

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

August 2022



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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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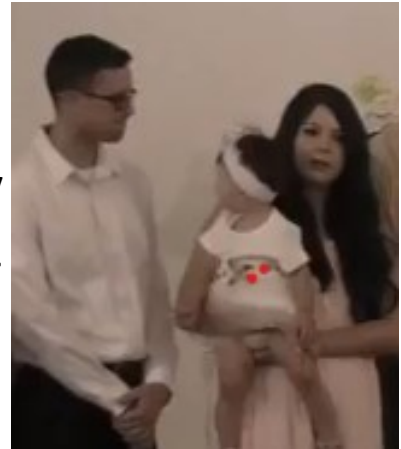
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Monday-Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm
Friday
by appointment
only

Attendance
July 24th....142

Virtual viewing 125

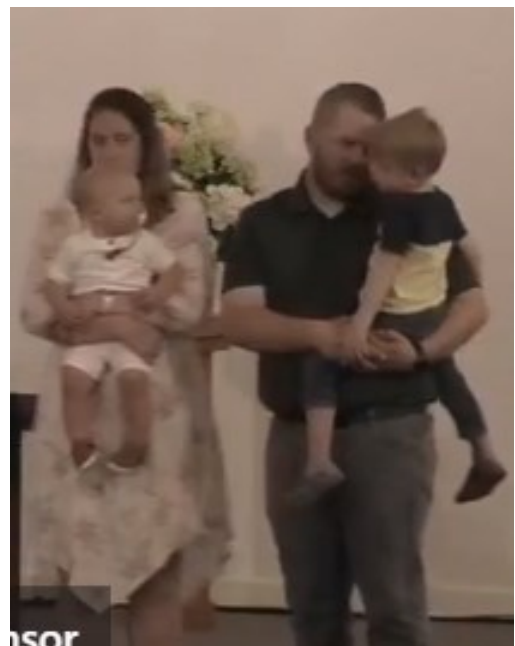
Meet our new members. Please welcome them when you see them on campus

Lillian Marie Cary is the daughter of Nilza and David Corley . She is married to Wesley Andrew Cary. Together they have a daughter, Ellie Azlin Cary, who just turned one. Wes and Lilly have been married for almost 8 years. Lilly is a Speech Therapist at Lauren Institute for Education and Wes works for the TSA.



David and Nilza Corley married 31 years ago and have two adult children Lillian and Thomas. David works for Darby Customer Service and Nilza is retired.

Sarah Redd is coming to us from Song of Life. She is married to Jason Redd both are teachers . Sarah works for the Queen Creek school district and Jason works for the Chandler school district. They have two boys Lincoln who is 3 and August who is almost 1!



Baptisms



Ellie Azlin Cary is the daughter of Lillian Marie and Wesley Andrew Cary and granddaughter of David and Nilza Corley. She was born on May 5, 2021 and just turned 1. Ellie was baptized on July 17th .

August Elijah Redd is the son of Sarah and Jason Redd and has a big brother Lincoln who is three. August was born on August 16, 2021 and will soon be 1. August was also baptized on July 17th.



Andrew Anthony Mussi is choosing to be baptized and he is the son of Glenn and Crista Mussi. They started to attend in 2019 . Andrew was baptized on July 24th.





**Friday, August 19
at 6:40 pm**

*Faith and
Family Night*

D-Backs vs. St. Louis Cardinals
Followed by a concert: Switchfoot!

Reserve your
tickets now
payment need
to be made by
8.5.2022

For tickets and more information, call Eric Butler: 480-415-8175

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert
Family Ministries presents...

Movie Night

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 26
7:00 PM**

Join us in the activity center
We'll provide the popcorn
Bring a comfy chair or blanket
and your favorite movie candy
Movie TBD!

Save the Date.....

2022 Trunk or Treat!

TRUNK *or* TREAT

Monday, October 31
6pm to 8pm

Join us for this free community
event. Safe fun for the whole family!

- Trick or treating
- Free hot dogs, chips and water
- Trunk decoration contest
- Music and fun!

Trunks, volunteers, and
donations needed!

Contact Eric Butler:
480-415-8175
home@mebutler.com

Missions at work in our Community

Our project GES is going to be a year round mission, as the need is great . We have adopted two elementary schools in the Gilbert School District and we supply their snack closet. This is a closet that is used when children come to school hungry or do not have money for lunch. Please help us with this mission.

DONATION LIST FOR GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

******All food items must be individually packaged******

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Gatorade | Cups of Mac'n Cheese(just add H2O) |
| Cheez-Its | Water |
| Goldfish | Granola Bars/Breakfast Bars |
| Fruit Snacks | Pop Tarts |
| Peanut Butter-filled or Cheese-filled Crackers | |

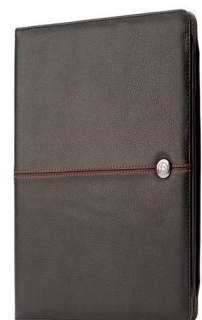


This is now a year round project!



We donated enough money collectively to donate 60 Trapper keepers. And \$1500.00 for needed supplies We could not of done this without you! The children attending Gilbert Elementary will have the tools they need to be successful.

You are so appreciated We will be Blessing the Trapper Keepers on August 7th.



It Is Time to Reconnect

Each one of us seeks to have a relationship with God for a variety of different reasons. Our church is a communal place to be a source of comfort, safety, spiritual growth and learning. Whatever the reasons are that you seek God, we are a source to help with spiritual transformation.



Our lives have all been altered to a “new normal.” As a church we are adjusting and learning different ways to engage and be a continued resource. It is with great excitement that we can publish our plans to reconnect with an Open Heart, Open Table event. On Wednesday, August 10th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm we will have dinner and live music from the Rags Allen Trio!! Menu is taco salads and nacho bar with some yummy desserts. There is no fee, free will donation or a donation for the food bank would be appreciated.

It has been an incredibly long time since we have had dinners on Wednesday evenings. To adjust to a new norm, the format is being tweaked. We will kick off our Fall Wednesday Education programming on August 10th but we will all stay together and enjoy the wonderful music and food. Let’s take the spirit of open table to heart! Invite a neighbor, family member or a friend. Make this an evening of entertainment and joyous celebration of the simple act of reconnecting. On Wednesday, August 17th the education and choir practices begin. The next get together for dinner will be Wednesday, September 28th. As more decisions are made, we will publish more information. If you are willing to help with planning, teaching a class or finding new ways to reconnect you can always reach out to me.

Our prayers are that we find a way to navigate our daily schedules to clear a path to attend on August 10th. Reconnecting is a means to make a choice that hopefully is part of each of our quests to desire God in all our personal and communal settings. To be His everywhere all the time.

Come on, let’s reconnect!

Pastor Adriana

Class Activities on Wednesdays starting August 17th	Facilitator
<i>At the Cross: Meditations on People Who Were There by Richard Bauckham and Trevor Hart</i> Providing a profound way of enabling the power of Jesus and his crucifixion to touch our lives at any time.	Pastor Rick
<i>Courage by Tom Berlin</i> Jesus and the call to brave faith. We do our best to live our lives as Jesus lived. Courage is needed to do this. Six week study exploring unlocking our courage.	Pastor Adriana
<i>Moses by Adam Hamilton</i> In the footsteps of the reluctant prophet. A six week study looking at Moses’ life, although he resisted God’s calling, by the end of his life he successfully lived into his role.	Philip
<i>A Hopeful Earth by Sally Dyck</i> Faith, Science and Messages from Jesus. A seven session look at the environment that is God’s creation and the Christians that should be at the front of the crowd taking care of it.	TBD
<i>Wednesday Wilds</i> A Christian lesson and activity geared to make learning fun!	Pam & Frankie
<i>Choir Practice</i>	Randy

SSP pictures from 2022 projects



Smith River, CA



Safety tips for monsoon season (June 15 to September 30)

- If you don't have time to do either before your visibility is suddenly reduced by dust or heavy rains, slow down and keep driving straight. Don't make unnecessary lane changes. If you feel like conditions are too bad to continue driving, slowly pull off **the side of the road as far right as you can, turn off your car, turn off your lights, and keep your foot off the brake pedal.** Otherwise, drivers might come up behind you and, thinking you are still in motion, rear end your vehicle.



- Because the rest of the year is so dry, the ground in the Valley has a difficult time absorbing the intense monsoon rains. Washes fill quickly, and entire streets may even flood. A few years ago, I-10 was impassable for a brief period. Whatever you do, don't underestimate the flowing water! What looks like only an inch or two can be much deeper. As little as 6 inches can sweep you off your feet and 24 inches can wash your car off the road. Even a high-clearance vehicle is at risk in just 24 inches.



- Remember to drive cautiously even if your visibility is not greatly reduced, especially at the beginning of a storm when oils and other automotive fluids can make the road unusually slick.



- If you are caught outside, stay away from open fields, high land, trees, poles, and other tall objects to avoid being struck by lightning. You also want to avoid swimming pools and golf clubs.



- Stay off the phone, if you have a landline (or are in a hotel that does) to avoid getting a shock from a nearby lightning strike. Use your cell phone, if you must, but even this should be minimized to keep lines open for emergencies.



- Avoid plumbing fixtures, including showers, baths, and sinks, since lightning can travel through metal pipes. A monsoon storm is not a good time to take a shower.



- Keep your distance from windows, which can be struck by blowing debris, including trees. It's not uncommon for high winds to knock over large trees, and if you're next to a window at the time, you can suffer severe injury from flying glass.



- If you approach an area with running water, **DO NOT attempt to cross it, especially if a nearby sign warns against crossing when flooded. Arizona has what's called the "Stupid Motorist Law," which allows municipalities and rescue agencies to charge you for the cost of being rescue if you fail to observe posted warnings. Your miscalculation can cost you not only financially but it can cost you your life.**



Preschool News
www.gilbertpreschool.com



FUMC of Gilbert Preschool



Gilbert preschool



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The preschool staff at First United Methodist Preschool are all super excited to start a new school year. The teachers have been busy preparing the classrooms and getting ready to welcome both our previous and new families!

Our First Days of Class are August 1st and 2nd at 9am

Our preschool classes are full at this time. However, we are still offering tours and have a waitlist started. If you're interested in more information, please check out our website, <http://gilbertumcpreschool.com> or give us a call for a tour!



Open House/Meet the Teacher- July 21st and July 28th

All enrolled families please make sure you select a time through signupgenius to come and meet your teacher. The link can be found on the teacher welcome letter that was emailed in June. We'll have school t-shirts to buy for \$15, and PreK students can sign up for lunch bunch



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!

Back to School Time- How can you make the transition into a school routine easier on the kids and on parents? Try these fun and easy ideas even before the school year begins:

- Set out clothes the night before
- Get up at the same time each morning
- Give everyone a morning hug
- Walk through the steps together to get the kids ready, gradually having them take on one responsibility at a time themselves. It's ok if their hair is combed in a funny way or their hairclips don't match their shirt!
- Sit down and eat a healthy breakfast
- Check out the library for some "back to school" books.

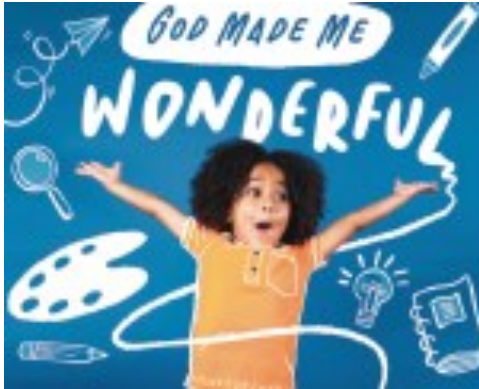
"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad today."



If you have any questions about the preschool, please email preschool@gilbertumc.org or call 480-892-9166. Director Lisa DePalma would love to speak with you!

August 2022 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool and Kinder



SERIES DESCRIPTION:

When was the last time you considered the wonder of this world – birds calling, crashing waves, snow-capped mountains, the person you see in the mirror? As amazing as this world is, the person you see in the mirror is God's most wonderful creation because people are the only creation made in God's very own image.

CORE INSIGHT:

IDENTITY

WEEK ONE: God Made You*—Genesis 1

WEEK TWO: Wonderfully Made*—Psalm 139:14; Genesis 1:26

WEEK THREE: In God's Image—Acts 17:24; Psalm 46:1, Proverbs 2

WEEK FOUR: You Are Important to God—Luke 12:7

BOTTOM LINE: GOD MADE ME WONDERFUL.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14, NIV

1ST-6th Graders



SERIES DESCRIPTION:

God is love. Even though we've all sinned, God loves us enough to make a way to fix our broken relationship. Jesus showed us how much God loves us by dying on the cross for our sins. We can love others the way God loves us.

COMPASSION • DESIGN

WEEK ONE: Greatest Commandment—Matthew 22:34-40

BOTTOM LINE: Love God by loving others.

WEEK TWO: Creation—Genesis 1-2

BOTTOM LINE: God made us to take care of each other

WEEK THREE: The Fall—Genesis 3 (supporting: Genesis 2:15-17; The Gospels)

BOTTOM LINE: God loves us no matter what.

WEEK FOUR: God Chooses Abram—Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6
BOTTOM LINE: God has a plan to show love to the world

"Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins." 1 John 4:10, NIRV

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.

Mission: to be determined.



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

**Volunteer Opportunity at
UMOM**

**Wed. Aug. 24th
5:15pm-8:30pm**

**Volunteers spend time reading
with children ages 4 -12 years
old at UMOM's family shel-**

ter. Help promote literacy through these positive, one-on-one experiences.

RSVP [HERE](#) by 7/22 please.



**Pictures from SSP 2022 can be found on
Pages 6-7 of this months Evangel**



SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

Aug 7th- (tentative)- SSP Dessert Night for Stock Holders/families

Aug 21st- Youth Group (TBD)

Aug 24th (Wed)- UMOM Read to Me Volunteer Opportunity

Sept 18th- Youth Group (TBD)

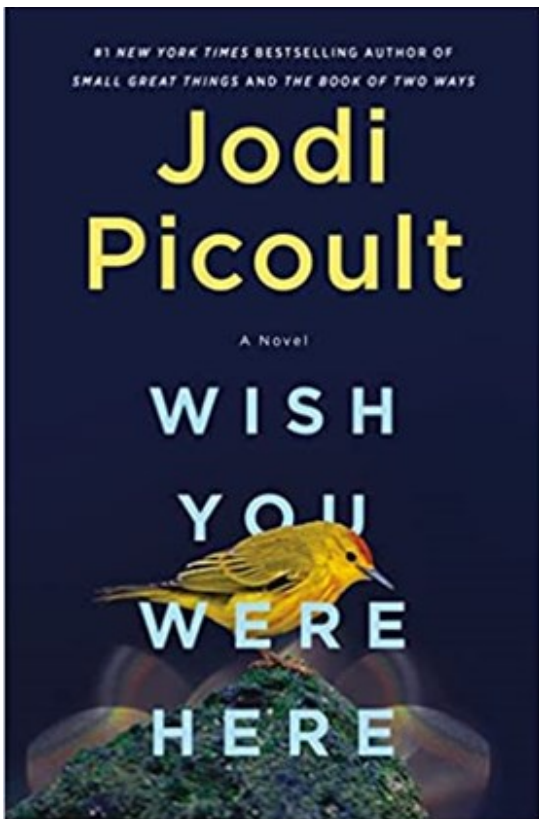
Sept 30- (Optional Weekend) LBGTQIA+ Allies Retreat at Mingus

Oct 14- (Optional Weekend) Family Camp at Mingus



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

August's book is Wish You Were Here

By Jodi Picoult

Geri will be leading the review of this fiction book which was published in 2021.

The Book Club will meet August 18th at 11:30 in Room 130 and on zoom.

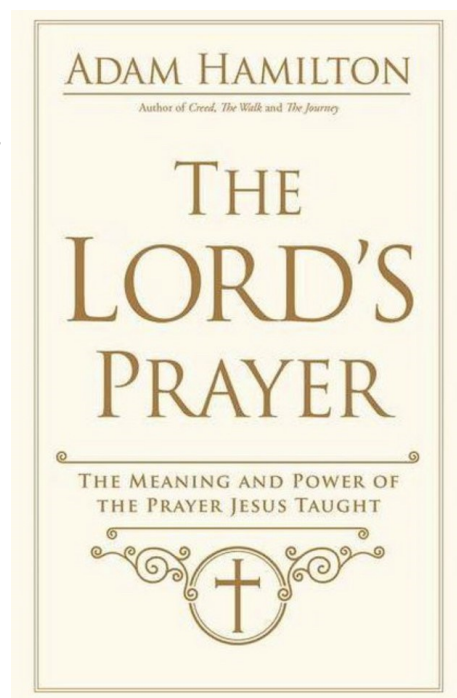
September's book will be Barbed

By Julie Morrison

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our next book is The Lord's Prayer by Adam Hamilton starting on August 2, 2022 at 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. The power and significance of the prayer Jesus taught. Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it?

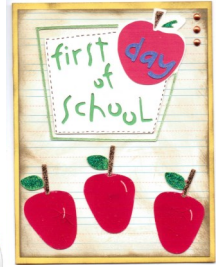
When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to his followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray. In The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. Contact Sonja Ruhland at Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com



Upcoming Opportunities

Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

- First Day of Preschool is August 1st. Here is to a fun and happy new year of school.
- AZ Primary Election Day . The Church will be a election site on Aug1st and 2nd. Be sure to Vote!



- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136 Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship.
- August 4th at 9:30 am Christian Women’s Fellowship meets in Room 130.
- Book Club Meets August 18th at 11:30 am in Room 130 August’s book is Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult
- Diamondbacks Faith and Family night Friday August 19th at 6:40 PM. Get your tickets now payment must be made August 5th.
- Save the Date new next sessions of GriefShare on the 20th of August. 8:30 a.m. will be on Zoom, and 10:30 a.m. will be at SunRise .
- Join us for Movie night on Friday August 26th at 7pm in the activity center .



- September 5th is Labor Day and the Church office will be closed.

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FB.COM/FUMCofGilbert

STAY UP TO DATE

Follow us on facebook or go to our website to see the most current church information:

- Church News
- Renovation Updates
- Upcoming Events



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 given to the pastors.

And we will be praying



Your Prayer Team



From the Finance Office: Quarter 2 statements are being sent out. If we have your email address, look of them in your inbox. If we don't have your email address, let us know and we can be sure your statements arrive via email. Otherwise, watch your mailbox! Quarterly Envelopes are being sent out soon. If you are receiving envelopes and no longer use them, please let us know so we can remove you from the list. If you would like to begin receiving them, and If you have any questions or comment about your statement, please email Penny Legge at financialsecretary@gilbertumc.org .

From Your Finance Committee

May 2022		2022 Year to Date (calendar year)	
Budgeted Contributions	\$47,467	Budgeted Contributions	\$253,335
Actual Contributions	\$65,473	Actual Contributions	\$253,062
Actual Spending	\$60,019	Actual Spending	\$294,514
Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,454	Surplus (Deficit)	(\$41,488)



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 In person at Sunrise Assisted Living Center All Are Welcome starting August 20th 580 S Gilbert Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85296

For those grieving the loss of someone close to them.

This support group. Led by Kay Pealstrom kpealstrom@aol.com is meeting on Saturdays from

10:30am –noon

On Zoom at 8:30-10:00

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) If you are interested in this group please email Pastor Adriana at pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org

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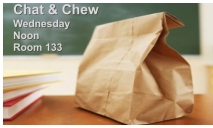
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for example: 

For first usage only:

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



August Calendar of Events 2022



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 First day of
Preschool



2 Tuesday
Morning Bible
Study 9:15



3 Chat N Chew
Noon Wednesday
night Bible study
:6:30

4 Christian
Women's
Fellowship 9:30



5

6 Grief share
Every Saturday
9:00-10:30

7 Communion
Sunday



Blessing of school
supplies.

8

9 Tuesday
Morning Bible
Study 9:15



10 Chat N Chew
Noon
Wednesday
Dinner and fellow-
ship 5:30-7:30

11 Shawl
Ministry !:00



12

13



14 Choir sings
in church

15

16 Tuesday
morning Bible
study 9:15



17 Chat N Chew
Noon
Wednesday
Night Bible study
6:30 first Choir
practice

18 Book Club
11:00



19 Diamond-
Backs Faith and
Family Night
6:40



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23 Tuesday
morning Bible
study 9:15



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

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26 Join us for
Movie Night in
the Activity Cen-
ter 7:00 pm



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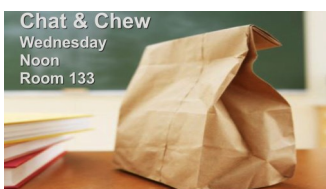
28 blood
drive at the
activity center

29

30 Tues
Morning Bible
9:15



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



September Calendar of Events 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

4 Communion
Sunday



11 Grand-
parents day



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5 Labor Day
church office
closed



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6 Tues
Morning Bible
9:15



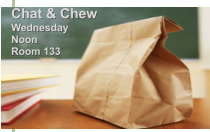
13 Tues Morn-
ing Bible
9:15



20 Tues Morn.
Bible 9:15



27 Tues
Morning Bible
9:15



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

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

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

28 Chat N
Chew Noon
Wednesday din-
ner and
Night Bible
study 530



1

8 Christian
Women's
Fellowship 9:30



15 Shawl
Ministry 1:00



22 Book
Club 11:00



29

2

9

16

23

30
Count
down to
Trunk or
Treat...
2022

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

10



17
Constitution day



24



August Birthdays



Gayla Sutton	1
Linda Cranford	4
Anita Broughton	5
Keela Clark	5
Christopher Mendoza	5
Laura McLeod	7
Dirk Smith	7
Evan Houseman	8
Lori Wiemers	8
Eli Chiricuzio	9
Judy Bristow	12
Abigail Rhoden	12
Dianne Crann	13
Tom McKinley	14
Alan Ball	15
Jim Hall	15
Tim Killen	15
Jennifer Burks	18
Jim Johns	22
Brittainy Norris	22
Randall Van Der Pol	22
Mpez Gloria Kapend	24
Midori Hall	26
Reagan Metz	27
Caroline Ward	27
Scott Bouchie	28

Lori Van Dam	28
Sadie Fairley	29
Jackson James	29
Kevin Boesch	31



August Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
03	Gloria and Jim Eggen	26
03	Trish and Chris Odell	48
04	MaryEllen and Bob Chuk	49
05	Sharon and Ronald Dalton	24
06	Garin and Rob Campbell	28
06	Julie and Richard Curran	45
12	Barbara and Lynn Carroll	55
15	Vicki and Kim Harding	51
26	Kathy and Mike Tremain	18

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Did you know ???

That we are adopting 988 as a new nationwide standard to reach the THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LIFELINE! Started as of July 12,2022.