

# The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

October 2022



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

Attendance  
September 25th 178

Virtual viewing 126

August 2022		2022 Year to Date (calendar year)	
Budgeted Contributions	\$51,800	Budgeted Contributions	\$414,403
Actual Contributions	\$40,954	Actual Contributions	\$402,708
Actual Spending	\$56,645	Actual Spending	\$471,718
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$15,691)	Surplus (Deficit)	(\$69,010)

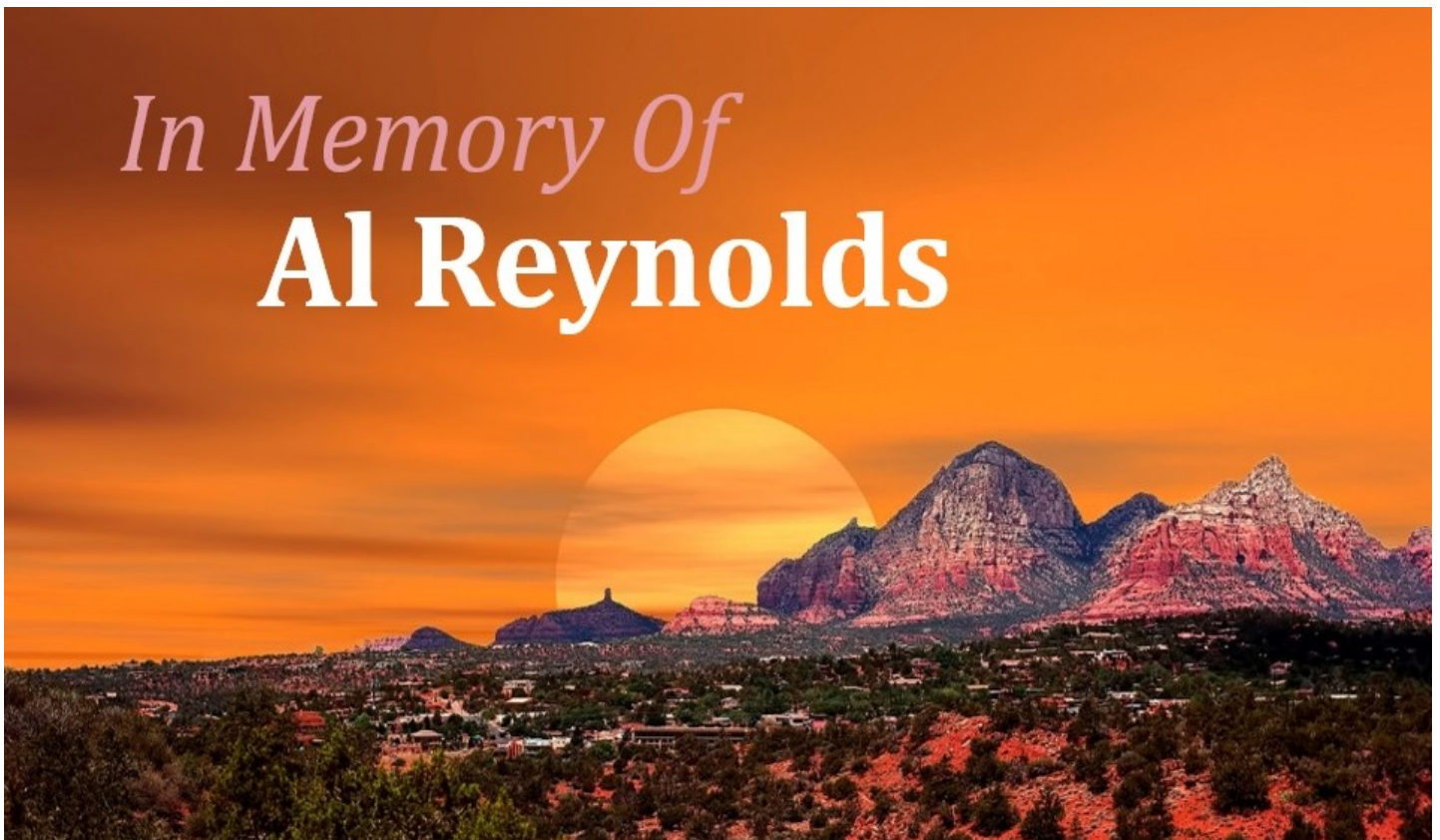
**Meet our new members. Please welcome them when you see them on campus.**

**Rob Lane and family** have been coming on and off for several years. But Rob and his daughter Ashlee have decided to join our church. Rob is retired and his wife Maribel works at Walmart. Ashlee and Katie are students. Rob is interested in lasers, woodworking and helping others.

**Cara Hegyi** is coming to our church through reaffirmation of faith. She is a single mom of Tahli El-Min who is a teenager. She is active in many things and holds several jobs, she is a civil engineer, caregiver.

**Sharon Massey** is coming to us from Camp Verde AZ. She enjoys gardening, reading, writing, and learning something new everyday. She loves Bible Study and volunteering her time to others.

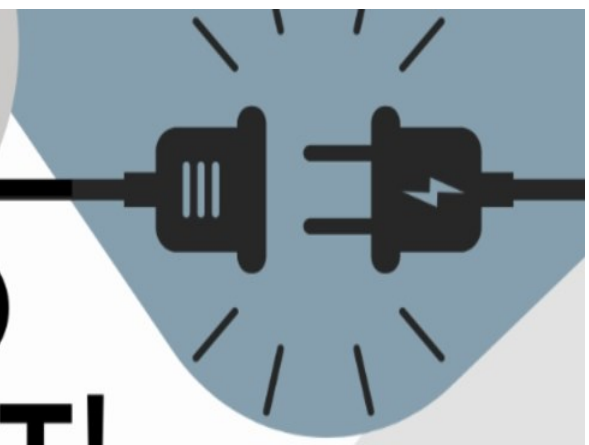
**In Memory of:**



**Date and time of services to be determined.**

FIRST GILBERT UMC

# IT IS TIME TO RECONNECT!



Our next Wednesday night RECONNECT dinner is coming up! In addition to wonderful food and fellowship we will be providing information on our various ministries at First Gilbert!

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

## *In Memory Of* **Virginia Franklin**

Services at Mariposa Gardens  
Saturday, October 15th at 1:00 pm



# TRUNK *or* TREAT



**Monday, October 31, 2022**  
**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!



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*"Come Christians Join to Sing"*

# Join the Choir!

*Contact Randy at  
musicdirector@gilbertumc.org  
or call office at 480-892-9166*



# Join the Handbell Choir!

*Contact Marilyn at  
organist@gilbertumc.org  
or call office at 480-892-9166*



## Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour

Helping the coffee hour team is a fun way to fulfill your call to ministry!

Contact Divina at  
[connection@gilbertumc.org](mailto:connection@gilbertumc.org)



## Upcoming Adult Education Opportunities

As we begin October, current classes have been extended and new classes have been added.

Pastor Rick's *At the Cross: Meditations on People Who Were There* by Richard Bauckham and Trevor Hart has been extended. This class will be offered 10/5, 10/12 and 10/19 at 6:30pm. These sessions are stand alone, meaning you can drop in on any of them. The class is offered in person and also via zoom.

On September 28th, a new class led by Philip Tesarek started in room 136. It is not too late to join the series *Moses* by Adam Hamilton. This series is on Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

Pastor Adriana's next class will begin October 30th on Sundays at 11am in room 136. This class is *Sermon on the Mount* by Professor Amy-Jill Levine.

Very excited to also add a weekly podcast that will begin October 7th. *Meet Me at the Well* will be a short and simple weekly podcast that will create a place to feel centered and to fill yourself up with the living water.

Your input into possible studies is very important! First Gilbert wants to be delivering class content that helps you in your spiritual journey. Please feel free to provide your input on content and also the timing of the classes. We are all busy! Yet the timing and consistent opportunity to support your journey with classes is very important.

For any of these classes or if you have any information regarding the timing or content please reach out to Pastor Adriana.

[PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org](mailto:PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org)

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# ADULT EDUCATION

Class Offerings August 2022 - December 2022

ADULTING IN PERSON, VIA ZOOM, OR A PODCAST. CHOOSE A FORMAT OR TOPIC THAT PEAKS YOUR INTERESTS

Class Option  
**1**

**AT THE CROSS: MEDITATIONS ON PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE BY RICHARD BAUCKHAM & TREVOR HART**

- Rev. Rick Casebolt teaching in room 130 and via zoom
- Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm on 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19

CLASS IS DONE  
THANK YOU!

**COURAGE BY TOM BERLIN**

- Pastor Adriana teaching in room 136
- Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm on 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21

Class Option  
**2**

Class Option  
**3**

**MOSES BY ADAM HAMILTON**

- Philip Tesarek teaching in room 136
- Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm on 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2

TBD....

- Rev Rick teaching in room 130 and via zoom
- Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm on 10/25, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

Class Option  
**4**

Class Option  
**5**

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT BY PROF. AMY-JILL LEVINE**

- Pastor Adriana teaching in room 136
- Sundays 11am-12pm 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4

**ALL THE GOOD, A WESLEYAN WAY OF CHRISTMAS**

- Pastor Adriana teaching in room 136
- Wednesdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

Class Option  
**6**

Class Option  
**7**

**ADVENT STUDY TBD....**

- Rev. Rick teaching in room 130
- Wednesdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm on 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

**RECORDED WEEKLY PODCAST**

- "Meet Me at the Well" a new podcast posted on Fridays from 10/7 to 12/23
- Pick the time that works best for you to listen and explore faith today.

New Podcast Option  
**8**

[www.gilbertumc.org](http://www.gilbertumc.org)

## 'Tis the Season (Almost)

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.

October is the gate keeper of the official season of giving. The Mission Team is in serious planning mode as multiple efforts will begin very shortly. Below is an overview of opportunities to be a cheerful giver. There are people who are in need. People who will appreciate a meal and/or a gift.

This season also provides a chance to be engaged in this process by volunteering your time and talents. These few weeks are the calm before the storm of shopping, spending, going to parties, sending cards and baking. There are likely ten other things that you can add to this list. Please review the endeavors that the Mission team will lead but the success of every item is depending on the support of this congregation.

Review and reflect. Find a space to honor and support someone with a giving heart.

- Thanksgiving Meal Dinners:** The price of the meals is still being determined but it will likely be \$50 per meal. A donation can be made for any amount that you are comfortable with. The list is being generated of individuals and families who are in need of the meals. You can donate your time to deliver the meals the week of Thanksgiving. We can also benefit from individuals to help pick up the meals. The mission team is also looking for one (or two) individuals to follow the team on how this initiative is done in the hope of this person leading the efforts in 2023.
- Foster Children Gift Giving:** The Mission team is hoping that this church will donate to provide gifts to 25 children currently living in a foster home. Support for this endeavor includes making the tags with the information of the gifts needed, purchasing gifts, wrapping the gifts, manning the table in the patio and helping us confirm all gifts have been received.
- Senior Santa:** The Mission team is hoping to also provide Christmas gifts for twenty five senior citizens in need. Support of this endeavor includes purchasing gifts, wrapping gifts, tracking the items received, manning the table in the patio, and delivering the gifts.

November is going to be one busy month!! Again, the planning is in the works but it is likely that the Foster Children and Senior Santa will kick off November 13th with items needed by December 4th to allow time for the gifts to be delivered prior to Christmas. Much more information will come out via eNews, website and announcements at church. Thank you for all your support!!



**justa**  
**center**  
We Expect Miracles



**Thank you!!** Justa Center provides life-sustaining resources, services, and support to assist homeless people on the path back to housing and safety. Your generosity of a truckload of water and sunscreen directly helps the people that Justa Center is working with.

If you want to learn more about Justa Center please take a look at their website [www.justacenter.org](http://www.justacenter.org) to see the numerous programs that they manage. Their programming has significant impact to individuals right here in the Valley of the Sun. Being homeless in this heat is a huge safety risk. There is also information on other items they need.

We are moving into a season of “traditional” giving. Our church members are very generous and kind! If you happen to have a heart for an organization please reach out to Pastor Adriana. After the upcoming holiday season, we will begin to start plans for 2023. Thank you again!!!

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



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Gilbert preschool



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## What we did in September:

- We loved getting to know our new friends! The children made bead necklaces to trade with each other as a sign of friendship to go along with our bible verse, “And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16
- Teachers were very busy completing Fall Assessments with the children and then facilitating Parent/Teacher conferences.
- We planted vegetable seeds in the garden and will continue to water and observe until we are able to pick and sample our veggies for snack.
- During class and in Chapel, we learned about Creation and how God created the world in just 7 days! We also learned about Noah and how he obeyed God and built an Ark.
- We had a special breakfast with our Grandparents to show them how they BRIGHTEN OUR WORLD and how thankful we are for them!
- We made Rainbow bread and learned about God’s promise.



## What's happening in October?

- **Fall Break:** October 3rd-17th. Enjoy this wonderful family time!
- **Preschool Fall Art Walk:** On October 27th our preschoolers will be showcasing their art work and projects in the activity center. Families will be invited to come and see what the children have been working on in the classroom!
- **Pumpkin Week:** During the week of October 24th the preschoolers will be learning all about pumpkins. We will measure, weigh, count seeds, and conduct a "sink or float" science experiment!



## Did you Know?



## 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](http://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!

If you have any questions about the preschool, please email [preschool@gilbertumc.org](mailto:preschool@gilbertumc.org) or call 480-892-9166. Lisa DePalma or Ellie Koenig would love to speak with you!

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

### Preschool and Kinder



#### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

God is not random. There is purpose behind everything that God does. God has a unique plan for every person ever. The question is, do we believe and trust in God's plans?

#### CORE INSIGHT:

#### CONNECTION

WEEK ONE: Noah's Ark\*—Genesis 6–7

WEEK TWO: God's Promise—Genesis 8–9:17

WEEK THREE: Joseph's Journey—Genesis 37; Genesis 39–40

WEEK FOUR: Joseph and the Grain—Genesis 41–45

WEEK FIVE: God's Plan For Me—Jeremiah 29:11

#### BOTTOM LINE: GOD HAS PLANS FOR ME.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord." Jeremiah 29:11, NLT

**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:

Jesus endured through the pain of the cross so that we would be able to have a forever relationship with God. God gives us the Holy Spirit to empower us to keep going, even when life gets difficult.

#### CORE INSIGHTS:

#### FAITH • TRUTH

WEEK ONE: Joseph Sold By Brothers and Joseph in Jail— Genesis 37, 39–40 **BOTTOM LINE:** Hold on because God is with you.

WEEK TWO: Joseph Forgives His Brothers— Genesis 41–45 **BOTTOM LINE:** Hold on because there's a bigger story.

WEEK THREE: Moses Is Born—Exodus 2:1-10 (supporting: Exodus 1) **BOTTOM LINE:** Hold on even when you don't know what to do.

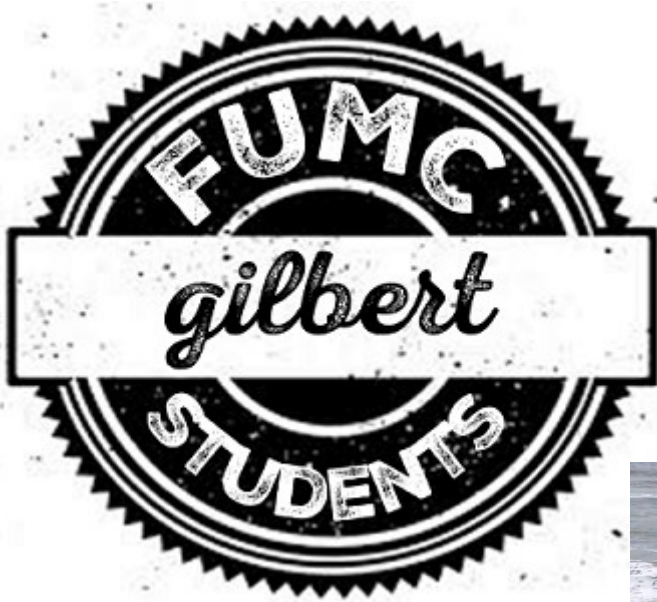
WEEK FOUR: Burning Bush & the 10 Plagues— Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42 **BOTTOM LINE:** Hold on because God knows what you're going through.

WEEK FIVE: Israel Goes Through the Red Sea— Exodus 13:17-14:31 **BOTTOM LINE:** We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.

"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9, NIV

#### Mission: Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes





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

Wed. Oct. 12th, 5:30-8:30pm

Join us to help fill Emergency Food Bags for United Food Bank. Meet at church at 5:30pm to carpool to the UFB Mesa Warehouse, we'll be back around 8:30pm. Please eat dinner before you arrive. Sign up [HERE](#).



### SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

- Oct 2- No Youth Sunday School- Enjoy church w/ your family
- Oct 12- Volunteering at United Food Bank 5:30-8:30pm
- Oct 14- (Optional Weekend) Family Camp at Mingus
- Oct 23- Youth Group, Pumpkin Carving (Time TBD, likely 4-7ish)
- Nov 6th- Youth Group, Ice Skating? (time TBD)
- Nov 20th- Youth Group, Hike? (details TBD)
- Dec 4th- Youth Group combined with all church event (TBD)
- Dec 18th- Youth Group, Christmas Party
- Dec 24th- Volunteer at Live Nativity/Petting Zoo during services



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

October's book is Gilead

By Marilynne Robinson

Pam will be leading the review of this fiction book which was published in 2005.

The Book Club will meet

October 22nd at 11:30 in Room 130 .

November's book will be The Life We Bury

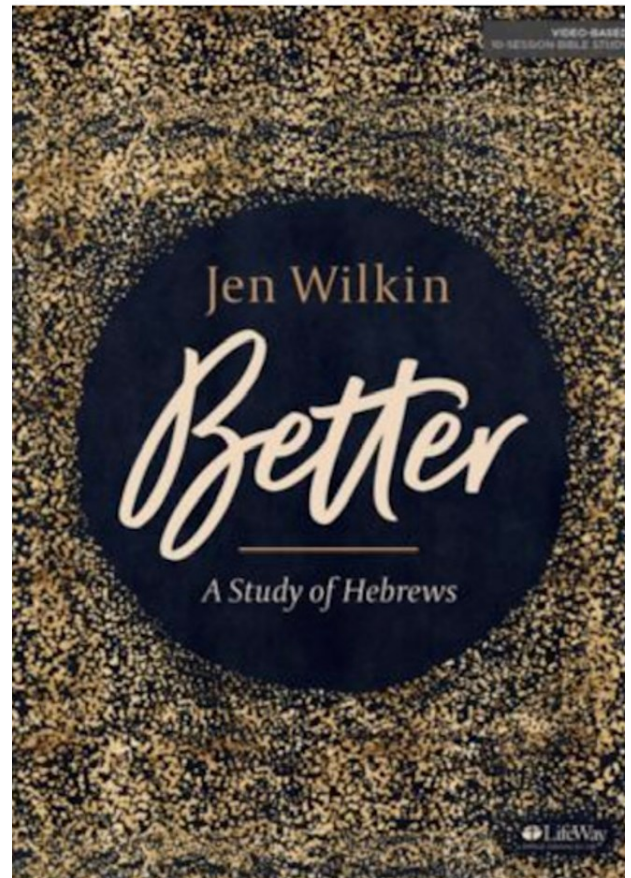
By Allen Eskers

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our next book Better by Jen Wilkin starting on September 20, 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.

In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God “provided something better for us” in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40). Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone. (10 sessions) We will take off October 4 and 11.

Contact Sonja Ruhland at [Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com](mailto:Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com)



Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136 Bring your own lunch and join us for fellowship.
- Preschool will be on fall break October 3-17 have a fun filled fall break!
- October 6th at 9:30 am Christian Women's Fellowship meets in Room 130.
- Our Church will be hosting Arizona Walk To Emmaus Womens Walk from October 13th-16th.
- October 19,2022 at 5:30-6:30 is the next Reconnection Dinner
- Book Club Meets October 22nd at 11:30 am in Room 130 October's book is Gilead by Marilynne Robinson.
- Preschool's Pumpkin week starts October 24th. The kids will be measuring, weighing, testing floating, and counting seeds! Oh so much fun!
- Preschool's Fall Art Walk in Activity Center
- October 31st we will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. Come and Join the Fun!!!!
- Election Day November 8, 2022 . First UMC of Gilbert will be a polling place on November 7and 8. Please let your voice be heard and vote.





**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

**Financial Update**

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**Congregational Care  
Support Groups**  
*For more information about  
groups and other support  
available, please contact  
Pastor Adriana at*

[PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org](mailto:PastorAdriana@gilbertumc.org)


**Grief Share Support Group will be In person  
at Sunrise Assisted Living Center  
All Are Welcome  
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](mailto:kpealstrom@aol.com)  
is meeting on Saturdays from  
9am-10:30am

Masks Required Workbook and class materials required

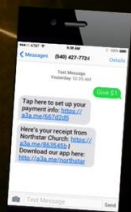


**Text-to-Give**

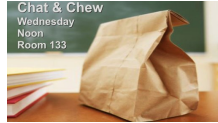
- † Text 480-712-1057
- † Enter amount with \$ sign  
*for example:* 

For first usage only:

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



# October Calendar of Events 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Grief share Every Saturday 9:00-10:30
2 Communion Sunday 	3 preschool on break until October 18th 	4 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15 	5 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	6 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30 	7	8 
9	10 Colum- bus Day 	11 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15 	12 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	13 Shawl Ministry !:00 	14 Walk to Emmaus on campus until Sunday October 16th	15
16	17	18 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15 	19 Chat N Chew Noon Reconnec- tion Dinner5:30 Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	20 Book Club 11:00 	21	22
23	24	25 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 	26 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study	27	28	29
30 	31 Halloween		Chat & Chew Wednesday Noon Room 133 			

# November Calendar of Events 2022



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



**6** Communion  
Sunday Pastor  
Adriana Bible  
Study 11:00

**13** Pastor  
Adriana Bible  
Study 11:00

**20** Pastor  
Adriana Bible  
Study 11:00

**27** First Sun-  
day of Advent



Pastor Adria-  
na Bible Study  
11:00

**7** early voting



**14**

**21**

**28**

**1** Tuesday Morn-  
ing Bible Study  
9:15



**8** Ele ...  
Day  
Tues  
Morning Bible  
9:15 off campus



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



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



**29** Tues  
Morning Bible  
9:15



**2** Chat N Chew  
Noon Wednes-  
day Night bible  
Study 6:30

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

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

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

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



**3** Christian  
Women's  
Fellowship 9:30



**10** Shawl  
Ministry 1:00



**17** Book Club  
11:00



**24** Thanks-  
giving church  
office closed



**4**

**11** Veterans  
day



**18**

**25** Church  
office closed

**5** Grief share  
every Sat 9:00-  
10:30 at Sunrise  
4th day supper  
Emmaus

**12**



**19**

**26**

## October Birthdays



LeRoy Englebrecht	2
Bonnie Grimes	3
Landon Bottesch	3
Joe Taylor	6
Diana Ouelette	9
Jayceon Hunter	10
Robyn Oswald	11
Kelly Wyatt	12
Trevor High	18
Lora Norris	18
Claire Regnitz	18
Jan Compton	20
Jo Goslar	20
Jeff Hemingson	20
Benjamin Smith	21
Sean Wyatt	21
Pam Stressman	23
Alice Van Orden	23
Conner Johns	24
Kenneth Brooks	25
Elizabeth Larson	26
Brandon Sy	26
Charlotte Hazelrigg	27
Marie Blum	30
Ron Mason	30
Diane Rymer	30
MaryEllen Chuk	31



## October Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
03	Lori and Jim Wilkins	35
06	Patricia and David Baker	43
07	Carrie and Peter Mueller	16
9	Denise and Richard Staley	34
10	Vicki and Steve Hanson	13
11	Janelle and Eli Chiricuzio	19
13	Diane and Mike Crann	34
19	Terri and Kevin Becker	31
21	Janet and Den Bose	21
22	Deanna and Steve Helland	39
25	Jeannie and Trevor High	14
26	Kim and Terry Bowers	48



Birthdays / Anniversaries