent.

## Presentation of Third and Fourth Grade Bibles



These students took a special class taught by Lydia Ramirez to learn about the Bible, the books of the Bible and how to use the Bible in many ways. Their parents were asked to join them at the front. Janelle Chiricuzio talked about the wrappings of the Bibles.

- The first layer is wrapped in gift wrapping paper and signifies that the Bible is a gift from this church family to you.
- Second layer is wrapped the package in newspaper to signify that the Bible is a book about the Good News of God interacting with God's people.
- The last layer is wrapped in gold paper to signify that it is a precious gift.

Receiving their Bibles are Oliver Quin Cantwell, Simon Daugherty, Scarlet Nicole Hampton, Kyle Charles Hanson, Lily Grace High, Abigail Rose Koenig, Sofia Anne Mendoza, Leona Jane Metz, Zander Jay Reid Murphy, Xavier S. Tevita Ouellette, Victoria Kaydence Paap, Lane Parker Ramirez, and Kylie Marie Wilkins. **Congratulations to all of our Bible Students!!!**

## First Gilbert is seeking a part-time Organist/Accompanist

First Gilbert is seeking a part-time Organist/Accompanist for approximately 15 hours per week. The Organist/Accompanist will report to the Music Director, and coordinates with the Senior Pastor. Principal responsibilities include:

- Plan, rehearse and perform Sunday worship music (currently 8:30 and 10:00 am)
- Accompany choir rehearsals (currently Wednesdays at 7:00 pm)
- Music includes preludes, postludes, hymns, offertories, communion
- Accompanist to soloists and special ensembles as needed

Candidates should be an accomplished musician (organ and piano); experienced in sacred music in a traditional environment; have good sight-reading skills; be a good communicator (verbal, email, Zoom); with conducting/directing experience a plus.





### Mothers Day Purses Drive

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 1st, 2022. 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. Any questions please contact Paige Cantwell at [missions@gilbertumc.org](mailto:missions@gilbertumc.org)



### First Gilbert Missions Needs Volunteers to Refurbish Refugee Center

Volunteers are needed to refurbish apartments for asylum seekers at the Refugee Center in California. Work continues this weekend and ongoing painting the apartments (with some electrical and plumbing work for those who have those skills). Temperatures may get very cold.

A team departing from the Phoenix area will be organized by Polly Turner 480-861-9033 or [pollyit@outlook.com](mailto:pollyit@outlook.com). A van may be available depending on the number of volunteers from this area. Volunteers should be 16 years and older.

See the pictures on page 13 of the kind of work and painting that is being done. For additional information contact Mike Miller at 602-999-7554 or [jmmiller49@cox.net](mailto:jmmiller49@cox.net)



**Make Waves VBS 2022**  
**Save the date! June 6th- 10th**

FUMC of Gilbert will be hosting a fun week of VBS in the mornings of June 6th-10th. This will run from 9am-12 noon Monday through Friday. Our VBS is open to kids entering preschool 3's- 6th graders. Registration for this event will open March 1st!

We can't wait to make waves and tons of fun and friends with you all!  
We love our 7th graders-adults to volunteer at this fun event as well.  
Please email with any questions and watch for the registration email to come.  
[childrensministry@gilbertumc.org](mailto:childrensministry@gilbertumc.org)

**We will need volunteers please use the same email for questions about Volunteering!**



## Summer Camp 2022

Here are the sessions and their descriptions. Please consider sending your children/ grandchildren. Also consider donating to the camp scholarship program, even if you don't have any children who can be involved.

### **SUMMER CAMP 2022**

**SESSION 1: JUNE 6-8**

**MINI CAMP**

**(FOR RISING 1ST-3RD GRADERS)**

**SESSION 2: JUNE 20-25**

**ELEMENTARY CAMP I**

**JR. HIGH CAMP 1**

**SR. HIGH ADVENTURES IN LEADERSHIP**

**SESSION 3: JUNE 27-JULY 2**

**ELEMENTARY CAMP II**

**JR. HIGH CAMP II**

**SR. HIGH ADVENTURES IN MISSION**

**SESSION 4: JULY 4-9**

**ELEMENTARY CAMP III**

**YOUTH ARTS CAMP**

**(FOR RISING 7TH-GRADUATED SENIORS)**

**SESSION 5: JULY 17-21**

**NIGHT OWLS**

**(FOR RISING 7TH-GRADUATED SENIORS)**





# Spring Family Picnic Fun at First UMC of Gilbert





## More Spring Picnic Pictures

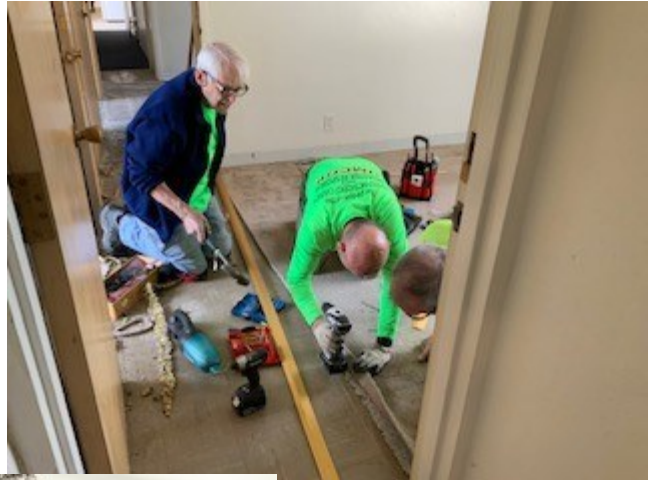
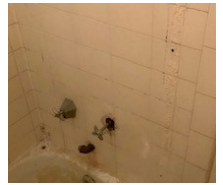
Games and fun had by all!

Thank you all who supplied pictures.





**Pictures from Refugee Center Project in California**  
 Still taking volunteers over 16 years of age who wants to do who  
 wants to help. Contact Mike Miller at  
[jmmiller49@cox.net](mailto:jmmiller49@cox.net).



Preschool News  
[www.gilbertpreschool.com](http://www.gilbertpreschool.com)



FUMC of Gilbert Preschool



Gilbert preschool



@gilpreschool

## REGISTER NOW!

Our preschool has classes for 3, 4 and 5 year olds! At this time, we have a waitlist started for our Pre-k program and a few remaining spots for our 3's class. Check out our website and give us a call for a tour! Please share this information with a friend.

**Literature Week-** In March we celebrated literature week with "spirit day" activities. We learned about different authors and books and dressed accordingly to go with specific themes which included hat day, pajama day, color day and favorite book character day. We ended the week with a little parade to celebrate our love of reading.





### **Gardening with Preschoolers-**

Did you get a chance to see the Children's Garden in the courtyard?

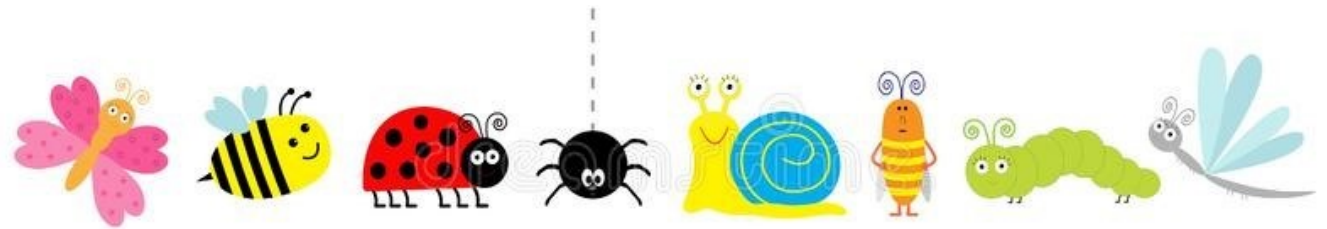
We grew spring mix lettuce, snap peas, romaine lettuce, and rainbow carrots! The preschoolers harvested their produce, enjoyed it for snack, and brought some home. This was such a great learning experience for them to see how these vegetables grow!



**Spring Themes** – Right after Spring Break in March, we learned about gardens, ladybugs and caterpillars. Students observed ladybugs in class and were able to hold some before they were released in our garden. Each class also watched caterpillars turn into a chrysalis before hatching to a butterfly. We sure love this world God has

made including all the living insects and bugs!

At the beginning of April we will look forward to learning about the letter Ee as we prepare for Easter with fun crafts in the classroom. We will learn a new bible verse during chapel, "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes." The children love to celebrate Jesus.



# Happy spring and Happy Easter!

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

## April 2022 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

### Preschool and Kinder



#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Jesus is alive, and He wants to be our friend forever. He truly is with us always. That means there will never come a day that is too dark. There will always be hope, because Jesus is with us and wants to be our friend forever.

#### CORE INSIGHT: RESTORATION

WEEK ONE: Walking On Water — Matthew 14:22-33

WEEK TWO: Palm Sunday — Matthew 21:1-11,15-16

WEEK THREE Easter \* — Matthew 26:21-30; 27:1-2; 28:1-7

WEEK FOUR: Breakfast on the Beach — John 21:1-14

BOTTOM LINE: JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

"I am with you always." Matthew 28:20, NIV

**Weds Wilds**  
**at 6:30pm**  
**in room 205 Kinder-6th**  
**graders. Register online**  
**On our website.**  
**We need this to be**  
**prepared for the**  
**children please.**

### 1ST-6th Graders



#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

We can't always understand why some things happen. But we can believe in a God who keeps His promises. We can have hope—even in the toughest times—because we know God can make something good out of something bad.

#### CORE INSIGHTS:

FAITH • CONNECTION

WEEK ONE: Building the Tabernacle — Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1,3; 31:1-11; 35:21,25,34; 39:42-43

(Exodus 19, 25) BOTTOM LINE: God wants us to work together.

WEEK TWO: Palm Sunday — John 12:9-16

BOTTOM LINE: Whatever happens, remember God is still working.

WEEK THREE: Crucifixion and Resurrection — John 18:1—20:18

BOTTOM LINE: Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.

WEEK FOUR: Jesus Appears to Thomas — John 20:19-29

BOTTOM LINE: Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.

"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."

John 16:33b, NIV

**Mission: Easter**  
**basket items**  
**plastic eggs,**  
**Easter grass ,**  
**non candy items**







Jr. High Sunday School  
Room #200 with Ron  
During the 10am Service  
Sr High Sunday school in  
Sr high room #201-202 with Ms. Cindie

**Save the Date  
to Volunteer at  
Vacation Bible School  
June 6-10th, 9am-12pm  
More info to come...**



### **SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS**

**(Activities are tentative and times TBD- keep watching Youth News for details)**

March 27th and April 3rd- (tentative)- Stock Sales (patio) for SSP

April 1-2, 2022- Confirmation Retreat (PVUMC)

4-10pm Friday, 8am- 9pm Saturday

April 9th- Volunteer at Mesa Garden, 8-11am

April 10th- Youth Group- Outdoor Movie Night, 6-9pm

April 24th- Youth Group- Tie Dye at the Park 3-5pm

May 1st- Youth Group- Cooking Club and Group Dinner 3-6pm

May 7th- Volunteer at Mesa Garden, 8-11am

May 15th- Youth Group-Roller Skating (tentative 3-5pm)

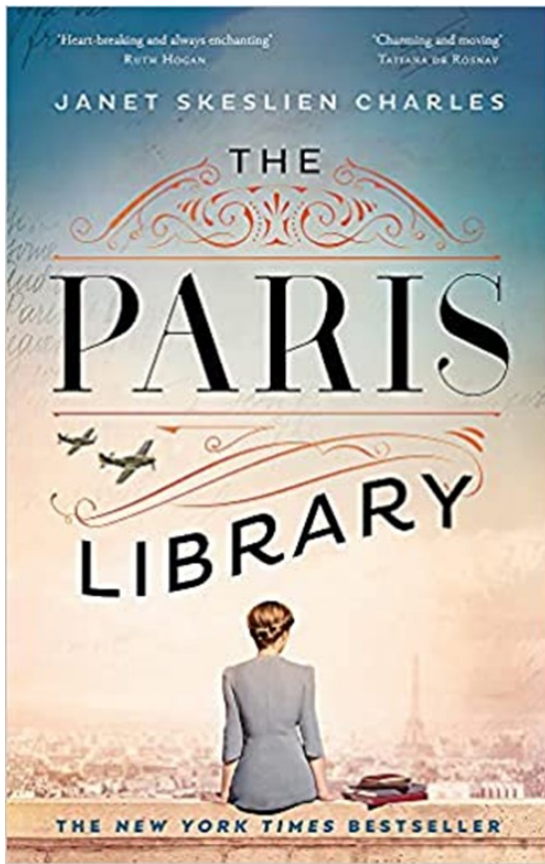
June-July 2022, Mingus Mountain Summer Camps, multiple weeks available (click [here](#) for dates and details)

July 8-17th, 2022- SSP, Summer Mission Trip



**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 !



## The Book Corner

April's book is The Paris Library  
by Janet Skelien Charles  
2021 publication

Helen will be leading the  
review of this  
historical fiction book which was  
published in 2020.

The Book Club will meet  
April 21st at 11:30 in  
Room 130 and on zoom.

May book will be The War Nurse  
By Tracey Enerson Wood .

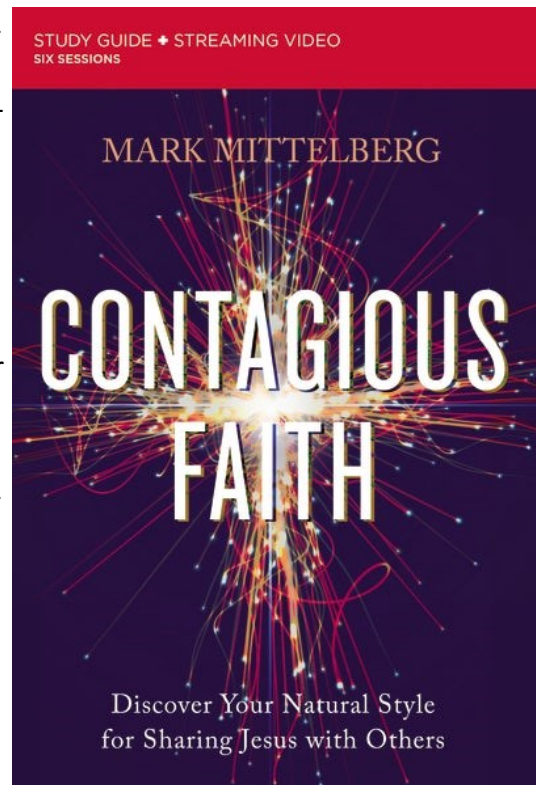
## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our next book Contagious Faith by Mark Mittelberg starting .3.22 at 9:30-11:15 (9:15 social time, prayers and praises ).Same format as before (in person only) no masks required (but highly recommended) with large group video then small group discussion.

Please let me know if you want the book (so we can order enough) and if you need nursery care (so I can let those that arrange that, know.) Please share with friends/neighbors that might be interested in joining our multi denominational Christian group. In this new video-based training course, bestselling author and teacher Mark Mittelberg introduces you to the five Contagious Faith Styles—Friendship-Building, Selfless-Serving, Story-Sharing, Reason-Giving, and Truth-Telling—and helps you discover which of these approaches (or combination of them) will enable you to naturally share your faith in Jesus with the people around you. The Contagious Faith assessment will help you identify your primary style, along with any secondary styles you discover. It will give you next steps for developing and deploying your natural approach in order to reach others for Christ. It will also emphasize the importance of all the skill set areas discussed

in the Contagious Faith book, and wherever natural it will prompt them to try out the skills discussed on the video with someone else in the group. In this way their effectiveness and confidence will grow—and with it, their potential for bearing spiritual fruit by impacting the lives of others. Contact Sonja Ruhland at

Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com



## Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

- In person is unlimited now. Masks are highly recommended to be worn, by all regardless of vaccination status. Please be respectful and reverent in the sanctuary.
- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136 Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship.
- April 7rd at 9:30 am Christian Women's Fellowship meets in Room 130.
- Palm Sunday is April 10th services at 8:30 and 10:00 streamed at 10:00.
- Maundy Thursday service will be held April 14th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.and will be streamed
- Good Friday services will be held April 15th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.and be will streamed
- **Preschool will be on break April 15th and 18th in observance of Easter.**
- Easter Sunday services will be at 6:00, 8:00, and 9:30 streamed at 9:30 .
- **Church office will be closed on April 18th in observance of Easter.**
- Book Club Meets April 21st at 11:30 am in Room 130 April's book is The Paris Library by Janet Selien Charles.
- May 5th is the National Day of Prayer.
- May 8th is Mother's Day .
- Campfire Gathering April 22nd at 6:30 pm ... watch for further details in the e news.





### 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](mailto:prayers@gilbertumc.org). If it is pastors only request 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastordiamond@gilbertumc.org) or 480-892-9166*

**Grief Share Support Group will be In person  
at Sunrise Assisted Living Center  
All Are Welcome  
580 S Gilbert Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85296**

Grief Share is for those who have lost someone close to them, this group is led by Kay Pealstrom [kpealstrom@aol.com](mailto:kpealstrom@aol.com) is meeting on Saturdays from 9am-10:30am

Masks Required Workbook and class materials required




*Living Hope*

### **Living Hope Support Group**

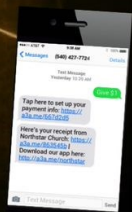
A group for those experiencing trauma or dealing with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. (Small groups are contingent on the CDC guidelines)

**Text-to-Give**

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

For first usage only:

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



# April Calendar of Events 2022

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

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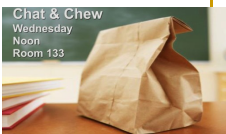
Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1

2 grief share  
Every Saturday  
9:00-10:30

3 Communion  
Sunday



4

5 Tues Morning  
Bible 9:15



6 Chat N Chew  
Noon  
Wednesday  
Night Bible study  
6:30

7 Christian  
Women's Fellow-  
ship 9:30



8



10 Palm  
Sunday

11

12 Tuesday  
morning Bible  
study 9:15



13 Chat N  
Chew Noon  
Wednesday  
Night Bible study  
6:30

14 Shawl  
Ministry 10:00  
Maundy Thursday  
Service 6:30



15 Good Fri-  
day service 6:30



16

17 Easter



18

19 Tuesday  
morning Bible  
study 9:15



20 Chat N Chew  
Noon  
Wednesday  
Night Bible study  
6:30

21 Book Club  
11:00



22

23

24

25

26 Tues  
Morning Bible  
9:15

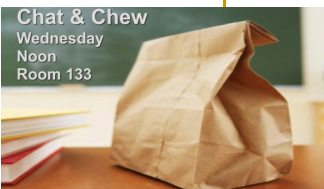


27 Chat N Chew  
Noon Wednesday  
Night Bible study  
6:30

28

29

30



# May Calendar of Events 2022

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

**1** Communion  
Sunday



**8** Mothers  
Day



**15**

**22**

**29**



**2**

**9**

**16**

**23**

**30** Memo-  
rial day

**3** Tues  
Morning Bible  
9:15



**10** Tues  
Morning Bible  
9:15



**17** Tues Morn-  
ing Bible  
9:15 off



**24** Tues Morn.  
Bible 9:15



**31** Tues Morn-  
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9:15

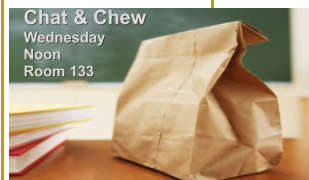


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**11**  
Chat N Chew  
Noon Wednes-  
day Night  
Bible study 6:30

**18** Chat N  
Chew Noon  
Wednesday  
Night Bible study  
6:30

**25** Chat N  
Chew Noon  
Wednesday  
Night Bible  
study 6:30



**5** Christian  
Women's 9:30  
National day of  
Prayer



**12** shawl  
Ministry 1:00



**19** Book  
Club  
11:00



**26** Ascension  
day

**6**

**13**

**20**

**27**

**7** Grief share  
every Sat 9:00-  
10:30 at Sunrise

**14**



**21**

**28**

**April Birthdays**



Anah Victoria Whittington	2
Taleen Carpenter	3
Christina Tesarek	4
Kathy Tracy	5
Gloria Eggen	8
Jeannine Langdon	10
Dennis Hazelrigg	10
Carol Scharff	11
Matthew Ramirez	12
Ernestine Tesarek	12
Jeff Snyder	16
Francoise Kaj	19
Joseph Norris	19
Valerie Kellogg	20
Mary Ann Kolmer	20
Doug Rhoden	21
Jonathon Chuk	23
Michael Tremain	25
Lily Smith	27
Michael Cranford	30



**April Anniversaries**

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
09	Jonie and Bruce Woolsey	56
11	Abigail and Doug Rhoden	07
17	Delaine and Richard Anthony	41
17	Jan and Glen Compton	18
17	Sini and Scott Ouellette	16
20	Patti and Dirk Smith	09
22	Jenny and Ray Vallera	27
25	Lora and Joe Norris	30
30	Keela and Mike Clark	33
30	Jo Lyn and Irvin Harder	34

