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First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

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Attendance
October 22nd

Virtual viewing



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Memorial Service
LeRoy Englebrecht
**Thursday Nov. 16, 2023 at
10:30 am at FUMC of
Gilbert**

Family Campout 2024

Jo Goslar at jogoslar@gmail.com or Elice Province at Elicebp@aol.com



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.



Save the Date

Tentative Fall 2023 Schedule

Please Save these dates

Veteran's Day	November 12 th - (email past and present photos of Veterans in your life)
Interfaith Gratitude Gathering	November 12 th at ALA North Auditorium
Hanging of the Greens	December 2 nd at 11 am in sanctuary
First Sunday of Advent	December 3 rd
Chili and Caroling	December 10 6-8 p.m.
Cantata	December 17 th
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
Christmas Eve Services	December 24 th 4,6,10 pm
New Year's Eve	December 31 st - 9:00 a.m. service

Additional Items

Gifts of Hope	November 12 th —December 3 rd
Santa's for Seniors	November 12 th —December 3 rd
Poinsettia Plant Orders	TBD



Gratitude Gathering

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 14TH ANNUAL MULTIFAITH

Hosted by:
FOR OUR CITY-CHANDLER
AND FOR OUR TOWN-
GILBERT

Sunday, November 12
@ 7:00pm ALA, Gilbert North
Auditorium.
1070 S Higley Rd, Gilbert 85296

Christmas Cantata

Join us Sunday December 17 for a special service featuring the Chancel choir and guest musicians!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am



Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 21 • 6:30pm

Not everyone enjoys the holiday season.
Many of us grieve the loss of loved ones, find ourselves alone, or just don't feel as joyful as others seem to be.
If you identify with these feelings of loss and sadness during the holidays, please join us for our Blue Christmas Service.



Adult Ministry Classes

Contact Pastor Adriana at pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org

Adult Ministry Studies

Our fall adult ministry programs continue. Information has been updated to reflect November plans. Advent studies will be starting next month.

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>

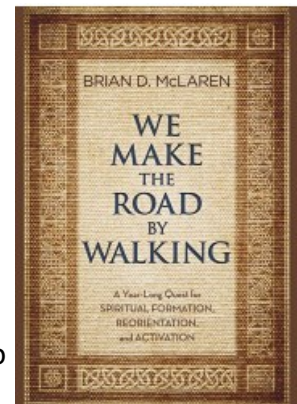
Choir Sunday School

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 6:30pm**. 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. This study will also pause and will start an Advent study for December.

Wednesday, November 1st 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 8th 6:30pm

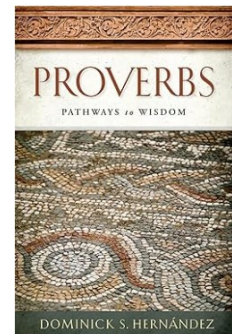
Wednesday, November 15th 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 22nd—no class

Wednesday, November 29th 6:30pm

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



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 enter that, 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 request them. These envelopes cost us to send 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 sending them. 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.

Giving Thanks

With Thanksgiving in the air, we offer a few thoughts on gratitude and thankfulness:

- *"When eating fruit, remember the one who planted the tree."* - **Vietnamese Proverb**
- *"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."* - **William Arthur Ward**
- *"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."* - **Marcel Proust**
- *"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."* - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**
- *"The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you."* - **John E. Southard**
- *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."* - **2 Corinthians 9:11**

TIPS FOR HAVING A HEALTHY THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to come up with mindful strategies on how to avoid the overindulgence of those oh-so-good but oh-so-unhealthy foods. While it is important to enjoy ourselves and our families, it doesn't have to mean we throw away all our good habits.

Here are some tips to having a happy and healthy thanksgiving!

Get Active. One of the best strategies to prepare for the holiday feast is to get moving before your big meal. Create a calorie deficit by exercising to burn off extra calories. Go for a run in the park or do a strength training workout. By working the body, you create space for small indulgences. Make sure to sweat and get the heart pumping! Participating in fun physical activities like flag football or taking a brisk walk is also a great way for families to enjoy the holidays together.

Eat Breakfast. While you might think it makes sense to save up calories for the big meal, experts say eating a small meal in the morning can give you more control over your appetite. Start your day with a small but satisfying breakfast — such as an egg with a slice of whole-wheat toast, or a bowl of whole-grain cereal with low-fat milk — so you won't be starving when you arrive at the gathering.

***TIP:** Eating a nutritious meal with protein and fiber before you arrive takes the edge off your appetite and allows you to be more discriminating in your food and beverage choices.*

Lighten Up. Whether you are hosting Thanksgiving dinner or bringing a few dishes to share, make your recipes healthier with less fat, sugar, and calories. There is more sugar and fat in most recipes than is needed, and no one will notice the difference if you skim calories by using lower calorie ingredients.

Some suggestions:

- Use fat-free chicken broth to baste the turkey and make gravy.
- Use sugar substitutes in place of sugar and/or fruit purees instead of oil in baked goods.
- Reduce oil and butter wherever you can.
- Try plain yogurt or fat-free sour cream in creamy dips, mashed potatoes, and casseroles.

Police Your Portions.

Thanksgiving tables are bountiful and beautiful displays of traditional family favorites. Before you fill your plate, survey the buffet table, and decide what you're going to choose your plate with small portions of holiday favorites that only come around once a year so you can enjoy desirable, traditional foods.

Skip the Seconds. Try to resist the temptation to go back for second helpings. Leftovers are much better the next day, and if you limit yourself to one plate, you are less likely to overeat and have more room for a delectable dessert.

Slowly Savor. Eating slowly, putting your fork down between bites, and tasting each mouthful is one of the easiest ways to enjoy your meal and feel satisfied with one plate full of food, experts say. Choosing whole grains, fruits, vegetables, broth-based soups, salads, and other foods with lots of water and fiber add to the feeling of fullness.

Leave the table. After you have finished eating dinner and before dessert, play games together as a family or take a walk. Then come back and enjoy a light sweet snack along with hot coffee and tea.

Go Easy on Alcohol. Hydrate with water, not alcohol. Water helps curb your appetite and makes you feel full faster and longer. While it's ok to enjoy alcohol, make sure to have water between drinks to stay hydrated. Keep in mind that alcohol lowers your inhibitions, which can lead to possible poor judgments about a second (or third) helping of pumpkin pie. The calories in alcohol can also add up very quickly.

Be Realistic. The holiday season is a time for celebration. With busy schedules and so many extra temptations, this is a good time to strive for weight maintenance instead of weight loss.

Focus on Family and Friends. Thanksgiving is not just about the delicious bounty of food. It's a time to celebrate relationships with family and friends.

Practice Gratitude. Having an abundance of food, family, and friends is something to be truly grateful for. Take a moment to reflect for all the blessings you have in your life. It is a day to express that gratitude and share it with others. That's better than anything else.

Submitted by Keela Clark

Information provided by TSU Texas Southern University



**All Saints Day
November 5, 2023**

Robert "Bob" Dean Brinkley

Evelyn Ladouceur

Charlene Brower

Elizabeth "Missy" Kane

Edward B. Davey

Evie Lower Kellogg

Elinore Englebrecht

Joan Louise Page Kellogg

Leroy Englebrecht

Les Paulsen

Glenn Evans

Joan Smith

Joan Rita Francis

Angie Smith

Amy Elizabeth Zeilsrtra Hauss

Greg Walker

Lyle Hemingson

Reveand Gerald L White
UMC Retired

Grace Hernandez

Music Ministry

Director Randall Van Der Pol contact at Music director @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 is 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.

Opportunities for Ministry

Thanksgiving Gift Cards

In keeping with our traditional spirit of spreading love during Thanksgiving, the Missions Team will be collecting donations on the patio again this year. Using these donations, we will supply some of our struggling neighbors with gift cards to help them purchase their groceries for a Thanksgiving meal. As you may remember, last year we switched from delivering turkeys and grocery items to providing gift cards due to a variety of circumstances. We received such positive feedback from the recipients about the gift cards, we plan to do the same again this year. **Our plan is to deliver \$60 gift cards to 100 families on the afternoon of Sunday, November 19.**

Donations may be made on the patio, in the offering baskets, or online. Please notate "Thanksgiving Gift Cards" on your donation, or use the envelopes found in the pews. Although the gift cards will be for \$60, any amount is gratefully accepted. If you would like to claim a tax deduction for this donation, write your name on the envelope.

Help is needed to deliver the gift cards and make phone calls notifying them when to expect the cards. A Spanish-speaking volunteer for phone calls is needed. There will be a signup roster on the patio beginning October 22 to volunteer for these tasks.

Please contact Elice Province elicebp@aol.com 480-529-2687 or any member of the Missions Team with questions.



Most children spend the holidays enjoying time with family, feasts, and beautifully wrapped presents. Unfortunately, for many children and young adults living in foster care, Christmas gifts are merely a dream. Our **"Gifts of Hope"** holiday campaign is a special opportunity to make this time of year a little brighter by providing gifts for children and youth in foster care.

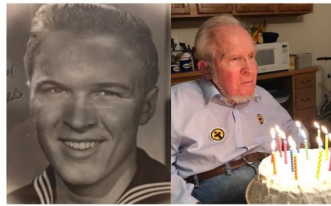
Please stop by the patio between services on Sundays starting Nov. 12 to choose a gift to purchase. **Unwrapped** gifts will be due back at church on or before Dec. 3. We would also appreciate donations of gift bag(s) and wrapping paper. Thank you for your generosity! What better way to get in the Christmas spirit but by helping those in need!

THEN AND NOW



Donn Brown

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Roger Burnter

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Pastor Rick Casebolt

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Ron Dalton

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Garry Disch

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Katie Gardour

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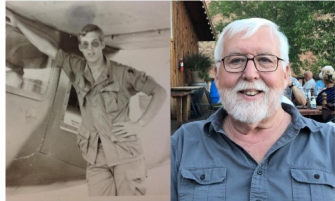


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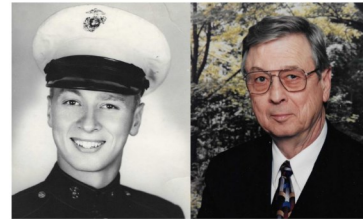


Steve Hanson

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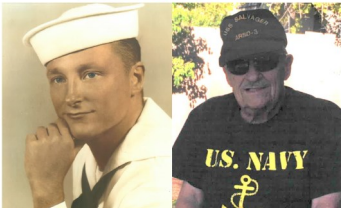


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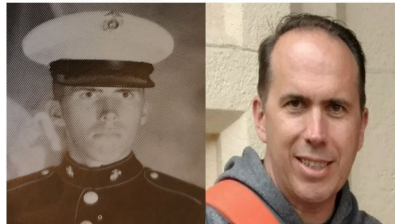


Dennis Hunter

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Charles Herold



Jim Johns



Roger Jones'

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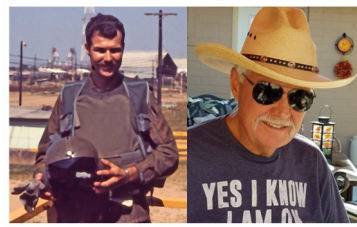


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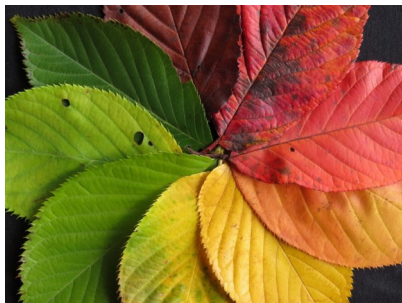
What's been going on?

During **October**, we learned about letters Pp and Ff. We had a pet parade and hosted a fall art walk. We invited all of our preschool families to come and view our projects and artwork. The Fall Festival included; games in the classrooms, face-painting, a fall photo booth to take a family picture, a fall snack and of course... a lot of FUN! At the end of the month, the children planted the preschool garden. This year, we are growing two different kinds of lettuce, carrots, bell peppers and snap peas. The kids are looking forward to the day we are able to pick our vegetables and try them out during snack...with some ranch dressing, of course!



What's coming up?

This **November**, we will talk about all the things that we are thankful for! We'll learn about the letters T and A, and make Thanksgiving placemats. We will all enjoy a feast together. Each class will make a special friendship snack mix to share with their friends and will also be sharing what they are most thankful for.





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.fryscommunityrewards.com), 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!

Some preschool fun!

Make Thanksgiving Blessing Mix with your little ones to bag up and pass out to friends and neighbors!

<https://www.iheartnaptime.net/thanksgiving-blessing-mix/>



Try this fun take on the Hokey Pokey!

Turkey Pokey

You put your right wing in

You put your right wing out

You put your right wing in and you shake it all about

You do the turkey pokey and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about!

Additional verses:

Left wing

Tail feathers

Drumsticks (legs)

Turkey Body (whole self)

Stuffing (tummy)

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!

October 2023 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool



SERIES DESCRIPTION: When we remember that God made everything—and all that God made is good—it should move us to thank God for everything. Thank God for who He is and what He's done. For family, friends, and food—we have a lot to be thankful for!

CORE INSIGHT: Design

WEEK ONE: Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz (Ruth 1–2)

WEEK TWO: David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-4)

WEEK THREE: Manna and Quail (Exodus 16)

WEEK FOUR: David Praises God* (2 Samuel 6:12-15, Psalm 149:1-5)

BOTTOM LINE: I can thank God for everything.

MEMORY VERSE: "Always give thanks to God." Ephesians 5:20, 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.

Grades 1-6



SERIES DESCRIPTION God made a way to rescue you through Jesus' death and resurrection. When you remember what God has done for you, you can always find a way to be thankful—no matter what is happening around you.

CORE INSIGHTS: Connection, Truth

WEEK ONE: Give Thanks No Matter-What Happens (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
Bottom Line: You always have something to be grateful for.

WEEK TWO: David Dances (2 Samuel 6:12b-22a) Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.

WEEK THREE: Jesus Heals 10 Men (Luke 17:11-19) Bottom Line: Take time to say thank you.

WEEK FOUR: The Lord's Supper/ Passover (1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12) Bottom Line: Make a habit of being grateful.

MEMORY VERSE: "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever." Psalm 136:1,

Mission: collection money will go towards a foster child gifts in November and December.





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

***** New Youth Group Time*****

**The youth have spoken, we're listening....
We will resume Youth Group on Sun. Oct. 15th with
a combo Youth Council and Video Game Day!**



SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

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

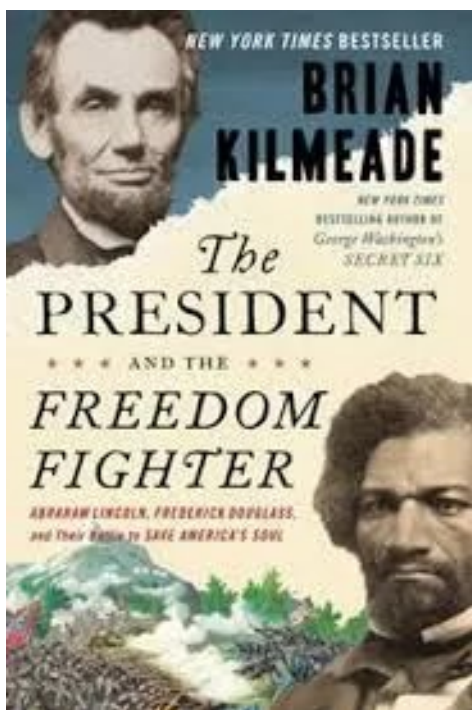


Follow us on Instagram@fumcyouth

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

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



Helen Williams review of this fiction book which was published in 2021.

The Book Club will meet November 16th at 11:30 in Room 130.

December's book will be The Christmas Spirit by Debbie Macomber

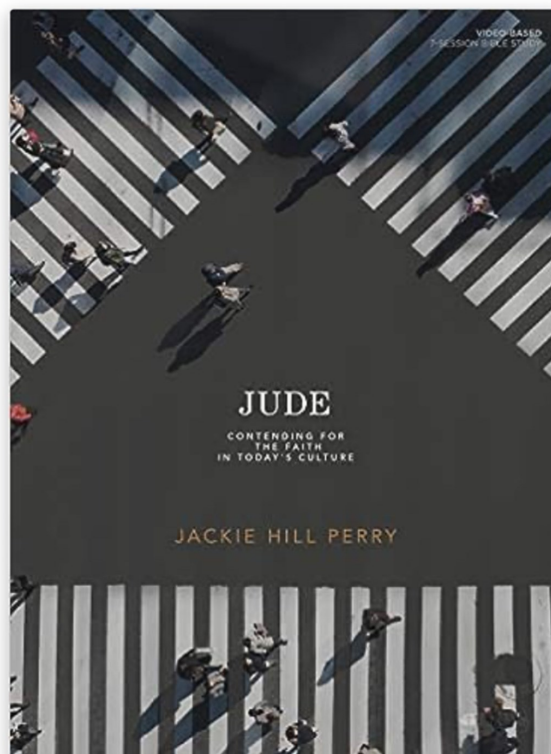
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our next book is Jude by Jackie Hill Perry starting October 3at 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, know.) 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 continue study Jude by Jackie Hill Perry very 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 November 2nd in room 130 at 9:30 am
- Grief share meets on Zoom every Saturday from 8:30 to 10 am.
- All Saint's Day will be celebrated on November 5th at both services
- November 5 Health ministry will be doing Blood Pressure Checks in between services in Activity Center.
- Veteran's Day November 12th Help us honor all that served!
- Memorial for LeRoy Englebrecht Thursday November 16. 2023 at 10:30 in sanctuary.
- Book Club Meets November 16th at 11:30 am in Room 130 November's book is "The President and the Freedom Fighter: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglas and Their Battle to Save America's Soul" by Brian Kilmeade.
- Hanging of the Greens Saturday December 2, at 11:00 am in Sanctuary
- First Sunday of Abvent December 3, 2023
- Join us for Chili and Caroling on December 11th 6-8 pm
- Cantata will be on December 17th both services .



Wednesday Night Potluck

NOV 29TH AT 5:30PM
SANDWICH 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



Challenges of Caregiving

November is National Family Caregivers Month, a time to honor and focus on the needs of the 43.5 million caregivers among us. Who are the caregivers? Look around at your colleagues! In a recent benefit survey, 57% of employees surveyed self-identified as caregivers.



A caregiver is an unpaid family member or other person who provides help with activities of daily living and medical tasks for seniors, children with disabilities or people with cancer, brain injuries, ALS, MS, Alzheimer’s Disease, and many other health conditions.

The toll on caregivers can be high in terms of stress, fatigue, isolation, and depression. Without support, caregivers often suffer deterioration in physical, mental, and financial health. Support caregivers in your life by staying connected and listening. Plus, offer concrete help such as shoveling a walk, mowing a lawn or offering a ride. Find ways to break through their isolation and relieve their stress.

Here are caregiver-to-caregiver basic tips for maintaining good health:

- “Put your own lifejacket on first” by taking care of your own physical and mental health.
- Share your feelings. Find someone to talk to – a counselor, an online network, a support group, or a friend.
- Identify and tap into local support resources. Learn how to ask for help and accept it.
- Don’t neglect your own needs and interests. Take time off, even if only a few minutes a day.
- Learn how to say no. Pace yourself and set limits. Recognize signs of burnout and get help.
- Find healthy ways to deal with your stress: Yoga, meditation, reading, listening to music, or walking in nature.

Get support and ideas from the [Family Caregiver Alliance \(caregiver.org\)](http://caregiver.org), Caring.com and explore [your state’s Caregiver Services](http://caregiver.org) (caregiver.org website, Service by State link).



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 are 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

pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org

or 480-892-9166

November Calendar of Events 2023



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5 Communion Sunday

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7 Tues Morning Bible 9:15

1 Chat N Chew Noon Wednesday Night Bible

2 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30



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4 Grief share every Sat 8:30-10:00 on zoom

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14 Tues Morning Bible 9:15

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

16 Book Club 11:30



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21 Tues Morn. Bible 9:15

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

23 Thanks giving day

24 church office closed



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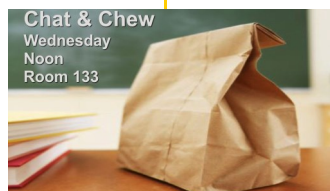
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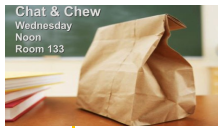
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Blue Christmas Service 6:30 pm

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26 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 Trunk N Treat at in parking lot of Church



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November Birthdays



Israel Mutach	1
Maddy Paap	1
Tiffany Scharff	2
Terry Bettis	5
Jan Casebolt	7
Daniel Murphy	7
David Baker	8
Chloe Boesch	10
Dan Bose	10
Jeremy Norris	11
Ted Jung	12
Linda Roy Sanders	12
Jacob Galvin	13
Michelle Reynolds	15
David Paap	16
Trish Odell	17
Blanche McDonough	18
Adeline Fonza	20
Stuart Weimers	21
Teverly Taylor	22
Alyassa Houseman	23
Barbara Burford	25
Kim Harding	25
Donn Brown	26
Craig Thompson	27



Jenny Vallura	27
Michelle Butler	29
Melissa Van Der Pol	29
Sharon Kotsonas	30



November Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
11	Robyn and Clifford Oswald	35
20	Linda and Jeff Martell	41
20	Karla and Douglas Romfo	47
22	Linda and Frederick Hartmann	55
23	Angela and David Mittner	18

