

FIREWORKS!!

With July 4th on the horizon I'm reminded of a story about fireworks.

A few years ago Wendy and I went to Phoenix for a Diamondbacks game - the game started at 7:00 PM. After the game ended, around 10:00 PM, the public announcer invited everyone to stay for the fireworks display. I turned to Wendy and said, "Let's get out of here as soon as possible, I've got a lot to do in the morning - I don't want to hang around here." So we sprinted out of the stadium, down a couple blocks, around the corner, and approached the parking garage where we had left the car earlier. Much to my *great* disappointment, the building was surrounded by policemen, some on horse back. And as I inquired what was going on they told us, "It's too dangerous to get your car now- the fireworks are being launched from the top of this parking garage- you may get your car only after the fireworks are done and we inspect the building. We'll tell



you when it's O.K." So we stood there; and stood there. And waited, and waited, and waited, and waited until all the fireworks festivities were completed. I can remember sulking and gritting my teeth as we finally got to our car and we were able to go home. That night, I could have cared less about fireworks! I just wanted to get the car and go home!

Someone told me recently that as Americans we have forgotten about the importance of our freedom - we have taken for granted the cost that many people paid for you and I to freely worship and praise God; that we often overlook the importance of taking time and remembering how we got to where we are today.

This July 4th I encourage you to take pride in our nation, take pride in our freedom, and patiently and graciously enjoy a fireworks display with your friends and family. And as you see the colors "bursting in air," take time to stop and say "thanks" for our freedom - you can get in your car later.

Pastor Michael

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Christian Women's Fellowship Group

A big thank you to all the women who prepared the pies for the Father's Day Pie Sale. We also want to thank the congregation for their continued support. More than 60 pies were baked and sold.

The amount raised totaled more than \$700.00. Again, thank you to everyone for making this a successful sale. We are now about half way towards raising funds for a new stove for the church kitchen.



Be looking for upcoming events as we continue our fund raising efforts for the stove.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 7th at 9:30am room 212. All women in the congregation are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Sara Collins at 480-892-3113.

American Family Association Day of Prayer

The AFA (American Family Association) is encouraging Christians across the nation to join in a national day of prayer for our nation. Gov. Rick Perry of Texas has proclaimed Saturday, Aug. 6th, as a Day of Prayer and Fasting to seek God's guidance and wisdom in addressing the challenges that face our communities, states and nation. He has invited governors across the country to join him on Aug. 6 to participate in *The Response*, a non-denominational, apolitical, Christian prayer meeting hosted by the American Family Association



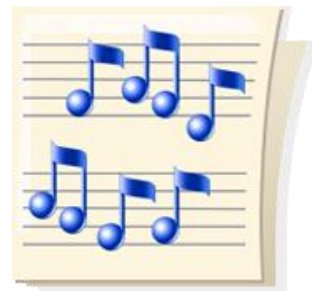
Music Ministry

Marty Province, Music Director - music@gilbertumc.org

If a person were to look back through past editions of the Evangel, it would be possible to pick up the October 2010 issue and read a request from the Music Ministry for any instrumentalists to identify themselves as people who might be interested in playing occasionally in worship. We had just sung one anthem with Rita Wagner joining us on flute and another with Joe Strazz on saxophone, and the goal was to involve even more people into what was hoped would be a growing part of our Music Ministry. At that time, no one came forward (I think everyone was too "shy"), but since then – usually in casual conversations – members have mentioned that they "used to play" [*fill in the blank*], and I have been quietly compiling a list of those names.

That list is now up to 28 names, and next fall, it is my hope that we can start utilizing those people, in both small and large groups, in our worship services. Look for an announcement in an upcoming Evangel, and/or come by the music table at the fall kick-off for additional information.

Between now and then, if you have a talent "hidden or otherwise" let me know, so I can add you to the list. If you are hoping to stay hidden, be careful what you say – and to whom; the walls have ears.



Book Club

The July selection for the Book Club is [The Good Earth](#) by Pearl S. Buck. We will meet Thursday, July 28 at 11:30 AM at Myrna Eshelman's home at 1326 E. Bermuda Bay Rd. Gilbert (please note change of location for the July meeting). Please bring your own sack lunch and we will discuss the book while we enjoy lunch together. If you can't make the July book club meeting, the book for August will be [Saving Jesus from the Church](#) by Robin R Meyers. For more information please contact Myrna Eshelman via email at myrna.eshelman@gmail.com or call Myrna at 480-216-3038. Everyone is welcome.



Sunday Worship & Daily Bible Readings

July 3

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25

Responsible Freedom

July 10

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

Seeds

July 31

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21



June 27 - July 3

| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| Monday | Genesis 24:34-49 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 72 |
| Wednesday | Romans 7:15-21 |
| Thursday | Romans 7:22-25a |
| Friday | Matthew 11:16-19 |
| Saturday | Matthew 11:25-27 |
| Sunday | Matthew 11:28-30 |

July 4-10

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|-----------|------------------|
| Monday | Genesis 25:19-26 |
| Tuesday | Genesis 25:27-34 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 25 |
| Thursday | Psalm 25 |
| Friday | Romans 8:1-11 |
| Saturday | Matthew 13:1-9 |
| Sunday | Matthew 13:19-23 |

July 11-17

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|-----------|---------------------|
| Monday | Genesis 28:10-19 |
| Tuesday | Genesis 28:10-19 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 139:1-12 |
| Thursday | Psalm 139:1-7,23-24 |
| Friday | Romans 8:12-17 |
| Saturday | Romans 8:18-25 |
| Sunday | Matthew 13:24-30 |

July 18-24

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| Monday | Psalm 105:1-11 |
| Tuesday | Genesis 29:15-28 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 13:31-33 |
| Thursday | Matthew 13:44-46 |
| Friday | Matthew 13:47-52 |
| Saturday | Romans 8:26-30 |
| Sunday | Romans 8:31-39 |

July 25-31

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|-----------|------------------|
| Monday | Genesis 32:22-26 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 17:1-7 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 14:13-21 |
| Thursday | Romans 9:1-3 |
| Friday | Matthew 14:13-21 |
| Saturday | Genesis 32:27-31 |
| Sunday | Romans 9:1-5 |



Christian History Adult Sunday School

We are continuing our study of God and Mankind: Comparative Religions. We are looking at the similar questions different religions attempt to answer, such as; where did the universe come from?, what is the nature and destiny of humanity?, what is the meaning of life? and what is the meaning and content of salvation?

During July we will look at a key element in Hinduism and Buddhism, the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth.

We will take two weeks in our study to discuss the book, "The Rise and Fall of the Bible" by Timothy Beal. The author surveys the many different versions of the Bible, with emphasis on the modern proliferation of values-added Bibles. The numerous translations and changes that have been identified can alter the meaning of a former text.

The last two weeks of July we will look at Buddhism, a religion coming out of Hinduism. We will see a major tenet of this religion is seeing all things as impermanent. Acting ethically, developing virtue, discipline and meditation are parts of the path to the goal of nirvana, a state which has neither suffering desire or sense of self.

Come join our class in discussion. We meet in room 225 at 9:45 a.m.

Land Development Group

The Land Development Group continues its work with the contractor to complete our project with the desired amenities at a price within our budget. We look forward to continuing to update the church as we progress. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the committee if you have any questions.

June 17, 2011 Article from Red Rock News, Sedona, Arizona

Youth Group Visiting from Gilbert Lends a Helping Hand

A group of teens from Gilbert spent a week of summer vacation performing volunteer work in Sedona and the Verde Valley.

The six middle school-age teens from Gilbert United Methodist Church camped in the social hall of the Sedona United Methodist Church and took day trips to several locations in Sedona, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde to lend a hand.

“This trip is part of the United Methodist Church’s ministry to perform community missions, especially with our youth. This is our junior high group. It’s their first time in Sedona—mine, too,” said Youth Pastor Mike Stephenson. “We’ve taken teens on missions to other parts of the country like Nashville, TN to perform mission work.

Sedona United Methodist Church Pastor Matt Ashley said he was anxious to see the teens. “I used to serve and work with the youth at that church. These kids were about kindergarteners when I was there, so it will be interesting to see how they’ve changed,” Ashley said. “This is a great way for them to live out their faith serving others, grow and look outside themselves.”

On Monday, June 13, the group helped an elderly woman in Sedona with yard work she had not been able to do, and later in the evening they assisted with serving a community dinner at a West Sedona church.

The next day, Tuesday, June 14, the group took a van to Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, a residential home for persons with developmental disabilities. They helped the ranchers who live there with chores, enjoyed lunch and participated in a program with the ranchers.

“They helped us attack tumbleweeds and some other landscaping. We have 27 acres here, and there are lots of thing to do we don’t have staff enough to get done. Groups like these teens are a big help,” Community Relations Coordinator Dee Whitt said.

Several groups from across the country choose Rainbow Acres as a working mission. Last year, Whitt said the groups donated nearly 10,000 volunteer hours at the ranch.

“This is twofold for us. It does help the ranch get some much-needed chores done, and it helps give these kids a better appreciation for people with developmental disabilities. They will take that back with them and remember their experience here, when they meet a fellow student at their school who has a developmental disability,” Whitt said.

On Wednesday, June 15, the teens stayed at the church in Sedona, working on the landscaping and cleaning up the church grounds. Thursday, June 16, included a trip to Cottonwood and the Old Town Mission, where they helped distribute food and clothing to the homeless and needy.

“We are thrilled when young people like this group step up to the character challenge of helping others in need. It’s hard work, but their biggest reward will be knowing they make a difference in someone’s life,” Compassion Services Manager Rebecca Walker said. “We thank Mike Stephenson for mentoring these young people in such a powerful way.”

After a full week, the teens left Sedona for home tired and tanned but joyous for the experience, Stephenson said.

“Their week in Sedona, however, was not all work and no play. They spent time at Slide Rock and enjoying Sedona and Oak Creek. They also received special passes at the Cottonwood Recreation Center where they took showers and enjoyed the climbing wall, water slide, lazy river and swimming pool.

“We made sure they also had time to enjoy themselves with some fun activities,” Stephenson said.

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Greetings!

It has been a busy month since the last Evangel!

The Junior High group went to SUNSPASH for a day of fun. After all was said and done, we had 29 people attend-WOW! Lisa Strazz and I also went on the Half Pipe ride :-\ ..thanks Jamie Johnson! The Senior High attended AIRWORX (and Taco bell). This was all in the same weekend. Thanks to a little Advil, I was ready for the JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP the following week.

Sedona is a beautiful city. We had a great team from our church doing some awesome work around the town and in Cottonwood. We did volunteer work with Verde Valley caregivers working with seniors, St. Andrews Dining Hall working with the homeless, Rainbow Acres for the developmentally disabled, Sedona UMC and landscaping projects and Old Town Mission in Cottonwood Food Bank and other projects they had. We did do some side trips to Slide rock, the movies and the Church of the Red Rocks. Our next mission trip is Senior High~ Sierra Service Project to Teec Nos Pos, 7/10-16!!!

Take good care, Mike Stephenson

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

YOUTH Sunday school

Is offered every Sunday for 7th to 12th grade from 9:45-10:45am

Where~Junior High- Room 226

Senior High- Room 308

AWESEOME TEACHERS AND FELLOWSHIP!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAYS?

Youth Bible Study

This will resume in the fall!

Begins right after dinner at 6:45pm in rm 308.

Beverly Durica plans great program for the youth...JOIN US!

UMYF for Youth!!!

This will resume in the fall!

On Sunday evenings. We'll figure out the times as we get closer. This will be a time for our youth to get to get together for fun, outings and fellowship.

In the meantime, I would like to have some summertime fun with both the Junior high and High school by doing some monthly events...any ideas? Watch the calendar/ emails/ bulletin for date and times.

Youth Missions

Sedona Junior High Mission Trip- June 11-17, 2011.

We're back from a great, productive and meaningful trip!! Thanks to Counselor, Kim Dare a great team and to all that supported this trip!

Counselors: Kim Dare, Mike Stephenson

Youth: Brady Anderson, Krista Dare, Alannah Durica, Jonathan Grindle, Victoria Whittington, Julia Strazz, Brianna Wiemers.

Sierra Service Project (SSP) Senior High Mission Trip- July 10-16, 2011.

Youth entering 9th grade through those just graduating High school will be attending. We'll be going to Teec Nos Pos, an American Indian Reservation in Arizona.

Counselors: Joe Bayer, Darrin Orndorff, Mike Stephenson.

Youth: Kamryn Bayer, Alannah Durica, Addie Fairley, Marie and Richard Frazier, Jonah Orndorff, Brittany Schreiner, Sara Sanders, Alex Taj

Youth Calendar

ONGOING

- Tues** 6 or 6:30pm Youth Council meeting Room308
(1st Tuesday of each month/ May change)
- Wed** 6:45-8pm Youth Bible Study Room 308
(Resumes fall)
- Sun** 9:45-10:45am Confirmation Class 2012 (TBA)
9:45-10:45am Youth Sunday School
Junior High- Room 226 Senior High- Room 308
Times TBA UMYF/ Youth Group (Resumes fall)

2011

- 6/30 SSP Mission Team Meeting 6:30pm Room 308/ Youth room
- 7/10-16 Sierra service project/ Teec Nos Pos- Senior High Mission
- 7/19 Youth Council meeting 6:30pm Room 308/ Youth room
- 8/21 Church Kick Off
- 9/4 Fall Sunday school begins
- 9/17 Youth CPR Training~ FUMCG 10am No Cost to youth

HELP WANTED

Contact Mike Stephenson at church or cell 775 354 3153

Adult and Youth Volunteer Help

The Youth Council is looking for a few great people! We need youth and adults to help with some key positions. These people, along with the rest of the team, will help plan and coordinate the youth program.

RECYCLING

The Youth group has been collecting the recycling at the church for about a month now! You may have seen them after the 2nd service on Sundays gathering the paper, cans, plastic and bottles from the different receptacles around the church. This is split between the Junior High and Senior High Sunday school classes. PLEASE use the BLUE plastic bins with the recycle symbol on them or the LARGE CARDBOARD bins with the same symbol. These are all over our church campus. Your help is appreciated by the youth and everyone in the WORLD!!!

Preschool News..... Spreading God's love. . .

- ~ We still have a couple of spots open for some adorable preschoolers! Let your friends and neighbors know!
- ~ Check out our Preschool Garden. The sunflowers have bloomed and are amazingly tall! The preschoolers poured so much love, care and extra water on them during the school year!
- ~ July 15 First Tuition payment is due for enrolled students.
- ~ August 11th and 12th are Open House Nights. Each family will receive a letter in early July from the teacher with specifics about Open House and the school year!
- ~ Some fun activities to go with the story *Mister Seahorse* by Eric Carle:



Pre-reading

Before reading the story the first time show your child the cover of the book. Ask if they know what animal is shown. Tell them that this story is about a very special animal called Mr. Seahorse. Then read the story and let your child enjoy the fun acetate pages that hide animals and reach the surprise ending.

Seahorse Size

Seahorses come in different sizes just like people do. They can be as small as a fly or as big as a robin. Most seahorses are about 4 to 6 inches from the top of their head to the tip of their tail. Draw a seahorse on paper that is somewhere between 4 and 6 inches tall. Cut around the seahorse. Have your child lay on a large piece of paper or poster board and trace around their body. (This can also be done on a sidewalk or driveway with chalk) Measure your child in seahorses! How many seahorses tall is your child?



Have a wonderful summer!

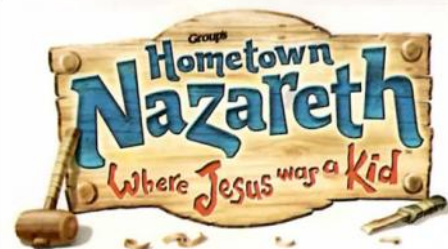
If you have any questions about the preschool, please check out our website at www.gilbertumcpreschool.com or call Lora Norris or Lara Fink at 480-892-9166.

Summer Sunday School Teachers

We are looking for many volunteers to help teach our children during the summer months through August 28th. The curriculum will be provided for you. All you need is your enthusiasm and willingness to nurture our children's Christian education. As you know, this is a very important mission in our church.



Sign ups are available on the church patio on Sunday mornings. For more information, please contact Joyce Larscheid at 602-206-7178 or elementarycoordinator@gilbertumc.org



Vacation Bible School will be July 18-22nd. A few spots remain for children as well as volunteers. Affiliated with church and/or preschool \$22.00. Non-affiliated with church and/or preschool \$25.00. Volunteers receive a discounted rate! For more information or to register, please call the church office.

A Thank You.....

Now that the school year is completed and the children in Sunday School have been promoted to the next grade up, we would like to thank some very special volunteers who gave of their time, energy, creativity, patience and most of all, their love of the children in the church as they ran PTF (Pre-Teen Fellowship) and Children's Time on Wednesday nights. These folks came every Wednesday night during the school year to ensure that the children that attended (most of the time over 20 of them) had a time where they felt safe, created friends, learned about God, the church. They learned new crafts and new games all because Jenny Vallera, Mike Miller and Janelle Chiricuzio committed themselves to be here for them. So when you see them, thank them for volunteering for the important role they played in these young people's lives.

Seniors & Retirees Group

Come join with us to see the D Backs defeat the Colorado team on Friday, July 23. If you have been keeping up with how the D Backs have been doing, you would know they're pretty darn good. Game time is 5:10pm and the cost is \$20.00. Let me know soon if you would like to attend so I'll know how many tickets to reserve. Any member of the congregation (and friends) 55 yrs and older are welcome to attend. Let's help them get to the world series. Dan Hahn (480) 659-7984



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

During the summer, the Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet each Tuesday at 9:30am in room 308. Each week we will discuss the Wednesday devotion from the Upper Room, which includes discussion questions in the back of each devotional. Copies of the Upper Room are available in the narthex. Childcare is available for children ages 10 and younger with advance registration. We invite you to join us on Tuesday mornings whenever it is convenient in your summer schedule. To register for summer childcare or for more information, please contact Deanna Helland or call the church office.



Recycling News

Paper Retriever:

Our newest recycling program is a large dumpster in the northwest corner of the church parking lot for paper products and FLATTENED cardboard! This includes junk mail, newspapers, catalogs, magazines, phone books, office paper, blueprints, and flattened cardboard boxes.

The church has received a call from the Paper Retriever company informing us that a large number of unflattened boxes have been placed in the dumpster, taking up a lot of space. *The company asked that a church staff member crawl in the dumpster to flatten the boxes. In order to save the church staff from crawling in the dumpster, please flatten all cardboard before placing it in the dumpster. Thanks!* ☺

The church will be paid a small amount per ton collected. The more we collect each month, the more we are paid per ton. If we only collect 1-3 tons per month, we are paid \$5 per ton. If we collect 4-8 tons per month, we are paid \$15 per ton. Last month, we collected 2.2 tons of recyclable paper. Let's collect a minimum of 4 tons this month so that we can receive \$15 per ton as opposed to \$5 per ton.

Please look for the recycling containers in the narthex, activity center, kitchen, classrooms and offices to dispose of ANY recyclable items! Most Sunday School classrooms have blue cans intended for recyclables. There are some large cans in the activity center that are marked for recyclables as well as some decorative containers meant for cans and bottles. We will be marking containers with bright green tape to help make them more conspicuous. If you aren't sure what can be recycled, there is a chart on the large green can in the activity center

In order to be successful in our recycling efforts, we need everyone's support! Please help keep the church green and clean by being aware of the recycling containers and assisting with emptying them as needed or contacting someone if you notice a container is full. The housekeeping staff does not empty the recycling.

The church also collects empty Capri Sun and other drink pouches, used ink cartridges and old cell phones. These may be placed in the containers in the entryway of the activity center or brought to the church office.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to help with the Green Team projects, and to help identify more ways that the church can be 'Green'. Anyone interested please call the church office.



Cub Scout Recruitment

Cub Scout Pack 88, sponsored by 1st United Methodist of Gilbert, is looking for boys who will be in the first, second, third, and fourth grades starting in July/August of this year. We have an exciting year-round program, and lots of fun summer activities planned. Questions? Interested? Contact Philip Tesarek, 480-510-4588, ptesarek@hotmail.com

Helping Hands ~ Serving God

“From him the whole body ... grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

A church needs more than just a pastor or a worship leader. Whether it's a new church or one that's been around for years, it takes all kinds of people to grow a church.

Are you good at math, organization, or working with children? How about sign painting? All of these abilities are needed. **So what can you contribute to your church?**

Serving the church is probably the most important and significant thing you will do in your life, because the church will outlast everything. Your job and hobbies will not go into eternity. Even nations and governments will not go into eternity. The church, the family of God, is the only thing that's going to last forever.

The Bible says, “When you meet together, one person has a song, and another has a teaching. Another has a new truth from God. Another speaks in a different language The purpose of all these things should be to help the church grow” (1 Corinthians 14:26, NCV). Everybody should bring what they are good at to the table, because no one person is good at everything.

You have God-given gifts and abilities that the church needs.

*Because of the Volunteers
The Jr. High youth were able
to enjoy these activities last
month*

*Jr. High Mission Trip
Jr High Water Day*

*Have you ever been in the Activity
Center in between Sunday Worship
Services???I know some of you have
because you love the coffee, cookies and
fellowship. We really want to keep
that going, however we are in NEED
of **Coffee Hour Set up and
Take Down Hosts.** Please
consider helping out for the balance of
the year.*

Have you noticed the Apple Tree in the Narthex? Have you wanted to try being an **Usher or Liturgist**? Now you have a wonderful opportunity to “try it out” during the summer, just sign up to do it once or twice and see if you like it.

Many of you have already picked “apples” off the tree!!!

*We have about 100 children signed up for
VBS so far and lots of volunteers signed up too.
We could use a few more, so even if you don't
have children in VBS, you can still volunteer to
make a special memory for a child!*

***Sunday School Teaching**
positions are starting to fill up for
the summer. Make sure you don't
miss the opportunity to help the
children of the church. Teach your
child's class, or a grade you loved
when you were little.*

General Fund Financial Summary at May 31, 2011

| | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>Actual Over/(Under)</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| General Giving | \$250,020 | \$274,370 | (\$24,350) |
| Other Income | \$56,421 | \$50,058 | \$6,363 |
| Total Income | \$306,441 | \$324,428 | (\$17,987) |
| Total Expenses | \$302,523 | \$317,288 | (\$14,765) |
| Income Over/(Under) Expenses | \$3918 | \$7,140 | (\$3,222) |
| Operating Cash on Hand | | | \$112,441 |
| Ideal Minimum Operating Cash on Hand | | | \$140,000 |
| Average weekly giving income YTD at 5/31/11 | | | \$11,365 |
| Average weekly giving income YTD last year (at 5/31/10) | | | \$12,452 |
| Average weekly giving needed to meet our approved 2011 annual budget | | | \$11,827 |

Your Finance Committee continues to monitor the church's financial position to ensure adequate cash flow to meet the monthly expenses to operate our church and its programs. May general giving was \$4,600 below budget, dropping our 2011 year-to-date giving to \$24,000 below budget. Operating expenses continued below budget, so we continue to have a positive net income. At \$112,441, operating cash would cover operating expenses for about 1.6 months, slightly below the ideal balance of \$140,000, or 2 months of expenses.

If you have any questions about the church's finances, please contact John Bowers, Finance Chair (480-471-6567, Financechair@gilbertumc.org) or Deanna Helland, Treasurer/Church Accountant (480-892-9166, accountant@gilbertumc.org).

Thank you for your faithful financial support of our church.

New Gilbert Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers of People With Dementia

The Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter has started a new support group for caregivers of people with dementia in Gilbert at our church. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 1:30-3:00pm in room 212. Pre-registration is not required. If you have questions about the group or need more information, please contact Mindy at the Alzheimer's Association at 602-528-0545.

Zumba Classes

Rev. Tina Rees offers Zumba classes twice a week - Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00pm and Saturdays from 8:30-9:30am. Both classes meet in the activity center.

Zumba is a dance fitness class that incorporates Latin rhythms and dance moves to tone your body and increase your cardiovascular health.

For more information, please contact Tina at 602-341-8241 or tinarees@cox.net.

Servants in Worship in July

| | 8:15 | 9:45 | 11:15 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Acolytes | | | |
| July 3 | Emily Ingalls William Batz | Brandon Sy Emma Strazz | |
| 10 | William Batz Katelyn Johns | Phoebe Leong Hayley Vallera | |
| 17 | Emily Ingalls MaryBeth Ondulich | Olivia Morey Rilie Fairley | |
| 24 | Ainsley Snyder Alexandra Scharff | Katelyn Mason Lizzie MacFarlane | |
| 31 | Katelyn Johns William Batz | Brandon Sy Makena Sy | |
| Liturgists | | | |
| July 3 | Molly Hahn | | Linda Faber |
| 10 | Dan Vrana | John Bowers | Kelly McClain |
| 17 | Jo Asplin | Philip Tesarek | Michelle McClain |
| 24 | Susan Bowers | Pam Berg | Sumiko Sober |
| 31 | Lisa Strazz | Rich Van Slyke | Linda Vernoski |
| Ushers | | | |
| July 3 | Tom Dare Jim Johns | Mike West Hal Fairley | Michelle McClain Kelly McClain |
| 10 | Eileen Parry Jon Salak | Gary McGrath Ray Vallera | Linda McKinley Paul Contreras |
| 17 | Ed Riedel Darrin Orndorff | Michael Griffith Stuart Wiemers | |
| 24 | Art Poeske Jim Ramsey | Angus MacFarlane | Michelle McClain Kelly McClain |
| 31 | Tom Dare Kevin Becker | Mike West Hal Fairley | Linda McKinley Paul Contreras |
| Greeters | | | |
| July 3 | | Strazz Family | |
| 10 | Ruby Rosemond-Taylor | Aaron & Mechelle Wendt | Pat Pletcher |
| 17 | Sheahan Family | Karl & Sharon Kotsonas | |
| 24 | | | |
| 31 | | | |
| | Coffee Hour Set-Up | Coffee Hour Take-Down | Altar Flowers |
| July 3 | Fred & Karen Perez | Wiemers Family | Open |
| 10 | Open | Hal & Kim Fairley | Open |
| 17 | Bob Case | Margie Sessums, Joan Krueger | Open |
| 24 | | Open | Wiemers Family |
| 31 | Open | Cindie Rempel | Carlene Du'Amarell |

Our Condolences to

- ☐ *Marilyn Pell and family on the death of her mother, Nafie Snyder*
- ☐ *Jim Wilkins and family on the death of his aunt, Joan Preshell*



July Anniversaries

- 2 Joe Taylor & Ruby Rosemond-Taylor - 41 yrs
Steven & Jennifer Burks - 17 yrs
- 5 Bob & Doris Stanley - 58 yrs
- 9 John & Wilma Kafora - 53 yrs
Rick & Marie Frazier - 21 yrs
- 11 Bill & Akino Neubauer - 9 yrs
- 13 Paul & Kay Warg - 43 yrs
- 15 Jim & Diana Ramsey - 38 yrs
- 22 Mike & Linda Cranford - 50 yrs
- 28 Kevin & Beth Boesch - 10 yrs
Norm & Dorothy Haskett - 38 yrs
- 29 Rob & Gina Hines - 22 yrs

July Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Lazbin
Morgan VandenBerg
- 2 Pat Baker
Kelly Sanders
- 3 Jessica Piggush
Noah Robbers
- 4 Lezlie Maurer
- 5 Matthew Rose
- 6 Shelly Fossenkemper
- 7 Denny Calvert
- 8 Megan Foutz
Phoebe Leong
Ann You
- 9 Jillian Barclay
Kamryn Bayer
Mike McKinley
- 10 Wyatt Piggush
- 11 Cameron Longstreth
Jonathan Cochran
- 12 Caroline Mara
- 13 Daphne Lin
- 14 Margo Doss
Rachel Garrett
Alma Riedel
Greg Skinner
- 15 Grant Lawson
Zanna Lawson
David Sheahan
- 16 Jacob Wendt
Brianna Wiemers
- 17 Ruth Heer
Jason Piggush
- 18 Christian Hines
- 19 Emily Case
Odus Elliott
Mechelle Wendt
- 20 Carlie Riedel
Kristi Sheahan
- 21 Melanie Howarth
Marcia Kalkman
- 22 Ron Dalton
Linda McKinley
- 23 Alexis Larscheid
Dylan Mara
McKenna Mara
Joe Strazz
- 24 Julie Curran
Samantha Lawson
William Neubauer
- 26 Eve Williams
- 27 Jennifer MacFarlane
Austin Wendt
- 28 Dixie Beckham
Teri Martin
- 29 Elizabeth Larscheid
Sue Reeves
- 31 Jason Rowley

Special Celebrations

If your anniversary and birthdays are not listed in the monthly newsletter, please contact Dina in the church office so that we can celebrate your special days.



In Our Prayers:

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| Warren/Agnes Begley | Katie Bouchie | Keith Brown | Garin Campbell | Meagan Clark |
| Travis Dare | Roberta Dean | Bob/Margaret DeBolt | Pauline DuBon | Slip Eshelman |
| Zach Foote | Virginia Franklin | Ruth Gieszl | Irene Groves | Elizabeth Heagren |
| Ruth Heer | Karl Honaker | Betty Hunter | Darlene Jones | Calista Kerr |
| Earl & Pat Knight | Doris Lane | Tom & Pat Logan | Walt & Ila Mae Luken | Cynthia Marble |
| Teri Martin | Blanche McDonough | Franklin Nickerson | Bonnie Paisley | Aldon & Marilyn Pell |
| Pat Pletcher | Wilbur Post | Susan Prosser | Logan Reynolds | Schleiger Family |
| Bill Spence | Trish/Scott Stressman | Barbara Valbuena | Linda Vernoski | Jake Wagner |

Our Evangel prayer list represents those on our prayer list who are within our congregation. Let us lift them into the Lord's care. Our Prayer Chain ministry includes all submitted prayer requests, those within our church community and those for our extended families, friends and community. Please email prayer requests to umcprayerchain@gilbertumc.org or fill out a pew prayer card on Sunday morning

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Health Ministry

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?
 Hebrews 1:14

There is an upcoming opportunity for a two day training here in Gilbert for anyone interested in health ministry. Please consider taking the training even if you do not plan to become a part of our health ministry you will be able to use some of it in any ministry you may be a part of.

What is a Congregation Health Leader?

A congregational health ministry/program combines skills of health professionals, clergy/spiritual leaders, and other congregation members to promote whole person health. A health ministry/program can include such offerings as prayer groups, visiting the sick, nutrition classes, health screenings and evaluations, or financial health seminars, to name just a few ideas. Such programs help people to achieve their full potential for healthy independent living and wellbeing. These programs are led by Congregation Health Leaders who have completed a basic training that helps them identify their gifts and develop skills in promoting wholeness of body, mind and spirit as the essence of health.

Who Should Attend?

Individuals interested in starting or enriching their congregation's existing health and wellness program.

Training Program Description

The training will cover such topics as "Faith-Health Connection," "Building Blocks: Getting Started," and "Support for a Health Program/Ministry." The program will conclude with a commissioning of participants to health ministry/service.

Thursday & Friday July 28 & 29, 2011 - 8:30am- 4:00pm

Registration deadline - July 20, 2011

Registration fee - \$20.00

This training will include 14 hours of training over two days, manual, class materials, and breakfasts.

Gilbert - Mercy Gilbert Medical Center - 3555 S. Val Vista Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85297

Please contact me if you are interested - Therese Pineda RN 602-686-1259 health@gilbertumc.org