

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

October 2023



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CHURCH OF GILBERT

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

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

Friday
by appointment
only

Attendance in church
September 17th was
174

Virtual viewing 116

Make the First UMC Gilbert Connection

Divina Katching Director of Invitation and Welcoming at connection@gilbertumc.org

New Church Member

Kenneth “Bob” Martin is a controller for Shamrock Farms and has two adult children, Chris and Noah. Bob was invited to our church by Heather Ford, and she sponsored his membership with us. Bob has already added his voice to the choir. He likes traveling, hiking, reading, tennis and cooking! Please join in welcoming Bob to our church.



FAMILY CAMPOUT

April 26-28, 2024

For more Info Contact
Jo Goslar or Elice Province

elicebp@aol.com
jogoslar@gmail.com

Ponderosa Campground
outside Payson

The annual family campout is being revived! We have reserved a group campsite at Ponderosa Campground outside Payson for April 26-28, 2024.

Each family/individual will be responsible for bringing their camping gear. We'll have a campfire (if allowed) or at least a group gathering each night with fellowship & possibly a sing-along. Before breaking camp Sunday, there will be a worship service.

In addition to your camping gear, bring along any lawn games (corn hole, etc), card or board games you'd like to share. There are hiking trails and lakes nearby, too.

We'll divide into 3 groups to provide Sat/Sun breakfast & Sat supper. Fri night supper & Sat lunch will be on your own.

So that we will have an idea of how many are interested in joining the fun, there will be a signup sheet on the patio for the next few Sundays. If we have enough interest, we'll need to reserve an additional group site. We will not know the cost until it is determined how many are going, as the cost will be divided among participants.



Please direct any questions to Jo Goslar or Elice Province.



TRUNK *or* TREAT

Tuesday, 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

Let's Get Ready toTrunk or Treat!

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Join us on Halloween for a safe event that is fun for the whole family! Please print out the graphic to invite your neighbors and friends – this is a safe way to enjoy Halloween, and **everyone is welcome**.

Community Outreach

This is an event that opens up our church campus to the community in a way that is festive, fun, and an amazing sense of connection. September is a month of planning, there are many different ways that you can help.

Give out candy from your car!

We need a lot of trunks this year! Utilize your imagination to decorate the trunk of your vehicle. The most creative trunk wins a prize and the coveted Trunk or Treat traveling trophy! Church provides the candy.

We need your help!

Volunteers are needed to help set up earlier in the day, hand out candy from their trunk, welcome families, hand out hot dogs, and clean up. We are also seeking donations of candy, chips, and water bottles. **We will have a zoom volunteer meeting on Monday October 2nd at 6pm. Please contact Eric or Adriana to get all the details.** There will be a sign-up table in the courtyard in between services on October 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Contact Eric for more information:

Call 480-415-8174 or email home@mebutler.com

Save the Date

Tentative Fall 2023 Schedule

Please Save these dates

Church Conference Trunk or Treat	Oct. 24th - Charge Conference Tuesday Oct. 31 st - (we will pass out Fall Event Flyers this evening)
All Saints Day	November 5, 2023 - (email names of those who have passed in the last year who had an impact on your Faith walk)
Veteran's Day	November 12 th - (email past and present photos of Veterans in your life)
Cantata	TBD
Chili and Caroling	December 10 6-8 p.m.
Blue Christmas Service	December 21 st (Thurs.) Time - 6:30 p.m. service
Christmas Eve (Morning Service)	December 24 th - 9:00 a.m. service
New Year's Eve	December 31 st - 9:00 a.m. service
<u>Additional Items</u>	
Gifts of Hope	TBD
Santa's for Seniors	TBD
Poinsettia Plant Orders	TBD



First United Methodist
Church of Gilbert

Church Conference

Tuesday Oct. 24, 2023 7:00 pm

Call for All Saints Day

First Gilbert will be observing
All Saints Day during Nov.5
worship.

Please submit names for
recognition by Friday Oct. 27 to
secretary@gilbertumc.org



VETERANS DAY 2023

First Gilbert will honor Veterans
on Sunday November 12th.
We would like to once again show
our Veterans' then and now
photographs. If you have not done
so in prior years, send us photos
of Veterans in uniform and as they
appear now.

Save the date!

Join us for

Chili and Caroling

Sunday, December 11



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Adult Ministry Classes

Contact Pastor Adriana at pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org

Fall 2023 Studies

Our fall adult ministry programs continue. Information has been updated to reflect October and November plans.

We are using Survey Monkey for registration. Please utilize the link below to register. If you prefer, please contact the church office to register.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M3XCNFN>

If what we teach or when we teach it is something that interests you, we have a couple of spots that need to be filled on the Adult Ministry team. Reach out to Pastor Adriana. The team meets just four times a year to plan the studies. Our entire church congregation benefits from new studies and new perspectives.

The Grace of Les Miserables

Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* is a truly epic story. In this seven week study ***The Grace of Les Miserables***, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story – grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope – each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together out in the world.

This study will kick-off with a screening of this classic musical. The class will watch the 2012 version featuring Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway, Russell Crow, Amanda Seyfried, Helena Bonham Carter and more. This class will be led by Jan Casebolt in room 201. Study books are available, just let the office know if you need one.

Thursday, October 5th 6:30pm– Revolution

Thursday, October 12th – No Class

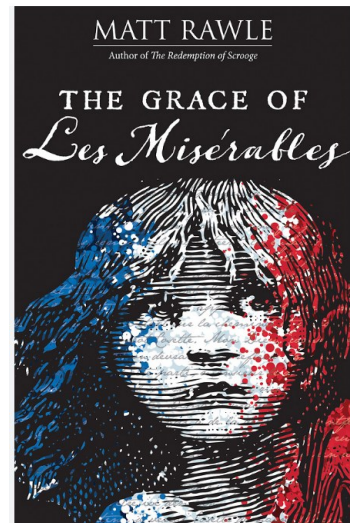
Thursday, October 19th 6:30pm– Love

Thursday, October 26th 6:30pm– Hope

Choir Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45am in room 130, the choir meets weekly.

This group facilitates their own bible study. Although primarily choir members, anyone is welcome to join them.



We Make the Road by Walking

This book explores a brilliant retelling of the biblical story and a thrilling reintroduction to Christian faith. Author Brian McLaren provides weekly readings and offers simple insightful reflections and transformative practices.

Pick up a copy of the book or download the audible version and join **Pastor Rick on Wednesday nights at 6:30 beginning August 30th in room 130**. This is a class that is formatted for you to join in as your schedule allows. This class is in person but also available via zoom.

Wednesday, October 4th & 11th—No class

Wednesday, October 18th 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 25th 6:30pm

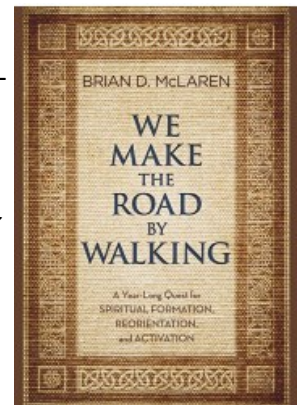
Wednesday, November 1st 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 8th 6:30pm

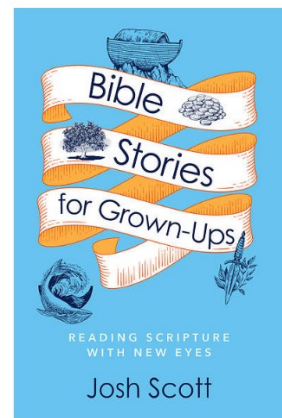
Wednesday, November 15th 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 22nd—no class

Wednesday, November 29th 6:30pm



In ***Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes*** pastor Josh Scott looks at familiar Bible stories and reveals new details and interpretations for an adult audience. This six-week Bible study will consider stories many read as children including Noah's Ark, the binding of Isaac, Jonah and the big fish, Jesus and Zacchaeus, Jesus healing a blind man, and the parable of the talents. Scott reimagines these stories and opens new visions for readers to understand well known pieces of Scripture in our current cultural environment. This class will be led by pastor Adriana Hernandez. Study books are available, just let the office (or Adriana) know if you need one. This class is held on Sundays at 11am.



Sunday, October 1st 11am- Chapter 4

Sunday, October 8th – No Class

Sunday, October 15th 11am– Chapter 5

Sunday, October 22nd 11am– Chapter 6

Proverbs Pathways of Wisdom

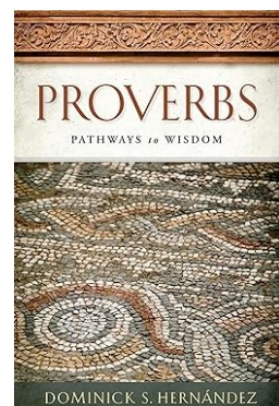
This study by Dominick Hernandez takes a look at Proverbs. Proverbs is written for people like us—parents, children, friends, and coworkers. It's a collection of biblical sayings and wisdom that are intended to help us with practical matters in our lives. This class will be led by pastor Adriana Hernandez on Sunday mornings at 11am in room 136.

Sunday, October 29th 11am –Chapter 1

Sunday, November 5th 11am—Chapter 2

Sunday, November 12th 11am—Chapter 3

Sunday, November 19th 11am—Chapter 4





Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place in **October** every year. It began in 1985 as a week-long event and was championed by the American Cancer Society and Imperial Chemical Industries.

Breast Cancer Awareness Statistics

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. Black women are most likely to die from breast cancer than women of any other racial or ethnic group. Experts believe that it's partially because about 1 in 5 Black women is diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer, more than any other racial or ethnic group. About 85% of breast cancers occur in women who have no family history of breast cancer. These occur due to genetic mutations that happen because of the aging process and life in general, rather than inherited mutations. Breast cancer is typically thought of as a condition that happens in women. But everyone is born with some breast tissue. So, **anyone** can get breast cancer.

Signs and Symptoms of Breast Cancer

Breast cancer symptoms vary widely — from lumps to swelling to skin changes — and many breast cancers have no obvious symptoms at all.

- swelling of all or part of the breast
- skin irritation or dimpling
- breast pain
- nipple pain or the nipple turning inward
- redness, scaliness, or thickening of the nipple or breast skin
- a nipple discharge other than breast milk
- a lump in the underarm area

These changes also can be signs of less serious conditions, such as an infection or a cyst. Although breast cancer symptoms vary widely, many breast cancers have no obvious symptoms at all. In some cases, a lump may be too small for you to feel or to cause any unusual changes you can notice on your own. Often, an abnormal area turns up on a screening mammogram (X-ray of the

breast), which leads to additional testing. In other cases, the first sign of breast cancer is a new lump or mass in the breast that you or your doctor can feel. A lump that is painless, hard, and has uneven edges is more likely to be cancer. But sometimes cancers can be tender, soft, and rounded.

Performing a monthly breast self-exam is the best way of noticing any changes in your breasts. And it's important to get any breast changes checked out by a doctor as soon as possible. If you are older than 40 or have a high risk of developing breast cancer, you should also have an annual mammogram and a physical exam. The earlier breast cancer is found and diagnosed, the better your chances of successful treatment.

Things to do this Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- If you delayed your annual mammogram because of COVID-19, schedule your appointment now and encourage your friends and family to do the same.
- Learn more about Breast Cancer screening Regular breast self-exams, an annual exam by your doctor, and yearly mammograms are important tools in breast cancer detection — especially early detection, when cancers may be more treatable.
- Participate in activities and events in your area that bring attention to Breast Cancer awareness.
- Donate to Breast Cancer research, foundation, or favorite organization
- Join community discussion forums to ask questions or connect with others. You can also attend a virtual meetup for support related to your diagnosis or if you are a caretaker for someone who's been diagnosed.

This information is provided by Breastcancer.org.

Submitted By Keela Clark



Music Ministry

Director Randall Van Der Pol contact at Musicdirector@gilbertUMC.org



LOVE TO SING?

**Join
Choir!!**

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



Interested in Playing Bells in Church?

Contact Marilyn Harter and she will sign you up
Practice Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the choir
room.

Marilyn can be reached at 480-330-9238 or
MarilynHarter@gmail.com

Praise Band Musicians Needed

- Acoustic Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Drums
- Electric Guitar
- Any other instruments

Contact Our Music Director
randallvanderpol@gmail.com



OUR CHURCH NEEDS A NEW DIRECTORY!

YUP, THAT'S OUR BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

HELPED NEEDED:

- Marketing/Social Media
- Photographers
- Data Organization
- Web Design Skills

Call church office
480-892-9166

Looking for volunteers to start building new directory in October!

We are looking for a few good volunteers! Tasks we need help with are photography, confirming directory information, and helping us share what the plans are.

Contact Jan Casebolt or Pastor Adriana for more information.

COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers Needed

Email at
connection@gilbertumc.org

We are looking for a few good volunteers to help with coffee set up on Sunday mornings.

We provide training for this volunteer role. It is a great way to meet church members and help us continue to be a welcoming church.

MealTrain

Meal Train is for everyone who could use some help during common life events.

Go to MealTrain.com

MealTrain is our new tool to share information of those who are in need of meals. There is detailed information on food allergies and specific needs. The tool allows for supporters to select a day and time to bring a meal.

What is UMCOR

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR** – assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

How UMCOR Works—Originally founded in 1940 in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of World War II, The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries. Our goal is to assist the most vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

Support Our Work—

- **Pray:** Our work is undergirded by the power of prayer – both in the hours after a disaster strikes and through recovery.
- **Make supply kits:** Assemble [relief supply kits](#) to help keep UMCOR’s [Relief Supplies Network](#) ready to deliver goods in the hands of survivors (U.S. only)
- **Volunteer:** U.S. volunteer efforts are arranged through annual conferences; reach out to your conference disaster relief coordinator to learn more.
- **Give:** To provide support where it is most needed, give to Advance #999895. To specifically support UMCOR’s international disaster response efforts, you can give to Advance 982450. To specifically support UMCOR’s U.S. disaster response efforts, you can give to Advance 901670.

To give by phone, call 1-888-252-6174 (credit card gifts accepted). To give by mail, make your check payable to Advance GCFA, write the name of the missionary or project and the Advance number on the memo line of the check and send it to:

Global Ministries/UMCOR
GPO
P.O. Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068

For questions about giving, please email donationhelp@umcmmission.org.

Wednesday Night Potluck

**OCT 25TH AT 5:30PM
SOUP & SALAD NIGHT**

📞 480-892-9166

📍 331 S. Cooper Road Gilbert, AZ 85233

🌐 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9AB2EA7FBC61-44672292-wednesday>

RSVP for potluck items
at SignUp Genius



Thank you First Gilbert for your wonderful response to the need for hydration of our less fortunate and for the sunscreen . We delivered carloads full of water to Justa and Wesleyan Centers .





Preschool News

www.gilbertpreschool.com



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September Review:

We had a busy month! We learned all about Noah's ark and God's rainbow promise and made a yummy Rainbow bread snack.

We celebrated all of our amazing grandparents with a special breakfast together.

We had parent/teacher conferences and school pictures at the end of the month.

What's happening in October?

Fall Break: October 2th – 13th. Enjoy this wonderful family time and some cooler weather too!

- **Preschool Fall Art Walk:** On **October 26th** our preschoolers will be showcasing their art work and projects they have created. Families will be invited to come and see what the children have been working on in the classroom! We will have a fall themed photo booth, games, face-painting, food and a lot of fun!



Preschool Fall Crafts



- **Pets Week:** We will learn all about our pets and how to take care of them. We will have fun playing in a pretend pet/vet shop in dramatic play and finally on Thursday the preschoolers will bring a favorite stuffed pet to “walk” in a pet parade around the courtyard.
- **Pumpkin Week:** During the week of October 23rd the preschoolers will be learning all about pumpkins. We will measure, weigh, count seeds, and conduct a “sink or float” science experiment



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 [FrysCommunityRewards.com](https://www.frys.com/community-rewards), log in to your account, scroll down to community rewards, and type in **80635** and click save. 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 or call 480-892-9166. Lisa DePalma or Ellie Koenig would love to speak with you!

September 2023 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool



SERIES DESCRIPTION: There's a form of bravery that people can muster to get through dentist appointments or go sky-diving. But then there's God-brave—a bravery that can only come from knowing the one, true God. God-brave helps us go beyond what we can do and experience God working through us to do what only God can do.

CORE INSIGHT: Faith

WEEK ONE: Rahab and the Spies (Joshua 2:1-24, 6:24-25)

WEEK TWO: David and Goliath* (1 Samuel 17:1-50)

WEEK THREE: Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6:1-23)

WEEK FOUR: Esther (Esther 2:21-8:17)

WEEK FIVE: Miriam (Exodus 2:4-10, 15:20-21; Micah 6:4)

BOTTOM LINE: God can help me be brave.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you." Deuteronomy 31:6, 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.**

Grades1-6



SERIES DESCRIPTION Because we know that God is good, we can live life with integrity. Who we are in private should match who we are in public. When we trust in God, we can be truthful in whatever we say and do.

CORE INSIGHTS: Transformation, Community

WEEK ONE: A Tree and Its Fruit(Luke 6:43-45)Bottom Line: Be truthful with your whole life.

WEEK TWO: Naaman and Elisha's Servant (2 Kings 5)Bottom Line: When you're not truthful, you lose trust.

WEEK THREE: Daniel's Integrity with Food (Daniel 1)Bottom Line: Do what's right wherever you are.

WEEK FOUR: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3)Bottom Line: When you do what's right others can see God.

WEEK FIVE: Think About These Things (Philippians 4:8)Bottom Line: Focus on what's true.

MEMORY VERSE: "Anyone who lives without blame walks safely. But anyone who takes a crooked path will get caught." Proverbs 10:9, NIV

Mission:



Jr. High Sunday School
Room #200 with Ron
During the 9:30am Service
Sr High Sunday school in
Sr high room #201-202 with Ms. Cindie

***** New Youth Group Time*****
The youth have spoken, we're listening....

No Youth Group

Oct. 1st and Oct. 8th due to Fall Breaks!

We will resume Youth Group on Sun. Oct. 15th with a combo Youth Council and Video Game Day!



Served at United Food Bank , attended South District UMC Lock-In , Youth Sunday for both 8 and 9:30 services meant for a busy August for our youth!



SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

Oct.1st- No Youth, Spring Break Oct. 8th- No Youth, Spring Break

Oct. 15th- Youth Council Meeting, 10:45am-12:30pm

Oct.15th- Youth Group: Video Game Palooza, 12:30pm-2pm

Oct. 22nd- Youth Group- Escape Room, time TBD

Oct. 29th- Youth Group: Pumpkin Carving, 11am-3pm

Nov. 4th- Volunteer Opportunity- Women's PEO Tea

Nov. 5th- Youth Group: TBD

Nov. 12th- Youth Group: TBD

Nov. 19th- Youth Group: TBD

Nov. 26th- Youth Group: Decorating Church for Advent (TBD)

Dec. 3rd- Youth Group: TBD

Dec. 10th-Youth Group: TBD

Dec. 17th- Youth Group: TBD

Dec. 24th- Live Nativity Between Christmas Eve Services

Jan. 7th- Youth Group: TBD

Jan. 12-15th, 2024 Youth Winter 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

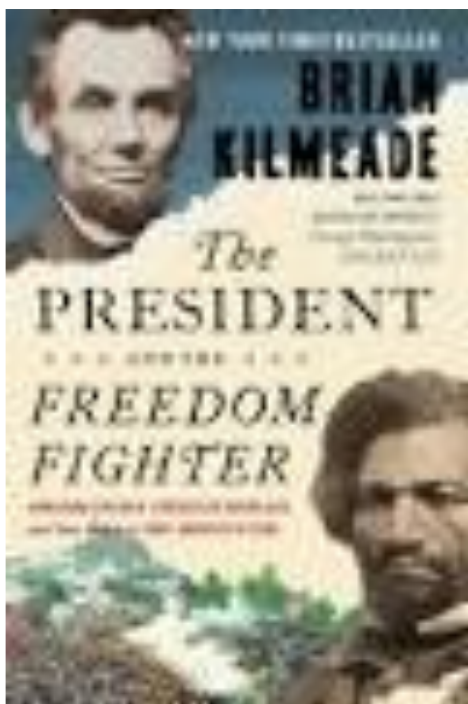
Octobers' book is The President and the Freedom Fighter: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglas and Their Battle to Save America's Soul by Brian Kilmeade.

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

The Book Club will meet October 19th at 11:30 in Room 130.

November's book is The Heavens May Fall

by Allen Eskers



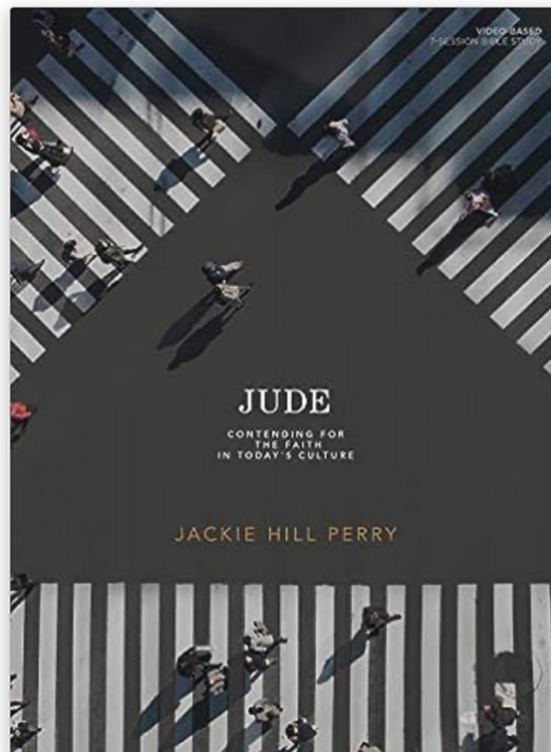
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our next book is Jude by Jackie Hill Perry starting October 17th 9:30a (9:15a to socialize)- 11:15a. 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. Please share with friends/neighbors that might be interested in joining our multi denominational Christian group.

While often overlooked, the Book of Jude remains as relevant today as the time it was written. God has commanded His beloved church to do the necessary work of contending for the faith in a world of unbelief, and as we do, He will keep us from falling into the same deception.

In this 7-session study from Jackie Hill Perry, dive into themes of being called, loved, and kept, and learn how to point others to Jesus in grace and truth. We serve others well when we share the whole gospel with them, not just the parts deemed attractive by our culture.

Contact Sonja Ruhland at Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com



Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

Upcoming Opportunities

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study will off on October 3 and 10 during spring break. It will restart October 17th with our new book every Tuesday morning at 9:15.

- Chat and Chew meets every Wednesday at 12:00 in Room 136 Bring your own lunch and join us for Fellowship



- Christian Women's Fellowship will meet October 5th in room 130 at 9:30 am.



- Grief share meets on Zoom every Saturday from 8:30 to 10 am.



- Preschool Fall Break: October 2th – 13th. Enjoy this wonderful family time and some cooler weather too!

- October 9th is Columbus Day celebrated

- Book Club Meets Octobers 19th at 11:30 am in Room 130 October's book is The President and the Freedom Fighter: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglas and Their Battle to Save America's Soul by Brian Kilmeade



- October 22 Health ministry will be doing Blood Pressure Checks in between services in Activity Center.

- Oct 24 at 7:00 pm will be our Church Conference in the Sanctuary.

- Preschool Fall Art Walk: On October 26th in activity center.

- SAVE THE DATE for our big TRUNK n TREAT in the parking lot of the Church on Tuesday October 31st. Be there or be Square!



- All Saint's Day will be celebrated on November 5th at both services.

- Veteran's Day November 12th Help us honor all that served!





Ways to Give

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert offers several ways to contribute to the church. If you look at our website (<https://gilbertumc.org/>) and scroll to the bottom, you will see a green button that says *Giving* and if you click on it, you have the option to contribute electronically. This will allow you to set up payments on a schedule.

We also have an option to send envelopes to those that request them. There is a cost associated with sending these envelopes and we are finding that many of them are not being used. In an effort to cut down on these costs, if you are receiving these envelopes but not using them, please let us know so we can stop the shipment to you. Occasionally, our finance secretary looks at our records to stop these envelopes from being mailed if a contribution using these envelopes has not been mailed in the past year. If this happens and you wish to have them mailed again, please notify our office at 480-982-9166, and we will be happy to get them mailed out to you with the next quarter

Why I give....

I learned at a very young age that the money I earned doing things for my grandparents or aunts did not only belong to me but to Our Lord. When I got birthday money first came the percentage that I gave to God through the Sunday school class giving. Then I had to save at least half then I could save the rest to get something I wanted or needed. So I have been giving since I could walk even if it was a found nickel or penny. I give to First Gilbert because as a teenager I had MYF (youth group) with Marvin and June Morrison as our leaders. I had Ola Sawyer as a Sunday School teacher and I was confirmed by Rev. Lehman. I hold this church in prayer and give monthly my tithe. Through my journey with the Lord my family has had its ups and downs. Tim and I were married by Pastor Gary Pritchard. All of my children were in MYF and confirmed in this church one of my sons and my daughter have been married in this church. My husband, grandparents, and mother in law had their celebration of life in this church. The church has changed, moved, and grown in those times but The Lord is very alive in the people of this Church. If you would like to share why you give or other parts of your story please share them at adminsUPPORT@gilbertumc.org.



Contact Pastor Adriana at pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org

Congregational Care and Prayer Ministry



Grief Share Support Group

For those grieving the loss of someone close to them. This support group is led by Kay Pealstrom. She can be contacted at: k.pealstrom@gmail.com

Kay is the resource for registration, information on obtaining materials and sharing the zoom information for the session. The support group meets on Saturday mornings from 8am-10am.

Homebound Communion: If you have a friend or family member that can not make it to church on Sundays to worship in person, please let Pastor Adriana or the office know if he/she would like to be added to the Homebound Communion list. The Congregational Care team members extend the communion table. Communion is blessed and served the first Sunday of each month. The CCM team takes the communion to the personal homes or a hospital/assisted living setting to share the same communion with those who can not make it to church.



Praying Ministry



First Gilbert has a team that supports the prayer needs of our congregation. If you would like to share a prayer request, you can either email us at prayers@gilbertumc.org or call the church office at 480-892-9166. If you have a request that is only for the pastor, please indicate that need. The prayer team members will be lifting up your concerns and praises in a loving and confidential manner.

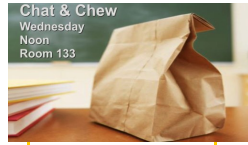
Congregational Care Support Groups

For more information about groups and other support available, please contact Pastor Adriana at

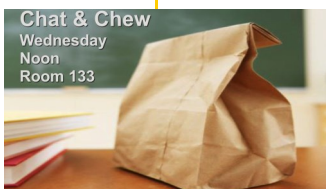
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October Calendar of Events 2023



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 8:00-10:00 on zoom 
8	9	10 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:15 	11 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible	12	13	14
15	16	17 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15 	18 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 6:30	19 Book Club 11:00 	20	21
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 9:15 Trunk N Treat at in parking lot of Church				



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<p>First Sun- of Advent</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28Tues Morning Bible 9:15</p> 	<p>29Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible study 530</p>	<p>30</p>		
						

October Birthdays



LeRoy Engelbrecht "100"	2
Landon Bottesch	3
Diana Ouellette	9
Robyn Oswald	11
Kelly Wyatt	12
Trevor High	18
Lora Norris	18
Claire Regnitz	18
Jan Compton	20
Jo Goslar	20
Jeff Hemmingson	20
Benjamin Smith	21
Sean Wyatt	21
Daniel Fonza	22
Pam Stressman	23
Alice Van Orden	23
Conner Johns	24
Kenneth Brooks	25
Betty Larson Shaw	26
Brandon Sy	26
Charlotte Hazelrigg	27
Ron Mason	30
Diane Rymer	30
MaryEllen Chuk	31



October Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
03	Lori and Jim Wilkins	36
6	Pat and David Baker	44
7	Carrie and Peter Mueller	16
10	Vicki and Steve Hanson	14
11	Janelle and Eli Chiricuzio	20
13	Diane and Michael Crann	35
19	Teri and Kevin Becker	32
21	Janet and Dan Bose	22
22	Deanna and Steve Helland	40
25	Jeannie and Trevor High	15

