

The Evangel

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

March 2024

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

Church office will be
closed
April 1st in
observance of
Easter

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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
Jan 21 to Feb 25th
total in church 1357

Virtual viewing 593



Holy Week and Easter services



FIRST UMC GILBERT

Easter 2024

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Palm Sunday March 24th 8am and 9:30am

Seder Meal March 27th 5:30pm

Maundy Thursday March 28th 6:30pm

Good Friday March 29th 6:30pm

Easter Sunday 6am, 8am, and 9:30am

FAMILY CAMPOUT

April 26-28, 2024



**Ponderosa Campground
outside Payson**

*For more Info Contact
Jo Goslar or Elice Province*

*elicebp@aol.com
jogoslar@gmail.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.



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

Family Campout 2024

JUNE MORRISON

Submitted by: Therese Pineda RN, Parish Nurse



June Morrison turns 100 Years Old February 12, 2024. June has been a member of this church for 75 years. She has been active in the church and the community all of her life. She is an amazingly kind woman with a generous spirit. June is the only living person to have attended in all three locations of our church. Our first church building was built in 1919 and was sadly condemned in 1946. While the new church was being built on Main Street (Gilbert Road), she and the rest of the congregation attended services at the Tone Theatre building (Joe’s Bar-B-Q). In 1986 June donated the five acres where the Church currently sits at 331 S. Cooper Road.

Please join us in celebrating June

On March 17th at 10:30, following the 9:30 service we will celebrated June’s 100th Birthday and 75 year membership through a celebration of all of our ministries. Please join us for this celebration to include food, games, prayer, and fun.





THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Our church did a wonderful job organizing and completed the Town of Gilbert’s community food drive. We are so grateful for all the volunteers and for everyone who contributed food during the two-day drive.

All of the donations have been picked up and taken to local food banks. We will publish the completed donations amounts as soon as everything is counted.



GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPORT

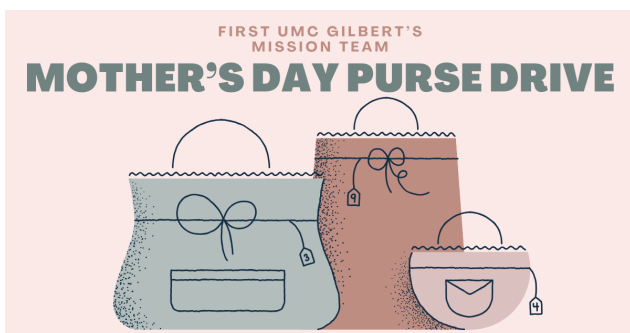
Our church continues to support Gilbert Elementary School, which is a neighborhood Title 1 school. Schools meet this criteria based on total student enrollment and the number of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. We supply snacks to those students who are hungry and cannot concentrate on their studies. We would appreciate all donations. A list has been provided below. You may drop them off throughout the school year in the wooden crates on the wire shelves labeled Missions inside the doors of the Activity Center. The students are so polite and grateful when we deliver snacks to them. It’s always a joy to see them!



Please note, all food items must be individually packaged. Supplies needed include peanut butter or Chees filled crackers, cups of Mac’n Cheese (just add water), Cheez-Its, Goldfish, Pop Tarts, fruit snacks, granola bars, Gatorade, bottled water, and breakfast bars.

MOTHER’S DAY PURSE DRIVE

We are gearing up for this annual mission project. The Mission team will be on the patio every Sunday in April. We will be collecting new or gently used purses and items to pack in them. Suggested items include cosmetics, lotions, hair brushes, bath gels, manicure and pedicure items, hair accessories and toiletries.



Adult Ministry Studies

Information below covers current classes that are wrapping up in February. Both the Wednesday evening and Sunday morning study will do the same Lenten Study. Yes, Lent begins February 14th!

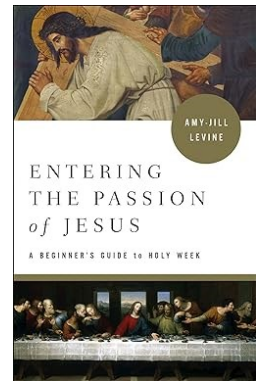
Choir Sunday School

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.



Lent Study: *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.



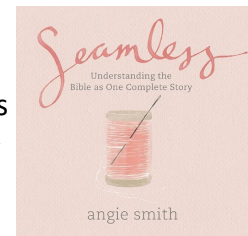
In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

Pastor Rick Wednesday 6:30pm, Room 130 and via zoom 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20

Pastor Adriana Sundays 11am, Room 136—3/3, 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24

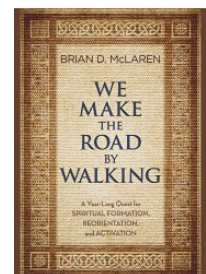
Seamless, *Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story*

In April, the Sunday 11am Sunday School class will begin this seven-week Bible study by Angie Smith. Seamless covers the people, places and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. This study begins April 7th in room 136. This class is facilitated by Pastor Adriana.



We Make the Road by Walking

After the Lenten series, the Wednesday Evening Bible study class continues their work in *We Make the Road by Walking*. This class will resume covering this book in April. Class is led by Pastor Rick Casebolt on. Wednesday nights at 6:30 in person and via zoom in room 130.



The Children's Sunday School Project

The kids and teachers decided on a project to help homeless animals through their collections bought and made blankets to deliver to a animal shelter .



On Sunday February 4th Pastor Rick and Pastor Adriana blessed them so that could be take to the animal shelter .



We are blessed that our children are learning to give back. We are blessed to have awesome teachers who are looking after our children.



Desert Southwest Chapter Programs & Services

A guide to support individuals, families, and friends impacted by dementia

People with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their families and friends can feel overwhelmed, but no one needs to go on this journey alone. We offer a variety of free programs, services, and resources to help cope with all aspects of the disease and its progression.

24/7 HELPLINE

Call **800.272.3900**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to speak confidentially with a Care Consultant. These professionals provide support, information about Alzheimer's and related dementias, guidance on care options, help with planning for the future, coaching for family members, strategies to address safety concerns, and referrals to local resources. Support is free of charge and offered in over 200 languages.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support Groups provide a forum to share feelings, concerns, information, and learn new skills. The Desert Southwest Chapter offers over 50 support groups, in English and Spanish, across Arizona and southern Nevada. All of our support groups are facilitated by trained individuals and meet at various locations and times. Most groups are for family and friends supporting a loved one with dementia, but there are also groups designed specifically for individuals with early stage dementia. Call 800-272-3900 or visit: alz.org/dsw/supportgroups to find a group near you.

EDUCATION

Our educational programs increase awareness and knowledge about Alzheimer's and related dementias. Session topics include an introduction to the disease, addressing behavioral challenges, long-term planning, and much more. Almost all of our educational presentations are offered in English and Spanish. Call 800-272-3900 or visit: alz.org/dsw/education for more information.

EARLY STAGE

Early Stage programs provide a variety of education sessions and activities designed to actively engage, empower, and encourage individuals with Early Stage Alzheimer's and their care partners. Call 800-272-3900 for more information.

FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINING

The Alzheimer's Association's Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder training is a free online course to prepare first responders to respond to common calls involving a person with dementia. For more information, call 800-272-3900 or alz.org/firstresponders

Early Stage Support Groups

These support groups are for early stage individuals and their care partners. Please call 1.800.272.3900 before attending.

Sun City

Sun Health Research Institute
Mondays
1:00 p.m. Care Partners
2:00 p.m. People with Dementia

Early Stage Telephone Group

Tuesdays — 1:00 p.m.
12 Week Series: 4/12/22 – 6/28/22
*For individuals living with dementia only

Phoenix

Younger Onset (Under 65 years old)
Beatitudes Campus
2nd Saturday - 11:00am Caregivers/12:00pm
Individuals with Dementia

IN PERSON SUPPORT GROUPS

To attend, register at 1-800-272-3900

Casa Grande

Caliche Adult Day Club
1640 N Peart Rd
4th Wednesday — 1:00 p.m.

Payson

Payson Senior Center
514 W Main Street
1st & 3rd Wednesday — 1:30 p.m.

Florence

Dorothy Nolan Senior Center
330 N. Pinal St.
2nd Thursday — 10:00 a.m.

Phoenix

St Theresa's Parish
5045 E Thomas Rd, Conference Room
Last Tuesday – 4:00 p.m.

Gilbert

First United Methodist Church of Gilbert
331 S Cooper Rd., Room 130
1st & 3rd Friday — 1:30 p.m.

Rio Verde

Verde Cares
18934 E Avenida del Ray #106
1st Tuesday — 3:00 p.m.

Maricopa

Copper Sky Recreational Center
44345 W Martin Luther King Blvd, Mtg Rm
2nd Wednesday — 10:00 a.m.

Sun Lakes

Sun Lakes Methodist Church
9248 E Riggs Road, Room 4
Every Thursday — 9:00 a.m.

Mesa

Sunland Village East
2145 S Farnsworth Dr., Auditorium
3rd Thursday – 1:00 p.m.

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What's been going on? February- Healthy, Happy Hearts for God!

We had a busy February learning all about letters Hh, Xx, and Yy and Uu. In chapel we started chapel buddies. Each Pre-K student was paired up with a 3's student. They sit together during the bible story and also get to share, sing and say the bible verse together. We learned about Daniel in the Lion's Den, the Good Samaritan and how to love others like Jesus! We learned about eating healthy foods and had a visit from a special Dental Hygienist showing us how to keep our teeth happy and healthy.

Our mission this month was to spread God's love by making a beaded heart to give someone special in the community.

Literature Week- What a fun week we had!

Monday- **Jesus is My Superhero**; Dress up like a superhero to school.

Tuesday-**Napping House**; Wear pajamas to school.

Wednesday (Wacky)-**Dr. Seuss**; Wear something silly to school.

Thursday-**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**;

Dress up as a character from your favorite book.

What's coming up?

What's coming up? **March- God's Garden**

Learning about the letters LI (Ladybugs) and Gg (Garden)! We will learn about amazing bugs and plants that God created.

Gardening with Preschoolers-

Have you checked out the Children's Garden?

This month we are raising caterpillars, observing and playing with ladybugs and touching earth worms! What fun! Our classes will also be picking and tasting the vegetables that we planted last fall...with ranch of course!



Spring Break will be March 11th-22nd

Enjoy the beautiful weather outside with your friends and families!



REGISTRATION

Registration We are setting up tours for next school year. We have openings in both our 3's program and Pre K for the 2024-2025 school year. Please tell a neighbor or friend and help us spread the word! Please contact us if you have any questions.

480-892-9166 or preschool@gilbertumc.org

Lisa DePalma- Director

Ellie Koenig- Directors Assistant



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If you have any questions about the preschool, please contact Lisa DePalma or Ellie Koenig at preschool@gilbertumc.org or 480-892-9166.

March 2024 Children's Ministry What's Happening?

Preschool



SERIES DESCRIPTION: The immoral woman who had been kicked out of the friend group. The greedy man who stole from his family. The uneducated. The poor. The sick. The outcast. Jesus called them all friends while He was on Earth. And Jesus still calls everyone who follows Him "friends," today and forever

CORE INSIGHT: Connection

WEEK ONE: Woman at the Well (John 4:1-30)

WEEK TWO: Follow Me (Matthew 9:9-12; Luke 5:1-11)

WEEK THREE: Washing Feet (John 13:3-17)

WEEK FOUR: Palm Sunday (Matthew 23:1-11, 15-16)

WEEK FIVE: Easter* (Matthew 26:23-30, 27:1-2, 28:1; John 23:1-14)

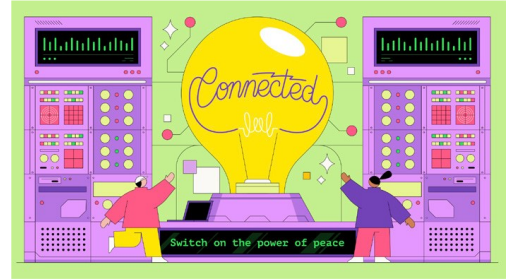
BOTTOM LINE: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

MEMORY VERSE: "I have called you friends." John 15:15, 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 When Jesus died on the cross, He made peace between God and us. We can have peace—and we can share the peace of God with others. We can reflect the character of Jesus by caring enough to make peace.

CORE INSIGHTS Transformation, Community

WEEK ONE: Live in Peace with Everyone (Romans 12:18) Bottom Line: Make peace whenever you can.

WEEK TWO: Abram and Lot (Genesis 13:5-18) Bottom Line: You can show you care by letting go of what's fair.

WEEK THREE: Abigail Intervenes (1 Samuel 25:1-35) Bottom Line: You can help others make peace.

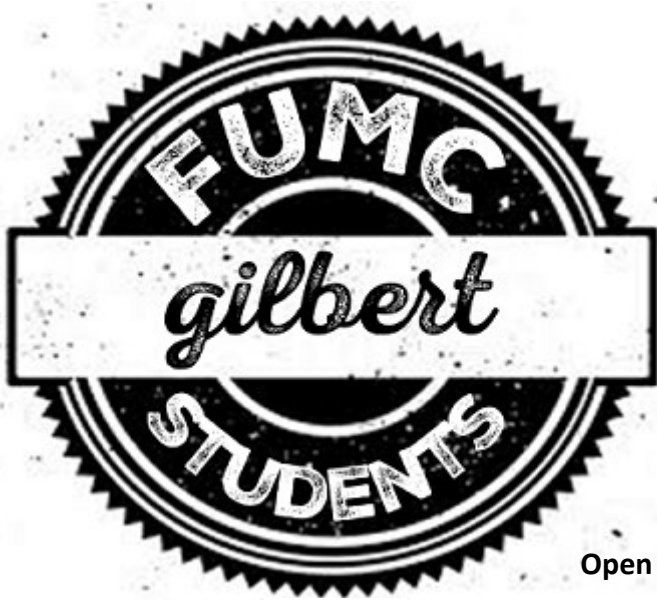
WEEK FOUR: Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11) Bottom Line: Jesus came to be our Savior.

WEEK FIVE: Easter (Luke 24:1-12, 36-49) Bottom Line: Jesus is alive.

MEMORY VERSE: "If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can." Romans 12:18, NIV

**EASTER: CELEBRATING THAT
JESUS IS ALIVE**

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

Announcing Summer 2024
Sierra Service Project



Open to current 7th grade- college
SSP in Chiloquin, OR

June 29th- July 6 (approximate dates)

We will need \$50 deposit to secure your spot.

Please make payment On-line and specify Youth Ministry and
write: Mission Trip Deposit for (Youth Name) in the notes section.

Fundraising efforts will begin soon

[Sign Up Here if you're interested in joining us!!!](#)



Volunteers Needed SSP Fundraiser Easter Morning Pancake Breakfast!

Scouts weren't able to host the Pancake Breakfast this year, so youth will host it this year! This will be a great opportunity to help raise funds for our SSP trip to Oregon this summer. Even if you're not planning to go to SSP, please help if you are able. Many hands make lighter work! We appreciate you!



SAVE THE DATE MORE UPCOMMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

March 2nd- 3rd- Youth Group Ski/Snowboard Trip

March 10th- No Youth Group- Spring Break

March 17th- TBD

March 24th- Youth Group- TBD

March 31st- Easter Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser (6am-11am)

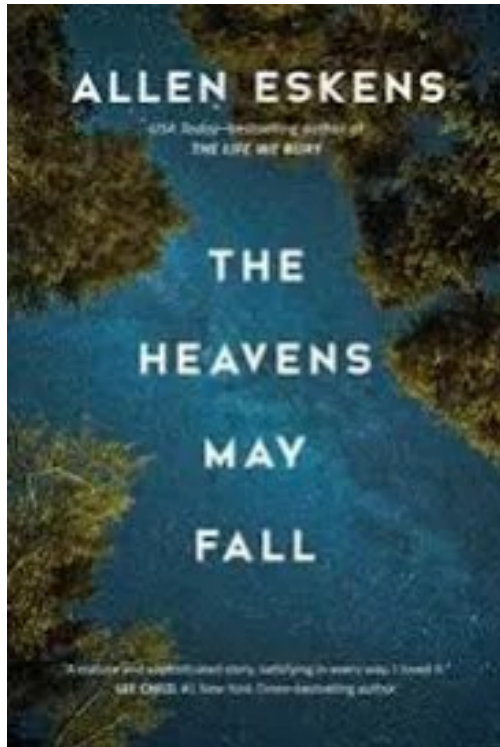
April 26-28th- Family Campout in Payson!

June 3-7, VBS- Youth



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

March's book is The Heavens May Fall
by Allen Eskens

Betty review of this
fiction book which was
published in 2016.

The Book Club will meet
March 21st at 11:30 in
Room 130.

April's book will be
How the Word is Passed
By Clint Smith

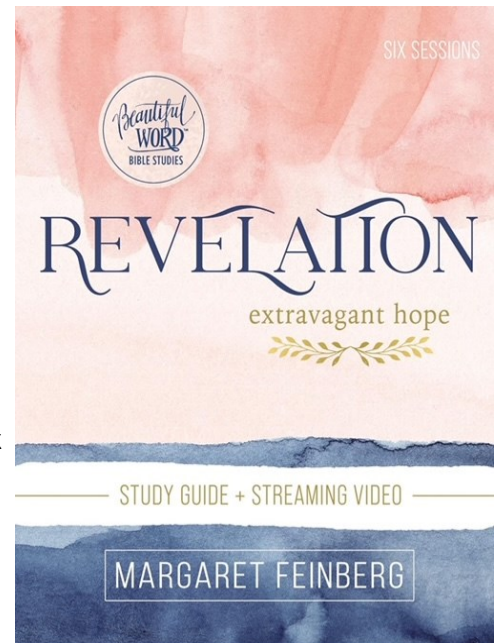
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We will have a two week break March 12 and 19 for Spring Break . We will then start March 26 th 9:15am social time 9:30a-11:15a study time. Join us for this weekly study of Revelation by Margaret Feinberg including a video, discussion and self study. If nursery care is needed please contact Sonja Ruhland.

What if God is saving the best for last?

Of all the books of the Bible, Revelation is the one that mystifies and unsettles people the most. From numerical signs to monsters, the book of apocalypse in the Bible can be difficult to wrap our minds around, but the message that Revelation really brings is hope.






In this six-session video Bible study (video streaming included), Bible teacher and author Margaret Feinberg digs into John's Revelation to show us how the final book of the Bible reminds us of God's power and promises during times of great suffering and persecution..



Contact Sonja Ruhland at Sonja.ruhland@gmail.com

Upcoming Opportunities

Mark your calendar for these other upcoming events:

- Grief Share meets on Zoom every Saturday from 8:30 to 10 am, Please sign up with Kay at Kay.pealstrom@gmail.com. 
- There will be no March Blood pressure checks April blood pressure check will be held April 7 in-between services in the Activity Center.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study will finish study When You Pray by multiple authors on March 5th then be off for March 12 and 19 returning to the new study on Revelations on March 26th we will start our new book on Revelations continuing 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. 
- Preschool will be out for Spring Break March 11th restarting classes on March 25th. Have a safe and FUN spring Break.
- Christian Women's Fellowship will meet February 21st in room 130 at 9:30 am 
- Book Club Meets March 21st at 11:30 am in Room 130. March's book is The Heavens May Fall by Clint Smith 
- Church office will be closed April 1st in observance of Easter
- Family Campout fast approaching please make sure your reservation is in no later than ????f for the campout is April 26-28!
- **Save the Date for the Mother's Day Purse Drive.** Gather up those gently used purses and essential items to go inside them, shampoo, deodorant, cologne, hairbrush, tooth brush, tooth paste, etc. We will be collecting every Sundy in April.

Baptism of Miss Elyonah Amali Mwelwa with surrounded by family was preformed on February 18, 2024 by both Pastor Rick and Adriana. She is the child of Magaly Kon and Vincent Mwelwa born October 12, 2023.





UNDERSTANDING & ACCEPTANCE

People at DivorceCare understand how you're feeling and what you're struggling with—because they're facing similar challenges. Everyone's story is different, and you'll be accepted right where you are, in a safe place.

"I could be me and no one would judge me." - Lesia



ENCOURAGEMENT & HOPE

It's so comforting to know you're not alone and that you're going to be okay. Through the videos and small-group discussion time, you'll hear from people who have felt there's nothing left to look forward to—and now they're starting to smile again. They'll help you do the same.

"Going to DivorceCare, I was getting solid again. I was starting to heal. I had hope." - Mica

GOOD INSIGHT

Each week, you'll watch a 30-minute video filled with practical suggestions from counselors and other experts on divorce recovery. Plus you'll hear from people who've experienced a marriage breakup and who share what's helped them. Their insights will help you make wise decisions as you move forward.

"For the first time I had people that had answers." - Jonathan





PRAYER CONNECTION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Prayer Connection! We had a wonderful time exploring how the power within prayer connects us all and connects us to have a wonderful relationship with God.

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: kay.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 8:30am-10am. New class starts January 20, 2024 and is on going you are able to join at any time.

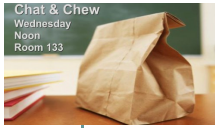


For more information about groups and other support available, please contact Pastor Adriana at pastoradriana@gilbertumc.org or 480-892-9166

March Calendar of Events 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 Communion Sunday 11am Lent Study	4	5 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 	 6 Chat N Chew Noon Lent Study 6:30	7 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30 	1	2 Grief share every Sat 8:30-10:00 on zoom
10 11am Lent Study	11	12 Tues Morn- ing Bible 9:15 OFF 	13 Chat N Chew Noon Lent study 6:30	14	15	16 
17 11am Lent Study Church Ministry Sunday Celebration of June 100	18	19 Tues Morn. Bible 9:15 OFF 	20 Chat N Chew Noon Lent Study 6:30	21 Book Club 11:00 	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 11am Lent Study 	25	26 Tues Morning Bible 9:15 	27 Chat N Chew Noon Seder 5:30 Lent Study 6:30 study 630 Seder Meal at 5:30	28 Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 Sanctuary	29 Good Friday Services at 6:30 in Sanctuary	30
31 Easter 						

April Calendar of Events 2024



Calendars

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



7 Communion Sunday
11am Bible Study BP check in activity cen-

1 Easter
Church Office Closed

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2 Tuesday
Morning Bible Study 9:15



9 Tuesday
Morning Bible Study 9:15



3 Chat N Chew
Noon Wednesday night Bible

10 Chat N Chew
Noon Wednesday Night Bible

17 Chat N Chew
Noon Wed. night Study

24 Chat N Chew
Noon Bible Study 6:30

4 Christian Women's Fellowship 9:30



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18 Book Club 11:00



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6 Grief share Saturday mornings at 8:30-10:00am on

13



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27

14
11am Bible Study

15

16 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15



21
11am Bible Study

22

23 Tuesday morning Bible study 9:15



28
11am Bible Study

29

30 Tues Morning Bible 9:15



March Birthdays



Larry Randolph	1
Julie Curran	2
Kathy Snyder	3
Hailey Houseman	4
Lucy Daniels	7
Katelynn Johns	8
Jim Eggen	10
Magaly Kon	11
Sharon Massey	11
Nate Pearce	12
Gavin Rempel	12
Ainsley Snyder	12
Lynn Carroll	14
Nina Chiricuzio	15
Brandi Vallera	16
Alexandra Bose	18
Carolyn Skinner	18
Margie Zeilstra	18
Mollie Belcher	19
Seth Daugherty	19
Adam Butler	26
Bob Chuk	26
Kevin Becker	27
Hudson Johnson	28
Justin Diaz	29



March Anniversaries

Date	Sweet Couple	Years Married
11	Miriam Phillips and Stan Gill	35
16	Stacy and Chris Cantwell	12
21	Pam and Mark Turner	38
23	Taleen and Keith Carpenter	28
24	Veronica and George Dailey	29

